

The Dollmaker's Dispatch

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Michigan Doll Makers Guild

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APRIL 2008



Meeting - Wednesday, April 2

Michigan Doll Makers Guild will begin meeting on the first WEDNESDAY of each month starting with Wednesday, April 2, 2008 in the large room just inside the front door. The Macomb Library is scheduling us for the first Wednesday evening of every month, beginning with July. It is available in April due to a cancellation. We will be notified before the May 7th meeting if the big room is available then. Unless notified otherwise the May and June meetings will be the first Wednesday in the small meeting room at the back of the library.

Program: Cartridge Pleating

MEETING DATE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Will be at

Regular Meeting Place:

Michigan Doll Makers Guild

Macomb Library

(16480 Hall Rd. (M59)

6:30 PM

(South/West Corner of Garfield
Road)

Clinton Twp, MI 48038-1132

586-286-6660

Future Meeting Dates

2008

Apr 2

May 7

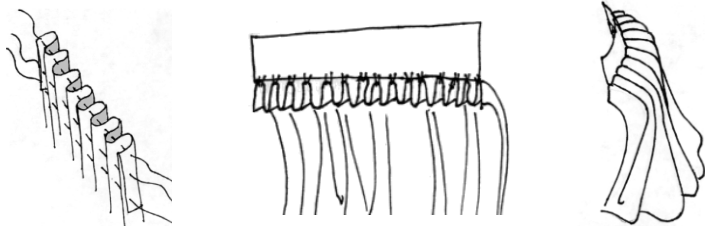
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Cartridge pleating is a method of gathering large amounts of fabric to a small waistband, sleeve, bonnet or other garment without adding bulk to the seam. It also makes the fabric spring away from the waist or shoulder more than normal box-pleating, knife-pleating or gathering does. It was fashionable for gathering large sleeves to the shoulder on men's clothing during the 15th century, and was also a popular method during the 16th century for attaching full skirts to waistbands and bodices.

Cartridge pleating must be sewn by hand, but in many cases is worth the effort. When creating an Elizabethan gown with a heavy skirt or the 1860s look of Scarlett O'Hara with her tiny waist and voluminous skirts, it adds to the period silhouette; in some cases, the "spring" caused by cartridge pleating can eliminate the need for padding under the skirt to hold the fabric out from the hips.

Ila Hoetger will display objects made with cartridge pleating and provide small samples of fabric for members to try their hand at this fascinating and ancient method of hand sewing.

Bring needle, thread, and scissors.



2008 Executive Board

Diane Boatman—President

Linda McArthur—Vice President

Rita Paulus —Secretary

Ila Hoetger—Treasurer

Lorrie Cross—Membership Co-Chairmen

Barb Tornow—

Jane Covington—Newsletter Editor

APRIL HOSTESSES - Rita Paulus, Karen Tracz, Jane Covington

The calendar of programs for 2008:

January—Jane Covington (Video and use of heat set oil paints)

February—Meeting Canceled

March— Karen Hayes, Valentine Box

April Ila Hoetger “Cartridge Pleating”

May— Open

June- Lorrie Cross

July— Diane Boatman

August— Picnic

September— Linda McArthur

October— Karen Tracz

November— Rita Paulus

December— Christmas Party

Note: Again this year members are responsible for our programs. A member responsible for a program may choose among several types of doll related presentations such as:

Demonstration,
Informational (new products or methods)
Hands-on workshop,
Teaching new techniques (sewing, painting, etc)
Bringing a guest dollmaker,
Talk or picture show of doll museums, etc. visited
Displaying collections
Personal experiences in dollmaking
Any other informative topics or methods.

DO YOU KNOW ?

To date, **thirty-eight toys** have made it into the **National Toy Hall of Fame** at the Strong Museum. **Three** of these toys are dolls.

Can you guess which dolls are in the Hall of Fame?

How **many of the other toys** can you name?

Answer: See last page



Part of MDMG’s donation of Social Service gifts for children. Chairman of the Committee is Karen Hayes. Shown above is Barb Tornow with a roomful of toys.



As proven by these three photos, Karen and Barb have done a great job with their shopping skills.



Look What We Did !

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!

Antique Porcelain Dolls

Since I had no volunteers for this page this month, I decided to ask for your help in identifying these gorgeous dolls who belong to a friend. They have been in her family (or friends) for 100 years and she has asked me to evaluate them.



The doll on the left is 32' tall and has a flawlessly beautiful head. Her body is cloth with stuffed hands. I believe her to be an Armand Marseille (A17M?). She has a wardrobe of 3 or 4 outfits, mostly hand-made and very intricate.

The china head doll on the right and below is about 22'' and needs re-dressing. I cannot find A name for her.



ENJOY LOOKING AT THESE BEAUTIES AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY THEM. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!



The doll to the left I believe to be German. She is about 22'' tall and has a composition body which needs to be repaired or replaced. There are a few dirty spots on her face which can easily be cleaned off. Her dress is very old, but in excellent condition with incredibly beautiful handwork.



From the Editor...

Things have been quite hectic lately...

...trying to get all the good stuff on the new MDMG website. There is much left to be done, but the 2008 Table Contracts, Competition Rules, and Competition Forms are there and may be printed directly from the website. It is our wish that we can reach more doll people and spend less on postage than has been possible in the past.

We have tremendous room on the website to expand and “show off” what we do best— make dolls and collect knowledge about dolls.

Any member, active or associate, is encouraged to submit photographs and descriptions of dolls, costuming, or anything else doll related to be placed on the Guild website. Digital photos sent by e-mail are the best, but photos may be sent by mail and I will scan them into the computer. This includes any original work in sculpting, costuming, etc.

Doll photos from the 2005, 2006, and 2007 Doll Show Competitions are in place, or will be soon. I do not have the names of the dollmaker on many of the photos. If you know whose doll is in a photo please let me know and I will give that person credit.

Please visit the website frequently to see what has

been added, locate the newsletter page, and check out the photos!!

PLEASE READ THIS!!!

Starting with the May issue, this newsletter will be posted on the MDMG website. Members without access to the Internet will have their copies sent through the mail as usual. The newsletter may be printed from the website if desired.

The website is:

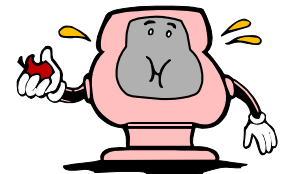
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Answer to Toys in the Hall of Fame:

Alphabet Blocks	Jump Rope	Teddy Bear
Atari 2600 Game System	Kite	Tinker-toy
Bicycle	Kite	Tonka Trucks
Candy Land	LEGO	View-Master
Cardboard Box	Lionel Trains	
Checkers	Lincoln Logs	Dolls:
Crayola Crayons	Marbles	Barbie
Duncan Yo-Yo	Monopoly	G.I. Joe
Easy-Bake Oven	Mr. Potato Head	Raggedy Ann
Erector Set	Play-Doh	(or Andy)
Etch A Sketch	Radio Flyer Wagon	
Frisbee	Rocking Horse	
Hula Hoop	Roller Skates	
Jack-in-the-Box	SCRABBLE	
Jacks	Silly Putty	
Jigsaw Puzzle	Slinky	

See you at the meeting!

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