



THE VILLAGE CRIER

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ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Officers of *The Annapolis Villagers* was held at the July meeting. The following were elected and will be installed at the September meeting:

President: Bill Murphy
Vice President: John Ehrenreich
Treasurer: Peter Baer
Secretary: Judy Picciotto

The President and Treasurer were elected to two year terms and the Vice President and Secretary were to one year terms. In accordance with by law changes made this year, future elections will have the President and Treasurer elected to two year terms in even years while the Vice President and Secretary will be elected to two year terms in odd years.

We want to thank the Nominating Committee for performing the important task of presenting the membership with a slate of officers. There were no nominations from the floor.

MEMBERS MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 1996

The next meeting of *The Annapolis Villagers* will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 1996. The meeting will be held at The American Legion, Post 175, Manhattan Beach, Severna Park, Maryland. Directions to the meeting are on page 8.

Agenda --Installation of Officers
 --Upcoming Villager and dealer events
 --Villager's Retirement & Display Contests
 --*Carrie's Collectibles*/Crofton will bring a display of the new mid year releases

COME TO THE ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS'

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Annapolis Villagers will celebrate our 4th Anniversary Party at 7:00 PM on Sept. 20, 1996. We have made plans for a gala dinner at The Annapolis Fleet Reserve Club.



The cost is \$25.00 per member. Members with single membership may bring one guest at the same cost of \$25.00. Dinner includes salad bar, any entree' on the menu, and an after-dinner cordial. As last year, music for dancing will be provided by the popular band *Yellow Brick Road*.

We are planning gifts, prizes and surprises. John Ehrenreich is chairing the Anniversary Party Committee. If you would like to assist him, please let him know. Due to the popularity of *Yellow Brick Road*, we are limited to seating for 30 persons. If you would like to attend, send your check or money order by September 13, 1996 to *The Annapolis Villagers*, P. O. Box 2083, Annapolis, MD 21404. Be sure to indicate the following with your check: Anniversary Dance and number of tickets.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is that time of year to renew membership in *The Annapolis Villagers*. The membership renewal form and questionnaire are attached to this newsletter. We have done many exciting things in the past year that would not have been possible without the enthusiastic support of our members. The new officers, and the Board of Directors, are already at work on plans for 1996-1997.

THE PREZ SAYS.....

Let me begin by thanking everyone for electing the slate of officers presented to the members. We look forward to a year of continued growth and prosperity. During our July party, we announced several upcoming events that should be enjoyable and rewarding. However, as is the case with most activities, we will need volunteers to help make the events successful.

By the September membership meeting, I hope to present a complete listing of all the Committees and Chairpersons. If you would like to be on a committee, please let me know. Even if you are unsure what you would like to do, contact me. I will work with you to find a place where you will feel comfortable. Even if you cannot serve on a committee at this time, your help is needed. Many of the upcoming events require any member attending to help out whenever possible. Ahead of us, we need volunteers for dealer open houses, and selling food at the Christmas Goose Swap and Sell. Also, our Auction, Bus Trip to Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic Village Gathering all require members to get involved.

With this newsletter you will find your dues renewal and a brief questionnaire. Please take the time to respond to the questionnaire and forward it with your dues. The purpose of the questionnaire is to find out how you feel the club is operating and in what areas you would like to see adjustments.

During the July meeting/party, members present voted to accept a proposal for a Club Pin. Department 56 club pins are very collectible. I expect to have the color art work for the proposed Club Pin at the September membership meeting. It will be up to the membership to make the final selection of the design so that we can get estimates on producing our pin in time for Williamsburg, 1997. Once we have selected a design, we can also look into the cost of club shirts that members have asked about. In order to afford the initial investment required for these projects, we are holding an Auction following the L & H Miniature's Presentation in October.

Looking forward to another great year for the Villagers,

Bill Murphy

1995 MID ATLANTIC GATHING EVENT PINS STILL AVAILABLE

Many members have requested event pins from the last Williamsburg gathering. They are still available for the original \$5.00 per pin. You must place your order with Bill Murphy, (410)757-4582, by September 10. These pins are collectible and will shortly be available only on the secondary market.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TWO EVENTS ON OCTOBER 6, 1996...

L & H MINIATURES

Linda and Howard Hoffman, L & H Miniatures, will be the guests of The Annapolis Villagers at a special meeting on Sunday, October 6, 1996, 1:00 p.m. The Hoffman's are the makers of beautifully realistic people and accessories for your village. They have been at the Williamsburg Gathering Show and Sell and several other gatherings and clubs around the country. If you have never met them or seen their products you are in for a treat. The Hoffman's give a very informative presentation and they will have items available for sale.

AUCTION!

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following L & H's presentation, *The Annapolis Villagers* will hold an Auction. Member John Dietz, a professional Auctioneer, will run the Auction. We need the help of members for usable, saleable items--now is the time to go through closets, basements and attics. We are also asking members to contact businesses they patronize for donations of lunches, dinners, goods or services to include in our auction.

All donations will be acknowledged.

Contact John Dietz at 757-1136 if you would like to help with the Auction, have questions or to make donations.

AS THE VILLAGE GROWS...



Honey, I have got a great idea--let's donate all this stuff we have in the closet to The Annapolis Villager's Auction.

Then, we will have more room for important things--the boxes to our villages!

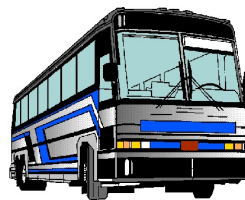
D56 Trivia:: What is the only New England Village building that is a D56 rendition of an actual building?

Answer on page 7

ANOTHER DISPLAY CONTEST COMING UP

In addition to our usual display ideas program at the November meeting, we will have a display contest. The subject of the contest will be for members to use D56 items to create a centerpiece. The only restrictions are that D56 items must be incorporated in the display and the size is limited to a base of 18" by 18" (actual size may vary but the base can not exceed those dimensions.) You may bring table cloths, place settings, etc. to accentuate your Center Piece. Prizes will be awarded. More information will be in the October / November newsletter.

DICKENS BUS TRIP PLANNED



During past Christmas seasons, *The Annapolis Villagers* attended a Dickens play or had a Christmas Party / Dinner Dance. This year, instead of the play or dinner party, we planned something new. We had such a positive response after our last bus trip that many asked when we would have another. Well, here it is. We combined the play and dinner with a bus trip. You will not want to miss it. On

Saturday, December 7, we leave Severna Park, Md. at 8:30 AM for the Lancaster, Pa. area with three stops on our agenda. We expect to arrive back in Severna Park at 9:00 PM.

See the attached flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information and order form. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Cost will be \$45.00 per person. If you prepay by October 1, 1996 you will receive a \$5.00 Early Bird Discount per ticket. After the October 1 date, ticket sales will be at the regular price and open to non-club members.

WIN TWO TICKETS FOR THE BUS TRIP

We are selling chances at \$1.00 each to win two tickets to our Dickens's Bus Trip. If the winner of the bus trip tickets has already purchased tickets, they will be refunded the cost of their tickets. Tickets will be available at our September meeting. We are also asking members to take and sell tickets.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Bernice and Don Smith...on the recent birth of their granddaughter.

Pat Fisher...who had her beautiful needle work on display in June & July at Mountpelier Mansion, Prince George's County.

VILLAGERS ENJOY BRUNCH FEST

Our Summer Brunch Fest was held on June 23 at the Annapolis Fleet Reserve Club. The weather cooperated and we were able to enjoy a delicious brunch and watch the boats in the Annapolis Harbour.

The drawing for the ***SV Ice Palace*** was held. The winner was: Steve Belin, of Pennsylvania. The winning ticket was sold at ***PA5-6000*** in Lancaster, PA. Part of the proceeds of our raffle were designated for ***Ronald McDonald House*** in Baltimore. We are proud to announce that we made a \$200 donation on behalf of ***The Annapolis Villagers***. We received a gracious thank you note which will be available at the September meeting.

The club presented Jack and Ann Graff a thank you gift for their dedication to the club over the years. The Graffs have moved to Pennsylvania. The gift was a basket filled with Annapolis mementos, including hats and tee shirts.

GREAT FUN AT CHRISTMAS IN JULY PARTY

Our annual ***Christmas in July*** party took place on Saturday, July 20. Our gracious hostess and host were Trudy and Peter Baer at their lovely home in Galesville. Members bought a delicious variety of condiments, salads and desserts to go with the barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers. The weather could not have been better as we gathered poolside for the party. There was even an evergreen to place gifts under for the ornament exchange. Villagers also got to see the lovely glass-enclosed curio cabinet Trudy designed and Peter built for their very creative year-round Dickens Village display.



Here we GROW again. This month, the Villagers welcome new members:

George & Carla Barth of Odenton, MD
Norma C. Damico of Crofton, MD
Greg Flowers of Columbia, MD
Helen Kane of Riva, MD
David & Peggy Perry of Crofton, MD
Claude & Diana Ward of Arnold, MD
Terry Ann Franz of Glen Burnie, MD

DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLES

WINNER	PRIZE	CONTRIBUTOR
Judy Picciotto	Snowflakes, set of 2	Don and Bernice Smith
Lynne Murphy	HV Chelsea Market Flower Monger	Pat Fisher
John Stevenson	Large Landscape Tree	Don and Bernice Smith
Jack Baldwin	Landscape Trees, set of 17	Country Cottage, Severna Park, MD
Pat Ehrenreich	Dickens Village 1993 calendar	The Touch, Lexington Park

<p>John Ogle is a Lucky Duck. He was the winner of our Duck Raffle and won a Christmas Grab Bag of Gifts. The bag was brimming with gifts valued at over \$100 retail.</p>	<p>Department 56 Display Video Brixton Road Watchman, D56 Heritage Village access. Snowbaby Puzzle \$10 Gift Certificate Silver Dickens"s Bell Brass Dickens' Trivet Snowbaby Collector's Pin National Council of 56 Clubs Bag and T-shirt 1995 Williamsburg Gathering Hat and Visor The Nativity, Snow Village accessory 1993 Williamsburg Gathering Event Piece</p>	<p><i>Christmas Goose</i>, Queenstown, MD <i>Christmas Goose</i>, Queenstown, MD <i>Bay Hills Cards and Gifts</i>, Arnold, MD <i>Bay Hills Cards and Gifts</i>, Arnold, MD <i>Banner Hallmark</i>, Annapolis Mall Carole Dietz <i>Annapolis Villagers</i> <i>Annapolis Villagers</i> <i>Annapolis Villagers</i> <i>Annapolis Villagers</i> <i>Annapolis Villagers</i></p>
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We would like to thank Bernice Smith and her committee for gathering prizes from dealers and members who donated prizes as well. We also encourage winners and members to patronize the dealers who support our club with contributions of door prizes, contest and raffle prizes. When visiting, let dealers know you are a member of *The Annapolis Villagers*.

***WILLIAMSBURG GATHERING
MARCH 14, 15 & 16 1997***

If you made your hotel reservations through 1-800-HISTORY, watch your mailbox for event and meal ticket information in September. Due to space limitations, meal seating at the Gathering will be limited. If you want to attend the gathering meals, we strongly suggest that you purchase your ticket and meal order as soon as you receive it. You will also receive more information about the Gathering with your ticket order.

The Woodlands, where the Gathering will be held, is sold out. However, other hotel rooms are still available if you want to attend. Call 1 800 HISTORY, Group Reservations. Be sure to mention that it is for the ***Mid Atlantic Village Gathering*** and that you are a member of ***The Annapolis Villagers***.

Going to the Gathering?
Please let us know if you are attending the Gathering. In some cases, people were not asked their club affiliation when they registered for their hotel accommodations. The Program Book for the Gathering will contain attendees by club if they have the information. We want to be sure that all of our members attending are listed with *The Annapolis Villagers*.



Got an original idea about collecting Villages? Send your ideas to the Village Crier at our post office box.

D56 NEEDLEWORK PATTERN BOOKS

If you like to CrossStitch, you are in for a real treat--pattern books for DV,NP, CIC and SV. The books are published by Cy DeCasse and contain 15 patterns each. Locally, the books are available Walden's at \$19.95 each. The books are not in the store as yet but they can be ordered. Bernice Smith will have her DV & NP books available at the September meeting.

SNOWBABY STARTER KIT

D56 is putting together a Snowbaby Starter Kit. According to D56 Customer Service, the kit contains existing 1995 issue Snowbaby items: ***Snowbaby Gazing through Telescope I See You, set /2, 3 Penguins and Cream Sisal Frosty Pines and a bag of Real Plastic Snow.*** The Penguins sold separately come in sets of 6. We have heard that this set would be available exclusively in 1996 through Gift Creation Concept Dealers (GCC) and the May Company (locally, Hecht's), then after January, 1997 at all

Snowbaby dealers. D56 Customer Service stated that they have received no announcement from the company on the marketing of the starter kit. The Crier will keep you posted.

**MORE D56 NEWS.....
RETIREMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

In addition to all of the hoopla over D56's retirement of the complete *Disney Parks Village*, there were other mid year retirements. For the first time Snowbunnies were retired. As we mentioned in April/May, D56 retired the sign for *All Through the House*. The 1997 dated Easter figures will be bunnies again--but we were assured that they will be different.

Snowbunnies are growing in popularity and appeal. Unlike Disney Parks Village which can still be found in some store shelves, collectors went out quickly to purchase the retiring Snowbunnies. If you are interested in any of the retired Snowbunnies, check with your dealer now. Here are the lists:

(Note: the date in parenthesis is the year of issue)

Retired Snowbunnies

<i>Item #</i>	<i>Snowbunny</i>	<i>Orig. Issue Price</i>
	<i>I'll Color the Easter Egg</i> (note: dated 1995, issued 1996)	\$20.00
2602-6	<i>A Tisket, A Tasket</i>	\$15.00
2603-4	<i>I'll Paint the Top</i>	\$30.00
2623-9	<i>My Woodland Wagon by Turtle Creek</i>	\$32.50



*Just when you thought it was
safe to save for 1997 introductions
Look out!*



New Snowbunny Introductions

*Look for these 1996 introductions coming to
your dealer for next year*

<i>Item #</i>	<i>Snowbunny</i>	<i>Issue Price</i>
26272	<i>I've Got a Brand New Pair of Rollerblades</i>	\$25.00
26273	<i>Happy Birthday to You, set/2</i>	\$30.00
26274	<i>Easy Does It, set/2</i>	\$30.00
26275	<i>Is There Room for Me?</i>	\$18.00
26276	<i>Let's All Sing like the Birdies, set/2</i>	\$40.00
26277	<i>Welcome to the Neighborhood</i>	\$25.00
26278	<i>Just a Little Off the Top/set/3</i>	\$17.00
26280	<i>Slow Moving Vehicle</i>	\$45.00
26281	<i>To Market, To Market Delivering Eggs</i>	\$65.00
26282	<i>Counting the Days 'till Easter</i> Limited to Production, 1997	\$22.50
26283	<i>On a Tricycle Built for Two</i> LIMITED EDITION OF 17,500	\$32.50

26284	<i>You Make Me Laugh, Music Box</i>	\$32.50
26285	<i>Rock-A-Bye Bunny,</i> Waterglobe/Music Box	\$25.00

Yes, you read that right--there will be a limited edition Snowbunny in 1996. Contact your dealer now to place your name on a waiting list if you are interested.

VILLAGES ARRIVING IN STORES

D56 1996 village introductions continue to arrive at local dealers. The weathered wood-look of *NEV Pierce Boatworks* is realistic. *DV Dursley Manor* is stunning. You will need room to add the wonderful *Tally Ho!* Fox hunt on the manor grounds. Yes, you will need the new DV Christmas Carol Cottage with smoking chimney. It is a charmer. The *SV Ice Palace* is not only enchanting to SV collectors. Dealers report brisk sales to NP and other village collectors---even to miniature Snowbaby collectors. Two of the new *Winter Silhouettes* may just steal your heart. *A Family Tradition* beautifully depicts a mother and children setting up a table-top village display--of course, the houses light up! A light in the chimney while *Santa Filling the Stockings* gives off a warm glow and will bring back many Christmas memories.

As for mid-year releases, *DV Butter Tub Farm and Barn* are beautiful. Some collectors are wondering how the barn ended up with a prominent drain pipe in the Victorian era Dickens Village. We asked D56 Customer Service and were told that each piece is researched for accuracy and, a drainpipe is historically accurate for the late 19th century era. Interestingly, we have also heard from collectors that with its modern look, *Butter Tub Farm/Barn* is appropriate for New England Village. We know that *DV Blenheim Bank* has found its way into some CIC collections.

The Crier's comment is: It's your village. You can mix and/or match houses and accessories any way that you like. We know there are purists out there but a great display of Heritage Village and Snow Village (all in one display!) can be found in *America's Railroads on Parade*, a train museum in Williamsburg, VA. Even with the diversity of the building designs and the trains, it all comes together beautifully.

UPCOMING SWAP AND SELLS

There are two upcoming Swap and Sell/Open Houses in our area: Sept. 14, at *The Christmas Goose*, Queenstown. Sept. 20, *Russ Country Gardens*, of Taylorsville, will have their Swap and Sell nearby at the Winfield Fire Hall. Check calendar for more information.

HOT DOGS, SODAS AND CHIPS



Bob Genova, of *The Christmas Goose*, asked *The Villagers* about selling hot dogs, chips and sodas at the September 14 Swap and Sell. We provide the food and keep the profit from sales.

This is an unexpected opportunity to raise funds and the members present at the July meeting voted to accept Mr. Genova's offer. John Ogle is the chairman of this event. Volunteers are needed for 1 hour shifts from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Swap and Sell. If you would like to assist in any way, contact John Ogle (410) 268-5069.

THIS OLDE VILLAGE

by Bob Villager

As I promised you last month, here are some quick and easy ideas that are sure to bring your village to life: For a warm and cozy glow of a fireplace in your smaller village houses try using a flicker light bulb. For more variety use different color lights in some of village buildings. For instance, a blue light in DV Whittesborne Church is nice. For an eerie effect, try a green light in Ebenezer Scrooge's house.

You can add more "life" to your village by adding some signs. Making signs using your computer is fun and easy. Type the information you want in bold. Signs can also be made on the typewriter or by hand. Cover with large clear tape attach to table or to any building with tacky wax or string across two buildings.

Coming Soon!
Theatre Royale
will present
"As You Like It"
direct from
London

**FABRIC
SALE
TODAY**

Here is an example of a sign that can go across a street.

HOLLYDALE'S DEPARTMENT STORE
THE STORE FOR ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
SEE SANTA ARRIVE IN OUR PARADE NOV. 20

To make sidewalk signs, cut the paper twice the size of your sign. Cover with clear tape and fold in half. Trim excess tape.

**HANK'S
MARKET
FREE
DELIVERY**

**WONG'S
LUNCH
SPECIAL
\$.69**

**ROOMS TO
RENT
PIED BULL
INN**

This idea came from Al Black, author of "Filling Your Village". In DV, CIC, SV, for example, you can find several houses that have to do with clothing. For CIC Dorothy's, DV Walpole Tailors or DV Wool Shop, you can easily and inexpensively make a fabric table for outside the shops.

Fabric: Cut 1 inch by 1 inch pieces of poster board. Fold in half lengthwise. Take scraps of fabric and wind them around the folded poster board a few times. Arrange fabrics on table.

Table: Take a miniature bucket, glue a small disk on the bottom. Turn the table over and set up your fabric display.

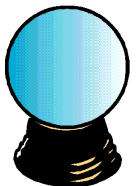
Your little tables can also come in handy to display in miniature the wares of other trades persons. For example, in Dickens Village, you can display miniature "antique" items in front of Mr. and Mrs. Pickle. You could also display charms or other miniatures in front of Hembleton Pewterer.

You don't need a table to display some items. For DV Bumpstead Nye Cloaks and Canes, fashion canes from small pieces of different color electrical wire. Stand them up outside the shop or make your own cane holder with a small piece of plastic tubing. To keep it steady, place it over a small stone then insert your colorful canes.

ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS TO HOLD A CONTEST ON D56 RETIREMENTS

Members, get your crystal ball out, put on your thinking cap or do whatever you need to come up with what D56 will retire on November 8.

Details of this contest and the prizes will be announced in our next newsletter.



VILLAGE SOUNDS STILL AVAILABLE

For the sound of music and more with your village, *Les Sechler Specialty Products* now carries the *Original Village Sounds*. This was licensed to D56 and D56 discontinued it last year. The creator now has the rights back and has continued to produce it. In addition to *Village Sounds*, they have two new village tapes called *A Day In The Village*. They are similar to *Village Sounds* but longer, 23 minutes. Both tapes are the same except one is without Christmas music in the background. A third tape is *Santa's Village* for collectors of North Pole. Mr. Sechler also has a stereo system for your village. It includes an auto reverse cassette player, hidden in a scenic pond and two trees that hide the speakers. *A Day In The Village* tapes sell for

\$14.00, *Santa's Village* for \$10.00 and the Stereo system for \$50.00. You can order directly from Les Sechler Products (303)674-9399. Mr. Sechler can also be contacted by E-mail at lessechler@aol.com

1996 GREENBOOK and Willage Mania

Editor's note: *Whether or not you are a seasoned collector or a new collector, there are guide books on the market if you are looking for retired pieces. Both **The Greenbook** and **Willage Mania** list current secondary prices (as of the date of their respective publications) for retired pieces. Are these the best prices you can expect to pay on the secondary market? Remember, these are secondary market guides. The final price you pay is up to you and it is wise to shop around, especially for pieces that seem in larger supply than others.*

The 5th edition of *The Greenbook Guide to Department 56* will be shipped to dealers in September. There will be two books again. According to Peter George, *Greenbook* historian, the exciting news is that the photographs are now in full color. The price is \$24.50 for each book plus shipping/handling. The books also come with history lists.

The Dickens Exchange is taking orders for the 1996 supplement to *Willage Mania III*. The price is \$10 for the supplement. In addition to secondary market pricing, it includes a color picture of the pieces (any variations) as well as the history of the piece. *Willage Mania III + 1995* supplement is available for \$40. Prices do not include shipping and handling. Call (505) 845-1954.

THE ANNAPOLIS VILLAGER'S WISH LIST

Are you looking for that one retired lighted house that eluded you? Perhaps your village has grown to the point that the only way you can add that one new house that is a *must have* is to sell one of your existing pieces. Well, if either of these situations describes you, Annapolis Villagers may be able to help. If you are looking for a particular item, or have an item to sell or trade, you can contact Jeannette Grebowsky and let her know of your wish. She also maintains a list of pieces that are "For Sale / Trade" from club members. Jeannette will put you in contact with the perspective buyer or seller. Annapolis Villagers are not involved in the transaction. It is up to the individuals to strike their own bargain. You can contact Jeannette at (301)552-2910.

Club members have the following D56 items for sale or trade:

Christmas In The City
ARTS ACADEMY
Dickens Village

CANDLE SHOP (nb) WALPOLE
TAILORS
BRICK ABBEY (ff) BOARDING & LODGING SCH.
#18

New England Village
CRAGGY COVE L/H ICHABOD CRANE'S
COTTAGE

Alpine Village
BAHNHOF

Accessories
THE BIRD SELLER BACHMAN'S SQUASH
CART

Snowbabies
CAN I OPEN IT NOW

Trade wanted:

Your Brick Abbey for DV Postern, Gate House, Dedlock, Pied Bull, Sir John Falstaff.

NORTH POLE ACRYLIC ACCESSORIES

If you were waiting for *I'll Need More Toys* and *Busy Elf Sculpts NP Sign*, D56 was busy perfecting the look of the acrylic. Both accessories are arriving in stores. The acrylic on the accessories reaching dealers now is clear like an icicle. We are trying to find out if any of the first ones were shipped so collectors will know of the variation. The Crier will keep you posted. (**Bob Villager Note: Try shining the new Department 56 Spotlights on the acrylic NP accessories.**)

TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER:

One if by land, two if by sea. While D56 may have been inspired by actual buildings in many of their designs, the only New England Village building that is a D56 rendition of an actual building is the Old North Church of Paul Revere fame. The original Old North Church is located in Boston, Mass. P.S. Has anyone noticed the similarity of Old North Church to another colonial era landmark? The next time you are in Annapolis, MD, check out St. Ann's on Church Circle.

CALENDAR

Let us know about dealer events, swap & sells and open houses, etc and we will list them here.

Aug 23-25

Southern Regional D56 Gathering, Greenville, S.C. For info call (864) 967-2613 or (864) 963-

9242.

- Sept. 7-8 **Bachman's Village Gathering**, Minn., MN. For info. call Bachman's, 1-800-4-BLOOMS.
- Sept. 10 **Annapolis Villagers** Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at The American Legion Post 175.
- Sept. 13 Last day to reserve seating for our Fifth Anniversary Party.
- Sept. 14 **Christmas Goose**, Queenstown, MD Open House and Swap & Sell. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Call Bob Genova, (410)827-5252, for information and tables.
- Sept. 20 **Annapolis Villagers** Fourth Anniversary Party. 7:00 PM Diner Dance at The Annapolis Fleet Reserve Club. \$25.00 per person.
- Sept. 21 **The Shenandoah Valley Villagers 2nd Annual D56 Swap & Sell**, Clarke County Fairgrounds, Berryville, VA, (540) 955-2921
- Sept. 22 **Russ Country Gardens & Gifts**, Taylorsville, MD. Swap & Sell. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM at the Winfield Fire Hall. For additional information or table rental call (410) 875-2385 or 1-800-371-2385.
- Oct. 1 Last day to reserve **Early Bird Discount** tickets for the Dec. 7 bus trip.
- Oct. 6 **Annapolis Villagers** presents L & H Miniatures and Fund Raiser Auction, American Legion Post 175. 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 8 **Annapolis Villagers** Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 20 **Golden Goose**, Occoquan, VA. Annual Dept. 56 Open House, (703)494-4964
- Nov. 7-11 **D56's 1996 "Home for the Holidays" dealer events**. Look for more info in future editions of The Village Crier.
- Nov. 8 **"NEW " D56 Retirement Day**. See USA Today.
- Nov. 12 **Annapolis Villagers** Members meeting, 7:00p.m.
- Dec. 7 **Annapolis Villagers "A Charles Dickens Victorian Christmas" Bus Trip**. Contact John Ehrenreich, (410)647-1680 for info.
- Dec. 10 **Annapolis Villagers** Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 14 **Annapolis Villagers** Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 14, 15, 16 **Mid Atlantic Village Gathering**, Williamsburg, VA, call 1-800-HISTORY for reservations.

DIRECTIONS TO SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING



From Rt. 50, take Rt. 2 North Exit. Follow Rt. 2 North (Ritchie Highway) through Arnold. After the traffic light at Rt. 2 and College Parkway, the next light is Jones Station Road. On your right, you will see an Amoco Gas Station and a Crown Gas Station on the opposite corners.

At the intersection of Rt. 2 North and Jones Station Road, turn right onto Jones Station Road and make an immediate left onto Manhattan Beach Road which is between the Crown Gas Station and the wooded area with the Manhattan Beach Community and American Legion Post 175 signs. Follow Manhattan Beach Road approximately two tenths of a mile and make a left into the parking lot of American Legion Post 175. The entrance to the Banquet Room is to the left side of the parking lot in the rear.

From Route 2 South (Ritchie Highway) At Jones Station Road, make a left and make an immediate left onto Manhattan Beach Road. Proceed as above.

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for another exciting year with the Villagers.

Pat Ehrenreich

Deadline of October-November Village Crier is October 3. Please send your items of interest so that they are received by October 3.

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**EMAIL: news56@aol.com
with questions, comments, articles, etc.**