



THE VILLAGE CRIER

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**NEXT MEETING:
MAY 13TH, 2003**

MAY 2003

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TIME: 7pm

DAY: TUESDAY, May 13, 2003

HOSTED: AT THE AMERICAN LEGION, POST 175,
Severna Park in Manhattan Beach

MINIATURES IN MAY



We have a special guest lined up for our May meeting. If you are interested in non-D56 miniatures for your displays, you are not going to want to miss this meeting.

Annapolis Villager Lottie Clinedinst will be guest speaker and demonstrator at our May 13, 2003 members' meeting. Lottie and her sister, Jean Lawnsdale, make and sell beautiful handcrafted miniatures under the name "Jean's Mini Things." They also carry a small selection of minis that they do not make.

For our May meeting, Lottie will tell us the story behind "Jean's Mini Things," do a display demonstration using their minis and have minis available for sale.



DIRECTIONS: *From Washington DC:* Take Route 50 East, Exit onto Route 2 North. Follow Rt. 2 N (Ritchie Highway) to Jones Station Road (the next light after College Parkway and there is an Amoco and Crown gas Station), turn right onto Jones Station Rd and make an immediate left onto Manhattan Beach Road behind the Crown Station. Follow Manhattan Beach Road (2/10 of a mile) and make a left into the parking lot of The American Legion. The Entrance to the Banquet Room is on the left hand side towards the rear of the building. *From Baltimore:* Take the 695 Baltimore Beltway to Rt. 2 South, Left on Jones Station Road, and follow from Jones Station Rd as above.

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The President Sez:

I know the weather has not been great but it will get better and warmer days will arrive. When they do, Annapolis Villagers will be ready to enjoy them with a number of events planned. First up is a day trip to Winterthur Gardens and Estate on June 1. Details are in the newsletter and I think this promises to be a very enjoyable day to share with fellow club members. Later in June, we will have our annual June Brunch. We will return to the newly remodeled Annapolis Fleet Reserve Club for this event. Following brunch, villagers will cruise the Severn River for a scenic tour. Our outdoor agenda will continue with the annual Christmas in July Party and an evening picnic with the Baysox. The Christmas in July Party is always one of the best attended events and the Baysox picnic was well received when we did it two years ago, so, we are bringing it back. Later in the year, we may have another bus trip.

At the Christmas in July Party, we will conduct our July membership meeting at which time we will have an election for officers. Having served as President for four years, I have previously stated that I will not run again. While I have totally enjoyed serving as President, I believe that for the club to remain healthy, it is important that capable people come forward. When the leadership is entrenched, other capable people are reluctant to step up and the club becomes centered around an individual or individuals. Recognizing this, it is time to move on and let others come forward so fresh ideas can more easily come out. Having said that, Dean Stevenson and I will be canvassing club members to seek candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in an office, it would help if you contacted us instead of waiting for one of us to get around to you on the list.

Before concluding this column, I want to thank Pete & Trudi Baer, Nancy Bowers, Norma Damico, Ina Devine, Bernie & Penny Dvorak, Pat Ehrenreich, Kate Eustice, Denise Parisi, Bill & Sherian Roberts and all of the club volunteers who served on committees, subcommittees or contributed time at MAVG. Your efforts in behalf of the club went a long way toward making the 6th MAVG very successful.

I hope to see you at the May meeting when we welcome Lottie Clinedinst as our guest speaker. Lottie is a club member and with her sister Jean, makes great miniatures as *Jeans Mini Things*. Lottie will talk about making miniatures as well as have a number of items for sale.

**See ya at the next Meeting,
John**

Display Tip!

With the introduction in 2003 of D56 Tombstones (A set of 6 for \$10)—Crafty people still make their own! Some fellow addicts have used the clay to form them and bake, stones and sticks from their yards, doll house shingles painted and etched w/a name, throat depressers from doctor's offices, they can be fleck stone painted or dipped in coffee grounds, and some get creative and do real grave yards w/monuments, angels, etc.! Will you buy your tombstones this year or make your own?



Mid Atlantic Village Gathering

“This is the best Gathering I have ever been to and you know I have been to a lot of Gatherings!” – Judith Price, Miss Lit Town

If there was any doubt in any one’s mind of the magnitude of the success of the 2003 Mid Atlantic Village Gathering, all doubt was erased by Judith Price when she told the Banquet attendees “This is the best Gathering I have ever been too and you know I have been to a lot of Gatherings”.

After five successful Gatherings in Williamsburg, there were those who wondered about the Planning Committee’s decision to move the Gathering to Reston VA. In addition to moving the gathering from Williamsburg, the aftermath of the tragedy of 9-11, the sniper attacks, a poor economy, the worst winter and snowfall in years, the looming war in Iraq—all unknown factors that could have seriously affected the outcome of the 6th MAVG. The Planning Committee and subcommittees worked hard and those efforts paid off handsomely. Over 800 collectors attended the gathering in Reston during the weekend of March 14-16, 2003. The Hyatt Regency Hotel in Reston Town Center was a perfect setting for a Gathering. The hotel was spacious and the Conference area, located all on one floor, made it easy for attendees to get around. The Reston Town Center also offered many shopping & dining opportunities within a short walk from the Hyatt.

Of note at the gathering, there were three displays entered in the Display Contest by villagers. ALL THREE WERE WINNERS!!! Bob & Kate Eustice took first place in the large display category with their Dickens’ spring time display, John Ehrenreich took second place in the same category with his Halloween Tree display and Don & Pat Potter took second place in the small display category with their St. Patrick Day display. Also, Bob & Kate won the Peoples Choice with their display. Congratulations to all for your fine displays. Keep up the Great Work!

CALL FOR BY-LAW CHANGES

At the May meeting there will be a call for proposed By-Law changes. If you wish to propose changes to the By-Laws of the Annapolis Villagers, please submit them to Kate Eustice at or before the May meeting. Kate will bring the proposed changes to the June Board meeting where they will be considered. Recommendations from the Board will be voted upon at the July membership meeting. For more information contact Kate at 301-552-1858 or e-mail her at kateeustice@hotmail.com.



THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AT THE MAVG



Many thanks to all those Annapolis Villagers who volunteered their time at the MAVG. Not only did you respond to my request for assistance prior to the Gathering, but also volunteered more time once you arrived at the Gathering. You contributed to the smooth running and success of the Gathering, and helped earn money for our club charity. When the amount of money earned is known, it will be announced. There will be a prize drawing at the May membership meeting for all those who volunteered. You will have one chance per hour worked at the Gathering and you don't have to be present to win.



Kate & John & Bernice



A Sneak Peak at Mid Year Announcements!!! Visit Dept 56's website for the official announcement May 7, 2003

The grapevine is winding its way to you—Will it be True???

Dickens Village:

Gummersburg Park Folly
The Melancholy Tavern
The Coffee Stall
London Skating Club

New England:

Mt. Gibb Congregational Church
Good Day Reverend

Alpine Village:

Jagerhutte Hunting Cabin
Going Hunting

Christmas in the City:

1234 Four Seasons Parkway
Church of the holy Light
Empire State Building
Katie McCabe's Restaurant & Books
How Tall Is It?
1930 Harley Davidson VL with Sidecar
Molwaukee or Bust

North Pole

Checking It Twice Wind Up Toys
Naughty or Nice Detective Agency
Mickey's North Pole holiday House
KOLD Radio
Kringle Street Town Tree
An Irish cheer for Santa
Mickey builds a Snowman
Coca Cola Sliding Hill

American Pride

Mt Rushmore

Heritage Village Collection

Village Square Town Tree

Snow Village

Home For The Holidays Express
Year Round Holiday House
American Hero Comics
Hard Rock Cafe
High Roller Riverboat Casino
Main Street Christmas Tree
St Patrick's Day Parade
Work a Little, Play A Little
I'm Home

There will be two exclusive buildings available at Club 56 (shhhh!) This is the rumor mill talking!

The American Hero Comics for Snow Village and Gummersburg Park Folly for Dickens. Both will be limited editions of 5,600 pieces. The Gummersburg Park Folly will coordinate with the Hop Castle Folly (from last year) Gummersburg Park, located in West London, is a quiet public park with a history dating back to the 10th century. Built over a boathouse, this building is square at the base and features diagonal-shaped second and third floors.

Mickey's North Pole Holiday House in North Pole Village will include mouse ears on the observation tower, the 2nd floor windows and the white picket fence. Nearby in the play area, Pluto is pleased to have his own doghouse. The play area includes a slide and climbing rope. An accessory piece w/Mickey and his elf children friends building a snowman

EVENTS! EVENTS! EVENTS!

by Dean Stevenson

Night At the Baysox In August is in the Planning Stages!

We have found out that the only nights with Fireworks after the Ballgame are Friday, August 1st and Friday August 22.

The picnic buffet dinner and General admission seats will be around \$32.00 and dinner with box seats will be around \$36.00. We need to know as soon as possible which date most of you would like, if either, and how many people would be going.

Please contact Barbara Schubring at 301-262-5802 or Dean Stevenson at the May meeting and/or before **June 1st** SO LET US KNOW!

SIGN UP SOON - DON'T MISS THE DEADLINES - RSVP!

Brunch At Fleet Reserve Sunday June 22nd

We are all set for the Brunch to be held at the Fleet Reserve. Brunch begins at 10:00 AM and will run until 11:50AM. We will then walk over to the City Dock and board the Annapolitan II, a cruise boat, for a 90 minute narrated tour up the Severn River. The boat will leave the dock by 12:30pm and will return at 2pm.

Cost for this fun event will be \$30.00 per person. That will include Brunch, unlimited coffee or tea and the boat ride. If you would like to purchase Bloody Marys or Mimosas at Brunch they are at an additional charge of \$1.00 each from the bar at the Fleet. On the boat they will have snacks and drinks you can purchase for \$1.00-\$1.50 each.

Please come out and join us. You must send a check for the trip to me by June 1st. Please call me as soon as possible to let me know if you are going. We will need 30 people to get the group rate on the boat. If we do not get 30 people the price will go up \$3.00.

Christmas in July at the Stevensons' Sunday July 27th

Come join us for our annual Christmas in July party from 2pm until ?????

We will have games, prizes, and lawn sports to entertain you. We are also hoping to have a guest speaker or demos.

All you need to do is give us a call and let us know what dish for 8 people you will be bringing and how many will be coming in your party.

Please call Ruth Baldwin 410-923-3239 or Dean Stevenson 410-923-2755 to give us your info before **July 7th**.

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IS IT SPRING YET?

Join Us On A Day Trip To Winterthur and Find Out

The Villagers are planning a day trip to Winterthur Gardens and Estate on Sunday, June 1. It really is spring so we hope you will join us as the color and fragrance weave their magic throughout the Winterthur Gardens. The gardens and estate consist of 979 acres of rolling hills, streams, meadows and forest. Winterthur was the country estate founded by Henry Francis duPont and is located about 6 miles north-west of Wilmington, Delaware (about 2 hours from Annapolis). Transportation is on our own. We will enter the estate as a group at 10 AM so plan your travel time accordingly.

The group rate is \$18 per member and includes access to the Gardens, Garden Tram Tour, The Galleries (museum), The Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens, the Enchanted Woods. Additionally, there will be two personalized tours. The first tour is *Elegant Entertaining* to experience the elegant rooms where the duPont family entertained. The second personalized tour is *Private Space & Gaming Places*, and as the title implies, tours spaces where the duPonts' spent their personal time. We need to know if we have enough Villager participation for the group rate so please contact Barbara Schubring (301-262-5802) or Dean Stevenson (410-923-2755) if you plan to attend. Payment must be received by the May 13 membership meeting.

Following our visit to Winterthur we will stop to relax for dinner at the Duclaw Brewing Co. in Bel Air, MD. Duclaw's is located a few miles off of Interstate 95 and offers moderate priced meals in the \$15 - \$25 range, plus their renowned seasonal brews. You can order from the menu and checks will be per table.

Further details about Winterthur, directions and gathering location will be provided at the May meeting. We hope you will join us!!!

E-CRIER NEWSLETTER COMING

The Village Crier is going high tech. If we have an E-mail address for you, you will receive this issue of the Crier electronically via E-mail as well as the usual delivery via USPS. Future issues will be by E-mail only. If you do not have E-mail, do not worry. You will continue to receive our great newsletter in the same fashion as you always have in the mail.

We are making this change in the method of delivery for a number of reasons. First and foremost is expense. Reproducing the newsletter and mailing it is the largest single expense of the club and the cost is only expected to rise. By going electronic, we estimate that we can reduce our newsletter expense by at least half and, hopefully, avoid raising our membership dues.

Another advantage of an electronic newsletter is we believe we can offer you a better product. Because of copying cost and postal rates, we are restricted to producing an 8 to 10 page black & white newsletter. Those restrictions will not apply to an electronic version. The electronic newsletter will be in color and potentially contain more pictures and pages of news.

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If you have an E-mail address but did not receive the electronic version please E-mail Pete Baer at Baers4D56@comcast.net with your current E-mail address.

CALENDAR

APRIL 2003

April-12TH
*The Gulf Gathering
at the Gautier Con-
vention Center, Gau-
tier, MS*

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ens at
markit@cablone.net*

MAY 2003

Tue—May 13th
AV Members Meeting
Miniature Magic!

JUNE 2003

June 1st—
Winterthur Gardens

Board Meeting

**June 22nd – Brunch
at the Fleet and a 90
minute narrated
cruise up the Severn
River**

JULY 2003

**July 27th – Picnic
and Election of Offi-
cers—Rock the
Vote! Become an
Officer!**

AUGUST 2003

**August – Baysox
Ballgame, dinner
and fireworks!**

SEPTEMBER 2003

Anniversary Celebration!

*Michigan Gathering, Ba-
varian Inn Lodge*

OCTOBER 3RD—5TH, VILLAGE HARVEST FESTIVAL, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, AT THE PRIME HOTEL

OCTOBER 9TH-13TH—GOLDEN GATE GATHERING—SANFRANCISCO—WWW.GOLDENGATEGATHERING.COM

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has retail stores???? Mall of America
has one! Yes, Minnesota there is D56!
There's another in Las Vegas!
In the Desert Passage Mall
Who's spotted the next couple on the
horizon??? Time will tell!

(Italics indicate the event is not local)

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EVENTS AS
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TO INCLUDE
THEM IN OUR
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