



The Village Crier

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THE ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS



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MEMBERS MEETING MAY 12, 1998

The next meeting of *The Annapolis Villagers* will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 1998, at the **American Legion**, Post 175, Manhattan Beach, Severna Park, MD. Directions to the meeting are on page 8.

The Agenda will include selecting a Nominating Committee for President, Vice President and Secretary. After our business meeting, we will have our 3rd Annual Display Contest. (See below for details.)

3rd ANNUAL MAY DISPLAY CONTEST

By John Ehrenreich

This is a reminder not to forget about our contest at the May 12 meeting. As announced in the last newsletter, this contest will be for an original accessory that you created. As I said in the last newsletter, calling it a contest is something of a misnomer. It is more an opportunity for our members to share display ideas.

Our contest will actually involve three parts:

- 1st **A Judged Contest.** Bring an original accessory that you created to the meeting. Judging will be of the accessory only, but you can bring other material or houses to highlight your accessory. Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second and Third Place winners.
- 2nd **An Accessory Swap.** Everyone participating in the contest will have an opportunity to swap their creation for one created by another member (*there will be at least 5 extra accessories available also to select from*).
- 3rd **An Accessory Auction.** At the end of the Accessory Contest and Accessory Swap, any unclaimed

accessory will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Everybody can participate in the auction, even if you did not submit an accessory.

The rules of our display contest are very simple.

- Make an original accessory or modify an existing accessory to serve a new purpose.
- The cost of material for your accessory should be under \$15.00.
- For each accessory you submit, you will receive a claims ticket. At the end of judging, you can use your claim ticket to claim any remaining accessory. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will select first while the order of other claim tickets will be by drawing.
- You can submit more than one accessory.

At the last meeting, I had some examples of handmade accessories. These included a Stone Fence made of styrofoam, a Billboard, a Wood Shed, and a D56 Pine Cone tree that was altered to create a tree and a tree stump. These items will not be in the judged contest but will be available for the accessory swap. Other ideas could be hedges, signs, snow banks, tombstones, wooden bridges, or statues. The only limit is your imagination.

BONUS INCENTIVE

For each accessory you submit, you will receive an extra ticket for that evening's door prize. Bring instructions for making the accessory and receive another extra door prize ticket.

If you plan on entering an accessory, please call John Ehrenreich (410) 647-1680 so that we have enough display space set up. Also call if you have any questions or need help in formulating an idea.

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THE PRES SAYS.....

Well, if you were not on the latest Villagers' Bus Trip, you missed a good one! It is amazing to see the support we received from our dealers. Everyone won something. Bernice and her helpers made it a success.

Plans are now underway for our Annual Brunch at the Fleet Reserve Club. We are still working out the details, but a final date has not been set. Hopefully, we will be able to have a Breakfast Buffet instead of individual service at the tables. This would allow more social time out on the patio viewing the boat traffic on Ego Alley. We will get information out to members as soon as plans are finalized.

I sincerely hope you made your reservations for the 1999 Mid Atlantic Village Gathering (MAVG) as soon as you received the flyer I sent you. The advance notice was approximately three days prior to the general public. If you have not made your reservations, see page 3 of The Crier for more information.

I urge anyone who is interested in an office to let the Nominating Committee, formed at the May meeting, know of your interest. Our Committees can always use assistance. If you are interested in serving on a Committee, let me know.

It is with regret that I inform you that Vice President Bernice Smith has submitted her resignation to me. Bernice has advised me that due to health reasons, she will not be able to continue in her position and her resignation will be effective as of September. I know I speak for the club when I say that it has been truly enjoyable working with Bernice. We all look forward to many more good times with Bernice and her husband, Don.

We hope that everyone attending PA 5-6000 will check out the National Council of 56 Clubs (NCC) Carnival on Friday, May 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Host. We will see you there.

Last but not least, do not forget about our Accessory Display Contest at our May 12 meeting. We are looking forward to many members participating and a fun auction.

See you at the meeting,

Bill Murphy

TELL TABLE By Bernice Smith

Do you have a display idea that you could share with other members, new D56 item or any item, including non-D56, that would go with our villages? Do you have an interesting D56 non-village item? At each meeting, we have a table (on the platform) reserved for members to use for show and tell. Dealers may also use the table to show and to tell us about new D56 village houses and accessories.

Please call me at (410) 268-7158 before the meeting if you would like to use the Show and Tell Table.

SHOW AND

CLUB LIBRARY by Janice Zimmer

Our club albums are full of great pictures. At the May meeting, look for pictures from our bus trip and the PA5-6000 Gathering in our photo albums. Our library also maintains samples of publications, videos and many other items related to collecting and displaying D56. We have added Don Bullock's informational guide on collectible insurance to our library.

Be sure to check our club photo album and library at each meeting. If you would like to donate pictures or publications, call me at (410) 239-1124 or contact me via email MDLUVU2@aol.com

Here Ye! Here Ye! 1999 Mid Atlantic Village Gathering Announced

The long wait is over! All club members were sent advance notice of the Mid Atlantic Village Gathering (MAVG). The Gathering will be held February 19, 20, 21, 1999, at the Williamsburg Marriott. It should come as no surprise, all rooms at the Marriott were sold out in less than one week. Rooms are available in very close proximity. Other nearby hotels offering discount accommodations at the Gathering rate are:

Courtyard Hotel--\$69 per night (800) 442-3634
Quality Inn at Kingsmill--\$52 per night (800) 228-5151

You must mention you are making reservations for the "MAVG Dept. 56 Gathering" in order to get the Gathering rate at any of these hotels. Ticket order information to join the MAVG Gathering will be sent at a later date. See page 4 for more information on MAVG, 1999.

MARCH MEMBERS' MEETING Insuring your Collection

Don Bullock, Insurance Agent, was our guest speaker. He gave an informative guide for collectors to determine if they want to insure their collections. Don stressed the importance of discussing the terms and coverage of your present policy with your agent to know what you already may have. He also stressed that the information he shared with us was a guideline. We now have Don's guide in our library. If you could not make the meeting, here are some of the items Don suggested collectors know when discussing collectible insurance with your agent:

- Normal loss by fire, theft, vandalism are covered under your regular Homeowner's Policy.
- You must pay deductible unless you Schedule your collection (ask your agent for a full explanation of Scheduling).
- The higher the deductible, the lower the cost.
- How many small claims are you going to present to the company?
- How many claims will the company pay before they refuse to renew your policy?
- If someone outside your home breaks an item, you can collect under their policy.
- Do you really need breakage coverage? (The cost is small.)
- Will you keep up with the required appraisal?

To show our appreciation for presenting the information, the club presented Don with a D56 key watch.

INTERNATIONAL COLLECTIBLE'S SHOW VILLAGERS' TRAVEL TO EDISON *by Bernice Smith*

On Saturday, April 18, 1998, a busload of Annapolis Villagers and friends headed for the International Collectible Expo in Edison, NJ. The day started with coffee and danish at the American Legion, Post 175 at 5:45 a.m. With Goodie Bags filled with treats in hand, we boarded the bus by 6 a.m. The bags were donated by Banner's Hallmark and were filled with pens, tablets, magnets, pocket calendars, pencils, markers and other items.

On behalf of all of the members, we want to thank the area merchants who supported the goodie bags:

IBM--calendars
Investor's Mortgage Corporation--pens
Eastern Petroleum--magnets
Arundel Pest Control--writing tablets and pens
Prudential--pencils
Westland Enterprises--writing tablets.

Once we were underway, we had door prize drawings and raffles. Everyone received a door prize on the trip to Edison as well as on the return trip! Thanks go to the generous support of our local dealers for the door prizes and raffle prizes.

Banner Hallmark
Carrie's Collectibles,
The Christmas Goose

We also want to extend a special thank you to Bob and Ann Keefer who donated two beautiful Dickens Plates they obtained in England for our raffle. A raffle was also held on a D56 State Farm House donated by the club. We arrived at the Expo at 10:00 a.m. and left exhausted at 4:00 p.m. A good day was had by all. On the way home, some of the crew decided to have a swap and sell on their door prizes. Some of the prize winners auctioned off some of their prize winnings. The new Snowbaby Shelf, Twelve Days of Christmas, Beanie Babies and super sized colorful wrapping paper were among the most sought after items in the auction. The Auction was a new twist for our bus trip and enjoyed by all. We even had a surprise birthday party for our own Norma Damico--complete with cake!. Norma said it was a wonderful to celebrate her birthday with the Villagers. What will our next trip bring? To find out, you will have to join us for the next one!

Inside The Collectible Expo *by Pat Ehrenreich*

We had a super time on the bus with the Villagers. The company of members and prizes on the bus were great.

As for the show itself, there were many vendors to see at the Show as well as a Swap and Sell. Attendees at the show got to see many different collectibles. In addition to D56, there were over 100 other vendors. It was nice to meet and speak with several of the people from D56. Kristi Jensen Pierro patiently signed many, many Snowbabies and Rhonda Ritchie gave out complimentary issues of a previous Quarterly and answered questions about D56. Melinda Seegars and others were very busy signing up new members for the Snowbaby club.

John and I had a delightful chat with Joan Serena, Vice President of Marketing. She wanted to know what collectors thought about the 1998 introductions and what we would like in the future. Well, she did not have to ask us twice for our opinions! When we asked if she could share any information on the 1998 Mid Year Announcements, she would only say that D56 is hoping that collectors will like what they do in North Pole. John and I wondered what she meant about that but she smiled and would not say more. We knew we would just have to wait and see!

DICKENS UP CLOSE

By Bob Keefer

Voluntarily or involuntarily, most of us as children pored over such Charles Dickens' works as Oliver Twist and A Tale of Two Cities as required reading in school. Undoubtedly, most of us developed a fondness for Dickens at that early age. As a community college English instructor for decades, I read and taught a number of Dickens' works. I enjoyed them, but I can't say that they were among my favorites.

Collecting Dickens Village houses, however, has changed that. Department 56 has awakened in me a fondness for Dickens that I admittedly lacked before, even when teaching him. Now I relish collecting Dickens memorabilia to complement our menagerie of lighted houses.

Ann and I had been to England three times before we revisited it last June with our daughters, grandchildren, and son-in-law. We had previously visited Rochester in southeast England, the land of Dickens, and saw manuscripts of some novels in the British Museum. On our recent trip, we visited the Dickens' House at 48 Doughty Street in London. Largely because of my Department 56 experience, the museum came alive for me. I was entranced while viewing his study where he had written Oliver Twist and Pickwick Papers. I felt awestruck in his parlor where he entertained the celebrities of his day. I felt humble before the large bronze bust of the novelist that sits in what was once his bedroom.

I left the house feeling grateful to Department 56 for rekindling a flame that barely flickered in me and making the visit the most memorable part of the trip. If you ask Ann, however, I

suspect that she has a different memorable experience. At London's Planet Hollywood she met George Clooney, who patted her on her left shoulder!

1999 MID ATLANTIC VILLAGE GATHERING

New Committee Members

by Bill Murphy

I am pleased to announce the following new committee members: my wife Lynne has accepted the chairmanship of the Hospitality Committee. John and Pat Ehrenreich have accepted the position of Sub Chairs on the Publicity Committee

Lynne, John and Pat, join me, Pete and Trudie Baer, Gerry and Janice Zimmer, Bernie and Penny Dvorak and Bernice Smith serving on Committee posts. Several Villagers have also stepped forward to offer assistance at the Gathering. The 1999 MAVG Gathering in Williamsburg will be bigger and better than ever. With an expected 2500 members of MAVG to be in attendance at Williamsburg, we encourage the support of all of our Annapolis Villagers.

Check each edition of the Crier for more news about the MAVG 1999 in Williamsburg.

MAVG Planning Committee Meeting

by Lynne Murphy

On Saturday, May 16, 1998, the Annapolis Villagers will host the MAVG Planning Committee Meeting. The meeting will be held at the American Legion, Post 175, Severna Park, MD from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As the host club for this meeting, the Villagers are responsible for serving coffee and pastries in the morning and lunch in the afternoon. If you are willing to donate something for the refreshments, please contact me as soon as possible at (410) 757-4582.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN! WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Since the last newsletter, we would like to welcome our newest members:

Debra & David Brown, Lusby, Md
Dale & Joni Hackman, Pasadena, Md
Ed & Jody Spaulding, Pasadena, Md
Mary Jane & Brian Stock, Edgewater, Md
Marilyn Werback, Woodbine, Md

CONGRATULATIONS!

Best wishes to Linda and Wayne Bickford on the recent birth of their first grandchild, Holden Bossert.

CHRISTMAS GOOSE SWAP /SELL AND MORE JUNE 6, 1998

Villagers' selling refreshments to benefit club

The folks at the Christmas Goose will be holding a Swap and Sell on June 6, 1998 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will also have a seminar on creating with styrofoam for displays. Swap and Sell tables are \$35. For more information, call (800) 366-5356.

The Christmas Goose asked the Villagers once again to sell refreshments. We are responsible for providing and selling food with the net proceeds to benefit the club. This was a great fund raiser last year. Peter Baer will be in charge of the mighty gas grill again. Trudie Baer is coordinating food and volunteers. We need volunteers for about an hour shift. We had a great time last year. Our hamburgers and hot dogs were so popular that we ran out twice to purchase more. We also gained new members, too. The emphasis is on fun for this fund raiser for the Villagers. Call the Baers at (410) 867-0086 to volunteer some of your time.

TOM RUSS PLANNING TRIP TO D56 For Collectors

Tom Russ, Russ' Country Gardens and Gifts, is planning a trip to Minnesota for D56 collectors July 17-19, 1998. On Friday, the group will tour of the D56 showroom and a visit to Stillwater (the town where some of the original Snow Village buildings are modeled after). Saturday, is "shop till you drop day" for tourgoers at the Mall of America. On Sunday, special activities are planned before the group returns home that evening. The cost of the trip is \$350 to \$425 per person (cost depends on whether 2 or 4 people share a room) and includes air fare and transportation to D56 and the Mall of America. As we go to press, Tom Russ told us that only a few seats are left. For more information call Tom Russ at (800) 371-2385.

ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS' WISH LIST

by *Jeannette Grebowsky*

Is there a retired piece you are looking for? Do you have D56 to sell? If you are a club member and the answer is yes to one or both questions, the Villagers' Wish List may be able to help you.

If you are interested in buying or selling, contact me at (301)552-2910. The club is not a party to any transactions. We only pass on information provided to the Wish List. It is up to the buyers and sellers to conduct the transaction.

PA5-6000 GATHERING LANCASTER PA MAY 1, 2, 3, 1998

The Villagers will be at the Gathering. For all of those attending, we would appreciate an hour or two of your time. We need volunteers at our club table to give out information about the club, sell pins, hats, etc. To help us schedule, please

call Bill Murphy at (410) 757-4582 no later than April 30, 1998.

We will have a full report on the Gathering in our next edition of The Crier.

NCC Hosts House Party at PA5-6000

The National Council of 56 Clubs (NCC) will be hosting a House Party on Friday evening, May 1, 1998 at PA5-6000. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the House Party is from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Peter and Jeanne George are the Emcees for the House Party. Admission is free. Carnival style light food and refreshments will be available for purchase. The evening's entertainment will include live music, a mystery guest, club fashion show and door prizes. For more information contact Lila and Tim Kearney at (215)245-5262 or TimD56er@aol.com

NEWS ABOUT D56

Bill Kirchner Retires

Bill Kirchner, Creative Director of D56's Art Department, has retired. Mr. Kirchner is the creator of the Snowbabies. As the Creative Director he also collaborated on other D56 products, including villages. His departure is not unexpected, but he will be missed.

D56 NEWS (Continued) Mid-Year Announcements

D56 will hold its annual stockholders meeting in Minneapolis on Thursday, May 14, 1998. Vendors will learn D56's mid-year announcements at the New York Stationary Show, May 15-17, 1998. *Mum's the Word*, as usual, from D56, although surprises are hinted. No word also on any mid-year retirements. Check last month's Crier for a rumor on the end of a licensing agreement. No one is talking at D56 when we tried to find out if it would be part of the mid-year announcements. If you are on the Internet, start checking D56's home page: www.department56.com May 14 for the mid-year announcements.

1998 Arrivals

Just about all of the new arrivals are in the stores or on their way with few exceptions. Snow Villagers are waiting for "McDonald's," Alpiners will find Heidi and her goats but must wait awhile longer for "Speilzeug Laden." All of Christmas in the City is shipping as is just about all NEV. North Pole collectors will have to wait also for "Santa's Light Shop" and "Elsie's Smoking Gingerbread." As a reminder, "Elsie's Gingerbread" is limited to year of production. Collectors who want Elsie's should contact their dealer immediately if they have not ordered it. D56 allocated Elsie's to dealers based on their North Pole sales. The

longest wait may go to Snowbaby collectors. It looks as if the very intricate "Ship of Dreams" will not be shipped until later this year.

D56 Announces New Line

D56 is introducing new product line called "Harvest." The new table top items will premier at The Stationary Show in May. Over 500 "Harvest" products with a fall and Halloween theme will soon be available in stores.

1998 Mother's Day Snowbaby Promotion Limited Edition Poster with Purchase

For Mother's Day, D56 Snowbaby dealers are offering the new Snowbaby--"All We Need is Love". The Snowbaby is NOT limited. However, the poster is limited to availability. If you want to be sure to obtain a poster with your purchase, see your dealer early.

FORSTMAN LITTLE BUYS ANOTHER COMPANY

Forstman Little, parent company of D56, has purchased *Yankee Candles*. We do not think they plan to replace light cords inside the D56 houses with candles.



SNOWBABY CLUB A WINNER

D56 is delighted that over 40,000 people have joined the new club in a very short period of time. If you have not joined the Snowbaby Club in its charter year, there is still time. The charter year will run through the end of this year, according to D56. Members of the Snowbaby Club have already received their first newsletter. D56 is also working on an Internet site just for Snowbaby collectors.

We can tell you that Snowbaby kits were selling very quickly at the Edison show. We got to see the Club Limited Edition. At \$75, it sounds pricey. Once we saw "Together We Can Make the Season Bright," we understood the pricing. It is highly detailed, on the order of Jack Frost, and very beautiful. This limited edition is only available this year and only to Snowbaby Club members. It definitely is a must have for Snowbaby collectors.

By the way, can you guess who was the first person to join the Snowbaby Club? According to D56's Snowbaby newsletter, Kristie Jensen Pierro, Snowbaby artist, presented her mother, OrLou Jensen, with the first Snowbaby Club Membership. Mrs. Jensen is a long time Snowbaby collector. The second and third members of the new club were, Sarah Kate and Anna Pierro. They are the artist's daughters and the inspiration of many of the Snowbabies.

D56 wants to know what collectors think about the Snowbaby Friendship Club? Call D56's Snowbaby Hot Line: (800) 766-9222

SNOWBUNNIES

D56 is very pleased with the growing success of Snowbunnies. As we go to press, D56 has not announced the date for Snowbunny retirements and 1999 new releases. We will keep you posted.

D56's Quarterly

Look for the Quarterly at your dealer and in your mailbox soon. D56 told us that the Spring Historical edition will go out in the mail during the week of May 4, 1998

Tour D56 in Eden Prairie

If you can not make Tom Russ's Tour to D56, you can still tour the D56 showroom if you will be in Eden Prairie during May through August. The showroom is open to collectors during this time. However, you must have advance reservations. For more information, call (800) LIT-TOWN.

Will D56 Create a Limited Edition for Disneyanna Christmas Convention?

Walt Disney, Inc. is planning a second Disneyanna convention for 1998. The Christmas Collectibles Convention will be held December 6-9, 1998, at the Disneyworld Contemporary Resort. Richard Tuck reported on "America Online" that The Disneyanna Exchange magazine listed several major design studios already committed to attending and producing exclusive limited edition pieces for the convention. The design studios named included Armani, Goebels and Waterford. Mr. Tuck also reported that the article mentioned that D56 would produce a limited edition Snowbaby and a house for the convention.

We contacted D56 immediately for verification and learned Kristie Jensen Pierro, Snowbaby artist, will attend the convention. However, D56 has not confirmed that they will produce any limited editions for the convention. We were told D56 is still in the talking stage with Disneyanna. Meanwhile, we can tell you that rumors are flying among collectors on the Internet as to what house D56 will produce. There is speculation that it could be a North Pole Candy Factory, a large ornate Victoria and Albert Music Hall for Dickens or D56's version of Sleeping Beauty's Castle. So, stay tuned for more information!

March Meeting Prizes by Stella Angelucci		
Prize	Winner	Source
12 Days of Christmas #2 #4 #6	Dale Hackman Don Wofford Sophie Harrigan	Carrie's Collectibles, Crofton
D56 Winter Quarterly	Jimmie Roberts Dawn Zimmerman	Russ' Country Gardens, Taylorsville
50-50 Raffle \$28 won by Bernie Dvorak		

"This Olde Village"
by "Bob Villager"

Hope you are busy making your accessories made for the Contest. John Ehrenreich has lots of easy and quick ideas. Please call him if you can not seem to think of anything or need help. The contest is a great way to share neat display ideas that do not take a lot of money, time or special talents.

IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE VILLAGERS!

Here is the latest information on discounts available to members of The Annapolis Villagers. Be sure to show your membership card.

10% discount: Hobby Town, Chesapeake Square Shopping Center, Glen Burnie, (410) 410-590-4950. Model railroads and landscape products.

10% to 15% discount: Dad and Sons Discount Hobby Shop, 205 Thelma Avenue, Glen Burnie, (410) 761-7810. Model railroads and scenic landscape products.

Order Videos Specially Priced for Villagers

We watched Tom McComas' enjoyable videos, **Toy Trains at Christmas #1 and #2**, during our Edison Bus Trip. We took quite a few orders from those on the bus. D56 displays are featured in both #1 and #2. There is still time to place an order before we send it in.

Tom's company, **TM Books and Videos**, has a licensing agreement with D56. The videos are \$19.95 each and run 55 minutes each. In a special arrangement with TM and The Annapolis Villagers, the videos are available to members of the Villagers at \$11.95 each! To order one or both of the videos, call Peter Baer at (410) 867-0086.

VILLAGE MARKET
Unless otherwise noted, call Bill Murphy
(410) 757-4582 for these items.

CLUB BADGES — Green & white badges containing Club Name, Logo and Your Name. \$4.25.

CLUB PINS — Specially designed club pin features club logo. \$5.00 for first pin to club member, \$7.00 for additional pins or for non-members. Add \$1.00 S&H if required to mail. Contact Peter Baer at (410)867-0086, E-Mail Peter.Baer@mail.house.gov

CLUB SHIRTS — Club shirts, with embroidered club logo, are available in a variety of colors for men or women. Size S to XL is \$20.00 and \$22.00 for XXL. Non-members may order shirts at \$25 and \$27 respectively. Add \$3.00 S&H per shirt for orders that are to be mailed.

NEW CLUB HATS--White hat with embroidered club logo and red bill. For men or women, one size fits all. \$8 members and \$10 non-members. Add \$2 for each hat mailed.

**DIRECTIONS TO MEETINGS
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 175**

*****Unless otherwise noted, all Annapolis Villager Members' Meetings and Board Meetings are held at American Legion, Post 175 and 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 Road. On your right, you will see an Amoco Gas Station opposite a Crown Gas Station.

At the Rt. 2 N and Jones Station Road intersection, turn right onto Jones Station Road and make an immediate left onto Manhattan Beach Road which is between the Crown 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. 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 S (Ritchie Highway) At Jones Station Road, make a left and then an immediate left onto Manhattan Beach Road. Proceed as above. **IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, WE FOLLOW THE SCHOOLS.**

CALENDAR



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

May
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PA 5-6000 Village Gathering, Lancaster, PA. Guest speakers include Ron Drapeau, Peter & Jeanne George, Judith Price, Lynda Blankenship, Roger Bain, Marianne Moore, Frank Wilson, Allen Black, Matt Storer, Alan & Lynn Wagner and Greg Roth. Swap & Sell, room hopping and much more, including Jeanne-Marie Dickens and raffle for Charles Dickens reproduction desk. Call (610) 678-7182 or (610)255-0669 for information.

May 12 Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting 7p.m. Display Contest/Swap/Auction. See page 4 for details.

Jun 6 The Christmas Goose, Queenstown, MD. Spring D56 SWAP & SELL., 10am to 2pm. & Display seminar. Info 1-800-366-5356.

Jun 9 Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting 7 p.m.

Jun Annapolis Villagers Sunday Brunch, Fleet Reserve Club, Annapolis. Date and time to be determined. *More details coming soon.*

Jul 14 Annapolis Villagers Meeting 7 p.m., election of Officers.

Jul Christmas in July Party, date time and location to be announced.

Aug 11 Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting 7 p.m.

Aug Annapolis Villagers Display Classes, date time and location to be announced .

Sep 8 Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting 7 p.m.

Sep The Christmas Goose, Queenstown, MD. Fall D56 SWAP & SELL., date & time to be announced. Info 1-800-366-5356

Oct 13 Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting 7 p.m.

Oct-Nov Annapolis Villagers Bus Trip, in the planning.

Nov 6 Dept 56 Village Retirement Announcement

Nov 10 Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting 7 p.m.

Dec 4 Dept 56 Snowbaby Retirement Announcement

Dec 8 Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting 7 p.m.

Dec Annapolis Villagers Christmas Party, date, time and location to be announced

EDITOR'S Note: Information in the calendar is provided as a service. Event information may be subject to change. Please verify date, time, information, etc. with event sponsor prior to event.

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks again to all of our contributors! Do not forget to enter our display contest. We look forward to seeing members at PA5-6000 and our May 12 meeting.

Pat Ehrenreich

DEADLINES, DEADLINES, DEADLINES!

Deadline for June-July Crier is June 10, 1998. Please send your items of interest so that they are received by June 10.

The Village Crier

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