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The Museum Celebrates It's 15th Anniversary!

In just a few months we will be celebrating the Museum's *fifteenth* year of operation. When the Museum opened it's doors in the Fall of 1992, it was located in a quiet, mostly residential little neighborhood called Ashwood, just a few blocks from downtown Bellevue. Well, what a difference fifteen years makes! Our

little community is being transformed into the cultural center of the city, and a true destination neighborhood for the arts in the Puget Sound region.

This process has been both organic, and by design. In the summer of 1993, ten months after the Museum opened, the Bellevue Regional Library was built next door. A recipient of several major awards for architectural design, and host to artwork by several notable

Northwest artists, the library receives nearly 3,000 visitors per day.

Currently under construction is a retail and residential high-rise that will border the planned Ashwood Park Plaza, the gateway into Ashwood Park, which is also adjacent to the Museum. The tower will include a 200-



The humble beginnings: The two lots as Rosalie purchased them in 1990 – the Museum site.

seat "black box" theater for small performing arts groups, sculpture and other art elements, and perhaps rotating exhibits.

This "cultural corridor" will soon also be home to the Performing Arts Center Eastside, or PACE, which will be a 2,000-seat theater, the largest arts facility on the eastside. The Center will host a variety of live performances by

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from the director

Who is this tall, good-looking guy standing next to me? I have to crane my neck to look up at him now that my first-born grandchild, R. J. is over 6'. It is difficult for me to believe he is already 15, but he is what makes it possible for me to believe that we are celebrating the MUSEUM'S 15th ANNIVERSARY! R. J. was just 4 months old when he came to the opening with his parents, my son, Rick and daughter-in-law, Missy, on September 16, 1992. There has been a lot of water under the bridge, as they say, since then.

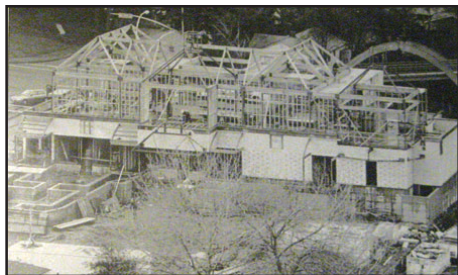
It all began when my fellow doll club members in Fairbanks, Alaska encouraged me to "open a doll museum" many years ago. Who? Me? What in the world did I know about that? However, when we moved to Bellevue in 1989, my husband, George, suggested "...it might give you something to do." Oh, My Dear, indeed, it has. But since I couldn't begin to describe those busy years in words, here are a few photographs from our family and the Museum's scrapbooks for you

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to walk with down memory lane. Perhaps the Doll Museum has been a meaningful part of your family's life, also. We hope so.



The Museum begins taking on a recognizable shape, Jan 17 1992 Seattle Times.



Our wonderful A. Thuiller announces the Museum's Sept 16, 1992 opening.



Rosalie surrounded by some friends putting in their requests for the building plans.

Meanwhile, we are once again busy planning a grand 15th Anniversary celebration and we hope YOU, our dear member, supporter, docent, or visitor will come and celebrate with us on



1992 Roofing the Museum in the Northwest rain.



Mayor Protem Margo Blacker aids in the ribbon cutting!



The Museum as it opened September 16, 1992.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 and throughout the following week.

Another important anniversary takes place this year – the 80th Anniversary of the FRIENDSHIP DOLLS exchanged between the United States and Japan. In the long tradition of dolls as ambassadors of Friendship, we would like to announce the GRAND UNVEILING of our newly acquired Friendship Doll MISS KANTOSHU. She is one of the 44 remaining of 58 dolls sent from



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local, national and international groups, and will offer arts education outreach programs for the community.

There is so much to see and do, right here in Bellevue.... Why not plan a visit with your doll club? The Museum is open every day, and we operate two stores, both brimming with doll-related treasures. Call the Museum, 425-455-1116, to let us know you're coming.

We hope to see you very soon! Have a wonderful summer.

Jill Gorman
Curator



Melissa, Rick, and R.J. (4 months old) Abel attend the Museum's Opening.

Japan in reciprocation for over 1200 dolls sent by United States school children in 1927 to the children of Japan in a gesture of friendship. Miss Kantoshu is one of the few to retain her original finish and is in excellent condition. She came to us with her original traveling trunk and stand, "Passport", parasol, 2 pair of "shoes", a tea whisk, and book on the Friendship Dolls. At 32" tall and in authentic Japanese

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From the Museum Store...



Giant Yes/No Bear - 20" darling with long caramel mohair by Schuco. Glass eyes, felt pads & working mechanism. Handle needs work, right foot pad worn. \$975



All original 22" Steiff felt Gentleman. Stippled beard stubs, blue glass eyes, painted features & applied ears. Embroidered velvet vest with metal buttons & wonderful leather boots & straw hat. Inset mohair wig, jointed at the neck, arms & legs. \$2495

Stunning 26" EJA 10 with golden brown paperweight eyes, brown mohair wig & open/closed mouth. Beautiful mauve blushing, applied ears & antique turquoise & white glass earrings. Dainty white heavy cotton antique dress & brown leather shoes with blue glass button closures (they've walked some miles!). Early straight wrist, original finish compo body with mark & bottom of her foot is marked "Au Bon Marche 27". Simply gorgeous! Call for Price



Come See Me - Revealed!

Please join us as we unveil our Japanese Friendship Doll. A Rare Treasure Indeed! Saturday September 15th 11 a.m. Museum Atrium*

*DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY ORIGAMI -THE ART OF PAPER FOLDING
PROPER KIMONO DRESSING JAPANESE GIRLS' DAY DISPLAY AND SPECIAL MUSIC

The Museum's 15th Birthday!

Both our stores will be selling at huge savings from 10% to 70% off all week long!

Saturday September 15th

- Friendship Doll Unveiling*
- Your Favorite Birthday Cake*
- Party Room Fun*
- 15th Anniversary Souvenirs*

Saturday September 15th thru

Sunday September 23rd

- Museum Store Sale*
- Rosie's Too Sale*

Free Doll \$Money\$!!!

We'll be again giving out \$2 to \$100 "Museum Money" to be spent anytime during our Birthday month. Good towards the purchase of anything, in either Store!

Also, we'll be handing out Souvenirs in celebration of our 15th Anniversary - All while supplies last!

Come see the great items in our Store - ALL on Sale!

From Corolle, Tonner, & Madame Alexander to Only Hearts, Groovy Girls, Ginny, and so many more.

Also, join us in our Party Room - Fancy hairstyles, dressing dolls, and coloring paper dolls.

Come Early - Stay Late - Celebrate!

Area Doll Show Dates

ANTIQUA DOLL & TOY MARKET*

Bellevue Inn Red Lion
Bellevue WA

Sunday July 29, 2007

11am - 4pm

MUSEUM ANNIVERSARY SALE*

Museum of Doll Art &
Rosie's Too
Bellevue WA

September 15 - 23, 2007

During Regular Hours

SEATTLE DOLLHOUSE MINIATURE SHOW

Seattle Center NW Rooms
Seattle WA

Saturday September 22, 2007

10am - 5pm

Sunday September 23, 2007

11am - 4pm

CROSSROADS DOLL, TEDDY BEAR & ANTIQUE SHOW*

Puyallup Fairgrounds
Puyallup WA

Saturday October 13, 2007

10am - 4:30pm

Sunday October 14, 2007

10am - 4pm

ANTIQUA & COLLECTIBLE DOLL MARKET*

Lake City Community Center
Seattle WA

Saturday November 3, 2007

10am - 3pm



*Look for the Museum Sales Table

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ROSIE'S TOO

Anniversary Sale

Sept 15th

Saturday 11 to 4

Sept 20th

Thursday 11 to 8

Sept 22nd

Saturday 11 to 4

Don't forget our hours!

Thursdays 11am to 8pm and
Saturdays 11am to 4pm.

If you or your club are going to be visiting the area, give us a call and we can arrange for a time to come to Rosie's Too while you are here.

ROSIE'S TOO APPRAISAL CLINIC! Saturday July 28th

During our open hours. These are complimentary, verbal appraisals, limit three dolls per person please.

her family to go with our darling Shirley to document this obvious Shriners' event right here in our own back yard.



Close-up of the label on Shirley's hat.

Do stop by and visit our two Shirleys and see what an adorable duo they are, while being historical and nostalgic also.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE GALLERY

If you think you are seeing double in our SHIRLEY TEMPLE exhibit in the Modern Gallery, LOOK AGAIN! That's right. We now have two (2) Shirley Cowgirls! These early composition dolls were done in 1936 as commissions for special events throughout the country. Our first Shirley was a Texas Ranger for the Texas Centennial and her funny big hat says



“Ride ‘Em Cowboy”. She is a diminutive 12 inches tall and all original with her holster, gun, and red satin bandana besides her wonderful leather chaps and vest.

Were we ever amazed and excited when this 16” beauty came through our doors wearing a pompomed sombrero with the

inscription “Smile with Nile Seattle 1936”! It turns out this was in honor of the Shriners' Imperial Session held in Seattle that year. And I'll bet you could never guess who Nile is? A camel! A female camel brought over from China - she would be the star in many a Shriner parade and she even got a mate, “Potentate”, who enabled an offspring, “Outer

Guard”. When not parading these sweet unguulates resided at the Woodland Park Zoo. How's that for some unique Seattle history? Do any of you out there remember attending this function or have relatives who may have? We would love to hear from you or have copies of photographs of Nile and

We would like to thank the following people for their generous donations during the last quarter:

Lola Fast

Kate Greenaway alphabet poster
Child's unopened paper umbrella

Joyce Frazier

35th anniversary Barbie™; other dolls

Joanna Lescroart

Ethnic dolls

Marcia Magoon

Ginny and Alexander-Kins

Marge Novak

Four ceramic San Francisco Doll Club pins,
painted by Cecilia Rothman

Ruth Osborn

Photograph of little girl with dolls and buggy

Susan Puck

Cloth Kewpie doll, c. 1939,
Hand-woven doll cradle, c. 1930

Lilli White

Celluloid doll

Welcome To Our New & Returning Members:

Suzanne Blanchard	Hap Crawford
Mary Kay Brancheau	Anne Dickinson
Carol Dethman	Heather Hansen
Laurae Dunning	Vicki L. Johnson
Joyce Hoffer	Ellie Kringer
Lenore Kobayashi	Judy E. Lloyd
Mary Kelloniemi	Pearl Miller
Marsha Marquardt	Rebecca Nelson
Judi Montague	Joyce Sheets
Christy Rudner	Sheryl Varon
Donna Smith	
Aurora Stella Valentinetti	
Helen Wootton	

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kimono, she has the bearing of a 5 year old child. Over 40 layers of gofun (ground oyster shell) were used to create the fine bisque-like finish on her face and limbs.

In 1926 Dr. Sidney Gulick formed the Committee on World Friendship Among Children which resulted in the Friendship Doll exchange. Today his grandson, Dr. Sidney Gulick III and his wife, Frances, carry on this important work of world peace through friendships. It is our wish to do the same with the help of MISS KANTOSHU, thus, to continue the original tradition, we extend an invitation to teachers and students at all levels to visit this remarkable little ambassador at THE ROSALIE WHYEL MUSEUM OF DOLL ART and celebrate FRIENDSHIPS NEW AND OLD.

If you would like more information on what the GULICKS are doing and what has been learned by researchers such as ROSIE SKILES of the JAPANESE AMERICAN DOLL ENTHUSIASTS (JADE), or BILL GORDON, (Friendship Dolls) click on wgordon.web.wesleyan.edu/dolls/index.HTM.

Rosalie Whyel, Director

Become A Museum Member!

RWMDA receives no outside funding so we really appreciate our members! To show our appreciation, "Annual Membership" Members receive free admission to the Museum, discounts on their purchases in the Museum Store, Rosie's Too and the internet, as well as invitations to exclusive opening receptions for all of the new exhibits. To top it off, "Annual Membership" Members have first opportunity to attend special programs and sales at our Member Events!

If you have a large family or know of one who would enjoy visiting the Museum, an "Annual Family Pass" will get a single household unlimited family admission for an entire year - a great gift idea!





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 Sun 1 to 5

ROSIE'S TOO HOURS:

221 106th Ave NE Bellevue
 (425) 455-0363
 Thurs 11 to 8
 Sat 11 to 4
 Or by Appointment

**Just a few of our Awards
 over the past 15 years!**

Bronze in the 1993 Telly Awards -
 Educational Videos
 Bellevue Chamber of Commerces'
 Emerging Business Award -
 Business Innovation 1996 -
 Tourism 1999
 Nambe Award 1997, Santa Fe
 Children's Museum
 Selected a "Community Treasure"
 by Medina School Children
 Jumeau Award for "Best Private
 Doll Museum Worldwide" 1994
 Rosalie was awarded UFDC
 Outstanding Preservation Award,
 1993

**European Antique Doll and Toy Tour
 March 27 - April 12, 2008 17 Days**

Paris * Giverney * Rennes *
 Josselin * Versailles * Poissy *
 Avignon * L'Isle sur la Sorgue *
 Fontaine de Valcuse * Monte Carlo
 * Florence * Bologna *
 Stresa * Angera



Join Rosalie Whyel, owner and founder of the Rosalie Whyel Museum of Doll Art in Bellevue, Washington, and European doll tour coordinator and doll collector Ellie Kringer on a scenic and exciting tour to visit and explore special Doll Museums and Antique Doll collections of France, Monaco and Italy. Enjoy the areas of Brittany and Provence in France and Lake Maggiore in Italy. This educational tour is for intermediate and advanced Antique Doll Collectors who are interested in furthering their in-depth studies of antique dolls.

Includes -- Superior Tourist Class Hotels - Private Motor Coach - Daily Hot Breakfast - Museum Entrance Fees - Welcome Wine Reception - Two Special Banquets - Seine Cruise - Guided Tour of Paris & Versailles - Portage & Gratuities - Travel Insurance

\$4000 based on double occupancy. Air not included, but can be arranged. Daily itinerary available. Intermediate & advanced Antique Doll Collectors.

Call Ellie Kringer at 425-641-7345
 or email elliek.allplacestravel@comcast.net.

Coming Events at the Museum

MAY 19 2007 - OCTOBER 21 2007

"Layered To Last: Papier Mâché Dolls"
 Changing Gallery Exhibit

JULY 28 2007

Doll Appraisal Clinic at Rosie's Too
 During Regular Hours, 11 to 4

SEPTEMBER 3 2007

**Labor Day
 Museum OPEN**

SEPTEMBER 15 - 23 2007

Museum Anniversary Sale
 Museum of Doll Art & Rosie's Too
 (see page 3)



SEPTEMBER 15 2007

Friendship Doll Unveiling
 Museum Atrium 11am
 (see page 3)

**OCTOBER 27 2007 -
 FEBRUARY 3 2008**

"With Strings Attached; Marionettes, Puppets, and Theaters"
 Changing Gallery Exhibit