

UNITY'S NEWSLETTER

Spring 2016

UFDC Information for
Member Clubs, Online Clubs
& Members-at-Large



From your President, Executive Committee, Regional Directors, and Corporate Office

Annual Convention

Kindred Spirits, the 67th National convention will be held July 27 - July 30, 2016, at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. Registration has been open since February 1st for those with priority status (including club delegates and alternates). General registration starts March 15th for all other UFDC members. April 1st starts family members and other non-UFDC registrations. The registration form is in the winter 2016 edition of Doll News and also on the UFDC website.

Plan to arrive early for special pre-convention events to be held on Tuesday, July 26th. Take a ticketed tour of Hillwood Mansion and Gardens, the home of Marjorie Merriweather Post. Also taking place on Tuesday is a very special all-day workshop "Making a Milliner's Model" with Gail Wilson.

Heather Maciak's convention souvenir doll is sure to please convention attendees. A companion doll and very special additional outfits by Rosemarie Ionker will be offered. Look for the pre-order form for the outfits in your convention package.

New for the 2016 Convention is a change in the camera/video time arrangements. Photography is now permitted in the competitive and special exhibits at any time the exhibit is open EXCEPT during the Grand Openings of those exhibits.

There are also some changes in the Competitive Exhibit this year. Rather than dividing our exhibit into Antique and Modern, the dolls will be placed according to their classification such as wood, china, vinyl, etc. Each classification will contain many categories both antique and modern. If you are entering dolls into competition you will send your form to Sherry Minton if your last name begins with the letter A - L, or to Sue Nile if your last name begins with the letter M - Z. Their addresses will be on the competitive form in your convention package.

If you have not already done so make your hotel reservations at the Washington Hilton by calling the hotel at 202-483-300 or at their toll-free number 1-800-HILTONS. Be sure to tell them you are with UFDC.

Hidden Talents

We need you! We need you to volunteer your talents or skills while helping UFDC. There are many areas in the organization where you could be called on to help if we only knew you had the skills, talent and/or interest to do so.

We are currently looking for someone with good computer skills, people skills and knowledge of the business of advertising to be appointed as Doll News advertising sales manager. Interested? Please contact UFDC President, Janet Gula at Janet@UFDC.org

Spring Workshop Sewing for the Ultimate Fashion Doll™

Join Designer-Seamstress Alice Leverett for Madeleine de Baine's 3rd costume workshop. KC Workshop Date: March 17-20, 2016 Registration: \$395.00 each includes costume kit, 4 lunches, and a welcome gathering. Deposit due with each registration: \$150.00 to reserve your place. For further information and payment options contact UFDC Doll Museum & Headquarters Kansas City, MO. (816) 891-7040

Awards of Excellence

Nomination forms were included in the UFDC Club Presidents' mailing. Please review the criteria for the Awards of Excellence carefully. Nominations must be submitted by May 1st, 2016. Mail to our headquarters, UFDC Inc., 10900 N. Pomona Ave., Kansas City, MO 64153

Annual Club Activity Reports

Annual Club Activity Report forms are being sent with the February mailing to all UFDC Club Presidents. These forms are to be returned to the UFDC Office by April 1st. The club activity report is essential to insure that UFDC is in compliance with the IRS regulations. Any questions can be directed to Maryll Goldsmith, Secretary-Treasurer at Maryll@ufdc.org

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2016

In carrying out the education component of our mission, UFDC offers scholarships to promote original research leading to better knowledge, understanding and appreciation of dolls. Applications are on the UFDC website www.ufdc.org and are due April 1, 2016. For information, or to apply, contact Loretta Nardone Director of ReAL Services at Loretta@ufdc.org.

IN OUR MEMORIES SUBMISSIONS

Please use the In Our Memories Listing form to acknowledge the passing of a club member in DOLL NEWS. This form can be downloaded from the UFDC website. Send the form to "In Our Memories" Coordinator, Maryll Goldsmith
maryll@ufdc.org
1649 49th St., Sacramento, CA 95819

Membership Renewals

Club Renewal Rosters will be mailed in the middle of March to all UFDC club treasurers. Please notify Jenny Yolkin, Membership services, if you have not received this important club mailing by April 1st at ufdcjenny@ufdc.org.

Annual Campaign

Thank you to everyone who sent in the envelope for the Annual Campaign that was inserted in your fall DOLL NEWS.

It's never too late to support UFDC.

UFDC greatly appreciates your continued support through the Annual campaign and our other campaigns.

- PAY-A-DAY CHALLENGE
- eBAY PROJECT
- ADOPT-A-DOLL
- UFDC TREE & BRICK MEMORIALS

Donations can be sent to UFDC,
10900 N Pomona Ave, Kansas City, MO 64153

Regional Directors Fund

Clubs are encouraged to invite their Regional Director to visit a meeting or attend a special event. The RD is your voice on the UFDC board of directors. UFDC appreciates any donations to the Regional Director's Fund to help cover the costs of their visit. Donations should be made out to the UFDC Regional Directors Fund. UFDC does not cover the costs of event registrations.

Shop UFDC

The UFDC Gift & Online shop has a fine selection of dolls, books and UFDC merchandise. There are still some copies of the 2016 calendar, "Playing With Dolls – A Year of Dolly Delights" photographed by Lynn Murray, with a wonderful selection of dolls from our museum to help you celebrate twelve months of doll delights! The 28-page, full color, 11" x 8.5" calendar costs \$12.00 and shipping is free!

Go to the UFDC Online Gift Shop at www.ufdc.org and *click on the Shop tab or call UFDC Headquarters at 816-891-7040.*

The Executive Committee wishes to thank all members who continue to support UFDC through their donations and expressions of encouragement.



CLUB PRESIDENTS: Please present this information at your next meeting or make copies for club members. This newsletter will also be available on the UFDC website www.ufdc.org.