

Blueprints

Imitation of Life Construction Company

April 2008

Next Meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 2008

North Clairemont Rec. Center - Senior Community Building
4421 Bannock Ave. San Diego, 92117

The purpose of the IOLCC is to share the joy of doll making and collecting and to bring this enjoyment to the community through exhibits, workshops & programs.

President's Message:

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This month's meeting is all about making your dolls fly! And to help and inspire you to make a doll or two for this June's challenge and for "Dimensions" in August. Theme is "Flights of Fantasy" We're looking for as many different ways of making wings as we can find. Bring all your winged dolls, animals, sample wings, pictures of winged creatures --- Let's have a rousing "Show and Tell" this month. There will be several tables set up for display and demonstration, so everyone can make the rounds and visit each:

Barbara Keeling: Making Fairy Wings does not have to be complicated. These wings require no sewing and are as easy as coloring in a color book. Use 3 D crystal, a paper pattern & paint on a clear plastic presentation sheet. Let it dry and cut out the wings. These two sided wings are unique and easy.

Michalee Sloan: I will be bring some delicate wings made from silk. No sewing required just some delicate gluing and painting techniques.

For those who prefer sewing I will demo some thread painting on a water soluble product.

For those that don't like gluing OR sewing I will bring some found objects that will inspire the eclectic doll maker.

Rosemary Hernandez: I could machine embroider some butterfly wings big enough to use on a doll and maybe some angel wings.

Sheila Godfrey: I will bring samples of wings purchased or made from items purchased at craft & sewing or hardware stores

Lois Boncer: I will bring sewn, quilted and wired wings – butterfly, bee, bird, bat, and bogus (I made them up)

Who will bring polymer, real feathers, Tyvex, Paverpol, or any other materials? If you have enough to display, you get a table. This should be a really fun meeting.

Li Hertzi was splendid at the March. meeting. She had everyone eagerly participating. We explored all kinds of embellishment: painting, beading, embroidering, collage, and more. Bring your doll from these workshops to the April meeting for “Show and Tell”, whether or not you finished them. They are so much fun. Li has moved back home to Ohio to care for her parents. We’ll miss her.

Gloria “Mimi” Winer’s workshops were exceedingly successful. We had 18 students in both classes. Two women came down from “Sisters of the Cloth” club. And there were quite a lot of former IOLCC members who rejoined and renewed in order to take these classes.



All of the evaluation sheets were 100% positive, every single student said it was better than expected, worth the price and she’d take another class from Gloria again. We all want her back and she’s willing to come. Some comments were

“ I learned a great deal. I’m very thankful I was called to be a part of this wonderful group and marvelous and giving teacher”

“The best ever!”

“Wish we had more time. Awesome experience”

“Gloria’s very patient.-above and beyond about answering any questions”

“I really enjoyed the class. A little overwhelming but the information was well worth every penny. I really appreciated the individual attention”

“Gloria was a great teacher. She ws so willing to help everyone”

“How about having her for a retreat?”

Of course, there wasn’t enough time to finish. Gloria has given permission for us students to schedule sew-ins to help each other remember all that we learned, to practice, teach each other, so we solidify all the new techniques in our minds and hands.

Most of you will remember Muriel Fisher, who was a long-time, active member until she died at the age of 86 a couple years ago. Muriel had received a grant from a foundation to make a dozen dolls depicting famous women in history. It premiered at “Many Hands Gallery”, then was donated to the “Women’s History Reclamation Project”. The museum has received enough donations to mount the exhibit. Michalee Sloan, Susie Reneau, Sue Kamin, from Many Hands and I all worked to clean, repair and mount the dolls. The opening reception was on April 12th I was the only one from the doll club to go, but Many Hands was well represented. It was fun to reconnect with all those artists. The exhibit will run from April 12th -30th at 2323 Broadway, San Diego. The museum is closed Mondays; open 12-4pm on other days. It is staffed by volunteers, so it is best to call ahead to be sure it’s open that day. 619-233-7963. There’s a \$5 donation at the door.

Next 4 programs:

April 22nd: Wings

May 27th: Sandy Feingold on Gourd Dolls

June 24th: Pot luck and challenge- "Flights of Fantasy" make a figure that flies

July 22nd and August 26th: clothing design and construction

Other Info:

April 13-17 Art & Soul www.artandsoulretreat.com Asilomar, CA

Classes with Traci Bautista, Angela Cartwright and many more

July 17-20 Enchanted Doll Artists Conference Albuquerque, NM

www.enchanteddollartistsconference.org

Classes, vendors, exhibits

July 25-27 International Quilt Festival Long Beach, CA

www.quilts.com

Classes, exhibits, vendors

This is a new event by the same people who do the fabulous Houston Quilt Festival in October.

To keep up with events in the cloth doll world, don't forget to keep checking with www.clothdollconnection.com

It's **GYPSY CHALLENGE** time again!!!!!!! **"JOURNEY of the GYPSY"** 2008 TREASURES OF THE GYPSY CHALLENGE

Again this incredible exhibit of dolls will debut at the International Quilt Market and Festival in Houston, Texas jointly sponsored by some of the leaders of the industry: Janome America, Bernina of America, Elinor Peace Bailey, Westminster Fibers, P&B Fabrics, Fairfield Processing, Camp Doll U, Ogier Trading Company, just to name a few of the many generous sponsors. And of course, Treasures of the Gypsy whose concept the exhibit has been. So Gypsy Pamela and her Consort Ken invite you once again to share the mysteries of the "**Journey of the Gypsy**" with the world. We feel that this exhibit will again be "fabulous", "spectacular", and surpass all that has come before!!!!!!!

To participate in this unique event, please send \$20.00 U.S. for participants from the U.S. and \$20.00 U.S. for participants from Australia and Canada to:

Pamela Armas
Treasures of the Gypsy
P.O. Box 748
Mountainair, NM 87036
505-847-0963

Your participation fee will cover the shipping of exotica from around the world to spark your gypsy creativity. Use these trinkets and trims plus things of your own choosing to create a doll that will speak to our theme. International Quilt Festival at the George Brown Convention center in Houston, Texas will host our exhibit along with Sulky and Hoffman Challenge. Again the dolls will be a central attraction along with the most beautiful quilt show in the world and many elaborate and beautifully made garments.

Winners of the challenge will be announced at Houston Quilt Festival. The "Best of Show" doll will receive \$300.00 worth of Treasure from the Gypsy and the three judges' choice awards will receive \$30.00 worth of Treasure. Again there will be the "Gypsy's Choice" award!!!!!!! Quilt Festival is a

consumer show so you can be present there too. As the event nears see www.quilts.com for more information about Festival. Doll making classes will be offered at Festival as well. Can you stand the excitement?!!!

The dolls will be due by October 5, 2008. The dates of Market and Festival are **10/24 - 27/2008 and 10/29 - 11/2, 2008**. Your dolls will be received at the home of **Liz Dusek, 15123 Cypress Ridge, Cypress, Texas 77429**, tel. 281-376-9189 of THE MATERIAL GIRLS. When you receive your treasures you will also receive an envelope with two labels, one with Liz's address and yours as a return address, and one return label. **THESE LABELS MUST BE USED**. You must also include (1) return shipping and insurance for your doll or, as before, your dolls will be held for ransom until the return shipping is received. **NO PACKING MATERIAL** other than **BUBBLE WRAP OR FOAM RUBBER IS ACCEPTED**, and please go easy on the tape.

We are looking forward to your participation. Dolls will again rule in Houston!!!!!!

GYPSY PAMELA



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Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, starting promptly at 6:30pm at No. Clmt. Rec. Ctr. – Room 2, 4421 Bannock Ave., SD 92117