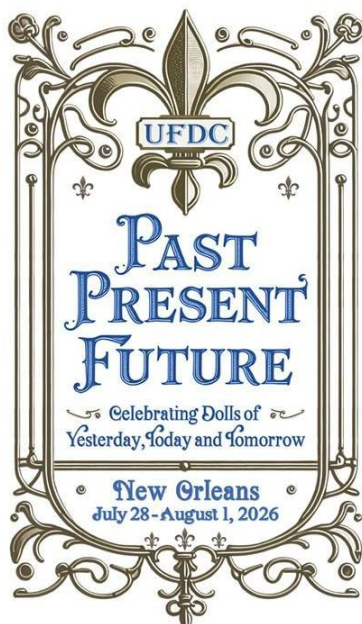


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*Celebrating Dolls of Yesterday,
Today, and Tomorrow*



2026 Tentative Schedule

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77th ANNUAL CONVENTION

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WELCOME TO UFDC'S 77th ANNUAL CONVENTION

“Past, Present & Future”

Hello, and a warm welcome to the spectacular UFDC 77th Convention!

We are absolutely thrilled to have you join us at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, perfectly located on Vibrant Canal Street! Just picture it: you're just moments away from the lively French Quarter and a short, scenic stroll to the magnificent Mississippi River! Plus, it's only a quick 20-minute ride from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY). Need a bit of help getting around? Be sure to check out the handy map at the end of this booklet!

Our Tentative Schedule offers a preview of the exciting events we have lined up for you throughout Convention week! Keep in mind that this schedule might evolve slightly, but once you register, you'll receive an updated Final Schedule with room assignments in your registration packet.

We've curated an amazing array of UFDC events across four conveniently accessible hotel floors, and navigating will be easy with escalators and elevators at your service! Our fantastic hotel staff can't wait to welcome you with their warm smiles and outstanding service throughout your stay.

The dedicated UFDC Convention team has poured their hearts into designing a week brimming with excitement! With so many incredible activities, it might be tough to choose which events to attend—but that's the beauty of it! There truly is something for everyone!

One of this week's must-see highlights is our Annual Business Meeting, where club delegates will come together to discuss and vote on essential UFDC matters. Club Presidents are committed to keeping their members informed, so that everyone arrives ready to engage in important discussions. Look forward to our Regional Gatherings and the Open Forum, which promise lively debates and insightful conversations!

This convention also serves as a vital fundraiser for UFDC, creating countless wonderful ways for you to show your support! From the Ice Cream Social Welcome Gathering to Silent Auctions, exciting Bingo games, and an unforgettable Mardi Gras Party, you'll discover a wealth of opportunities to join in the fun and contribute to our cause!

We can't wait to see you at our Convention Orientation program on Monday afternoon! Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning after a while, this is the perfect chance to explore the venue and have your questions answered. We're here for you every step of the way—let's make this experience unforgettable together!

In line with UFDC's mission, we are excited to present an array of engaging learning experiences for our junior collectors. Get ready to dive into workshops and seminars! Be sure to participate in the Dynamic Doll Dialogues, where you'll connect with fellow doll

enthusiasts and experts who share your passion!

As part of your registration, we are excited to offer a selection of special ticketed events, including delicious lunches, charming afternoon teas, and festive dinners. You will not only enjoy scrumptious meals and engage in fascinating conversations but also collect wonderful souvenirs that will remind you of your memorable experiences! Be on the lookout for informal gatherings throughout the convention, providing opportunities to connect with others and explore captivating programs that are sure to inspire. And don't miss the breathtaking Competitive Exhibits and Special Exhibits, which showcase unique dolls and remarkable artistic talents!

Prepare for some incredible shopping adventures in the beloved UFDC Sales Room and the UFDC Boutique. Public Day is a standout event not to miss, where you'll find amazing books just waiting to be discovered at the Publisher's Preview tables!

We're also overjoyed to introduce our talented souvenir doll artists, Alicia and Charles Carver, who have created a stunning doll named "Josephine." This exquisite creation draws inspiration from an Early Grodnertal design and a portrait of the remarkable Josephine Bonaparte.

As you immerse yourself in the wonders of New Orleans, you'll leave with joyful memories and delightful keepsakes, including the Convention Souvenir Journal. Just remember to submit your event request form by the deadline—you won't want to miss any of the excitement!

Conventions thrive on the invaluable contributions of our members. If you haven't yet, please take a moment to consider how you might lend a hand and reach out to the appropriate Chair to express your interest in volunteering. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends, build connections, and have a blast. What could be more rewarding?

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the Chairs for their incredible dedication and leadership in bringing this convention to life. We truly couldn't have done it without every one of them!

We are eagerly looking forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

Let's make this an unforgettable event together.

Reba D. Hood

Director of Convention Services

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CONVENTION INFORMATION

CONVENTION HOTEL

Sheraton New Orleans, 500 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130
Tel: 504-525-2500

AIRPORT

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY)
1 Terminal Drive
Kenner, LA

TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL

By Car/Taxi, etc., 20 minutes
Airport Shuttle New Orleans – 504-522-3500
<https://www.airportshuttleneworleans.com/contact>

HOTEL PARKING

Valet Parking 25% Discount

ACCESSIBILITY

The hotel offers many features to ensure all guests have equal access. If you believe you will need a scooter or other mobility equipment to enjoy the Convention fully, please call and mention the code provided:

Mobility City of Greater New Orleans
504-732-0377

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www.mobilitycity.com/nola

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

For attendees who indicated special dietary needs during their Convention registration, alternative meal options will be provided at all events, including the banquet. Your Convention packet will include specially colored meal tickets that indicate your dietary requirements. Only those who requested special dietary meals will be eligible for substitutions at meal events. Please note that meal substitutions are made at the hotel's discretion, and UFDC does not control this process.

PET POLICY

Sheraton New Orleans welcomes one dog up to 80 lbs. for a \$75 fee per stay. Pets must be in pet-friendly designated rooms and cannot be left unattended. A pet relief area with waste stations is available on-site.

REGISTRATION AND TICKET INFORMATION

Attendees should report to the UFDC Registration desk located in the Maurepas room on the 3rd Floor after checking in at the hotel. Please refer to the booklet for the registration times on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Upon registration, attendees will receive a packet that includes their name badge, ribbons, a final schedule booklet, event tickets, a tote bag, and a Souvenir Journal. A photo ID is required for check-in at the Convention; however, you will only need your UFDC membership card for entrance to the Annual Business Meeting. Please note that you are not allowed to give or sell your event or banquet tickets to someone else. Event tickets are non-transferable and will be marked with your name, allowing UFDC to trace and safeguard your event favors and/or souvenir dolls. Additionally, please do not post event tickets for sale or trade anywhere at the Convention.

SHIPPING

Sheraton New Orleans has an on-site FedEx Business Center.

Email: usa5671@fedex.com Phone: 504-522-9378

Operating Hours

Mon-Fri: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT BOOTH & CONVENTION CHARMS

One of the best ways to make new friends and learn more about UFDC is to volunteer. Visit the UFDC Mini Office to find the right role for you. Each year, we create a special charm or tie tack as a token of our appreciation for Convention volunteers. By working just three hours, you will qualify to receive one of these mementos. There is a wide variety of jobs available, many of which involve sitting and monitoring exhibits. If you prefer a more active role, we'll have the perfect job for you as well. Thank you in advance to our wonderful members who share their time during the busy Convention week – we could not do this without you!

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

OUR GRAND OPENING CEREMONIES ARE ON MONDAY NIGHT THIS YEAR!

We are excited to share that the Opening Ceremonies of the 77th Annual Convention are taking place on Monday evening, July 27th! This amazing event provides a fantastic opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate our shared passion. We'll kick off the festivities by honoring exceptional individuals who have made significant contributions to UFDC, making it a truly inspiring occasion! Our delightful Ice Cream Social will be the perfect opportunity to catch up with old friends and welcome new faces as we embark on a week full of doll-themed fun! Plus, the Fundraising Committee will introduce engaging initiatives throughout the week, starting on opening night, to add to the excitement.

UFDC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Friday morning and constitutes the principal purpose of the Convention. During this meeting, the corporation's Officers will present annual reports, and club delegates will cast their votes on matters relevant to UFDC's functioning. All UFDC members are strongly encouraged to attend, as no other activities are planned to overlap with this meeting. Attendance requires presenting your UFDC membership card. Voting delegates must check in by 8:30 AM at the latest to retain voting privileges. Should you misplace your card, replacement options will be available at the UFDC Mini Office.

REGIONAL GATHERINGS

Regional Gatherings take place on Thursday afternoon. They offer attendees a chance to discuss local updates from their region and connect with others. These gatherings are a great way to meet new people, form friendships, and engage directly with your Regional Director.

OPEN FORUM

The Open Forum will take place immediately after the Regional Meetings on Thursday afternoon. This is your chance to ask questions and provide feedback or comments to the UFDC leadership.

LEARNING EVENTS

CONVENTION ORIENTATION

If this is your first UFDC Convention or if you haven't attended in a while, we highly recommend joining the Convention Orientation session on Monday afternoon. This session will offer helpful tips on getting the most out of the Convention and answer your questions. We hope to see you there!

WORKSHOPS (see pages 25-27 for details)

We're thrilled to share that Chair Nancy Percival has assembled an incredible lineup of Workshop presenters! With thirteen engaging Workshops scheduled in convenient 3-hour blocks, each session is designed to inspire students to master new skills or create something truly special. Doll sewing enthusiasts will be especially pleased with the diverse offerings! And for those who enjoy crafting complementary items for their dolls, there are Workshops tailored just for you, too. Each Workshop details its complexity, making it easy for you to choose the one that suits you best. To aid your decision-making, you can view finished project photos on the UFDC website under the Convention tab. Please note that Workshops require tickets, which are available at an additional cost beyond the Convention registration. Get ready for some creativity and fun!

SEMINARS (see pages 28-30 for details)

ReAL Services offers attendees the opportunity to attend educational seminars. Organized by Chair Kate Reed, the twelve Seminars are ticketed events for small classes of in-depth study. Space is limited, and there is a small fee. Seats not occupied ten minutes after the published start time will be forfeited and sold to attendees waiting in line outside the Seminar rooms. No refunds are given to attendees who do not check in on time. Use

the request form included in your Convention packet to sign up. Seminars typically last about 3 hours.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT

One of the most rewarding and educational experiences of the Convention is participating in the Competitive Exhibit. Chair Sherry Minton has assembled 136 diverse categories, which are listed in the enclosed Competitive Exhibit Booklet along with entry forms. Having attendees share their dolls, UFDC members provide one another with the greatest opportunity for doll study in the world! Please note that the deadline for entries is June 20, 2026.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHT TOURS

Organized by Chair Florie Hirsch, this event offers you the chance to hear the judges explain the judging process. The tours are free, but space is limited, so you must sign up for tickets in advance. Sign-ups will take place on Wednesday morning, and the tours are scheduled for Thursday morning.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS (see page 31 for details)

Every year, attendees at the Convention eagerly anticipate a range of Special Exhibits presented by our members and clubs. These exhibits are available to all attendees at no extra cost. Special Exhibits Chair Kathleen Allen is excited to welcome you to the three displays in New Orleans.

PROGRAMS (see pages 32-35 for details)

Julie Blewis, Chair of Programs and Gatherings, has organized 19 programs, each led by subject-matter experts, covering a range of doll-related topics. There is no additional fee for attending the programs, and seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each program typically lasts about one hour.

DYNAMIC DOLL DIALOGUES (see page 36 for details)

Chair Kate Reed has organized roundtable discussions featuring knowledgeable speakers on specific topics. These sessions are free for everyone to attend and last about 25 minutes. Attendees are welcome to move to another table afterward to learn about a different subject. Presenters also encourage participants to bring dolls to share with others during the discussions.

GATHERINGS (see page 37 for details)

Join fellow doll collectors at Gatherings organized by Chair Julie Blewis, held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. The United Federation of Doll Clubs (UFDC) provides a welcoming space for special interest and collector groups. Participation is free; however, space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

JUNIOR COLLECTORS (see pages 38-39 for details)

Junior Collectors can look forward to a fantastic week thanks to Junior Co-Coordinator Erica Cruz and Kim McIntyre-Bott. Juniors are also invited to most of the other events throughout the week. A fun time is guaranteed!

SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES

UFDC SALESROOM

Every year, dealers from near and far come to the UFDC Convention to showcase their impressive collection of dolls and accessories in our world-class Salesroom. This year, Chair Karla Moreland has arranged an exceptional lineup of dealers to delight attendees throughout the week. Whether you are passionate about antique, vintage, or modern or contemporary dolls, there is undoubtedly something for everyone in the UFDC Sales Room, located in the stunning 5th Floor Grand Ballroom.

UFDC BOUTIQUE

We are excited to announce that the UFDC Boutique is returning! This year, it will be in the UFDC Salesrooms on the 5th Floor. Join us for an incredible selection of amazing merchandise, including dolls, accessories, and exclusive convention souvenirs, all offered at fantastic prices through our "Tender Loving Care" initiative. Plus, every purchase you make directly supports our wonderful organization. We can't wait to see you there!

PUBLIC DAY/PUBLISHER'S PREVIEW

Public Day will take place on Thursday! This event allows members of the public and UFDC members who did not register for the Convention to access the Sales Room. To enhance the experience, Publisher's Preview tables will be located just outside the Sales Room.

HELPERS – Our wonderful UFDC members and clubs generously contribute an array of fantastic items to help offset some convention costs! The Helpers include all kinds of delightful dolls, accessories, and doll-related treasures. Janet Jacobs and Diane Vourderis, our enthusiastic chairs of the Helper Room, are excited to assist you in purchasing your Helper tickets. Be sure to join us on Saturday for the thrilling drawings hosted by Past President Loretta Nardone. Plus, don't miss out on some exclusive sealed bid auction items displayed throughout the week! It's going to be an amazing event full of fun and surprises!

FUNDRAISER - Get ready for an unforgettable evening at the Mardi Gras Masquerade: A Costume Dance Party! This vibrant celebration invites you to don your most exquisite mask and your finest dancing shoes as we revel in a night of dazzling costumes and exhilarating music. Join us for a memorable night filled with enchanting performances, decadent treats, and festive joy. Don't miss out on the chance to let loose and dance the night away in true Mardi Gras style!

BINGO

Once again, Bingo is returning this year, and it will be on Friday afternoon! Join us for an exciting game filled with fantastic prizes! Since this is a ticketed event, we encourage you to secure your spot through the event request form. While there may be a few tickets available at the door, we anticipate a wonderful turnout, so booking in advance is highly recommended.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TICKETED MEAL EVENTS (see pages 20-24 for details)

Meal events feature an exciting program, delicious luncheons, afternoon teas, or dinners. Each event includes an exclusive, limited-edition doll created by one of UFDC's talented artists or another special souvenir. Companion items may also be available for purchase at an additional cost. Some events will offer fundraising items or special sealed bid auction items. Please note that space at these events is limited, and only ticket holders will be admitted. For full descriptions, please refer to this booklet. The ticket price for these events reflects the combined cost of the event souvenir, the meal, and additional expenses such as audio-visual equipment. Meal events are essential for UFDC to fulfill our contractual food and beverage obligations with the hotel. A big thank you goes to the various clubs and groups hosting these events, as well as to Meal Event Coordinator Stephanie Moore, who has worked hard with them to create what will surely be many memorable moments.

TOURS

New Orleans offers an incredible array of attractions to explore. We have organized three tours for you, listed in this booklet with their respective dates and times. Please also check your tote bag for information about other places to visit and activities to enjoy. We want you to make the most of your time here!

PRE GALA BANQUET RECEPTION

As a token of appreciation, the Board invites our Convention Chairs, Past Presidents, Top Donors, Corporate Members, Miss Unity Society Members, and Mary Lewis Society Members to a reception on Saturday at 5:45 PM. The event will take place in the Waterbury Ballroom on the second floor. We sincerely appreciate your attendance, and we look forward to celebrating together.

GALA BANQUET

The banquet on Saturday serves as the grand finale of the Convention. Join us for a delicious meal with your doll friends and enjoy a fun video created by Kathy Monier that highlights our week at the Convention. This year, we will also feature a special video inviting attendees to the 2027 Convention. A key moment will be the unveiling of this year's fantastic souvenir doll by Alicia and Charlie Carver. It's a wonderful way to wrap up the week!

CONVENTION RULES

You may not lend your convention badge or ribbons to any other person for any reason. Allowing another person to use your badge or ribbons will result in the loss of your Convention privileges for the remainder of the Convention. If you lose your badge, ticket, or ribbon, go to the UFDC Office for a replacement.

You may not give or sell your tickets to another person. This is to protect your souvenirs. At the Gala Banquet, each table host will have a list of those assigned to their table. No others will be seated, and tickets with written alterations will not be honored.

****Bag Policy:**** When attending competitive and special exhibits, only clutches (with or without a strap) that are no larger than 9x12 inches are allowed. ****Prohibited Items:**** Backpacks, large purses, totes, fanny packs, and any bags exceeding the size limit are not permitted. If you leave prohibited items at the door, you do so at your own risk.

Children under 8 years of age are not permitted in any area of the Convention. Some restrictions apply to attendees under the age of 18. No infants or strollers are allowed in the Sales Room at any time. An adult must always accompany registered children.

You may not sell in your room during the Convention. Sales, by authorized dealers, are permitted only in the Sales Room, at the Publisher's Preview, and in locations staffed by UFDC personnel.

Photography is allowed in the Competitive and Special Exhibits areas, always **EXCEPT DURING GRAND OPENINGS OF THESE EXHIBITS**. Pictures may be used for commercial purposes only if they meet the stipulations of the "Exhibitor and Photographer Agreement." Photography is not allowed during programs, including those held at meal events.

Images of people or items exhibited at any UFDC function, if used commercially, must include the following caption: "Photographed at the United Federation of Doll Clubs Inc. Annual Convention." All use of images must follow the "Exhibitor and Photographer Agreement." By registering for the Annual Convention, attendees agree that UFDC may use their image or images of items they exhibit at the Convention without any additional recognition, fees, or compensation.

Cell Phones: Please silence your phones during presentations or when visiting exhibits. If you need to make or take a call, please step outside.

Many thanks for abiding by these rules. They are there to keep everyone safe and secure.

Cancellation policy – Registrations are not transferable. If you are unable to attend the Convention, you may:

- A. Cancel before May 15th and receive a refund of your fees minus the cancellation fee of \$50. Your Convention souvenir doll will be shipped to you if you have purchased one.
- B. Return your registration receipt to the UFDC Central Office, along with instructions to release your souvenirs and event favors to a specified person. This person must complete a form at the UFDC Office for your items to be ready for pickup after the Saturday night banquet.
- C. Return your registration receipt to the UFDC Central Office with instructions to ship your souvenirs and event favors to you. They will be shipped by the end of September. Shipping charges will apply.

After May 15th, all registrations, including ticketed events, are confirmed. No cancellations or refunds will be issued after this date. You will receive all souvenirs and event favors from ticketed events and workshops. Seminar tickets are non-refundable.

OFFICE HOURS

UFDC Office

Mon	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Tues-Wed	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 2:15 PM-5:00 PM
Thurs	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Fri	2:15 PM - 5:00 PM
Sat	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Mini Office

Mon	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Tues	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wed	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 2:15 PM-5:00 PM
Thurs	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Fri	2:15 PM - 5:00 PM
Sat	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Seminar/Workshop Chairs Office

Tues & Thurs	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wed	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 2:15 PM – 5:00 PM
Fri	2:15 PM - 5:00 PM
Sat	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

(Closed Friday Morning for Annual Business Meeting)

EXHIBITS/SALES

Sales Room

Tues	2:00 PM - 6:00 PM <i>(Grand Opening)</i>
Wed	12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Thurs	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM <i>(Public Day)</i>
Fri	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Sat	10:00 AM- 3:00 PM <i>(Last Chance)</i>

UFDC Boutique

Tues	2:00 PM - 6:00 PM <i>(Grand Opening)</i>
Wed	12:00 PM- 6:00 PM
Thurs	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM <i>(Public Day)</i>
Fri	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Sat	10:00 AM- 3:00 PM <i>(Last Chance)</i>

Competitive Exhibit

Wed	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM <i>(Grand Opening)</i> 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Thurs	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Fri	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM <i>(Last Chance)</i>

Special Exhibits

Wed	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM <i>(Grand Opening)</i> 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 8:00 PM-9:30 PM
Thurs	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM-9:00 PM <i>(Last Chance)</i>

Helpers & Silent Auctions

Tues	5:30 PM - 8:30 PM <i>(Grand Opening)</i>
Wed	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 3:00 PM-5:00 PM
Thurs	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 8:00 PM-9:30 PM
Fri	2:15 PM - 5:00 PM <i>(Last Chance)</i>

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JULY 27

- 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM Tote Bag Assembly
- 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM Tours (See Tour Schedule page 40)
- 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM ODACA Meeting & Critique
- 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Registration
Tote Bag Distribution
Early Helper Ticket Sales
- 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM Dynamic Doll Dialogues
- 2:00 PM- 5:00 PM UFDC Mini Office open
- 2:00 PM- 5:00 PM UFDC Office open
- 3:00 PM- 4:00 PM Chairs Meeting
- 3:30 PM- 4:30 PM Junior Collectors Meet & Greet
- 4:30 PM- 5:30 PM **Program:** Convention Orientation
- 6:15 PM- 9:00 PM UFDC Grand Opening Ceremonies followed by the Ice Cream Social Gathering

TUESDAY, JULY 28

- 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM Board Breakfast
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Pre-Convention Board Meeting
- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Tour (See Tour Schedule page 40)
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Registration
Tote Bag Distribution
Early Helper Ticket Sales
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM UFDC Office open
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM UFDC Mini Office open
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Seminar Chair Office open
Workshop Chair's Office open

SEMINARS

- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM *Ichimato Then/Ichimato Now*
by Alan Scott Pate
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM *3D Printing for Dolls*
by Jennifer Perski
- 9:00 AM 12:00 PM *Madame's Past*
by Marsha Hunter

WORKSHOPS

- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM *Boho Sweater Dress & Flowery Cap*
with Linda Gilmore

- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM *Summer Frock for Millette*
with Jennie Sykes
- 9:00 AM- 6:00 PM Special Exhibit Set Up
- 9:15 AM- 9:45 AM Clerks Meeting
- 9:30 AM- 11:30 AM Dynamic Doll Dialogues
- 9:45 AM Clerks Assemble
- 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM Enter Dolls in Competition
- 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM **Program:** *Behind the Curtain of a Wood Doll*
by Alicia & Charlie Carver
- 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM ODACA Lunch
- 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM **Program:** *Showcasing Miniature Art in Dollhouses*
by Susan Dossetter
- 12:30 PM- 2:30 PM Registration
Tote Bag Distribution
Early Helper Tickets Sale
- 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM SALESROOM GRAND OPENING
UFDC BOUTIQUE GRAND OPENING
- 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM ODACA Sales Room
- 2:15 PM - 5:00 PM UFDC Office open
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Junior Workshop: *Paint a Peg Doll*
- 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Monitors Meeting
- 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Helper Room Grand Opening
- 5:45 PM Clerks Assemble
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM **Program:** *The Master's of Ichimatsu*
and Alan Scott Pate
- 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Enter Dolls in Competition – Dealers, Board & Others Assigned Only
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Enter Dolls in Competition

GATHERINGS

- 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Blythe
- 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Bleurette
- 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Terri Lee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Judges Meeting
- 8:30 AM Clerks Assemble
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Special Exhibits (Grand Opening)
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Helpers/Silent Auctions open
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Registration
Tote Bag Distribution

- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM UFDC Office open
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM UFDC Mini Office open
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Seminar Chair Office open
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Workshop Chair Office open

SEMINARS

- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM *Dewees Cochran Dolls: Know What You Are Buying*
by Ann Leis
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM *The Wax Dolls of the Vargas Family*
by Rhoda Seidenberg

WORKSHOPS

- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM *Paper Fortune Teller Doll*
by Alice Leverett
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM *Paris Forever*
by Nicki Burley & Heather Campbell

10:00 AM- 11:00 AM **Program:** *Dionne Quintuplet Dolls*
by Cathy Noone

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Apprentice Judges Meeting (Mock Judging)

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Competitive Highlight Tours sign-ups

11:00 AM -12:00 PM **Program:** *The Fabulous Frieda*
by Beth Nance

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM SALESROOM OPEN
UFDC BOUTIQUE OPEN

12:15 PM - 2:00 PM **Lunch:** *Stevi T.*

Lunch: *Connie Lowe*

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Program:** *Steiff's Wow-Meow Cat History*
by Rebekah Kaufman

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM **Program:** *Japanese Wooden Dolls: What's on Top?*
by Vickie Hannig

2:15 PM- 3:15 PM Tellers Meeting

2:15 PM- 5:00 PM UFDC Office open

2:15 PM- 5:00 PM UFDC Mini Office open

2:15 PM- 5:00 PM Seminar Chair Office open

2:15 PM- 5:00 PM Workshop Chair Office open

SEMINARS

2:15 PM- 5:00 PM *Expectations & Celebrations*
by Cathy Noone & Becky DeBruler

2:15 PM- 5:00 PM *Dolls of the W.P.A.*
by Linda Holderbaum

2:15 PM- 5:00 PM *Wash Day*
by Dianne deBeixedon

WORKSHOPS

- 2:15 PM- 5:00 PM *Embroidered Beccassine Quilt*
with Dodi Becker
- 2:15 PM- 5:00 PM *Life is a Masquerade – UFDC Style (*)*
with Glenda Ridgeway
- 2:15 PM- 5:00 PM *Vintage Barbie Dress, Coat, Hat & Purse (*)*
with Liisa Niemi
- 2:15 PM- 4:15 PM Junior Workshop: *Mix-n-Match Outfits for 12" Dolls*
- 4:00 PM 5:00 PM **Program:** *How Dolls are Judged*
- by Donelle Denery
- 3:00 PM- 4:30 PM **Afternoon Tea:** *Darlene Lane*
- 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM Competitive Exhibit (Grand Opening)
- 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM Helpers/Silent Auctions open
- 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM Special Exhibits open
- 5:15 PM- 6:15 PM **Program:** *The Dixie Bride's connection to New Orleans*
by Elizabeth Ann Coleman & Laurie McGill
- 5:00 PM- 5:45 PM Banquet Table Host/Hostess Meeting
- 6:30 PM 7:30 PM **Program:** *Deweese Cochran Discoveries*
- by Ann Leis
- 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM **Dinner:** *Junko Wong – Jen O'Connor*
- 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM **Dinner:** *Iacono – Maggie Made Dolls*
- 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM Competitive Exhibit open
- 8:00 PM- 9:30 PM Special Exhibits open
- 8:00 PM- 10:00 PM **Fundraiser:** Mardi Gras Masquerade: A Costume Dance Party

THURSDAY, JULY 30

- 9:00 AM- 10:00 AM Credential Clerks Meeting
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Special Exhibits open
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Helpers/Silent Auctions open
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM UFDC Office open
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM UFDC Mini Office open
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Seminar Chair Office open
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Workshop Chair Office open

SEMINARS

- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM *Down the Rabbit Hole with Alice*
by Rosemary Laverdiere
- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM *Japanese Kokeshi Dolls*
by Josh Holderbaum

WORKSHOPS

- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM *Antique French Sewing Basket*
with Nicki Burley
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM *Miss Liberty*
with Sandra Wright Justiss
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM *No Fear English Smocking*
with Liisa Niemi
- 10:00 AM- 11:30 AM **Brunch:** *Rachel Sherrod – Rose Nicaud*
- 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM Competitive Exhibit Highlight Tours (Including Special Junior Tour)
- 10:00 AM- 6:00 PM SALESROOM OPEN – Public Day
UFDC BOUTIQUE OPEN – Public Day
PUBLISHERS PREVIEW – Public Day
- 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM Event Souvenir Sales (Mini Office)
- 11:30 AM- 12:30 PM **Program:** *Steiff's Unique Creations: Freaks, Geeks, One-Offs, and Whimsies*
by Rebekah Kaufman
- 12:15 PM - 2:00 PM **Lunch:** *Lolly Yocum – Boudoir Doll*
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Program:** *From Concept to Costume*
by Florie Hirsch
- 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM Regional Gatherings
- 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM **OPEN FORUM**
- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Apprentice Judge Meeting
- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM **Dinner:** *Ruby Red Galleria*
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM **Program:** *A Dozen Dream Dollies*
by Pia Fast Seidel
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Competitive Exhibit open
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Special Exhibits (Last Chance)
- 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Helpers/Silent Auctions open

GATHERINGS

- 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Ruby Red Galleria
- 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Barbie
- 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Cloth

FRIDAY, JULY 31

- 5:45 AM - 6:30 AM Credentials Clerks Assemble
- 6:30 AM - 8:30 AM Delegates Credentials Check
- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Credentials Clerks Verify Delegates
- 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Annual Business Meeting

- 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM SALESROOM OPEN
 UFDC BOUTIQUE OPEN
- 12:15 PM- 2:00 PM **Lunch:** *Marlene Xenis - Hitty*
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Program:** *Writing for DOLL NEWS*
 by Linda Holderbaum
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Competitive Exhibit (Last Chance)
- 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM **Fundraiser:** Bingo
- 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM Junior Event: Going Down the Bayou!
- 2:15 PM- 5:00 PM Event Souvenir Sales (Mini Office)
- 2:15 PM- 5:00 PM Helpers/Silent Auctions open
- 2:15 PM- 5:00 PM UFDC Office open
- 2:15 PM- 5:00 PM UFDC Mini Office open
- 2:15 PM- 5:00 PM Seminar Chair Office open
 Workshop Chair Office open

SEMINARS

2:15 PM- 5:00 PM *Dolls Past: A Look at Ancient Dolls Through Anthropology*
 by Dr. Deborah Troy

2:15 PM- 5:00 PM *Dolls of Many Cultures*
 By Ali Andrews

WORKSHOPS

2:15 PM- 5:00 PM *Boho Coat, Booties & Hat (*)*
 with Linda Gilmore

2:15 PM- 5:00 PM *Heirloom to Pantaloons & More*
 with Sloan Rehl

2:15 PM - 5:00 PM *3" Tall French Style Hatbox*
 with Wanda Lee

2:30 PM- 3:30 PM **Program:** *The Love of Terri Lee Dolls*
 by Sandra Moore & Glenda Kitto

3:00 PM- 4:30 PM **Afternoon Tea:** *Alice Leverett*

3:25 PM Clerks Assemble

3:30 PM- 5:30 PM Remove Dolls from Competition

4:00 PM- 5:00 PM **Program:** *Betsy McCall-Celebrating 75 years!*
 By Carol Noel

5:00 PM- 6:00 PM Joint Meeting of the Fundraising, Membership, Endowment, and
 Collections Committees

6:30 PM- 8:30 PM **Dinner:** *Robert Tonner*

6:30 PM- 8:30 PM **Dinner:** *Dianna Effner*

7:00 PM- 9:00 PM **Dinner:** *NADDA*

GATHERINGS

- 8:30 PM- 10:00 PM Robert Tonner
8:30 PM- 10:00 PM BJD's
8:30 PM- 10:00 PM American Girl
8:30 PM- 10:00 PM French Fashions

SATURDAY, August 1

- 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Helpers Drawing (Loretta Nardone)
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Post-Convention Board Meeting
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Seminar Chair Office open
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Workshop Chair Office open
9:45 AM Clerks Assemble
10:00 AM- 11:00 AM **Program:** *Lesser-Known French Antique Dolls*
By Liisa Niemi
10:00 AM- 11:30 AM Remove Dolls from Competition
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM UFDC Office open
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM UFDC Mini Office open
10:00 AM- 3:00 PM SALESROOM OPEN (Last Chance)
UFDC BOUTIQUE OPEN (Last Chance)
11:00 AM- 12:00 PM Event Souvenir Sales (Mini Office)
12:15 PM- 2:00 PM **Lunch:**
12:30 PM- 1:30 PM **Program:** *Let's Party! How to Plan a Successful & Fun Doll Event*
by Donelle Denery
12:30 PM- 1:30 PM **Program:** *The Meaning and Joy of Doll Collecting*
By Christine Graefnitz
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM **Afternoon Tea:** *Connie Tognoli*
5:15 PM Table Captain's Meeting
5:45 PM - 6:30 PM Pre-Gala Banquet Reception (by invitation)
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cash Bar
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Gala Banquet
9:30 PM - 10:30 PM Pick up Friends' Souvenirs and any remaining Helpers

HOW TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT, WORKSHOP, OR SEMINAR

1. After you have chosen your preferred ticketed events, seminars, and workshops, please indicate your selections for each day as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and so on, on the Request Form next to the corresponding date and time. It is essential to prioritize your preferences for each day and time slot so that UFDC can accommodate your choices as best as possible. Please note that all ticketed events have limited seating. Requesting an event does not guarantee a seat. You will receive confirmation of your request. Ensure that you complete the Event Request Form in its entirety.
2. If you are a host or hostess for the Gala Banquet, please complete the Banquet Seating Request form to include all attendees who would like to sit at your table. Each table can accommodate a maximum of eight people. If you would like to sit with a friend, you can also submit a Banquet Seating Request Form. Be sure to coordinate with your tablemates to avoid submitting duplicate forms.
3. **If you are mailing everything back to UFDC**, you can use one of the following payment options:
 - Write one check per registrant, combining all your selected ticketed events, workshops, and seminars. Make your check payable to UFDC Convention 2026.

OR

- Use a credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express only) by filling in the credit card number and expiration date on the request form.

Mail all your completed forms and payment in one envelope to UFDC 2026 Convention, 10900 N. Pomona Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64153.

If you wish to receive confirmation that your form/payment has arrived, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. Note that this will only confirm receipt of payment and requests, not acceptance into events.

If you would like to submit your forms by email, then please scan your completed forms and email them as a PDF attachment to Sheryl at ufdcsherry@ufdc.org. Note that if you choose this option, you can only pay by credit card.

4. Mailed forms must be postmarked no later than **May 20th**. Emailed forms must be returned no later than **May 23rd**.

We suggest you make copies of all your completed forms. That will help in case there are any questions.

“High Tea with Rosalie”

Artist: Darlene Lane

**Afternoon Tea
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

The Ann Arbor Doll Collectors invite you to join them for **“High Tea with Rosalie.”** Artist Darlene Lane has created an exquisite FG2 mignonette, *Rosalie*, exclusively for this special event. Rosalie is a reproduction of an original antique all-bisque doll from Darlene’s personal collection. A program titled **“At Home in the Past,”** an exploration of antique Mignonette-scale doll furniture, will be presented by Kari Gluski. Centerpieces will feature a charming companion doll by Darlene, displayed in an elegant French Rococo–style setting. These centerpieces will be offered at auction to attendees, with proceeds benefiting the UFDC general fund. Join us for an afternoon of elegance, whimsy, and a touch of extravagance... where tiny treasures reign supreme, and every detail delights. Hats are optional—but the more fabulous, the better!

Hosted by: *Ann Arbor Doll Collectors*

Price: \$595

Blythe Styles & Stories – Honoring Junko Wong

& 25 Years of Neo Blythe

Presented by Jen O’Connor, Earth Angels Studios

**Dinner
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

We warmly invite you to a delightful and stylish celebration! Together, we’ll dive into Blythe’s fashion origins and her journey as a personal style muse for collectors and enthusiasts alike. Join us in exploring the enchanting world of couture and how our individual style shines through our dolls’ wardrobes and the stories within our collections. With Blythe as our charming guide, we’ll take a joyful look at fashions from yesterday, today, and tomorrow- especially embracing the adorable world of Kawaii!

Price: \$480

Trunks and Treasures

Artist: Maggie Iacono

**Dinner
6:30 PM-8:30 PM**

Hints of wardrobes, trunks, and the quiet charm of a doll’s personal treasures are woven into the evening. As always, the highlight of the event will be the exclusive souvenir, designed to delight and surprise. This year’s piece marks something a little different-something I’ve never offered before- inviting you to a more intimate scale complete with a collection of small treasures, each one chosen with care. At this year’s dinner, each table will be centered with a new companion piece, offering a glimpse into the story that inspired the evening. The companion will perfectly complement a little figure.... A hidden collection...and a story that unfolds only once it’s in your hands! Her treasures are waiting to be discovered.

Hosted by: *Doll Study of Boston*

Price: \$660

Violet's Afternoon Tea

Artist: Alice Leverett

Join us for "Tea at 3" and a "Paper Doll Fashion Show." Alice Leverett has created a special souvenir inspired by an antique paper doll set from her collection. The souvenir is a boxed mid-19th-century "Psyche Style" two-sided paper doll, complete with display accessories. The story booklet included in your set describes an event set in old New Orleans and sets the stage for unique fabric costumes inspired by the paper doll dresses. These costumes, crafted by Alice, will be auctioned at the tea event. They are designed to fit a 15.5-inch doll with proportions similar to the DP resin body or an antique French fashion doll.

Hosted by: *Cherished Doll Club of Topeka*

Afternoon Tea

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Price: **\$285**

Future of Inspiring Dolls

Artist: Robert Tonner

Robert Tonner is thrilled to dive into the future of doll-making! We stand on the brink of remarkable innovations—AI, digital sculpting, 3D scanning, and advanced printing technologies. These breakthroughs have the potential to transform how we design and create dolls like never before. Imagine a future where you can craft your own one-of-a-kind dolls right from the comfort of your home. It's an exhilarating prospect! We invite you to join us for a special dinner, where every guest will receive an exclusive 16-inch fashion doll, adorned in a stunning futuristic gown. This limited-edition doll will not only be a beautiful keepsake but also a celebration of our shared passion for the magical world of dolls as we look ahead. Let's embark on this incredible journey together and make lasting memories in this enchanting doll universe! Hosted by: *Metro Dolls*

Dinner

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Price: **\$445**

Dianna Effner Dolls: Past, Present & Future

Dianna Effner's family is delighted to announce the return of her dolls to the UFDC after nearly six years following Dianna's transition. They invite everyone to explore her journey in doll-making and the memorable characters she created. Perhaps they will provide a glimpse of what the future may bring. Attendees will receive a special souvenir featuring Lil Dreamers and her big sister, Little Darling, as a limited-edition companion, showcasing the sweetness and innocence that defined her work. The dolls will be dressed in 1850s-inspired clothing, reflecting the era's grace and refinement through delicate dresses and thoughtful details. This tribute honors a remarkable artist and the enduring charm of childhood that her dolls represent.

Hosted by: *Region 11*

Dinner

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Price: **\$520**

WORKSHOPS

Please note that the following key indicates the skill level for each class:

- * Easy, simple
- ** Some skill or dexterity required
- *** Good working skills on small pieces are needed
- **** Advanced sewing skills or working with miniature required

Workshops marked (#) are suitable for Junior Collectors aged 13 and over who can sew. Please note that if a Junior Collector attends, their sponsoring adult must attend as well.

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Boho Sweater Dress & Flowery Cap

Linda Gilmore

Create a charming sweater dress and matching cap for your Blythe or other 1/6 fashion doll in this EASY workshop. Using simple straight seams and Linda's motto, "glue if we can, sew if we must", students will craft a cozy long-sleeved dress and cheerful cap adorned with colorful felt flowers. Please bring scissors and a thimble, a portable light, and a favorite needle, if needed. A Junior member aged 13 or over who can sew may apply for this class.

Skill Level: * Easy, simple

Fee: \$70

A Summer Frock for Millette

Jenny Sykes

Jenny has made an all-bisque Emile Jumeau "Millette" doll for students to dress in a sweet summer frock of very lightweight, gauzy cotton with miniature flowers. Students will assemble the dress, adding lace down the front, then embroider French Knots in a contrasting color to complete the frock. Please bring a basic sewing kit, white thread, and a magnifying light if needed.

Skill Level: *** Good working skills on small pieces are required

Fee: \$193.75

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Paper Fortune Tell Doll

Alice Leverett

This is a fun project, making a petite 5 ½ paper doll inspired by an antique fortune-teller China doll. These dolls were presented as popular parlor game entertainment in the mid-19th century. She holds a few cards in one hand, while each panel of her colorful skirt displays a positive-thinking "fortune" in writing. Students should bring scissors for cutting paper. A Junior Member aged 13 or over who is adept with scissors may apply for this class.

Skill Level: ** Good working skills on small pieces are required

Fee: \$105

Paris Forever

**Nicki Burley &
Heather Campbell**

Celebrate two timeless icons of Paris: dolls and the Eiffel Tower! Learn how porcelain dolls are made and assemble your own 6" all-bisque doll, then costume her in a charming reproduction of an 1889 Paris Exposition costume representing the Eiffel Tower. Finally, decorate her special souvenir display box! Students should bring a basic sewing kit with sharp scissors, white thread, hemostats, and fine-tipped craft glue. Light and magnifiers are optional.

Skill Level: *** Good working skills on small pieces are required

Fee: **\$125**

~~~~~ **WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2:15 PM - 5:00 PM** ~~~~~

Embroidered Beccassine Quilt

Dodi Becker

Dodie will guide students in making a replica of a quilt she won as a donation at a Beccassine event several years ago. Participants will embroider 12 different quilt blocks featuring Beccassine. This will take longer than the allotted 3 hours, but detailed written instructions will guide you in finishing the quilt. Students should bring an embroidery kit. Knowledge of embroidery and quilt-making would be helpful.

Skill Level: ** Some skill or dexterity required

Fee: **\$57**

Life is a Masquerade – UFDC Style (*)

Glenda Ridgeway

Create the perfect masquerade mask for your 12–18-inch doll. Students will paint an amazingly detailed 3-D printed mask with acrylic paints. Then the mask can be adorned with feathers on a stick wrapped in ribbon. No tools are required for this workshop. A Junior Member aged 13 or over who can sew may apply for this class.

Skill Level: * Easy Simple

Fee: **\$120**

Vintage Barbie Dress, Coat, Hat & Purse

Liisa Niemi

Students will make a brocade silk dress with a mandarin collar. A coordinating plush swing coat with pockets, a pillbox hat, and a metallic leather purse will be made to complete the ensemble. A pair of matching shoes will be provided in the kit. Liisa will offer the dress in red, silver, purple, and aqua colored brocade fabrics. Please bring scissors and straight pins. A light source and magnifiers may be brought, as needed. A Junior Member aged 13 or over with hand sewing skills may apply for this class.

Skill Level: *** Good working skills on small pieces are required

Fee: **\$90**

~~~~~ **THURSDAY, JULY 30, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** ~~~~~

Antique French Sewing Basket

Nicki Burley

Nicki will show students how to sew and craft a delightful little basket for a 12-16" doll's sewing table. They will sew a French red-and-cream basket, then decorate it with ephemera and ribbons. Baskets will be filled with sewing accessories, like a pincushion, button cards, lace spools, and tiny boxes that students will make in class. Students should bring a sewing kit with sharp scissors, ivory thread, fine-tipped craft glue, hemostats or tweezers, a bone folder, and a ruler. Also, an OptiVisor or similar light/magnifying device, if needed.

Skill Level: **** Advanced sewing skills or work w/ miniatures required

Fee: **\$65**

Miss Liberty

Sandra Wright Justiss

Miss Liberty is an original half doll created by Sandra Wright Justiss to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Her skirts are folded paper in the tradition of the 19th-century fortune-telling dolls, but instead of fortunes, they contain quotes from our Founding Fathers and Mothers. As usual, a history lesson is included.

Skill Level: *** Good working skills on small pieces are required

Fee: **\$160**

No Fear English Smocking

Liisa Niemi

English Smocking is much easier than it looks. Liisa will teach you the basics of this traditional sewing technique on a classic puffed-sleeved dress for a 17-19 child doll, such as Sasha, Connie Lowe's Stella, or Ruby Red Galleria Fashion Friends. The dress may also fit a composition Shirley Temple, Binnie, and Winnie Walker, as well as other similarly sized dolls. Students should bring sewing needles and an embroidery needle, sharp scissors, pins, and, if desired, a small bright light and magnifying glasses.

Skill Level: ** Good working skills on small pieces are required

Fee: **\$75**

~~~~~ **THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2:15 PM - 5:00 PM** ~~~~~

### **Boho Coat, Booties, and Hat (\*)**

**Linda Gilmore**

Linda will show students how to create a vibrant felt ching booties and a charming headband for a Blythe or other 1/6 fashion doll in this EASY workshop. With simple construction and the motto – “Glue if we can or sew if we must, students still embellish each piece with colorful, Boho-inspired felt flowers for a delightful ensemble. Please bring scissors and a thimble. A portable light and favorite needles may also be brought, but are not necessary. A Junior Member aged 13 or over with hand sewing skills may apply for this class.

**Skill Level: \*** Easy

Fee: **\$70**

### **Heirloom Pantaloons and More**

**Sloan Rehl**

Students will learn how to take a cherished christening gown from Sloan's collection to create a Victorian-style skirt or pantaloons for their doll. It is sized for an A.M. 370 19" doll. This one-of-a-kind piece will bring new life to your keepsake and be treasured for years to come. Please bring a sewing kit with 100% cotton white thread, a pack of hand needles (8 or 9 long), cutting scissors, and handwork scissors. If possible, bring the doll you wish to dress, or the waist, hip, and leg-length measurements. A Junior Member aged 13 or over with hand sewing skills may apply for this class.

**Skill Level: \*\*** Some skill or dexterity required

Fee: **\$110**

### **3" Tall French Style Hatbox**

**Wanda Lee**

Join Wanda (TC.D.M, USA) to create this wonderful French-style hatbox with a saddle top. The faux leather hatbox opens to reveal the lining of red satin. Students need to bring a basic sewing kit, sharp scissors, a hem gauge, and a light and/or magnifiers, if needed. A Junior Member aged 13 or over who can sew may apply for this class.

**Skill Level: \*\*\*** Good working skills on small pieces are required.

Fee: **\$110**

## **SEMINARS**

These small classes last about 3 hours and cover a specific topic in-depth, taught by experts in their respective fields. The \$35 charge is used to offset expenses. Attendees will receive handout materials prepared by the presenter. Note that all seminars are open to Junior Collectors.

..... **TUESDAY, JULY 28, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** .....

### ***Ichimato Then/Ichimato Now***

**Alan Scott Pate**

Take a journey with Alan into the history of Japan's iconic play doll! Meet seductive Kabuki actors and learn about technological innovation, seismic shifts in social norms, and the interplay of East and West. Alan will introduce you to the artists who have left their indelible imprint on Japanese doll history, the new masters of the form.

### ***3D Printing for Dolls***

**Jennifer Perski**

If you like to play with your dolls and they need more than clothing, this is the seminar for you. Jennifer will show you the fun of creating 3D furniture to increase your enjoyment. She'll walk you through the process of how the software and machine work and teach you how to make lovely furniture.

### ***Madame's Past***

**Marsha Hunter**

Dr. Marsha Hunter, a long-term collector of Madame Alexander cloth dolls, will share her research and expertise in identifying early cloth dolls and the company's dolls from the last 50 years. Attendees are encouraged to bring their Alexander cloth dolls for identification and discussion.

..... **WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** .....

### ***Dewees Cochran Dolls: Know What You Are Buying***

**Ann Leis**

This is an in-depth study of the dolls and clothing created by Dewees Cochran. Author Ann Leis will enrich your understanding of the different types of dolls, the materials used, and the identifying marks. Learn how to quickly distinguish originals from knockoffs and how to recognize authentic clothing.

### ***The Wax Dolls of the Vargas Family***

**Rhoda Seidenberg**

Francisco Vargas, a Mexican-born artist, began his career as a wax sculptor of religious figures. Upon immigrating to New Orleans, he began sculpting likenesses of Black Street vendors. Later he and his children made Mexican peasants. We will study the stylistic differences between the Black and Mexican dolls.

||||| **WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2:15 PM - 5:00 PM** |||||

***Expectations and Celebrations***

**Becky DeBruler &  
Cathy Noone**

Discover pointers and tips on how to conduct fun club meetings smoothly! Participants will receive the current Club President's manual.

***Wash Day: Safeguarding Your Doll's Wardrobe: Gentle Cleaning and Preservation Techniques for Doll Clothes***

**Dianne deBeixedon**

We are returning to the essential topic of textile preservation. Specialized cleaning techniques can significantly slow deterioration. This seminar introduces professional methods for handling cleaning your collection, utilizing both time-tested traditions and modern products to ensure your doll's wardrobe ages gracefully. Dianne deBeixedon is a Professor Emerita of Art from Old Dominion University, Virginia.

***Dolls of the W.P.A. (Works Progress Administration)***

**Linda Holderbaum**

Travel back through time to look at dolls produced in 11 of the 16 states W.P.A. programs from 1938 to 1941, and learn how to identify the dolls. Holderbaum has written a series of study guides on the W.P.A./ dolls in book form. Actual dolls from each of the 11 program areas will be shown.

||||| **THURSDAY, JULY 30, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** |||||

***Down the Rabbit Hole with Alice***

**Rosemary Laverdiere**

Alice in Wonderland has been the subject of many doll artists. Let's look at all things Alice: dolls, Lewis Carroll, influences in popular culture, and doll-related Alice activities. Junior collectors are encouraged to attend, as Rosemary, an educator, loves using dolls in the classroom.

***Japanese Kokeshi Dolls***

**Josh Holderbaum**

Josh's research combines his study of the Japanese language with extensive work with 300 Kokeshi dolls in his club members' collections. Both new and experienced collectors are welcome to learn more about the types and forms, interpret signatures and other marks, and study clothing styles, motifs, and themes.

***Dolls Past: A Look at Ancient Dolls Through Anthropology***

**Deborah Troy**

Dolls from indigenous groups in North and South America, dolls from the Middle East and Egypt, Africa, Asia, and Ancient Europe will be discussed. We will look at how dolls evolved from religious/magical articles to valued collectors' items. Have dolls always been children's playthings? Come to discuss the anthropology of dolls.

***Dolls of Many Cultures***

**Ali Andrewski**

Journey with Ali as she shows you dolls from across the world and explains their historical and cultural significance. Various fun and colorful dolls will be studied. After attending, you will have the knowledge to decipher where a doll is from just by looking at the costumes they wear!

## **SPECIAL EXHIBITS**

### **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of American Independence & the Powers That Be**

#### **UFDC Collections Committee**

This exhibit commemorates the 250th anniversary of American independence while showcasing extraordinary dolls from the UFDC Museum collection. Featuring representations of kings and queens, as well as presidents and first ladies, the Collections Committee is proud to present this exhibit to our members in honor of our UFDC President, Carol Cameron.

### **Welcome to Louisiana Cynthia Orgeron**

The Northshore Doll Club and the Bayou Bebes of Louisiana Doll Club are proud to present a diverse array of dolls that showcase the rich culture of Louisiana. This collection includes artist dolls, WPA dolls, Black dolls, Mardi Gras souvenirs, and more, reflecting the many aspects of life in New Orleans and Louisiana, both past and present. We also pay tribute to the iconic Maison Blanch and World's Fair dolls.

### **75 Years of Betsy McCall Carol Noel**

Through the years, Betsy McCall sprang from the pages of McCall's magazine to become a three-dimensional doll, here displayed by every known manufacturer. Carol Noel shares her Betsys from across the timeline, from a pristine "Pretty Pak," the Betsy she received as a six-year-old, to Robert Tonner's excellent modern version of Betsy.

## PROGRAMS

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### MONDAY, JULY 27

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#### ***Convention Orientation***

**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Reba D. Hood and Denise Van Patten**

We're excited to welcome you to your first UFDC Convention or back after some time away! Join us for the Convention Orientation program on Monday afternoon. This engaging session will offer valuable tips to help you fully enjoy the Convention and ensure all your questions are answered. We can't wait to see you there!

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### TUESDAY, JULY 28

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#### ***Behind the Curtain of a Wood Doll***

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Alica and Charlie Carver**

The Carvers will demonstrate the 21st-century method of transforming a simple block of wood into a cherished recreation of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

#### ***Showcasing Miniature Art in Dollhouses***

**12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

**Susan Dossetter**

Susan will explore the realm of miniature art, including miniature portraits, paintings, samplers, and silhouettes, and how these can be utilized in dollhouses.

#### ***The Masters of Ichimatsu***

**6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Alan Scott Pate**

Alan introduces us to the post-war-era doll makers of Japan and their beloved play dolls, as well as to the preservation of these creations, which continues the rich tradition of Japan's doll art.

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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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#### ***Dionne Quintuplet Dolls***

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Cathy Noone**

This program tells the story of the Dionne Quintuplets and their remarkable status as the world's first "miracle babies," as well as the numerous dolls they inspired.

***The Fabulous Frieda***

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Beth Nance**

Beth will introduce attendees to “Freda,” a rare Schoenhut portrait doll, along with her extraordinary story.

***Steiff’s Wow-Meow Cat History***

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**Rebekah Kaufman**

A must-see program for any lover of cats or Steiff, as Rebekah explores the history of Steiff’s 20<sup>th</sup>-century cat production and how to date our feline friends.

***Japanese Wooden Dolls: What’s on Top?***

**2:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

**Vickie Hannig**

This program will examine the diverse surface treatments and forms of antique wooden Japanese dolls, using examples from the presenter’s extensive personal collection and relevant literature.

***How Dolls are Judged.***

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Donelle Denery**

The speaker, a judge for 20 years, will explain the doll judging process and the factors involved in awarding ribbons.

***The “Dixie Bride’s connection to New Orleans***

**5:15 PM – 6:15 PM**

**Elizabeth Coleman & Laurie McGill**

Explore the story of the Dixie Bride dolls from the 1930s and 1940s, a collaborative effort by novelist Frances Parkinson Keyes and doll entrepreneur Helen Siebold Walter.

***Dewees Cochran Discoveries***

**6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Ann Leis**

The research never ends! Discover the latest findings about Dewees’s life and the dolls revealed since the speaker’s book on Dewees was published.

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## THURSDAY, JULY 30

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***Steiff's Unique Creations: Freaks, Geeks, One-Offs, and Whimsies***

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Rebekah Kaufman**

This program will showcase century-spanning Steiff rarities from the speaker's personal collection, including samples and prototypes that were never produced.

***From Concept to Costume***

**Florie Hirsch**

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

Florie will discuss various inspirations for costuming antique dolls, reproductions, automata, and modern fashion dolls, and how to bring those visions to life.

***A Dozen Dream Dollies***

**7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Pia Fast Seidel**

Pia, an antique toy professional, handles thousands of dolls and will share twelve extraordinary examples that highlight what makes them stand out.

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## FRIDAY, JULY 31

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***Writing for "DOLL NEWS"***

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**Linda Holderbaum**

Linda, the editor of DOLL NEWS, will discuss the process of writing articles, including guidelines for submitting text and photos, as well as how to compile everything together.

***The Love of Terri Lee Dolls***

**2:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

**Sandra Moore & Glenda Kitto**

Our speakers will share their enthusiasm and knowledge of Terri Lee dolls with attendees.

***Betsy McCall Celebrating 75 Years!***

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Carol Noel**

Carol, a lifelong collector of Betsy McCall dolls, will explore the doll's long history and the various manufacturers who have produced it over the years.

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## **SATURDAY August 1**

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### **Lesser-Known French Antique Dolls**

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Liisa Niemi**

Liisa will introduce us to lesser-known French boutique firms, such as Joanny, Halopeau, and Rochard, by sharing their histories and the beautiful dolls they created.

### **Let's Party! How to Plan a Successful & Fun Doll Event**

**12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

**Donelle Denery**

Has your doll club ever thought about hosting a doll event? This program will outline the steps for planning a successful one- or two-day doll event or a three-day Regional Conference. Participants will learn best practices and discover how UFDC can assist you. The presenter, Donelle Denery, is the former chair of the 2017 Boston Regional and has organized several doll events. She currently serves as the Regional and Local Event Coordinator.

### **The Meaning and Joy of Doll Collecting**

**12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

**Christiane Graefnitz**

Christiane shares her personal views on doll collecting, shaped by more than 50 years of experience and extensive research into the joys this hobby brings.

# **DYNAMIC DOLL DIALOGUES**

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## **MONDAY, JULY 27, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

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| <b>Scottish Tomac Dolls</b>    | <b>Jill Sturgeon</b> |
| <b>Disney Adorable Adoorbs</b> | <b>Elise Adams</b>   |
| <b>Martha Wellington Dolls</b> | <b>Amy Miller</b>    |

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## **TUESDAY, JULY 28, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

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| <b>Black Rag Dolls Past to Present</b>    | <b>Alonia Alexander</b>    |
| <b>Sylvanian Families/Calico Critters</b> | <b>Danny Allen</b>         |
| <b>Lilliputians and Carl Horn Dolls</b>   | <b>Mary Ellen Mohn</b>     |
| <b>Dolls, Toys &amp; Scottie Dogs</b>     | <b>Roxie Naphan</b>        |
| <b>Scottish Tomac Dolls</b>               | <b>Jill Sturgeon</b>       |
| <b>Enchanting World of Blythe</b>         | <b>Diane Mall Sammarco</b> |
| <b>Disney Adorable Adoorbs</b>            | <b>Elise Adams</b>         |

## **GATHERINGS**

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**TUESDAY, JULY 28, 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM**

Blythe  
Bleurette  
Terri Lee

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**THURSDAY, JULY 30, 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM**

Ruby Red Galleria  
Barbie  
Cloth

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**FRIDAY JULY 31, 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM**

Robert Tonner  
BJD's  
American Girl  
French Fashion

## **JUNIOR COLLECTORS**

These special events are designed for our Junior Collectors, ages 8 to 18. The reduced registration fee for the Junior Collector Convention includes several benefits: participation in the Juniors Meet and Greet, two Junior Workshops, the Junior Competitive Exhibit Tour, the main Junior event (which features a Junior souvenir doll), the Gala Banquet, the Convention Souvenir Journal, and a Tote Bag. Additionally, Junior Collectors will have access to all programs, special exhibits, the Competitive Exhibit, the Sales Room, the UFDC Boutique, the Helper Room, and various gatherings.

Please note that the registration fee does not cover the cost of other events, which must be paid for separately. Each Junior Collector has equal chances as all other members in the lottery for limited spaces in workshops, seminars, and meal events—subject to age restrictions. The main souvenir doll can also be purchased under the same conditions.

The registered sponsoring adult, who must accompany their Junior Collector throughout the Convention, will not have to pay for the Junior Meet and Greet, the Junior Workshops, the Junior Competitive Exhibit Tour, or the main Junior event; however, they will not receive any Junior workshop kits or the Junior souvenir doll.

===== **MONDAY, JULY 27, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM** =====

### **Junior Meet-N-Greet**

We're thrilled to invite you to our Meet-n-Greet! Discover all the exciting events planned for convention week, connect with your Junior Coordinators, and make new friends among your fellow juniors. Enjoy light refreshments and a fun activity—we can't wait to see you!

===== **TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** =====

### **Workshop 1: Paint a Peg Doll**

Let your imagination guide you as you paint your very own peg dolls! We'll have all the necessary supplies: paints, brushes, and even some trims and buttons for accessories. Come with ideas or use our inspo pics - these dolls are ready to be brought to life!

===== **WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2:15 PM - 4:15 PM** =====

### **Workshop 2: Mix-n-Match Outfits for 12" Dolls**

Let your creativity take the lead as you style outfits for your dolls! Choose from a variety of mix-and-match clothing pieces to create your own look, then customize and decorate it with fun details to make it truly one-of-a-kind. Come with ideas or let inspiration strike as you give your dolls a fresh new style! Mix-n-Match Outfits for 12" Dolls

===== **THURSDAY, JULY 30, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** =====

### **Junior Highlight Tour**

Juniors will get to partake in a private tour of the Competitive Exhibits during the regular Highlight Tours time. Our fearless leader, Marseille Bunk, will lead the Juniors around the competition and teach them how it works and about the various doll categories on display. This is a great opportunity to learn about all types of dolls and maybe discover some new favorites!

===== **FRIDAY JULY 31, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** =====

Don't miss this magical journey down the bayou —  
it's sure to be a swamp-tastic day of fun!

Get ready to paddle into an unforgettable adventure at this year's Junior Event, Going Down the Bayou! Join us for a lively bayou-themed celebration filled with storytelling, hands-on crafts, exciting games, tasty treats, and chances to win fantastic door prizes — all within the comfort of our convention hotel. Dress your dolls in their best southern style, and feel free to come in themed outfits too. Plus, every Junior Collector will receive a special souvenir doll to take home!



## **TOURS**

Indulge in one of the exclusive tours arranged for attendees of the Convention. Transportation will be provided via buses departing from the Sheraton Orleans, which will escort participants to the designated locations and return them to the hotel. Detailed information regarding each tour is available in a separate flyer included in your registration packet. The final tour schedule will be contingent on the number of participants who enroll in each option. Consequently, we kindly request that you indicate your willingness to attend your selected tour(s) at alternative times on your Event Request Form by marking your first and second preferences.

### **Tour Schedule**

**All Tours Depart from the Sheraton New Orleans**

#### **Whitney Plantation**

Whitney Plantation (legal name The Whitney Institute) is a non-profit museum dedicated to the history of the Whitney Plantation, which operated from 1752 to 1975 and produced indigo, sugar, and rice as its principal cash crops. In 2014, Whitney Plantation opened its doors to the public for the first time in its 262-year history, becoming the only plantation museum in Louisiana dedicated to the history of slavery.

##### **Monday**

Tour 1: Pick-up 9:00 AM - Return 2:00 PM

Tour 2: Pick-up 11:00 AM - Return 4:00 PM

#### **National WW II Museum**

The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn.

##### **Monday**

Tour 1: Pick-up 9:00 AM - Return 1:00 PM

Tour 2: Pick-up 11:30 AM - Return 3:00 PM

Tour 3: Pick-up 1:30 PM - Return 5:00 PM

##### **Tuesday**

Tour 1: Pick-up 9:00 AM – Return 1:00 PM

## **CONVENTION ACTIVITIES LOCATIONS**

### **Sheraton New Orleans**

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

**Competitive Exhibit: Rhythms Ballroom I, II, III  
Waterbury Ballroom**

#### **3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR**

**Meal Events: Napoleon Ballroom A1-A3 & D1-D3  
General Meetings: Napoleon B1-B3 & C1-C3  
Registration: Maurepas  
UFDC Mini Office: Registration Desk  
UFDC Offices: Oakley Alley  
Gala Banquet**

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

**Helpers: Bayside A/B/C  
Seminars: Edgewood, Estherwood, Evergreen,  
Gallier, Oakley  
Seminar/Workshop Chair: Crescent  
Special Exhibits: Nottoway**

#### **5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

**Salesroom: Grand Ballroom  
Boutique: Grand Ballroom  
Junior Events: Rampart  
ODACA Events: Grand Chenier & Couteau Marriott**

## **CONFIRMATION**

Your payment does not guarantee admission to the event. You will receive a confirmation email after June 15th detailing the events, seminars, and workshops you are enrolled in. Refunds will be processed and mailed at that time. Your tickets will be included in your registration packet, which can be picked up onsite at the UFDC Registration area. Please remember that a photo ID is required for check-in, with no exceptions. You do not need to present your UFDC membership card for check-in. Class sizes are limited, and any remaining event tickets will be available for purchase at the Mini Office. Make sure to visit this as one of your first stops!



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