

# THE VILLAGE CRIER

Newsletter of  
*The Annapolis Villagers*



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## FABULOUS DISPLAY CONTEST

**November 11, 2001**

*By Bernie Dvorak*

### Still Time to Enter!



Please call Bernie Dvorak at 410-337-0380 by Tuesday, November 13, 2001 to enter your display. We need to know before the meeting how many contestants we have in order to set up ample table space.

- All contestants will win a village ornament. (There will be many to choose from.)
- The winner of the contest will be first to choose from the following list of prizes

1. Snowy Pines Inn
2. Fezziwig's Ballroom
3. The complete Monopoly set
4. Jack in the Box
5. Collectors Club House
6. Little Women
7. Snow Baby / Madeline

- The second and third place winners, in turn, will choose one prize from the remainder of the same list of prizes.

**We have a few simple Contest rules and you will find them on Page 3.**

## ANNUAL POT LUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 11, 2001  
6:30—9:30 PM

American Legion, Post 175  
Manhattan Beach Road  
Severna Park MD

6:30 - 7:30 Appetizers  
7:30 - 8:30 Dinner and Dessert

### Games and Prizes



Our Christmas Party has grown in size and fun over the years. We hope you will join us. Please call Ruth Baldwin at 410-923-3239 by December 1, 2001 to let her know what you are bringing.

## MEMBERS' MEETING

Our next meeting is Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., November 13 2001, American Legion, Post 175, Manhattan Beach Road, Severna Park, MD

### AGENDA

- Business Meeting
- Display Contest

## D56 ANNOUNCES RETIREMENTS

*Villages*  
November 2  
*Snowbabies*  
November 16

## 2002 HOUSE TOURS



**LAST CALL TO SIGN UP.  
SEE PAGE 3**

**FOR MEMBERS  
ONLY  
ORDER FORMS  
FOR NCC  
HOUSE  
SEE inside**

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**THE PREZ SAYS.....**

My apologies for canceling our Sept 11 Membership Meeting and the planned Display Contest. I know some members put a lot of work into making a display for the evening but given the event and situation of the day, it was the right thing to do. As we adjust, we need to move on and try to maintain as normal an environment as possible. Certainly, villages and snowbabies are not a priority in our lives but the enjoyment they bring do help us cope. So, for our November meeting, we have rescheduled the Display Contest and I believe that we will have more participants than was planned for September. Recently, our members took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at Russ' Country Garden & Gifts Display Contest and took both prizes at the Golden Goose Display Contest. We have a lot of talented members and seeing their work is an excellent way of getting ideas and learning more about displays.

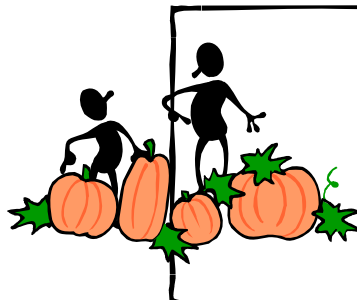
Our 9th Anniversary Dinner / Dance was a great success. Thanks to Carole, Ina, Dean and Pat and all who attended for making it so. Timbuktu was a perfect location and having a private dining room and superb service made this our best Anniversary Party ever. Everyone I spoke with was pleased and already talking about having our 10th Anniversary there. We should make our 10th Anniversary Celebration something special and need to start planning for it early. If you would like to help with the planning of our next anniversary, please see Barbara Schubring or myself. Speaking of Barbara, I want to welcome her aboard and thank her for taking the responsibility of coordinating events such as the anniversary dinner. We expect to here more form Barbara as we plan our 2002 activities.

We have one last activity planned for this year, our Annual Old Fashion Christmas Party. It will be held at the American Legion again, which has recently undergone a major renovation of the Banquet Hall. As one of our most popular events, I think the new surroundings will make it even better than ever.

Since this is our last newsletter before the holidays, I hope to see you at the November meeting and / or at the Christmas Party. If I don't see you at the next functions, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

**See you at the meeting,**

**JOAN**



**Here We Grow Again!**

**Welcome New Members...**

Andy and Judy Calabrese, Stevensville  
Barbara Guy, Huntingtown  
M. Lisa Smith & Shannon Bartlett, Cheverly  
Donald & Margaret VanWormer, Patuxent River

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

**MARCH 14-16, 2003**

**Mid Atlantic Village Gathering  
New location—Reston VA**

**DISPLAY CONTEST**

NOVEMBER 13, 2001

By Bernie Dvorak

All members are invited to participate and we hope many of you enter the contest. This is going to be a fun event that you will not want to miss as a participant or a spectator.

Displays can be table top, basket, container or any other medium you choose to display on within the rules. Participants can choose any theme of their choice—Christmas, Halloween, Spring, etc. It is your choice.

The rules are simple:

1. To be eligible, all contest entries must be no larger than 2 1/2 feet deep X 4 feet wide. There is no height restriction
2. Set up begins at 6:30 p.m. Members can set up their displays until the contest starts after the business meeting.
3. Bring your own extension cords.
4. Must contain at least one D56 Lit House or Figurine from D56 Collectibles or Gift Ware.

**Miniatures Available at November Meeting**

*Reindeer food, cakes, pies, fruits vegetables and more...*

Jean Lawnsdale is a talented and creative lady. She sent us a box of her miniatures and we will have them available for sale at the November meeting as well as ordering information.

2002  
ANNAPOLIS  
VILLAGERS  
HOLIDAY HOUSE  
TOURS

By Bob Eustice



January 4-6, 2002

The Villagers will be hosting our annual holiday tours of members' homes on January 4-6, 2002. Tours will be conducted:

- Friday evening: 7 — 10 PM
- Saturday: 10 AM — 7 PM
- Sunday: 2 PM — 8 PM

In case of inclement weather, tours will be held the next weekend.

If you are interested in participating in the House Tours, or have any questions, please contact Bob Eustice at 301-552-1858. You do not have to have a large display to participate. We have seen many beautiful displays in all sizes and shapes over the years.

We need to have everyone signed up by November 23 so we can schedule tours by geographic area and prepare maps to go out with the December newsletter. A Sign Up Sheet will be available at the November members' meeting.

HOSPICE HOUSE DECORATING  
WEDNESDAY NOV. 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM

By Dean Stevenson

Once again it is that time of year to put up displays and think about the holidays. I don't know about all of you but I just can't believe how fast this year as gone by.



We will be once again decorating the Hospice House in Linthicum as we did last year and I am looking for a few more volunteers. We have all the decorations from last year but if you have something special you thought they might enjoy please give me a call.

The following people have agreed to display their baskets again this year: **Kate & Bob Eustice, John & Pat Ehrenreich, Bernie & Penny Dvorak, Pete & Trudi Baer, Carol Dietz.** If anyone else has a small display they would like to lend to us for display let me know.

I would also like some baked goods to take for the decorators and the families and patients that are there. If you cannot go but would like to donate a few dollars for us to buy some cookies and drinks it would be much appreciated. You can give me the donations at the next meeting or mail them to me at 1729 Baldwin Dr., Millersville, MD 21108. As in the past we can only have about 12 people there since the area is small. Give me a call at **410-923-2755** to sign up.

I would also like to thank **John Dietz** again for his generous storage of the artificial tree and decorations in his storage shed. We all know what precious little space we have in our homes and storage units for extra things and this has been a real help to the club and the Hospice.

## Our 9th Anniversary Dinner...Largest to Date

By Pat Ehrenreich & Carole Dietz

### Thanks to everyone who made it a success!

Forty-seven Annapolis Villages spent an enjoyable evening of good food, good company and good music on September 21, 2001. The Timbuktu Restaurant was the setting for our 9th Anniversary gala. The spacious banquet room and table set up gave us plenty of room to eat, socialize and/or dance..

Thanks to the generosity of four of our supporting dealers, we had Snowbaby-themed centerpieces on each table, presents for everyone, a grand prize and a raffle. Ina Devine and Jeannette Grebowsky outdid themselves with beautiful patriotic Snowbaby centerpieces. Pat and John Ehrenreich made a lovely Snowbaby picnic basket that was raffled off during the evening and won by Marge Ebersberger. The grand prize for the evening, the new D56 25th Anniversary Ice Castle was donated by Carrie's Collectibles and won by Dave Conklin.

**Carrie's Collectibles, Croton, MD  
Banner's Hallmark, Annapolis Mall  
Remembering You, Annapolis Mall  
Especially for You, Cambridge, MD**

Thanks go to John Dietz for his beautiful, moving dinner invocation. Also, thanks go to Terry Schubring for American Flags that decorated the front of the room. Thanks also go to Susan Stock for the beautiful and delicious "Snowbaby-themed" cake.

Special thanks to all of the members who came to the Dinner Dance to share an evening of togetherness in these trying times. While we cannot change the past, our thoughts and prayers for the evening were for a hopeful future.

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on  
Page 5**

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CLUBS NEWS

By Bob Keefer

### Jack's Umbrella Shop



Because the Annapolis Villagers are a member of the National Council of Clubs (NCC), once again our members have the opportunity to buy an exclusive house. Jack's Umbrella Shop and its

accompanying accessory, Is It Raining? are available to members for \$56. Each member is limited to two orders for the pair.

If you wish to order, simply fill out the order sheet attached to this Newsletter and send it with your check (payable to the Annapolis Villagers) to Peter Baer **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1**. Pete's address is, PO Box 257, Galesville, MD 20765-0257. By the way, that's Trudi's address as well!

You will note also on the order form that two pins are available. Each is \$5. The first is NCC's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Lapel Pin. I believe it is the logo at the top of the order form. The second is the 2002 Lapel Pin of "Jack's' Umbrella Shop." Notice that you may order as many of these pins as you wish.

You must be a current member to order NCC items. If you received a renewal form with your newsletter, and you want to order NCC items, include your dues and renewal with your NCC order form and payment.

If you wish to submit your order form and checks to Pete at the November club meeting, that's fine, But remember, December 1 is the deadline for ordering the NCC items!

**Check out page 5 for a color photo of Jack's Umbrella Shop.**

### ALASKAN CRUISE

In the last newsletter I gave you what remains as the most recent news on NCC's sponsored Alaskan cruise set for June 29-July 6, 2002. Prices remain from \$1199 to \$2599 per person, double occupancy. Prices do not cover airfare. These prices were expected to drop. Now, because of the September 11 tragedy, prices will probably drop even more than expected. I'll provide you with more information when I receive it.

# Pictures from our 9th Anniversary Dinner-



One of the beautiful Snowbaby Centerpieces made by Ina Devine & Jeanette Grebowsky



Snowbaby Picnic Basket by Pat and John Ehrenreich. The raffle was won by Marge Ebersburger.



They were not finished putting out all the prizes when this picture was taken. Thanks again to Carrie's Collectible, Banner's Hallmark, Remembering You and Especially for You for there generosity.



From left to right—Stella Angelucci, John Dietz, Bob Keefer & Bob Young share a laugh. At the next table, Bernie Dvorak, Trudi Baer & Norma Damico are chatting.



On the left—Joanne Bissett, Don Smith and Donna Conklin. On the right, Ray Clow and Bernice Smith.



Dean Stevenson and Nancy Lindenmeyers seated on the left and across from then, Len Lindenmeyer



Carole Dietz (left) and Ina Devine are ready to cut the beautiful Snowbaby Cake.

**Thanks Again to all who made our 9th Anniversary Dinner Dance such a memorable evening!**

**FOR CLUB MEMBERS ONLY**  
**NCC EXCLUSIVE D56 LIT HOUSE**  
**JACKS UMBRELLA SHOP**

Members you only have a short time to order this exclusive house made by D56 for the National Council of 56 Clubs (NCC).

See page 4 for full details and use enclosed order form.



Photo courtesy of Linda Petty of NY

# MORE PICTURES Russ Country Gardens & Gifts and Golden Goose Events



Happy Winners of Russ Country Gardens Display Contest

1st: Bob & Kate Eustice (Kate was not present for the picture, 2nd: Sherian & Bill Roberts; 3rd: Penny and Bernie Dvorak. Standing between Bernie & Penny is Susan Engel, D56 CEO, special guest at the event.



Kate did arrive before the Fall Festival was over and here she is being congratulated by Susan Engel and local D56 Sales Rep, Cathy Kramer.



That's Marge Ebersberger as Snowbaby "It's a Grand Old Flag" for the Costume Contest at Russ Country Gardens.

Tom Russ and Carole Wallace of Russ Country Gardens with Susan Engel and Cathy Kramer.



Rosetta Clark was ecstatic to win the Copper Dome Cathedral at Russ since she was unable to attend D56's 25th Anniversary Party.



Rita and Carl Carter captivate the audience with their very easy and quick display vignettes seminar at The Golden Goose's 25th Anniversary.



Pat and LaVerne of The Golden Goose happily cut their 25th Anniversary cake.

Bill & Sherian took 1st Place.



They Did It Again!

Winners Golden Goose's Display Contest



Kate & Bob took 2nd place.

**DEALER NEWS AND LOCAL EVENTS, ETC.**

**CARRIE'S COLLECTIBLES**

RT 450, CROFTON

(410) 721-4030

Christmas Open House

Sat Nov 11 10-5

Sun Nov 12 12-4

**Russ Country Gardens and Gifts**

Rt. 26 & Rt 27, Taylorsville MD

Discover 56 Weekend

Nov 3 -4

and Display Classes (call for space)

**MAIN STREET CORNER  
SHOPPE**

MAIN STREET, LAUREL

(301) 725-3099

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

NOV 17-18

**REMEMBERING YOU—  
CARDS, GIFTS & MORE**

ANNAPOLIS MALL

Discover 56

NOVEMBER 3 AND 4

**ESPECIALLY  
FOR YOU**

RT 50 &  
Shoal Creek Mall  
Cambridge MD

(410) 228-2880

Open House &  
Display  
Demonstration

**CHRISTMAS GOOSE**

RT 50, QUEENSTOWN MD

OPEN HOUSE

DEC 2 — 11 AM TO 3 PM

**FORGET ME NOT FACTORY**

Main Street, Ellicott City

(410) 465-7355

Weekend events thru Christmas

Call for details

**HOMESTEAD GARDENS**

DAVIDSONVILLE

(410) 798-5000

Nov 4 — Holiday Open House

Nov 10 & 17 — Display Demos

**GOLDEN GOOSE**

302 Mill Street, Occoquan, Virginia  
(Occoquan exit, before Potomac Mills, on 95 S)

(703) 494-4964

GERALD CHARLES DICKENS

DECEMBER 8

Thanks go to Banner Hallmark, Annapolis Mall, for inviting The Villagers to their October 28 Open House. It was an enjoyable event.

**We are always happy to list dealer events. Dealers please send your event information to The Village Crier for inclusion in the newsletter or email alert.**

## NEWS ABOUT DEPARTMENT 56

### D56 Showroom Open House

Local clubs were recently invited to take a tour of D56's Showroom in Northern VA. Ms. Cathy Kramer and Mr. Pat Florio, D56 Sales Representatives, and other showroom staff were our hosts for the evening. All were very helpful in answering questions. We saw all of the current houses and accessories in village displays as well as Snowbabies. It was amazing to see all of the home décor for every season as well as non-Village Christmas items. Additionally, they gave away mementos as well as door prizes and refreshments. It was a memorable treat for all who attended.

### Retirement Announcements

Department 56 will announce village retirements for 2001 on November 2, 2001. As in past years, it will be announced in a full page ad in USA Today. D56 will announce Snowbaby retirements on November 16, 2001.

### Early Announcements

D56 will unveil the first of the 2002 introductions by the end of the year but we recently learned about a few items that will soon be at your dealers. After surveying 68,000 consumers, D56 found that over 25% of the respondents decorating for 10 holidays a year including birthdays. D56 is working hard to reinforce its position as a "Celebration Company." For example, the success of D56 in Halloween is evident in its expansion. Starting in 2002, look for D56 to introduce items for all special holidays and events. These items will arrive at your dealer in the coming months:

- Snow Village for St. Patrick's Day—*McGuire's Irish Pub* and accessory sold separately, Bringing Irish Cheer.
- Easter Village—Ist in a Series—*Happy Easter House Set* includes accessory, Painting Eggs.
- The Easter Story Series—*House of the Last Supper*, set of 2 with accessory. The scale is similar to Little Town of Bethlehem and some of the accessories are compatible. Their will also be a Holy Land Backdrop that is the same size as the Halloween backdrop.
- Mother's Day Gift Sets—3 new sets will appear this year at \$65 each and all will retire December 26, 2002. For Snow Village, *Juliet's School of Fine French Cuisine* with accessory. For New England Village, *Springfield Studio* with accessory. For Dickens' Village, look for *Mrs. Brimm's Teahouse* and accessory. There will also be 2 Snowbaby items for Mother's Day—Snowbaby Hinged Box—*Unconditional Love* as well as a Snowbaby called *Look Mom, It's for You*.

## STYROFOAM FOR YOUR DISPLAYS

*By Bob Eustice*

Have you been having trouble finding Styrofoam for your display bases, mountains and backdrops? During Golden Goose's Open House, Carl and Rita Carter mentioned Greenwald's, a builders supply company in Virginia, as a place where they are able to get Styrofoam on a regular basis. I was able to locate Greenwald's in Maryland. They are located at 2507 51st Avenue, Hyattsville (301) 773-3800 (open weekdays but not on Saturdays).

Paul Hurlbut, Jeanette Grebowsky and I went over to check Greenwald's out. We were not disappointed. We found plenty of white Styrofoam in 2 X 8 foot sheets in various thickness and Blueboard in 4 X 8 sheets also in in various thickness. We all came home with more than enough Styrofoam to make our displays. As a builders supply store, Greenwald's is a reliable source for obtaining Styrofoam for all your display needs. Check it out.!



# CALENDAR

## 2001

- Nov 2 D56 announces Village retirements
- Nov and Dec—Various dealer open houses and events. See page 7 for partial listing. Call dealers for pertinent information.
- Nov 11 -12 Carries Colletibles, Crofton, MD Christmas Open House. Sat. 10 - 5 PM, Sun 12—4 PM.
- Nov 13 Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting
- Nov 16 D56 announces Snowbaby retirements
- Nov 17-18 Main St. Corner Shoppe, Laurel, Annual Open House. Members Steve & Mary Myers doing display demonstration on the Sat.
- Nov 20 Decorate Ronald McDonald House - Tentative date.

- Nov 28 Decorate Hospice Of the Chesapeake
- Dec 8 Golden Goose, Occoquan, VA. Gerald Dickens, great-great grandson of Charles Dickens, performing "A Christmas Carol"
- Dec 11 Annapolis Villagers Christmas Party

## 2002

- Jan 4-6 Annapolis Villagers House Tours
- Jan 8 Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting
- Feb 12 Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting
- Mar 12 Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**

**Let us know about  
Dealer Events, Open Houses,  
Swap & Sells, Show & Sells,  
etc.  
and we will list it**

## DIRECTIONS

### Meetings Held At American Legion Post 175

**Unless otherwise noted, all Annapolis Villagers' Membership Meetings and Board Meetings are held at The American Legion, Post 175, Severna Park in Manhattan Beach. Meetings start at 7 P.M.**

From Rt. 50, take Rt. 2 North exit. Follow Rt. 2 N (Ritchie Highway) through Arnold. After the traffic light at Rt. 2 and College Parkway, the next light is Jones Station Rd. At the Rt. 2 N and Jones Station Rd intersection (Amoco and Crown gas Stations), turn right onto Jones Station Rd and make an immediate left onto Manhattan Beach Rd which is behind the Crown Station. Follow Manhattan Beach Rd approximately two tenths of a mile. Make a left into the parking lot of The American Legion Post 175. The entrance to the Banquet Room is to the left side of the parking lot in the rear.

From Baltimore Beltway, take Rt. 2 S. Follow Rt. 2 S (Ritchie Highway) through Severna Park. At Jones Station Rd, make a left. From Jones Station Rd., proceed as above.

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,  
WE WILL FOLLOW  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SCHOOLS.**

## From the Editor.....

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of The Crier. We hope you enjoy it.

If you have news to share, email me at news56@aol.com or call me at (410) 647-1680.

*Pat Ehrenreich*



**NEWS DEADLINE FOR  
THE NEXT ISSUE OF  
THE VILLAGE CRIER**

**Deadline for the next issue of *The Crier* is October 19, 2001. Please send your items of interest so that they are received by the deadline.**

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*INSIDE THIS ISSUE*



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