



# The Village Crier

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**THE ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS**



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## **MEMBERS' MEETING JULY 14, 1998**

The next meeting of *The Annapolis Villagers* will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 1998, at the **American Legion**, Post 175, Manhattan Beach, Severna Park, MD. Directions to the meeting are on page 9.

The Agenda will include elections (see Nominating Committee article). After the elections, our invited guest speaker will be Cathy Kramer, D56 area sales representative with some of the new mid year releases.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** *by Carole Dietz*

As another election year come around, I found myself again on the Nominating Committee. For more years that I care to remember, I have been calling members to ask if they would be interested in running for a Club office. Every year, it is the same story..."I'm too busy, I'm sick, my family member is sick, my feet hurt, I live too far away."

I understand that people are busy these days. However, the fact remains that we do need to fill a few positions. The President and Secretary positions are up for elections this year. We also have one vacancy for representative to the National Council of 56 Clubs (NCC).

To date, Bill Murphy and Trudi Baer are willing to run for President and Secretary, this year. John Ehrenreich has agreed to run for President (Thank you John). No one has agreed to run for the NCC representative vacancy.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, we have decided to ask members to please come forward and contact us personally if you would like to run on the slate of officers.

Please get involved and bring fresh, new ideas to the club. If you are willing to run for office, contact me at (410) 757-1136, Ann Keefer at (410) 987-1179 or Ruth Baldwin at (410) 923-3239.

## **CHRISTMAS IN JULY PARTY**

Plans are underway for a gala *Christmas in July* party on Sunday, July 26, 1998, from 2 :00 p.m. until ? at the home of Peter & Trudie Baer, Galesville, MD. The party is open to members and their immediate families. Bring your bathing suit, if you would like to swim in the pool. As in past years, the club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, drinks and condiments. Members are asked to bring a covered dish for 4 persons to share, such as a salad, fruit, vegetable, dessert. Directions are enclosed.

We will have door prizes and games. Since this is a *Christmas in July* party, there will be a Christmas Tree. We will have a gift exchange for anyone who would like to participate. To participate, bring a wrapped Christmas gift purchased for \$5 or less (the gift does not have to be D56). Dean Stevenson is coordinating food. Please call Dean by July 14, 1998 at (410)923-2755 with number attending and what food item you will bring or for suggestions on what to bring.

## **VILLAGE TOOL TIME DISPLAY CLASSES** **First Display Training Announced**

One of our calendar items this year was to provide display training classes for our members. A planning problem with such a class is assuring that every one has the tools needed. If you use styrofoam in your display, a Hot Wire is a much needed tool. At a cost of \$15.00 for a simple battery operated model to over \$80.00 it is not reasonable to expect participants, particularly novices, to have such a tool. Nor would it be practical for the club to incur the expense. Well, how do you have a class, insure that everyone have a Hot Wire tool, and not spend \$80.00? The answer is the first class will involve making a Hot Wire tool and using it to learn fundamental design techniques.

John Ehrenreich has produced a Hot Wire tool that has the same capabilities as the \$80.00 models. See inside for details.

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*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 item that you have modified? 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.

**CLUB LIBRARY**  
*by Janice Zimmer*

Summer has arrived and the warm weather is upon us. We will once again be going to Pete & Trudi Baer's home for our *Christmas in July Party* on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Details are in the Crier, please be sure and let Dean Stevenson know what dish you would like to add to the occasion.

*THE PRES SAYS.....*

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for presenting the Club with a slate of candidates for the offices of President and Secretary. Both Trudi and I are eligible for another term. Be sure to attend the meeting and exercise your vote. Please be aware that Gerry Zimmer has agreed to be Vice President when Bernice steps down in September.

We are once again planning on celebrating our 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner & Dance at the Fleet Reserve Club in Annapolis on Friday evening September 18<sup>th</sup>. We expect the band Yellow Brick Road again so be sure to get your reservations in early. You would not want to miss this event as we will also have prizes & surprises & gifts to celebrate our Anniversary.

By the time you receive this edition of the Crier, the Sunday Brunch at the Fleet will be history. We had a large turnout as this year. The Breakfast Buffet was fantastic and it allowed us more social time on the Deck watching "Ego Alley" and determining this year's bathing suit color.

Check out the information on something new for August—a class on how to make displays and tools for shaping styrofoam. You will find more information on this event elsewhere in the newsletter.

In lieu of visiting one of the many establishments doing *Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol"*, we are planning on a year end Christmas Party at the Post. More will follow on this event.

We are planning another Bus Trip to visit Mt. Hope Vinery for the Halloween Pageant. Gerry Zimmer is working on this event. Be sure and make your reservations early as once again there will be a cut off date. I expect this to be another fun filled Bus Trip with gifts, prizes & surprises. Who knows, maybe another Auction! Details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please be sure to let your feelings be heard and your wishes known by attending the club meetings and getting involved in Your Club.

*See you at the meeting,  
Bill Murphy*

### SHOW AND TELL TABLE

Our club albums are full of great pictures. At the July meeting, look for recent pictures. Our library also maintains samples of publications, videos and many other items related to collecting and displaying D56.

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

### MAY MEMBERS' MEETING 3<sup>RD</sup> Annual Spring Display Contest A Success

We want to thank all the members who participated in our 3<sup>RD</sup>

Annual Spring Display Contest. We had 19 entries from our members. Your participation made it a great success.

Now, for the winners and their creations

First Place: Dawn Zimmerman--Gazebo

Second Place: John Ehrenreich--Band Shell

Third Place: Jeannette Grebowski--Garden

An accessory swap followed the contest where contestant names were drawn and as their name was drawn, they selected any unclaimed accessory. John Ehrenreich created 5 additional accessories so the last contestant had at least 6 accessories to choose from. Many contestants donated their accessory to the club for use during the accessory auction that followed. \$130.00 was raised during the auction. The auction was a lot of fun and we would like to thank John Dietz who served as Auctioneer.

## THE SOCIAL SCENE

### VILLAGERS AT THE CHRISTMAS GOOSE

We want to thank the folks at the Golden Goose, Queenstown, MD for inviting the Villagers to sell refreshments at their recent Swap and Sell. Proceeds will go into our charity fund.

We also want to thank all of the members who helped to cook, sell food, hand out information and answer information about our club.

### SUMMER BRUNCH

We had another successful Summer Brunch at the Fleet Reserve Club on Sunday, June 21, 1998. This year it was buffet style. There was plenty of good food, conversation and the opportunity to watch the boats and people maneuver Annapolis Harbor's Ego Alley. Prize winners are listed in this edition of The Crier.

### VILLAGERS ATTEND PA5-6000 GATHERING

Many of the Villagers made the trip to Lancaster Pennsylvania for the recent PA5-6000 Gathering. There were plenty of seminars, a Swap and Sell/Show and Sell and Village Bingo to keep attendees busy.

The NCC House Party on Friday evening was a great success. The evenings entertainment featured a Hypnotist and it was all done in great fun.

Several of our members were prize winners throughout the weekend. At the closing breakfast, our own Ann Graff won a Ramsford Palace in the Grand Drawing.

## Make a Hot Wire Tool and Learn Fundamental Design Techniques

**CLASS AUGUST 19, 1998**

*by John Ehrenreich*

I have produced a Hot Wire Tool that has the same capabilities

as the \$80.00 models seen at gatherings and in publications, but at considerably less expense. For our first class, we will build the Hot Wire Tool and learn how to use it for carving and sculpturing Styrofoam for our village and snowbaby displays. I will get and / or fabricate the individual components needed and put them into a kit that each participant will receive. Some elements of the kit will be pre-assembled so that the Hot Wire can be assembled by any member in about 1-1½ hrs of class instruction.



Following the assembly of the Hot Wire Tool, you will be guided in its use for forming & shaping Styrofoam elevations, backgrounds & accessories. Styrofoam will be provided for this purpose. The intent is to learn the techniques by actually applying them so we will not actually be creating items that could go into a display. This class is an initial class that will be followed by one or two others that are in planning. In the follow up secession(s) we will use our practice Styrofoam for learning landscape techniques and creating some water scenes.

The class cost will be \$35.00 to cover a Hot Wire kit and enough Styrofoam to learn Hot Wire techniques. Class will be held at the American Legion on Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, contact me to reserve your space. You can reach me at (410)647-1680 or email [JonAE@aol.com](mailto:JonAE@aol.com). Contact me if you also have any questions about the class. Since it will take me a significant amount of time to put kits together, and they represent a considerable expense, I'm asking that you contact me by July 19, 1998 with payment in full.

Make check or money orders of \$35 per kit payable to The Annapolis Villagers and send to:

John Ehrenreich  
304 Gordon Avenue  
Severna Park, MD 21146

Please note on your payment "Display Class"

## HERE WE GROW AGAIN! WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

•Carol Powers & George Schneider, Crofton, MD

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN AHEAD

*By Bernice Smith*

### VILLAGERS TO CELEBRATE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

**Friday, September 18, 1998**

Mark your calendar now for Friday, September 18, 1998 for the Villagers Gala Sixth Anniversary Party Dinner Dance. The party will be held at The Fleet Reserve Club, Annapolis. There will be live music for dancing after dinner. We will have fun, prizes and

more for all who attend. Complete details will be in the next edition of The Crier.

### EDGAR ALLEN POE BUS TRIP Saturday, October 31, 1998

Check out the flyer enclosed with this newsletter. Gerry Zimmer has planned a Villagers' bus trip that is going to be great fun. We had a wonderful time on our holiday bus trip in December, 1996. For a different twist, this year, we will eat, shop and enjoy a performance of *Edgar Allen Evermore* by the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire.

### UPCOMING VILLAGER EVENTS

We are still planning a display contest for November and Christmas Party during the holidays. Watch for more information in future editions of The Crier.

### GROUP TRIP TO BUBE'S BREWERY By Gerry and Janice Zimmer

Sunday, October 11, 1998

While not an official club event, a group of the Villagers are making informal plans to attend a Halloween Feast, to be held at *Bube's Brewery* in Mt. Joy, PA. It is located in Lancaster County, approximately 2 hours from the Annapolis area. There is lodging in the area for those who wish to stay overnight. This will be at each persons own discretion. Depending on the amount of interest, transportation arrangements in the form of a bus, van, or car pool may be organized.

In April, the Baers, Dvoraks, and Zimmers attended the Medieval Feast held at the Brewery. It was quite an experience. The Feast includes dinner, which is spread out through the evening of entertainment. This really is a must see event! For those who are more interested, there are some photos from the Medieval Feast. These can be seen in the club photo album at all general club meetings.

The Halloween Feast - *Dinner with the Count* - will be Sunday October 11, 1998. The Feast starts at 5:00 p.m. and runs until approximately 9:30 p.m. The price is \$30 per person and includes dinner and half a pitcher of wine or ale and of course, the entertainment. The \$30 must be paid in full at time of reservation. This is non-refundable, per the policy of the Brewery. If you are interested in attending, please contact Janice and Gerry Zimmer ASAP, but no later than the general club meeting on July 14th, as the Halloween Feasts sell out quickly.

Janice & Gerry Zimmer  
4815 Hillock Lane  
Hampstead, MD 21074

### 1999 MAVG Planning Committee Meetings by Bill and Lynne Murphy

Thank you to all of the members who donated food for the

Phone (410) 239-1124 or e-mail MDLuvU2@aol.com for more information.

### D56'S MS LIT TOWN COMING TO MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA

Judith Price, D56's *Ms. LIT TOWN*, is coming to visit at least two area dealers in September.

Look for Judith Price at *Russ Country Gardens*, Taylorsville, Fall Festival on Saturday, September 19, 1998. Plans are still being made for the gala event and we will have more information in the next edition of The Crier. You can also call Tom Russ at (800) 371-2385 for information.

On Sunday, September 20, 1998, *The Golden Goose*, Occoquan, Virginia, will be holding a special event with Judith Price. There will be a display contest and door prizes, etc. Six lucky shoppers will have the opportunity win a free lunch that day at *The Golden Goose* with Ms. Price. For more information and an entry form, contact the Golden Goose at (703) 494-4964.

### Here Ye! Here Ye!

### 1999 Mid Atlantic Village Gathering Williamsburg, VA

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 a 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 5 for more information on MAVG, 1999.

luncheon during the May MAVG Committee meeting that was held in Annapolis. The MAVG Committee members send a heartfelt thank you for the "outstanding lunch and to all who helped to provide it". The Committee members also said it was great to be able to break away from a rather intense

meeting to enjoy each other's company during lunch.

On Saturday, August, 1998, the Annapolis Villagers will again host the MAVG Planning Committee Meeting. The meeting will be held at the home of Peter and Trudi Baer. This is the last meeting planned in the Annapolis area.

As the host club for this committee 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 (410) 757-4582 or Trudi Baer at (410) 867-0086 as soon as possible.

**SWAP AND SELL/SHOW AND SELL AT 1999 MAVG**

If any of our members would like to participate in the Swap & Sell or Show & Sell during the Gathering, applications for tables will soon be available. For more information, contact Pete and Trudi Baer for the Swap and Sell at (410) 867-0086 or Gerry and Janice Zimmer for the Show and Sell at (410) 239-1124.

**1999 MAVG Round Robin Display Seminar**

One of the more popular seminars at the 1997 MAVG was the Round Robin Display Seminar. The seminar consisted of a number of display tables set up with speakers giving display tips concurrently. Unlike most of the seminars, you are not sitting, listening to a speaker. Here, you are up close to the action, learning display tips and talking to the displayers and be able to ask questions one-on-one. The individual display tips run about 10 to 20 minutes each and are repeated continuously during the 1½ hour duration of the seminar. As one display table completes their tip, you move on to another table.

If you have a unique tip that you would like to share in this casual environment, contact one of the Annapolis Villagers representatives for the MAVG planning committee.

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

**NEWS ABOUT D56**

**D56 ANNOUNCES MID YEAR RELEASES**

In May of this year, D56 announced its mid year village and Snowbaby introductions. Here they are:

**SNOW VILLAGE HOUSES**

#54932	Rock Creek Mill	\$ 64.00
#54933	Carnival Carousel (animated/musical)	\$150.00
#54935	Haunted House (animated)	\$110.00

**ACCESSORIES**

#54936	First Round of The Year (s/3-track compatible)	\$ 30.00
#54937	Trick-Or-Treat Kids (s/3)	\$ 33.00

#54938	Carnival Tickets and & Cotton Candy	\$ 30.00
#54939	Two for the Road (track compatible)	\$ 20.00

**DICKENS' VILLAGE**

#58307	Thomas Mudge Timepieces	\$ 60.00
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**NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE**

#56581	The Emily Louise (boat-s/2)	\$ 70.00
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**ALPINE VILLAGE**

#56176	Federbetten Und Steppdecken	\$ 48.00
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**CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY**

#58870	The Grand Movie Theater	\$ 50.00
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**HERITAGE VILLAGE ACCESSORIES**

#56363	Peppermint Skating Party (s/6)	Not priced yet
#56587	Sea Captain & His Mates (s/4)	\$ 32.50

**GENERAL VILLAGE ACCESSORIES**

#52700	Village String of 20 Pumpkin Lights	\$ 13.00
#56701	Village Jack O'Lanterns	\$ 10.00
#52701	Village Halloween Fence (s/2)	\$ 12.50
#52704	Village Halloween Set (s/22)	\$ 50.00
#52703	Village Flexible Autumn Hedges	\$ 10.00
#52703	Camden Park Fountain (Working Fountain with Pump)	\$ 84.00
#52706	Carnival Carousel Light set	\$ 20.00

**1998 HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

#54934	Snow Village--Snowy Pines Exclusive Gift Set of 9) comes with Decorate the Tree Accessory and trees, road & snow	\$ 65.00
#58308	Dickens' Village--Seton Morris Spice Merchant Exclusive Gift Set of 10 comes with Christmas Apples Accessory, trees, road & snow	\$ 65.00
#58871	Christmas in the City--Scottie's Toy Shop Exclusive Gift Set of 10 comes with 5 cent Pony Rides Accessory, trees road and snow	\$ 65.00
No #	Ronald McDonald--The House That Built	NOT AVAILABLE FOR SALE
New	Kensington Palace--Special Edition	\$195.00

**SNOWBABY INTRODUCTIONS**

#68888	Three Tiny Trumpeters (s/2) Winter Celebration Event Piece	\$ 50.00
#68879	Frosty Frolic Friends Ornament 1998 Winter Celebration Event Piece	\$ 15.00
#68887	1998 Winter Celebration Event Pin	\$ 5.00
#68880	Winter Play on a Snowy Day (s/4)	\$ 48.00
#68881	A Journey for Two by Caribou	Not Priced Yet
#68882	How Many Days 'Til Christmas?	\$ 36.00
#68883	Once Upon a Time Hinged Box	\$ 15.00
#68884	Hold on Tight Hinged Box	\$ 15.00
#68885	Fly Me to the Moon Ornament	\$ 16.50
#68886	Seven, Eight, Nine Time to Skate Bootiebaby Ornament	\$ 12.50

**BACHMAN'S GATHERING**

Even if you cannot attend Bachman's D56 Gathering this year August 28 - 30, 1998, you may want to obtain a copy of their newsletter. Each year D56 makes special event pieces just for Bachman's Gathering. The information is in Bachman's newsletter. While the special event pieces are available to

## D56 ROYALLY UNVEILS KENSINGTON PALACE AT ROSEMONT

With great fanfare amid a procession and guard, D56 unveiled its latest special edition at the Rosemont Collectibles Expo on June 27, 1998. One lucky collector had the key to unlock the vault containing D56's rendition of Kensington Palace. The new Palace will sell for \$195 and it will only be available at dealers who are participating in D56's 1998 Homes for the Holidays November 5 to 9, 1998. We asked D56 if Kensington Palace was part of the Historical Landmark Series and we were told that it is a Special Edition Lit Piece allocated only for the 1998 Homes for the Holidays. You may want to call your dealer now for ordering information.

According to Department 56, its version of Kensington Palace features the main building and south wing with wide, stately paned windows. Included in the set of 23 pieces, purchasers will find evergreen hedges a replica of the palace's wrought iron gate, painted in black and finished with 18-karat gold, and King Williams III statue that appears inside the front gate. A Union Jack, Great Britain's Flag is also included in the set.

Just as it does with Ronald McDonald's, "*The House that ♥ Built*", D56 will donate a portion of the proceeds of Kensington Palace sales to local Ronald McDonald Houses. Since 1995, D56 has raised more than \$2 million for Ronald McDonald Houses.



### A COLLECTOR'S VIEW FROM ROSEMONT

By Anne Falkenhof

*Ed. Note: Anne writes to us now that she is comfortably back in Florida. Here are some of her impressions of D56 after a whirlwind weekend at the Rosemont Collectibles Exposition.*

There was no problem walking up to the D56 display and taking your time looking at it. This has not been true in the past. At other shows, it was difficult to get through the crowd to see the display.

The changing of the guard prior to the grand unveiling of the "mystery piece" was entertaining but some collectors were offended. The "act" started as the traditional British changing of the guard, then went into a James Bond act, and finally a very "suggestive" act that was more suited to Chippendale's. Although no clothes were removed, some collectors did not think it was appropriate. Some enjoyed the show while others were surprised D56 would do it. (They were trying to draw attention to their booth!!)

The program in Introductions Hall was very well done and collectors were excited to see the new Kensington Palace. The drawing was projected on two very large screens so everyone

attendees, most have been available to non-attendees through mail order after the Gathering. Call (800) 4Blooms for your copy of Bachman's newsletter. .

could see. Although it was a very large crowd, many people were there to see if they won the grand prize trip and were not D56 collectors and could care less about the Kensington Palace. (That was to be expected.) After the program, it was put on display in the D56 booth so you could get a closer look. Of course, Kensington Palace will fit right in with Tower of London and the Globe Theater!! The new Palace is a very nice piece and will only be available for the Home for the Holidays event. At \$195, it will be a personal decision to purchase it or not.

D56 had four artists signing (two at a time) and the lines were the shortest I have ever seen them!! They were signing more than 2 items at a time too.

D56 had problems with the new Snow Village carousel and the Haunted House. The Carousel did not work on Saturday and the Haunted House did not work on Sunday. I would be careful of these lit houses until they get the "bugs" worked out.

The D56 personnel were very nice, as always, and they had a larger number of employees (or so it seemed) there to answer collector's questions.

I attended the seminars that showed a piece from idea to final production to its place in your display at home. Many of the artists travel with cameras and get ideas from the sights they visit. Snowbaby artist, Kristi Jensen Pierro gets some ideas from watching her daughters.

As for the Room Hop at the Holiday Inn, the number of D56 items for sale was EXTREMELY limited. I do not know about room hops at the other hotels. The swap and sell at the convention center was a much better source for D56 merchandise. Last but not least it was fun talking to other collectors and learning what they are doing with their villages.

### A BIT OF KENSINGTON PALACE HISTORY

By Pat Ehrenreich

Kensington Palace is a Jacobean Mansion. It was known as Nottingham House when it was purchased by King William III in 1689 from the Earl of Nottingham his Secretary of State. William commissioned Sir Christopher Wren to extend and improve the house with four pavillion wings at each corner of the building, the addition of the Clock Court, Chapel Royal, sumptuous royal apartments for the King and Queen, the Great Stair Case and a 96 foot long gallery. A private road was laid out from the Palace to Hyde Park Corner, wide enough for three or four carriages to travel abreast down it, part of which survives today as Rotten Row. Kensington Palace was a favorite residence of successive sovereigns until the death of George II in 1760.

The Gardens of Kensington are renowned as well thanks to Queen Mary starting in 1689 and later with Queen Anne after she assumed the throne in 1702. The gardens of Queen Mary were a formal French style. Queen Anne transformed

the gardens into a more tradition styled English garden. The statue of King William III is in the east garden.

Queen Victoria was born and raised at Kensington Palace. It was here in 1837 that Lord Chamberlain and the Archbishop of Canterbury brought the news of her accession to the throne. It was expected that she would reign from Kensington Palace. However almost immediately, she moved to Buckingham Palace and never again stayed at Kensington Palace. Queen Mary, grandmother of the reigning Queen Elizabeth II, was born at Kensington in 1867. During World War II, the Palace was damaged. Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, stayed at Kensington in 1947 between his engagement and marriage to then Princess Elizabeth.

Kensington Palace is comprised of 28 flats and eight houses. In recent years, Kensington Palace was the home and office of the late Diana, Princess of Wales and her sons Prince William and Prince Harry. Now, several of the British royal family make their home and have offices at Kensington, including Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth II, Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Kent, and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent.

Kensington Palace is a member of the Historic Royal Palaces. and it is a popular stop for tourists. Visitors can tour the state apartments occupied at various times by William III and Queen Mary II, George I and George II. Below the state apartments, visitors can view the dazzling display of royal ceremonial dress spanning the reigns of 12 monarchs. (*Ed. Note: Information for the article on the history of Kensington Palace comes from D56's web site: and other sites on the Internet including the Museums of London Information, and The British Monarchy-Kensington Palace*).

## A CLOSER LOOK AT KENSINGTON PALACE

D56's Kensington Palace  
from the D56 Website

Can you find the Snow????

*You can see Christmas wreaths but you will not find snow on D56's Kensington Palace. D56 said there is no snow in answer to consumer requests. Look for other D56 buildings without snow. Now how will you disguise those wreaths for spring and summer displays???*

**KENSINGTON PALACE, LONDON**  
from the British Monarchy website

## NEED A VACATION DESTINATION? Tour D56 in Eden Prairie

Tom Russ' July trip and tour of D56 filled up quickly with collectors. If your planning a trip to the Minneapolis-Saint Paul area this summer, D56 has showroom tours for collectors all during May through August. However, you must have advance reservations. For more information, call 1 (800) LIT-TOWN.

## DIRECTIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS IN JULY PARTY

Home of Pete and Trudi Baer  
July 26, 1998

Take MD Route 2 South from the Parole area. Stay on Route 2 South to MD 214, Central Avenue. Turn left on MD 214, Central Avenue and proceed to the second traffic light--MD 468, Muddy Creek Road and follow approximately six miles to MD 255, Galesville Road. Turn left on to MD 255, Galesville Road and travel about ½ mile to Anchors Way. Turn right on Anchors Way and follow to the second left, Captain's Court. The Baer's home is the first house on the right, 4879 Captain's Court.

## 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.

**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.



**D56 MAKES LIMITED EDITION EXCLUSIVE**

LIONEL ELECTRIC TRAIN SHOP FOR ALLIED TRAINS

Allied Trains of Culver City, CA, has announced it is taking orders for a limited edition Snow Village Lionel Electric Train Shop. D56 has agreed to make just 5000 of this lit piece exclusively for Allied Trains. It comes with lighted sign, windows and Lionel "L" logos. Billboards depicting full color reproductions of the Lionel 1950 and 1953 catalogs will be on either side of the building. The Lionel Electric Train Shop will not be available at any other dealer.

Allied is taking orders now for delivery after September or October, 1998. The price is \$49.95 plus \$10 shipping and handling. One per customer or household. For more information or to order call Allied Trains at (310)313-9365 or visit their website at: www.alliedmodeltrains.com which also contains a picture of the lit piece.

**MAIN STREET CORNER SHOP TO HOLD DEMONSTRATION DISPLAYS**

Kaye Hoyle and Dixie Boucher of *The Main Street Corner Shoppe* are planning display events this summer. They are looking for at least one member from each of the local D56 clubs to participate on one Saturday starting in August.

Last year, the Villagers were represented twice.. John and Pat Ehrenreich did a seminar on various construction and accessorizing techniques.. Cheryl Powell and her sister did a wonderful Halloween display as well. The presentations of the representatives of the other clubs were informative as well to seasoned and new collectors.

If you would like to participate on behalf of *The Annapolis Villagers* with a demonstration or display talk, contact Kay or Dixie at (301) 725-3099. Please advise Pat Ehrenreich, so we can place your date in our newsletter. Also contact our membership Chairperson, to obtain a supply of club flyers and newsletter hand outs during your presentation.

We want to thank Kay and Dixie for giving The Villagers this opportunity to share display ideas and inform other collectors about our club.

May Meeting Prizes by Stella Angelucci		
Prize	Winner	Source

12 Days Christmas, #2	Janice Zimmer Bill Course	Carrie's Collectibles, Crofton
Village Collector Ornament	Celeste Tolles Penny Dvorak	Carrie's
Goodie Bag	Ina Devine	Annapolis Villagers
MAY RAFFLE Jimmie Roberts won the Bag of Village Accessories donated by The Golden Goose, Occoquan, VA		
DISPLAY CONTEST PRIZES		
Dawn Zimmerman	Large Landscape Set	Stadler's Nursery, Laytonsville
John Ehrenreich	Jack Pines Set	Stadler's
Jeannette Grebowsky	'97 MAVG Event Arbor	Annapolis Villagers
JUNE BRUNCH		
DV Betsy Trotwood Lit House	Pat Fisher	Ruth & Jack Baldwin
12 Days Christmas #2	Ann Roberts	Carrie's
Village Collector	Bill Murphy	Carrie's

Thanks to all of our supporting dealers and members who contributed door prizes.

**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. 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 than 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.



- Jul 14** **Annapolis Villagers Meeting** 7 p.m., Elections., and invited guest speaker, Cathy Kramer, area D56 rep.
- Jul 26** **Christmas in July Party**, 2 pm until ? At Peter & Trudi Baer's home. See newsletter for details, directions on page 7.
- Aug 7-9** **Southern Regional Gathering**, Atlanta Ramada, Concourse, Hotel, and Gathering information, contact Glenn or Debbie Baker at (770) 461-4257.
- Aug 11** **Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting**, 7 pm
- Aug 19** **Annapolis Villagers Display Classes**, 7 pm American Legion. See newsletter for details..
- Aug 28-30** **Bachmans Village Gathering**, Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MI. Call 1-800-4BLOOMS for newsletter with information.
- Sep 8** **Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting** 7 p.m.
- Sep** **The Christmas Goose, Fall D56 SWAP & SELL**, Queenstown, MD, date & time to be announced. Info 1-800-366-5356. **Date to be announced.**
- Sep 18** **Annapolis Villagers 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner & Dance at Fleet Reserve Club.** Details to be announced.
- Sep 19** **Russ Country Gardens,, Fall Festival with Judith Price**, Taylorsville Info (800) 371-2385.
- Sep 20** **Golden Goose,, Event with Judith Price**, Occoquan VA Info call (703) 494-4964.
- Sep 27** **Russ Country Gardens, Swap and Sell**, Winfield Fire Hall, For tables & other information call (800)371- 2385.
- Oct 13** **Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting** 7 pm
- Oct 11** **Group Trip to Bube's Brewery for Medieval Halloween Feast.** Call Gerry or Janice Zimmer at (410) 239-1124
- Oct 31** **Annapolis Villagers Bus Trip--Shopping, Buffet Dinner and Mt. Hope Winery to see PA Renaissance Faire's production of Edgar Allen Poe Evermore.** See flyer or call Gerry Zimmer at (410) 239-1124
- Nov. 5-9** **D56 Homes for the Holidays** Events at Participating dealers.
- Nov 6** **Dept 56 Village Retirement Announcement**
- Nov 10** **Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting 7p.m.**
- Dec 4** **D 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 is 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! We look forward to seeing members at our July 14 meeting.

*Pat Ehrenreich*

## DEADLINES, DEADLINES, DEADLINES!

Deadline for August -September Crier is August 11, 1998. Please send your items of interest so that they are received by August 11.

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