



THE VILLAGE CRIER

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ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS



We want to thank everyone who renewed their membership in *The Annapolis Villagers*. If you have not renewed, there is still time--if you act now. In case you misplaced your renewal form, you will receive a note from Pat Fisher, Membership Chairperson, with a final opportunity to renew.

MEMBERS MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 1996

The next meeting of *The Annapolis Villagers* will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 12, 1996. The meeting will be held at *The American Legion*, Post 175, Manhattan Beach, Severna Park, MD. Directions to the meeting are on page 9.

- Agenda
- Retirement Contest winners
 - Display Techniques
 - Centerpiece Contest

More information about the contests are inside this issue. If you are a current member and would like to take part in the centerpiece contest or need space to present your display ideas, please contact John Ehrenreich at (401) 647-1680 or email JonAE@aol.com

BRING CANNED GOODS OR OTHER ITEMS FOR THE NEEDY TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING

All members attending the November meeting are asked to bring a non perishable food item or toiletry. These items will be donated to a local charity selected by the members at the meeting.

VILLAGERS CELEBRATE 4TH ANNIVERSARY



Friday, September 7, 1996 was a night to remember for the Villagers who came to *The Fleet Reserve Club*, Annapolis. After a fine dinner and cordials with dessert, Villagers danced to the music of the popular local band *Yellow Brick Road*.

Just about all of the Villagers got out on the dance floor when the band played *The Village People's* hit song, *YMCA*.

Everyone who attended received a thank you gift from the club; either a D56 Candle Snuffer or D56 Spotlights. One lucky member at each table won a beautiful centerpiece made by Jeanette Grebowsky. We want to thank everyone who helped make our Anniversary Party an overwhelming success. *For all of the prizes and winners, see page 7.*

*Homes for the Holidays and other Dealer Events –
A handy calendar list is included in this issue of The Crier.*

MEMBERS NEEDED FOR HOMES FOR HOLIDAYS EVENTS

No experience required!

Several dealers have asked for club members to serve as a host/hostess at *Homes for the Holidays* events. Dealers would like our club members to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for collecting Department 56. If you would like to volunteer an hour or two at your favorite dealer or another local dealer, please contact John Ehrenreich at (410)647-1680.

THE PREZ SAYS.....

The club is indeed fortunate to have a nucleus of very dedicated members willing to support the club in our many activities. These same members are the first to volunteer to take an office or handle any job for the betterment of the club. It is encouraging to see some of the newer members getting involved and coming out to support our activities and enjoying the camaraderie.

All of the recent events were successful. We had a great Anniversary Dinner Dance with beautiful centerpieces and gifts. Bernice Smith and Jeannette Grebowsky outdid themselves. Thanks to John Ogle and his helpers for selling hot dogs at the **Christmas Goose** Swap & Sell and at our Auction.

The special weekend meeting featuring **L & H Miniatures** presentation of their products and how they are made, along with the history of casting, was very enjoyable. John Dietz and his assistants conducted a very successful Auction immediately following L & H. Thanks to the members and the merchants who donated all the merchandise.

It was a bit disappointing not to have more members and friends attend this special meeting and major fund raiser. Once again, it was the nucleus who were the successful bidders on the merchandise. I also do not believe that we attracted any additional members by having a weekend meeting.

We are proceeding with the purchase of the club pins based on the selection of the black silhouette with a red ribbon and **Annapolis Villagers** on the ribbon. Hopefully, I can have specifics by our next membership meeting.

Since membership renewals are still coming in, we have not had a chance to review the questionnaires being returned. This will be done as soon as possible and, the information will be reported in a subsequent newsletter. The Bus Trip is about sold out, so hurry if you do not want to be left behind. Hopefully, we will have a good showing on the new Retirement Contest and the Centerpiece Display Contest for the November meeting. I will bring the 1995 Mid-Atlantic Gathering Pins to the November meeting for those members who have asked me to obtain them.

Looking forward to an exciting **Homes For The Holidays** weekend. Be sure to support your favorite dealer, promote D56 and your club.

Bill Murphy

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D56 Trivia: Which D56 village is celebrating a big anniversary in 1997? **Answer on page 8.**

L & H MINIATURES AND AUCTION

If you were not at our special October 6 presentation of L & H Miniatures and Fund Raising Auction, you missed a great afternoon and great bargains.

We want to thank all of the members who spent many hours of their time and talent to make October 6 happen. While we would have liked to see more members take advantage of the L & H Miniature presentation and Auction, we want to thank those who did attend in support of the club.

If you did not attend, you missed a wonderful opportunity to meet Linda and Howard (Huffy) Hoffman and purchase their beautiful handmade items to add life to your village. Linda and Huffy also donated one of their products as a door prize for a future club meeting.

While support of this major fund raiser was disappointing, members who did attend the Auction found great deals on mostly new items--including new and retired Department 56, gift certificates for meals and services, gift baskets and new household items donated by local merchants and club members.....**You should have been there.** See page 6 for a full list of donors.

As a result of the successful auction, we now can proceed with purchasing club pins. We will also be able to make an additional charitable donation to a charity as yet to be determined.

The Search for Village....



"Sarge, we got people everywhere, all I keep hearing is something about a retirement but it's more like a riot than a retirement. Whoever is retiring must be big!"

RETIREMENT CONTEST

Members, in the last edition of The Crier we told you to get your crystal ball out, put on your thinking cap or do whatever you need to come up with the retirements D56 will announce on November 8. Are you ready for the Villagers' 3rd Annual Contest?



At the end of the newsletter you will find your entry form (two, if there are two members in the household) for the retirement contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries with the highest score. 1st Place prize will be a retired Lighted House; 2nd Place will be a retired Accessory; 3rd Place will be a current Accessory. This year, predictions will be limited to Snow Village, Dickens' Village, Alpine Village, New England Village, North Pole, Christmas In The City, Heritage Village Accessories and Snowbabies. Other Dept 56 items such as All Through The House, Upstairs / Downstairs Bears, miniature Snowbabies, Water Globes, Music Boxes, etc. are not a part of the contest.

Contest rules are on the entry form. Complete the form and return to Annapolis Villagers. All entries ***must be received by Monday, November 4, 1996.*** Entry forms are divided by collection and issue year with each item product number and name. Remember, D56 began a new numbering system this year, with each piece, even if part of a set, having an unique number. Therefore, it is possible for D56 to retire part of a set.

Mail completed entries to contest judges:

Bob & Ann Keefer	<i>OR</i>	John Ehrenreich
322 Chalet Drive		304 Gordon Avenue
Millersville, Md 21108		Severna Park, MD 21146

Only one entry per member will be accepted. Make sure your name is on the entry form. Use whatever resource you wish, such as the Green Book, Willage Mania, History List, etc.

Last year, D56 retired 8 SV lighted houses and 7 SV accessories. Also retired were 8 DV, 3 NE, 2 CIC, and 4 NP lighted houses and 13 HV accessories. No AV were retired. Snowbabies saw 6 retirements. *Good luck!*

CLUB BADGES ARE AVAILABLE

Club badges are available for all members. The green and white badges contain the club name, logo and your name. The badges are made by a local company for The Villagers and are available for \$3.25 each. Wearing the badges to Villager meetings and functions helps everyone to get to know each other. Wearing your badge to Swap & Sells and Gatherings identifies you as a proud member of *The Annapolis Villagers*. If you would like a club badge, call Bill Murphy at 757-4582.

D56 Trivia: What was the first year that D56 announced retirements for Dickens Village? *Answer on page 8*

VILLAGERS PROCEED WITH CLUB PINS

During the September meeting, the members voted on the design for our club pin. Due to the successful auction and other recent fund raising events, we now have sufficient funds to proceed with this much requested item. Bill Murphy will soon be placing an order for the pins. It will take approximately 12 weeks to produce and receive the pins. At our next meeting, we will take orders from members for the pins. As of January 1, the pins will be available to other clubs through the National Council of "56" Clubs and through the on line services. We will also sell them at the Williamsburg Gathering. Club pins are highly sought after and are very collectible. Do not miss out on the opportunity obtain your beautiful club pin.

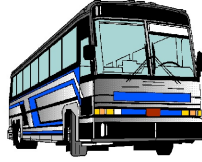
ENTER THE CENTERPIECE CONTEST AT NOVEMBER 12 MEETING

The subject of the contest will be for members to use D56 items to create a centerpiece. The only restriction is that at least one D56 item must be incorporated in the display. You can use flowers, greens, candles or any other items in your centerpiece. The total size of each display is limited to a base of 18" by 18" (actual size may vary but the base can not exceed those dimensions.) Judging will be done by members present at the meeting. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third Place.

You may bring table cloths, place settings, etc. to accent your Centerpiece. If you wish to enter the contest, please let John Ehrenreich, (410)647-1680, know in advance so that an adequate number of tables are available for displays. Contestants should arrive at the meeting at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting.

DICKENS BUS TRIP

Sales for our December 7 Dickens Bus Trip are brisk. Only a few seats are still available. Our trip includes the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire's Production of a Dickens Christmas at Mount Hope Winery, a Pennsylvania Dutch Family Style dinner at Good 'n' Plenty Restaurant and shopping at Christmas Tree Hill in the Mansion, a D56 Gold Key dealer. Tickets are **\$45.00 per person**. If you are interested in joining us, **don't risk being told the bus is sold out. Send your check or money order to:**



**John Ehrenreich
304 Gordon Avenue
Severna Park, MD 21146-4319**

WIN TWO TICKETS FOR THE BUS TRIP

We have reserved two seats on our Dickens bus trip and are selling chances at \$1.00 each. If the winner has already purchased bus tickets, they will be refunded the cost of their tickets. Raffle Tickets are available until our November 12 meeting when the drawing will be held.

WILLIAMSBURG GATHERING MARCH 14, 15 & 16 1997

**PETER & JEANNE GEORGE
MASTER AND MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES
GERALD DICKENS
AND GUEST SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED**

Mid-Atlantic Village Gathering, Inc. has announced that the theme of the March, 1997 Gathering will be ***The Magic of a Colonial Christmas***. Peter and Jeanne George, publishers of *The Village Chronicle*, will be the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies. Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy *A Christmas Carol* with Gerald Dickens, great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens. To date, the speakers include Sandra Beckwith, display expert, and producer of her own video, Al Black author of *Filling Your Village*, Lynda Blankenship, publisher *The Dickens Exchange*, Matt Storer, of *VillageView*, D56 computer programs and Frank Wilson, owner *Cottage Locator*. The seminars will include D56 experts and collectors presenting imaginative display ideas. Once again, Charles and Emma Staump will be handcrafting the event piece. There will also be an event pin, commemorative U. S. Postal Service cancellation stamp and other mementos.

The National Council of "56" Clubs (NCC) and *The Mid-Atlantic Village Gathering* will host an Activity Center

where attendees can obtain club information, view newsletters, buy or trade club pins and learn from members about clubs across the country. If you want to take a break from the Gathering, Colonial Williamsburg, Norfolk and Richmond are nearby.

The Woodlands, where the Gathering will be held, is sold out. However, other hotel rooms are still available if you want to attend. Call 1-800-261-9530 and ask for Group Reservations for ***The Mid-Atlantic Village Gathering***. Do not forget to mention you are a member of ***The Annapolis Villagers*** so that you will be included with the club in the Program Book.

Order forms for event, seminars, meal tickets and the Golf Tournament were mailed in September. Do not delay in returning your order forms. Due to space limitations, meal seating at the Gathering is limited.. However, even if the Gathering meals are sold out, there are plenty of great restaurants in all price ranges nearby to the Gathering. For tickets or information, contact Warren and Brenda Montgomery, (757) 867-9710, nights and weekends or email tfcx26a@prodigy.com

DISPLAYS FOR RAFFLES BY ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS AT WILLIAMSBURG GATHERING

As one of the members of *The Mid Atlantic Gathering, Inc at Williamsburg*, the *Annapolis Villagers* will be making displays to be raffled at the Gathering. We have a choice of two of the following three villages: North Pole, New England Village, and Snow Village. The Gathering group is making \$200 available to create each display. If you would like to do a display, or work with other members of the Villagers to make a display, please contact Bill Murphy, (410) 757-4582.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEYS

We want to thank everyone who returned their survey responses. If you did not return the survey with your membership renewal, we encourage you to do so now. The surveys are designed to help us better serve the interest of our members and we need your input.

WELCOME!

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

Margo Denney, Bowie, MD
Tom Gates, Decatur, Alabama
Bob and Yvonne Genova, *Christmas Goose*
Sally Gordon, Columbia, MD
Hal Gurian & Jennifer Grossbach, *Remembering You*
Cheryl Powell, Annapolis MD
Howard & Ellen Rickwood, New Market, MD

CONGRATULATIONS!

Carole and John Dietz on the birth of their grandchild!

1997 OPEN HOUSE TOURS

It is not too early to start thinking about our 1997 display tour at members homes. Last year, our Lanham tour in January was canceled by the blizzard of 1996.

Based on the response from members at our September meeting, more than one tour date may be arranged for 1997. You do not have to have an elaborate display to be on the tour. House tours are a wonderful way to share ideas in any display format. So whether you collect villages, Snowbabies, Snowbunnies, All Thru the House, Merry Makers, etc, we ask you to consider being on our 1997 tour.

If you would like to take part in the 1997 Open House Tour, contact Dean Stevenson, House Tour Coordinator at (410)923-2755 or John Ehrenreich at (410) 647-1680 or email jonae@aol.com

www.department56.com

Collectors have been asking for this and it was a long time in coming but it is finally here and it is great. What are we talking about? A WEB site for D56's Home Page on the Internet, of course. The address is www.department56.com. It contains an online History List with product pictures and dimensions, a dealer directory sorted by product lines each dealer carries, a news section, trivia section, and a section to write questions to Judith Price, Ms. Lit Town. Check it out, D56 did a first rate job.

THE RUMOR MILL

Recently, we heard two interesting rumors about *North Pole*. Remember, these are just rumors among collectors and *not* announcements of actual pieces from *Department 56, Inc.* This means....*we will have to wait and see.*

Rumor #1: In 1997, there will be a North Pole Limited Edition entitled *North Pole Candy Factory*. Supposedly, this piece will include jewel like inserts in the front wall that will glow when the house is lit. The inserts are to resemble gum drops.

Rumor #2: A Chocolate House with Chocolate River, also for North Pole.

What do you think about these rumors???? Remember, these are just rumors. They may just be someone's sweet dreams but it sure does make collecting interesting.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL PERFORMANCES

Since we are going on a Bus Trip this year, the Villagers are *not* sponsoring a group trip this year to see *Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol* locally.

If you are interested in going on your own, *Historic Ford's Theater* will stage a production from November 23 to December 29. Call 1-800-955-5566 for more information and tickets. As this issue of the Crier goes to print, information on other local productions in Annapolis and Baltimore was not available. Watch the local newspapers.

SNOWBABY STARTER KIT UPDATE

In the last edition of the Crier, we told you about the *Snowbaby Starter Kit*. At that time, we were unable to confirm if it would be an exclusive for some stores. We have confirmed with D56 Customer Service that the *Snowbaby Starter Kit* will be exclusively sold thru December, 1996 at *Gift Creation Concept (GCC)* dealers and *May Company Department Stores (Hecht's)*. As of January 1, the Starter Kit will be available at all Snowbaby dealers. As we previously stated in the Crier, the kit contains existing Snowbaby items and *not* any unreleased Snowbaby or accessories. The starter kit retails for \$40. It contains *I See You* (Snowbaby set of 2), 3 trees, 3 Penguins and a bag of snow.

THE AUCTION

Special thanks go to John Dietz, member of the Villagers and a professional Auctioneer, who donated his time and talents running a fantastic the auction. Also, thanks to the American Legion, Post 175 and the local merchants and members who helped to make our auction a success.....

BUSINESSES

DONOR	DONOR	DONOR	DONOR
JOHN DIETZ AUCTIONEER Arnold	Banner's Hallmark, Annapolis Mall, Debbie Fraser, Manager and member of <i>Annapolis Villagers</i>	JILLIAN'S Old Solomon's Island Road Annapolis	CHICK N RUTH'S DELI Main Street, Annapolis
PENN DEN Bowie	SALON DE BEAUTE Annapolis Harbor Center	BAY HILLS DELI Arnold	C & C LIQUORS Bay Ridge Rd, Annapolis
CARRIE'S COLLECTIBLES Lucille Truesdell, Proprietor Rt. 450, Crofton	ANNAPOLIS METALCRAFTERS (son of member Pat Fisher) Hilltop Lane Annapolis	PIZZA EXPRESS Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis	REGIS HAIRSTYLISTS, Annapolis Mall
CHRISTMAS SPIRIT Marjorie Burns, Proprietor 180 Main Street, Annapolis	QUIET WATERS FLORISTS 128 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis	THE MARYLAND INN Russ A. Finch, Sr. G. M. 58 State Circle, Annapolis	NORDSTROM'S DEPARTMENT STORE Annapolis Mall
THE CALICO MOUSE Main Street, Annapolis	O'LOUGLIN'S RESTAURANT, Arnold	T.G. I. F. FRIDAY'S Annapolis Harbour Center	TOP NAILS Annapolis Harbour Center
THE TOUCH Lexington Park	BAY HILLS CARDS & GIFTS Bay Hills Shopping Center, Arnold	ANNAPOLIS ART Parole Plaza, Annapolis	THE SHIRT COMPANY Main Street, Annapolis
THE SCOTTISH SHOP Main Street, Annapolis	THE KIDS SHOE PLACE Annapolis Harbour Center	ANNAPOLIS SEAFOOD Forest Drive, Annapolis	MODEL HAIR SALON Columbia
EDGEWATER RESTAURANT Debbie & Donnie Davis, owners Edgewater (daughter of member, Joann Bissett)	Mail Boxes, Etc. Severna Park Plaza	DOKTOR'S DOLL HOUSE Severna Park Plaza	PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SUPPORTERS!
	AMERICAN LEGION Post 175, Manhattan Beach	BAY RIDGE WINE & SPIRITS Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis	

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO DONATED ITEMS FOR AUCTION

Sharri and John Ogle	Bernice Smith	Pat Fisher	Bill & Lynne Murphy
John & Dean Stephenson	Pat and John Ehrenreich	Ruth & John Baldwin	John and Carole Dietz
Joann Bissett	Jack and Anne Graff	Peggy Kueberth	Peter & Trudi Baer

And last but not least, many, many thanks to the members, their families and friends who assisted us with the auction and/or purchased all of the great items donated at the auction and made our fund raiser a success!

WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

RECENT DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLES

WINNER	PRIZE	CONTRIBUTOR
SEPTEMBER MEMBERS' MEETING		
Bob Keefer	\$50 Gift Certificate	<i>Carrie's Collectibles, Crofton</i>
Kate Justice Pat Ehrenreich	<i>Snowbaby</i> Card " "	<i>PenDen, Bowie</i> " "
Nancy Lindenmeyer Bernice Smith	<i>The Village Press</i> , six month subscription " " "	Roger Bain, Publisher " " "
John Ogle	1996 <i>Bachman's</i> Gathering Commemorative Pin	Bernice Smith
Lynne Murphy	<i>NP Skating Elves</i>	Cathy Kramer
Carole Dietz	\$16.00	50 / 50 Meeting Raffle
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT	Thanks to Lucille Truesdell and her staff at <i>Carrie's Collectibles</i> who surprised the <i>Annapolis Villagers</i> with Goodie Bags for each member who attended the September meeting.	
FOURTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE		
Pat Fisher	<i>HV Twelve Days of Christmas</i> : Six Geese a Laying	<i>Country Cottage</i> , Severna Park
John Ogle	<i>D56 Bluebird</i> Centerpiece	<i>Annapolis Villagers</i>
John Ehrenreich	<i>DV John Falstaff</i> Centerpiece	<i>Annapolis Villagers</i>
Nancy Lindenmeyer	<i>DV Crown and Cricket</i> Centerpiece	<i>Annapolis Villagers</i>
Pat Fisher	<i>DV Pied Bull</i> Centerpiece	<i>Annapolis Villagers</i>
<p>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 <i>The Annapolis Villagers</i>.</p>		

SEPTEMBER MEETING

We had a lively, informative meeting in September. Lucille Truesdell, proprietor of *Carrie's Collectibles*, brought a display of the recent Department 56 new pieces. Hal Gurian and the staff of *Remembering You* were also present. Anne Graff and Bernice Smith told the members about the recent Bachman's Department 56 Gathering they attended in Minnesota. Bernice donated one of the Gathering Pins as a door prize for the evening. Anne brought a selection of the items that she purchased at the *Bachman's Event*, including Bachman's exclusive *Santa--Little Paws* (made by D56), the new *Caroling with the Cratchit's* accessory from Dickens' Village, D56 Gold Skate ornament autographed by Dorothy Hamil, etc.

Anne also showed us the *Bachman's Event Piece* with the store's name on the shopping bag. Locally, *Russ Country Gardens* is one of only 20 dealers in the United States to have the *Here Come's Santa* personalized with his store on the shopping bag.

When Anne showed us the new *Caroling with the Cratchit's* accessory, she also gave us some important information. The accessory comes with a small plastic bag with two lanterns and a staff with a hook. Be very careful when you remove the pieces from the box as the lanterns fall out easily and could be easily lost. Cathy Kramer also gave us a first look at the new smoking *Christmas Carol Cottage*.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our September meeting a success.

TRIVIA ANSWERS: *The Original Snow Village* is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 1997.

Since D56 will announce retirements on November 8, we also decided to test your knowledge on retirements:

D56 announced the introduction of *Dickens Village* in 1984 but it was not until 1988 that the first retirements were announced. *Dickens' Village* was also D56's first porcelain village. (Source *Greenbook Guide to Department 56 Collectibles, East Setauket, NY*)

THIS OLDE VILLAGE *by Bob Villager*

If you like animation in your village displays, you are in for a treat. **Lemax, Inc.** are makers of houses and accessories similar in scale to D56. This year **Lemax**, introduced two new animated, battery-operated accessories in their 1996 catalog. The teeter totter and merry go round (both with children) are perfect for CIC, SV, NEV in either a school yard or park setting. Locally, Lemax is available at **Caldor's**. In the past, it was also carried by **Frank's Nurseries**, and **Hechinger's**. You can also order from **Les Sechler Specialty Products**, LesSechler@aol.com

Thanks to a collector friend in California, we found out about the **Its a Wonderful Holiday** series carried by **Target**. This village series is based on the movie **Its a Wonderful Life**. The accessories are a great addition to our villages. Locally, **Target** recently opened in Glen Burnie. We found the Bailey family, Mr. Potter in a wheel chair, Hank, the cab driver, etc., even Clarence the Angel, on the shelves, along with Coca Cola and other village type accessories. If you are a SV Collector, check out the **Car Hop on Skates** for your **Dinah's Drive In**.

If that is not enough for you, check out the **Carousels** at **Target**. There are three animated, musical Carousels in the different sizes and prices.

Now for a few Centerpiece ideas to get you started for our November contest:

- Any D56 church, greens and candles
- Winter Silhouette vignette
- A vignette with the Merry Makers
- Anything incorporating the Skating Pond
- Ice Palace and Miniature Snowbabies or NP accessories
- DV Christmas Carol Set
- D56 ornaments

Having seen the creative May baskets designed by our members, the possibilities are endless. **HINT:** If you have Internet access, check the display ideas in D56's Web site.

WHATS IN A NAME

In the past, D56 has come up with some odd names for pieces but **Butter Tub Farm** and **Butter Tub Barn** seemed stranger than most. Well, it appears that D56 has done their homework. After reading an explanation from collectors that have traveled to England, the name makes sense. There is a section of rural England referred to as "*The Butter Tubs*". It is so called because the country side is marked with depressions in the ground that are tub-like holes and these holes would fill with water. Since the water stayed cold, farmers and people traveling would set their dairy items (i.e. butter) in these tubs of cold water to preserve them.

Now that you know what Butter Tubs are, can you work them in your display?

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, the 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:

Dickens Village

CANDLE SHOP (nb) WALPOLE TAILORS
BOARDING & LODGING SCHOOL #18

New England Village

CRAGGY COVE L/H ICHABOD CRANE'S COTTAGE

Alpine Village

Accessories

BAHNHOF BACHMAN'S SQUASH CART

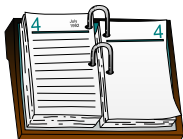
Snowbabies

CAN I OPEN IT NOW

Trade wanted:

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

CALENDAR



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

- Nov. 7-11** **D56'S 1996 HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS DEALER EVENTS.**
Look for more information in this edition of The Village Crier.
- Nov. 8 *"NEW" D56 Retirement Day.* See *USA Today*.
- Nov. 12 *Annapolis Villagers* Members meeting, 7:00pm.
- Nov. 16 **Williamsburg 56 Market Place.** Swap & Sell at Woodlands Commonwealth Hall. 9AM - 4PM. \$2.00 Admission. For info: Ray Campbell, (804)340-9833 after 6PM or Email jacd56nut@aol.com
- 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 pm.
- Jan. 14 *Annapolis Villagers* Members meeting, 7:00 pm.
- Mar. 9 **Russ Country Gardens Spring Swap and Sell** Taylorsville MD 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Winfield Fire Hall. Call 1-800-875-2385 for more information and table rental.
- Mar. 14, 15, 16 **Mid Atlantic Village Gathering**, Williamsburg, VA, call 1-800-261-9530 for reservations and Warren and Brenda Montgomery, 1-757 867-9710 evenings and weekends for information and event tickets.

REMINDER...

*If you have not renewed your membership,
This is your last issue of the Crier*

To continue receiving The Village Crier and the opportunity to take part in all of the club's activities, return your membership forms today!

DIRECTIONS TO MEETINGS HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION, POST 175



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

It has been an exciting Autumn and, before we know it the holidays will be here. Do not miss our November 12 members' meeting. With our Centerpiece Contest and Display Seminar, you will find many innovative ideas for placing our favorite collectible, D56, all through your house. And, do not forget to try your luck with our D56 Retirement Contest.

Pat Ehrenreich

Deadline of December-January Crier is December 10. Please send your items of interest so that they are received by December 10.

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