



THE VILLAGE CRIER

Newsletter of
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NEXT MEETING:
March 11, 2003

MAR 2003

VOLUME 11,



TIME: 7pm
DAY: TUESDAY, March 11, 2003
HOSTED: AT THE AMERICAN LEGION, POST 175,
Severna Park in Manhattan Beach

DISPLAY DEMONSTRATIONS

Be sure to mark your calendars for our March meeting. We will have demonstrations done by some of our members that you requested when touring houses in January. Some of the things that will be demonstrated are palm trees, ever green trees and children's play ground equipment. Don't miss a chance to learn from your fellow members!



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.

The President Sez:

Have you had enough snow? I don't know about you but I enjoy the sight of snow - up to the point when I get a sore back from shoveling it. I'm just glad that the record storm missed our House Tour. The tour was another outstanding event and everyone's displays seemed better than ever. Bob Eustice did great job again of coordinating and planning the tour for us though he couldn't control the weather. The weather was great for the Saturday part of the tour but, come Sunday, the snow started to fall. We were able to get the first two houses on the Sunday tour in but had to cancel the third open house. I want to thank all who opened their homes to the Villagers and, especially, Wanda & Dennis Sellers for graciously allowing us to reschedule there open house when it was canceled for the snow. All of our open house hosts appreciated your participation in the tours with your visits to their homes.

While mentioning the Sellers, they will be Guest Speakers at the Mid-Atlantic Village Gathering on Friday, March 14 and again on Saturday, March 15. Wanda will present a seminar describing and showing their displays. Dennis will follow with another seminar on how the displays were constructed. Their seminars should be a must to all gathering attendees. While on the topic of MAVG, the club owes thank you's to the Baers, Roberts, Dvoraks, Nancy Bowers, Denise Parisi, Norma Damico, Ina Devine and Pat Ehrenreich for the time they spent over the past 15 months working on the MAVG Planning Committee for the 2003 gathering. Their efforts should be appreciated by all who attend. I hope to see a lot of you at the gathering. As you already know, the MAVG has moved to Reston, VA for 2003. Reston is a short one-hour drive for most Villagers. If you can't make it for the weekend, you should definitely plan to attend the Friday or Saturday day events. You will not be disappointed. The seminars, Round Robin and Make & Take sessions will be very interesting and informative and the Show & Sell / Swap & Sell will have more vendor tables than the 2001 gathering. Check out the Gathering's website at www.mavg.org for the full schedule. Thanks also go to Kate Eustice who is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Villagers. If you do plan to attend and have signed up with Kate to volunteer, I want to thank you in advance. Your contribution of time will determine how any charitable funds are distributed. It is not too late to sign up, so give Kate a call to volunteer an hour or two of your time during the gathering.

At the last board meeting, we discussed future meeting topics and possible events. With some of the possibilities discussed, it promises to be another fun and exciting year. Another bus trip may be possible and some of the things we saw on the house tours will be worked into meeting demonstrations. If you have any ideas or suggestions for meeting programs or events please convey them to Dean Stevenson or Barbara Schubring.

**See you at the meeting and MAVG,
John**

2003 House Tour Wrap Up

By Bob Eustice

THANKS TO THE MEMBERS WHO OPENED THEIR HOMES FOR THIS YEAR'S TOUR AND TO THOSE WHO TOOK THE TIME TO VISIT THE HOMES. WE SAW SO MANY WONDERFUL DISPLAYS IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES.. WINNERS OF THE PRIZES WERE:

PETE BAER—DICKENS' VILLAGE 1 ROYAL TREE COURT DONATED BY CARRIE'S COLLECTIBLES
NORMA DAMICO—NORTH POLE SWEET ROCK CANDY COMPANY DONATED BY CARRIE'S COLLECTIBLES
NANCY PARISI—NORTH POLE BARBIE BOUTIQUE DONATED BY BOB EUSTICE

TO FINISH—TO SHARE SOME SENTIMENTS ON THE HOUSE TOURS FROM A VILLAGER IN A LETTER SENT TO BERNIE AND PENNY DVORAK :

Dear Bernie and Penny,

Don and I just want to thank you again so much for inviting us to your wonderful 'D-56 Open House' on Sunday. I can't tell you how much we enjoyed seeing your displays again. They are just so great. Loved the 'tours' too.

It was so nice to see so many familiar faces again. Haven't seen lots of the club guys for awhile since we sold off pretty much everything we had. We still have a few of my favorite pieces in displays here and there around the house but nothing like we did have. It was fun to see the new pieces of North Pole and also enjoyed Disney, Little Town of Bethlehem and the Haunted Village.

Again, thanks so much. It was just so much fun. Have a wonderful New Year ahead collecting and adding to your collections.
Betty

Minis in May

By Pat Ehrenreich



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 Clin-edinst 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.

So, mark your calendar and attend our May 13 meeting.






 FROM DEPARTMENT 56 INTRODUCTIONS! 

 GUESS WHAT!
 HALLOWEEN ISN'T ONLY IN THE SNOW VIL-
LAGE ANYMORE! 

 THIS SPOOKY PHENOMENON IS SWEEPING
THROUGH OTHER VILLAGES TOO! 

 A subseries was announced in addition to the
series "A Christmas Carol", "Historical Land-
mark Series" and "Abbington Canal" for Dick-
ens' Village. The new series is called "All Hal-
low's Eve" and begins with the "Mordecai Mould
Undertaker" and the coordinating accessory
"Jack-of-the Lantern" accessory. 

 Ghoul Luck keeping your fingers out of all the
great Halloween Seasonal Items this Year! 







Mid Atlantic Village Gathering update
Subject: WE GOT GAME-----WE GOT SHOW !!!
From: Bernie Dvorak, Show Committee Co-Chairman

The MAVG floor plan for the Swap-N-Sell and Show-N-Sell was approved today by the Hyatt Regency management, as well as the Virginia Fire Marshall. This amended plan includes an additional 6 tables for a grand total of 104 vendor tables. We have just surpassed the number from the last Mid Atlantic Village Gathering, thus making this the largest Swap-n-Sell/Show-N-Sell event, ever!

MARCH MADNESS for D56 COLLECTORS: 102 VENDOR TABLES FILLED...AND STILL COUNTING!

" The largest number of Show-n-Sell and Swap-n-Sell tables at any Department 56 event...ANYWHERE... EVER!!" "Consider, OVER 100 TABLES available for your perusal" If you can't find it here, you won't find it. You can look it up! WWW.MAVG.ORG

THERE IS NO OTHER DEPARTMENT 56 SHOW LIKE IT!
MAVG 2003 RESTON VA, YOU HAVE TO BE HERE FOR MARCH MADNESS!
"This is the SHOW..... THERE ARE NO OTHER SHOWS.....THIS IS THE SHOW !"

Volunteer at Mid Atlantic Village Gathering - By Pat Ehrenreich

Once again, we are asking Annapolis Villagers to donate a small amount of time out of their MAVG day or weekend to volunteer. The donation of time at the Gathering by every member of the three Gathering clubs who volunteers will be used to determine the amount of funds raised beyond what is necessary to cover the gathering's expenses.

Thanks to the generosity of the Annapolis Villagers at previous Mid-Atlantic Village Gatherings, our club has been able to make several substantial donations to our own local charities. We could not have done it without your support! We hope that all Villagers will again support our club's charitable endeavors and volunteer for a short block of time at MAVG.

Two Prize Opportunities for Volunteers at MAVG

Members of the Annapolis Villagers who volunteer some time at the Mid-Atlantic Village Gathering (MAVG) will have two chances to win a special prize.

Every person who volunteers at the Gathering will have their name put into a drawing for just the volunteers to win a great prize. The winner will be drawn at the Gathering.

As we have done for previous gatherings, the Annapolis Villagers want to thank and recognize our own volunteers with a second opportunity to win a nice thank you gift. Every Villager who volunteers at MAVG in Reston will have their name put in a drawing for our members only and the winner will receive a prize from our club.

How long does it take to volunteer at MAVG?

Time slots are 1.5 or 2 hours, depending on the activity

Members can also volunteer for more than one time slot.

We have few openings on Friday that need to be filled and several on Saturday. We also need at least 8 people at 3:00 PM on Saturday to help with the closing of the Show and Sell and Swap and Sell. With 8 people, this task should take less than one hour.

Call Kate Eustice, Volunteer Coordinator for the Annapolis Villagers, at 301-552-1858 to sign up as soon as possible.

WHAT WILL WE SEE IN 2003? WHY -THAT'S UP TO YOU AND ME!

by **Dean Stevenson**

At our recent board meeting it was discussed that we would try to do the following things in 2003. These things of course cannot be done without member support so please sign up for what you can before the deadlines and let us know if you have any other ideas.

April- Caravan to Winterthur, Dupont's Mansion or Longwood Gardens in DE

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

July – Picnic and Election of Officers

August – Baysox Ballgame, dinner and fireworks

September – Anniversary Party

October – Bus trip to Jefferson's Monticello in VA

November 11th - Display Contest

December 2nd – Hospice Decorating
9th – Christmas Party

Please call me if you would like to help with any of the events. We need your help to make it more fun and to help give some of our members a rest that have been handling all this in the past. Remember this is your club too. We welcome help and ideas from anyone. Give me a call at 410-923-2755.



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**--NO, MAKE THAT 11-
GOOD REASONS TO ATTEND THE MID ATLANTIC VILLAGE GATH-
ERING (MAVG)**

March 14-15-16, 2003

By Pat Ehrenreich

I sat down to write ten good reasons to attend the MAVG in Reston but I came up with eleven and could not decide which one to delete-so here they all are:

11. You do not have to be an active collector to enjoy the Gathering.
10. The Gathering in Reston is only about an hour's drive from the American Legion where we have our meetings.
9. \$99 a night is a great rate for a Washington area hotel if you want to stay over and the Hyatt is a great facility.
8. Great prize giveaways throughout the gathering.
7. Swap and Sell / Show and Sell with over 100 vendor tables.
6. The Department 56 Showcase Suite-decorated by D56 staff with all things D56-villages, giftware, tabletop-it is a sight to behold
5. A wide variety of seminars presented by knowledgeable speakers
4. Round Robin Display Demonstrations for quick and easy ideas on display.
3. Make and Takes-several to choose from-and in each you will make and take home an accessory for your village display
2. The artistry of Carl and Rita Carter who are making two unique displays for the gathering--you will have an opportunity to take one or both home with you.
1. The 2003 Mid Atlantic Village Gathering in Reston will be a fun filled, memorable event.

Check out the MAVG website: www.mavg.org for the full schedule, hotel information and more. While it is too late to pre-register, tickets can be purchased at the door on Friday and Saturday. Seminars and demonstrations take place on Friday and Saturday. There are also optional activities. No tickets will be sold on Sunday. For more information, email: mavginfo@aol.com or call 410-647-1680.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 2003

Jan 3rd—5th
AV Annual House Tours—
Bob Eustice -301-552-1858
Tue—Jan 14th
AV Members Meeting

FEBRUARY 2003

Tue—Feb 11th
AV Board Meeting

MARCH 2003

Tue—Mar 11th
AV Members Meeting

March 14th—16th
MAVG Hyatt Regency,
Reston, VA. www.mavg.org
or call 410-647-1680

APRIL 2003

April- Caravan to
Winterthur, Du-
pont's Mansion or
Longwood Gardens
in DE

MAY 2003

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AV Members Meeting
Miniature Magic!

JUNE 2003

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minute narrated
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JULY 2003

July – Picnic and
Election of Officers

AUGUST 2003

August – Baysox
Ballgame, dinner
and fireworks

SEPTEMBER 2003

Anniversary Celebration!

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

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Dealer!

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DEALERS!
LET US KNOW
YOUR SALES &
EVENTS AS
WE'D BE HAPPY
TO INCLUDE
THEM IN OUR
CALENDAR!

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Members' Meeting March 11th, 2003

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