

# The Dollmaker's Dispatch

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## MEETING - THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010

Michigan Doll Makers Guild will meet at 6:30 PM, Thursday, April 1, 2010 at the Flower Factory, 45160 Utica Park Blvd, Utica, MI 48315. Directions are included on page 2. President Diane Boatman will present the program. Members and associate members who have not paid dues are urged to pay them at this meeting or send them to the address on the back page of this newsletter.

### MEETING DATE

**Thursday,  
APRIL 1, 2010  
6:30 P.M.**

**Flower Factory**  
45160 Utica Park Blvd,  
Utica, MI 48315  
(586) 254-8182  
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**Future Meeting Dates**  
**2010**

**First Thursday of each month**  
At the above address unless  
notified otherwise



Lynda Struble (center), original doll artist, demonstrates her method of making fairy wings to Barb Tornow, left, and Karen Hayes, right. Lynda presented the March program

### 2010 Executive Board

**Diane Boatman—President**  
**Linda McArthur—Vice President**  
**Rita Paulus —Secretary**  
**Beverly Loftis—Treasurer**  
**Barb Tornow—Membership**  
**Jane Covington—**  
Newsletter Editor

## Lynda Struble's Fantastic Fairy Wings

APRIL HOSTESSES - Jane Covington, Linda McArthur, and Karen Tracz

**DIRECTIONS for Meeting Location  
Flower Factory Incorporated**  
45160 Utica Park Blvd.  
Utica, MI 48315  
(586) 254-8182

<http://www.flowerfactory.com/>

The Flower Factory is located approximately 3 miles WEST (on Hall Rd.) of our previous meeting place, the Macomb Library. Turn right onto UTICA PARK PLACE BLVD. (just before the bridge over Hwy 53). The Flower Factory is a large store on the right about 0.2 mi..

### BARBIE IS A CAMERA !

At the Toy Fair 2010, Mattel has seemingly brought the ever popular Barbie into the 21st century, with the introduction of the Barbie Video Girl Doll.

The doll has a video camera built-in to her necklace, and an LCD video screen in her back, allowing you to record and see everything the Barbie has seen.



Barbie has a USB port in her back as well, so you can plug her in, and playback the video on a computer or TV. You can record up to 30 minutes of video and later edit it at Barbie.com.

The doll costs \$50 USD and will be available in toy stores starting in July.

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### If You Love Kewpie Dolls, the Kewpiesta Convention Is For You!



Did you know that a four day convention devoted to Kewpie Dolls is held each year? . **Kewpiesta** has been held in Branson, Missouri every year since 1968. This year's Kewpiesta will be held from April 21 through April 25th, with the theme of Rose's

Dolls. Visit [Kewpiesta](http://www.irocf.org/kewpiesta) for more information:

<http://www.irocf.org/kewpiesta/index.htm>

## Gems from the Internet !

### Online Fabric Retailers~

I ran across an online list published by Threads magazine organized by product category which I felt was a "Treasure Chest" to anyone who enjoys sewing and costuming. I plan to publish the whole list a bit at a time. Here are some of the names and websites. Enjoy!!

FABRICS, GENERAL, continued

Project Sewing Workshop - <http://projectsewingworkshop.com/>

Repro Depot - <http://www.ReproDepot.com>

Sawyer Brook - <http://www.SawyerBrook.com>

Sew Fancy Inc. - <http://www.SewFancy.com>

Sew It Up - <http://www.SewItUp.com>

The Sewing Workshop - <http://www.SewingWorkshop.com>

Simply Sunshine - <http://www.SimplySunshine.com>

Stragier (Belgium) - <http://www.Stragier.blogspot.com>

Tessuti (Australia) - <http://www.Tessuti.com.au>  
Vogue Fabrics - <http://www.VogueFabricsStore.com>

Waechter's Fine Fabrics - <http://www.FabricsAndButtons.com>

### ASIAN AND KIMONO FABRICS

Ah! Kimono - <http://www.AhKimono.com>

Carol Lane-Saber Designs - <http://www.SaberDesigns.cc>

From Japan - <http://www.FromJapanInc.com>

Ichiroya - <http://www.Ichiroya.com>

Kagedo Japanese Art - <http://www.Kagedo.com>

Kona Bay Fabrics - <http://www.KonaBay.com>

Kyoto Kimono - <http://www.KyotoKimono.com>

Old Japan, Inc. - <http://www.OldJapanInc.com>

**BATIKS, IKATS, AND AFRICAN FABRICS**  
Batiks Etcetera - <http://www.Batik.com>

St. Theresa Textile Trove - <http://www.StTheresaTextile.com>

International Fabric Collection - <http://www.IntFab.com>

TO BE CONTINUED

Look What We Did !

# "Potpourri"

This page is available for members to share Photos, Stories, etc. Items may be mailed to me or e-mailed. Both addresses (snail & e-mail) are available on page 4. Photos will be returned, if requested.

SHOW US WHAT YOU ARE WORKING ON!



Above—**elinor peace bailey**—cloth doll artist who actually spells her name in lower case— came to my (Jane Covington) home and gave a two day workshop. She looked just like her picture above and brought all the dolls in the two pictures (except the Jester) with her. Fun!

Below—Diane Boatman with a display of original dolls in a library— some of them are ours! Mine is the Weight Watcher's lady below called "The Reward" (eating a doughnut) after all the diet food and exercise!

Left, Three dolls, first, the "My Fair Lady" was the 1998 MDMG convention doll—we made 100 of them! The center one is my first original doll and my original "Marlene Dietrich". A POTPOURRI of pics!!!



# From the Editor...

Happy Easter !



Congratulations to Ila Hoetger and her husband Dan on the birth of their first great-grandchild!! Granddaughter Porschelle and husband Dan Haynes became the proud parents of a baby girl on 03-16-2010. They named her Kylee Nichole.

I got to thinking about our meeting being on April 1 and thought about making a joke—then it occurred to me - Why do we call it April Fool's Day? So I found out. There are several explanations but the most popular theory about the origin of April Fool's Day involves the French calendar reform of the sixteenth century.

The theory goes like this: In 1564 France reformed its calendar, moving the start of the year from the end of March to January 1.

Those who failed to keep up with the change, who stubbornly clung to the old calendar system and continued to celebrate the New Year during the week that fell between March 25th and April 1st,

had jokes played on them.

Pranksters would surreptitiously stick paper fish to their backs. The victims of this prank were thus called Poisson d'Avril, or April Fish—which, to this day, remains the French term for April Fools—and so the tradition was born.

Thanks to those of you who gave me some more handy hints to add to my collection and to share with you.

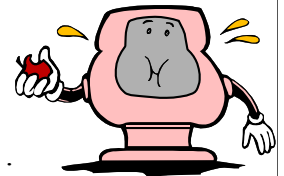
The renowned New York City-based collectible and play doll company, **Alexander Doll** (founded in 1923), has acquired the business assets of Lee Middleton Dolls (founded in 1989), which had been manufacturing Alexander's exclusive club dolls.

.Garden Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctr- Alt- Delete' and start all over?

See you at the meeting!

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