

UFDC REGION 5 NEWS LETTER

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A Message from your Regional Director

It is hard to believe that the holidays are almost here and the warmer weather is leaving us. Thank you to the Old Capitol Doll Club for inviting me to their meeting. A little wet that night, but we had fun anyway. If your club would like me to come for a visit, just let me know as I am working on the 2012 calendar right now.

As many of you already know, I have purchased Dora Pitts doll shows and will begin with some new additions at Maquoketa in the spring. A new thought I have is to allow space for a club to have a fundraiser for themselves, a nonprofit, or for UFDC. This could be a seminar or a make and take workshop. If your club might be interested in this as a fundraiser, please contact me.

Thank you to the clubs and individuals who have donated to UFDC since my last newsletter.

To the Unity Fund: Joan Hancock-Dow
Minnesota Valley Dolls
Show Me Doll Club

To the Jr. Collectors Fund: W.I.M. Heirloom Doll Collectors.

A Note from Barbara:

Hello MAL's and Club Presidents

Donations for the on-line auction have been coming in from Regions 2S, 3, 11, 15, and 16. We thank you if you have sent a donation. If you have not, we ask for you to consider doing that.

We did hit a little glitch after we had started this fundraising project. We found out from eBay that we can only list ten items per month for the first three months. After that we can list unlimitedly. If we had know this before the fact, we might have planned the donations a little differently, but we can only go from where we are. We are working to see if eBay would make an exception for the UFDC and let us start listing more items earlier, but if not, we will have a lot of items coming out as soon as we can list unlimitedly. Ten more items will be coming out on November 1 so you are encouraged to look and to bid.

We expect this fundraising project to be a great benefit to the UFDC and hope to garner the support of all members of the UFDC. Your help is much appreciated.

Thank you,

Barbara Corson

UFDC Fundraising Committee Chair

Please read your Unity Newsletter:

There are several opportunities for your club, or for several clubs working together, to sponsor some events at convention. So please look over this information. Also please be sure to get your credentials for the National Convention in by the deadline.

Upcoming events:

March 11, 2012 Eastern Iowa Doll-Teddy Bear-Toy Show, Maquoketa, Iowa- 9-3, Jackson County Fairgrounds, Hiway 62 & 64.

May 5, 2012 The Show Me Doll Club will have the 3rd Annual Kansas City Doll and Teddy Bear Show 10 am-4 pm at the Doubletree Hotel, 10100 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS.

June 9, 2012 Doll Day at Old Threshers. Contact Glenna at gvoyles@iowatelecom.net for more information.

If your club is sponsoring a show or has an event coming up please let me know so we can publicize it in this newsletter. I also want information on any exhibits you are doing, and pictures are great too.

REGIONAL STATUS FORM! I have not received these forms from every club. You can download them from the UFDC website if you need to, or let me know and I will mail one to you.

I also still need emails from some of the clubs. This way I can get your newsletters to you faster and in color.

What's Cookin'? Convention 2012 Artist Spotlight



"Jambalaya Jubilee" may be months away but our event artists and manufacturers are already hard at work. Each month UFDC is pleased to introduce you to the artists and companies whose work will be showcased at the meal events planned for New Orleans.

The Kathe Kruse Doll Studio is the oldest German Doll company that still continues to make dolls using the techniques established by Kathe Kruse herself decades ago.



The story begins in 1905 when Käthe Kruse's daughter Maria, also called Mimerle

(pictured with Kathe Kruse above), asked for a doll as a Christmas present. Her father, the famous sculptor Max Kruse, went to all the stores in Berlin, but all he saw were dolls that appeared to him to be stiff and unnatural. He thought that such dolls could never awaken motherly feelings in his daughter and so he told Käthe Kruse to design her own doll. Using the materials she had readily available, she took a towel, filled it with sand and created the head from a potato. The first doll was born! Little Mimerle instantly fell in love with it. The potato didn't last long and so inspired by her daughter's love for the little doll, Käthe Kruse decided to develop her doll making skills. At that time, she never would have dreamt that this would be the beginning of a worldwide career! In 1911 Käthe Kruse started making her beautiful handmade dolls in an apartment in Berlin. Her first important order came from the American toy shop, FAO Schwartz. Today the company continues to flourish employing the same loving care and attention to detail that Kathe Kruse brought to each of her dolls. The Käthe Kruse Company is proud that they have been providing quality items to children for more than 100 years. They continue to uphold the spirit of their founder and her motto, "the hand follows the heart" continues to inspire them.

To honor the founder of their company, the Kathe Kruse Company is planning to produce a child doll replica of Kathe Kruse for UFDC's convention in New Orleans. They will be assisted by Two Sisters Studio who will be hand making a special surprise to accompany each of these beautiful dolls created in the traditional Kathe Kruse manner.

To learn more about the Kathe Kruse Company please visit their website at:
www.kathekruse.de.

To those attending next year's convention in New Orleans.

Please remember it is very important for you to stay in the convention hotel. At each convention we must guarantee a certain number of rooms that we will occupy. This sets the rates to which UFDC will be charged for all the meeting and display rooms we use. When we do not meet that block we are fined by the hotel. These fines can be extremely significant. So please stay in the hotel and consider roommates to help keep the costs down. Remember UFDC is looking to smaller sites to reduce rates for future conventions, but we are locked in for this coming convention. Thanks for your help in keeping your UFDC in the black.

I wish all a happy Holidays and a Joyous new year.

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