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Noel News

January 2004 Meeting

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th, at Hancock Bank in downtown Ocean Springs. We will be discussing the 2003 Open Houses, plans for 2004, and projects of 2003 and 2004. Please come

and help us plan the new year. We had a very successful year with our Gathering by the Gulf and other projects. We don't plan to host a Gathering in 2004 but need to start planning for one in 2005.

Judith Price Announces her Retirement

By Peggy Culler-Hair on the NCC Web Site

"I thought you would want to know that Judith Price has announced her retirement from Department 56 effective January 2, 2004. The announcement was made this past week-end (Dec. 5-7) at the Department 56 Sales Conference.

Her long tenure with Department 56 and her dedicated support of collectors and the Gatherings we all enjoy so much has allowed many of us to feel like Judith is a true friend. She will be greatly missed by the collectors and the NCC. She has been a great supporter of the NCC and clubs. We all wish her well in her retirement."

Because many of you have asked if there will be anything special done in her honor I have decided to compile a Memoir Book. This will give all the clubs an opportunity to participate in a special tribute to Judith. To be included please send to me a page which can be a letter and/or pictures of Judith with your club and/or members. I am sure to see an



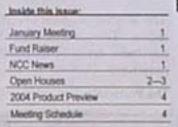
accumulation of 15 years of pictures of her numerous visits to clubs and the various gatherings/events from coast to coast will bring back many fond memories for her. This is to be a SURPRIZE. Send pages to me at:

Max Morgan of Ocean Springs. The bear has now traveled to Colorado with the proud owner.

Peggy Culler-Hair 3604 Wilmot Ave. Columbia, SC 29205

Many of you will remember meeting Judith at Salmagund's in 2000 when she paid a visit to the Coast with Scott Enter, D56 artist and designer. Also she presented a seminar at the Gathering by the Gulf last April. VOLUME 5, ISSUE 6

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Fund Raiser

The giant Ganz Collectable Heritage Bear drawing was held at the Open House of Joe and Karen Belk. Tickets were sold by club members and at the Peter Anderson Festival. The winner was 6 year old Max Morgan of Ocean Springs. The bear has now traveled to Colorado with the proud owner.

The club collected about \$400 to be donated to Ronald McDonald



\$ 20 per Household



2003 Gathering on the Gulf, MS (L-R) Mary Kitchens, Judith, Richard Puckett

Southern Regional Gathering

1993 Chairmen with Judith Price First four SRG Chairmen :(L to R) 1992, Lawson Scoggins; 1993, John Flyn; 1994, Jimmy Thompsom; 1995, James Roof□□ SOUTHE REGIO DEPARTI. VILLAGE GAT

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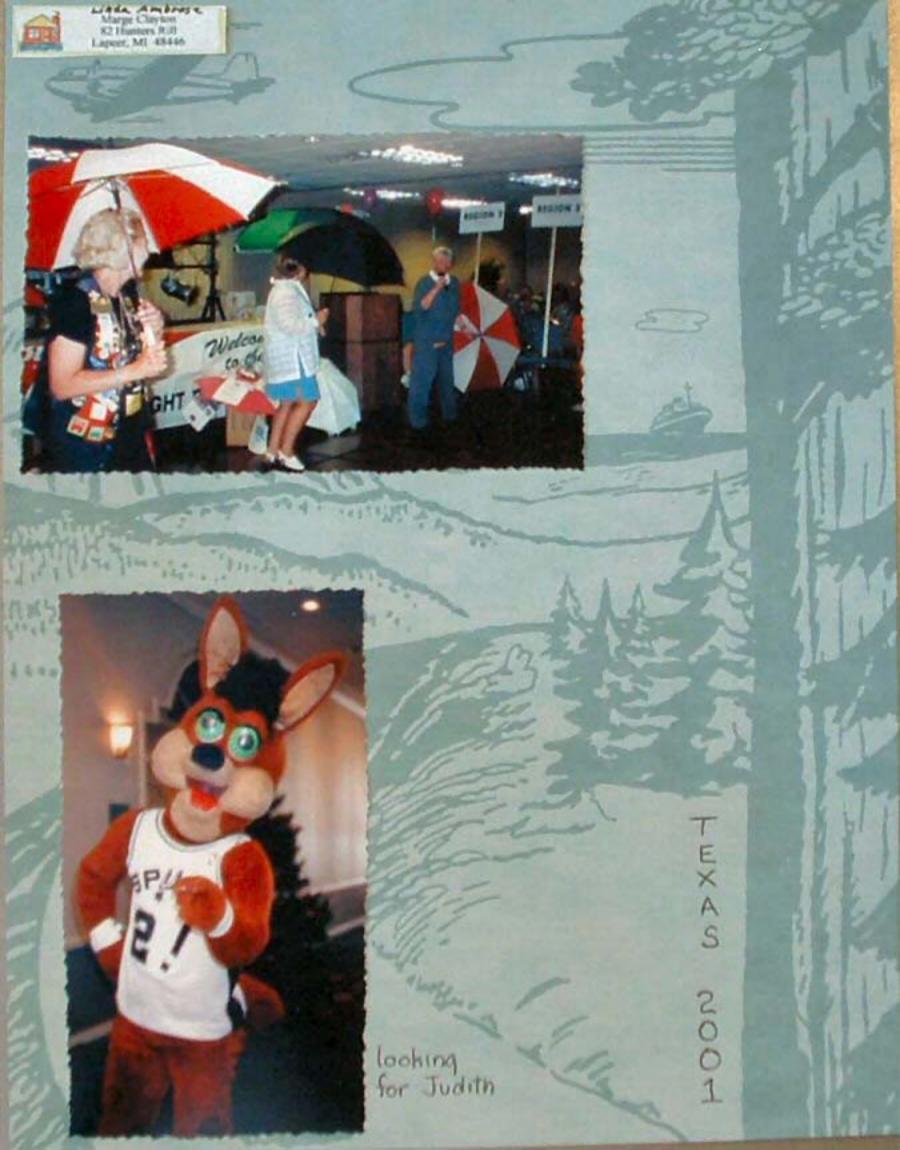
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