

The Mary Lewis Society

The idea of creating a group interested in doll collecting was originated by Mary Lewis. A devoted doll collector, she issued an invitation over the radio in 1937 for any interested doll collectors to meet her at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City.

Eight ladies attended and together they formed the National Doll and Toy Club. After this initial success, Mary Lewis traveled extensively, giving lectures, exhibiting dolls and encouraging collectors to join this club or form their own clubs.

Mary Lewis's dream of a federation of doll clubs was realized in June 1949 when the Articles of Incorporation for an organization to be called the United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc. (UFDC) were signed. The UFDC was originally incorporated in New York on June 29, 1949. In September of 1950, Mary Lewis was elected the first President of UFDC, Inc.

In December 1981, the United Federation of Doll Clubs was re-incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in the state of Missouri, the current location of UFDC headquarters.



**Mary Lewis
Founder
UFDC**

To honor Mary Lewis a donor recognition society was created in her name. The Mary Lewis Society recognizes and honors individuals and families who support the future of UFDC by making a bequest provision, lifetime income gift or other planned gift commitment.

Donors receive a small token of appreciation recognizing them as a Mary Lewis Society Member. Names are published in DOLL NEWS and on a plaque at UFDC headquarters. Members will also receive priority registration for UFDC convention.



UFDC Mission Statement

We are a non-profit organization with the goal of being the foremost in research, education, conservation, collecting, and in the appreciation of dolls.

Our vision is

to provide education, service and conservation; to encourage collecting, research, creative doll making, cooperation, respect, integrity, innovation, voluntarism and personal growth; to sustain friendship, communication, interaction, compassion, and enjoyment.

With the dedication of our volunteers working together, we preserve yesterday and today for tomorrow.



**UFDC's
Mary Lewis Society**

**If you
care about
the future
of doll
collecting...**

**Planned Giving
UFDC & You**

Your planned gift to UFDC ensures a bright future for the hobby of doll collecting.

UFDC is the only organization in the world dedicated to promoting the hobby of collecting all types of dolls. The goal is to provide educational experiences to doll collectors.



It provides educational audio-visual products, seminars, workshops, lectures, magazine articles, scholarships, website education, and onsite study at our museum and library.

UFDC is actively involved in preservation and conservation of dolls and related materials through the care and keeping of our museum and archival collections. Our museum allows for enjoyment and study of dolls, not only for collectors, but as a resource to the world.



UFDC's work strengthens the monetary and historic value of your dolls.

By remembering UFDC with your planned gift of funds, dolls or research materials you can ensure that the joy you have experienced through doll collecting will be shared by countless generations of collectors.



UFDC is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

All gifts are tax deductible.

You can support the UFDC by:

Making a bequest through your will or trust of:

- Monetary contributions
- Stock or bonds
- Property
- Dolls and doll-related items

Naming the UFDC as a beneficiary or partial beneficiary of life insurance policies or retirement benefits

Ask your attorney or estate planner to help you make a planned giving contribution to the UFDC.

More information may be obtained by contacting the UFDC's Financial Manager.

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