

56 Homeowners Association Newsletter

.....July, 2011 

From the Presidential Pen....

Dear 56 Homeowner Friends:

Well, July is upon us!! It sure has been a wet spring, it is hard to get Department 56 ideas on the brain when you (me) just wants to snuggle under the covers and listen to the raindrops beating on the roof. But I did pull myself out from under the covers long enough to go to the 56 Homeowners Board Meeting last Monday, June 13. The Board decided we would bring our mushed/crushed or damaged trees to the upcoming meeting and we ask you to do the same, as Marion will give us clues on how to repair them.

Also, your Board is in a quandary as to what “you” the membership would like to see done at the meetings, especially since we do not buy as many pieces as we have in the past. So, if you have suggestions, please call me or any of the board members. **THIS CLUB IS FOR YOU** and we would like to do a good job for you, its members.

Hoping for less snuggle time with the blankets the rest of July. See you soon.

From the Presidential Pen,



Karen Rae

Meeting Agenda:

Tree repair

From our Editor's Quill....

Hello from Lester Prairie!

Wow! I'm SO SORRY about the last newsletter!
Time got away from me!

Being Mother of the Bride sure does strange things to the brain!

Well I'm back and now have a cold. Ahh Minnesota livin'.

There was a long discussion about the club at the Board meeting.

Are we a social club?

A service club?

Do our members want to do anything?

What hasn't been seen or done?

Will anyone do demonstrations for the club?

As you can imagine we don't know the answers as we're all pretty new. So if you have ideas PLEASE let one of us know! We're STUCK and Need your help!

Thanks!!!

PLEASE let me know if you want the newsletter e-mailed to you instead of mailed.



Shellie_

Dear Collector Clubs:

Now that the holiday season is over and you have put away your Village displays for another year, wouldn't it be nice to look at what other collectors did with the same pieces at their house? Or enjoy a story about a collector's quest to find the missing piece for their Village? Or learn a little more about one of your favorite lighted pieces. If you answered yes to any of these questions, we would like to invite you to visit the new and improved Collectors Corner on the Department 56 web site www.department56.com.

Our imaginary saws and hammers have been busy remodeling, changing and adding new features, new pictures and new games to a site we hope you'll visit often.

We need your input in order to keep the site fresh and interesting. Here are things we are looking for:

- **Spotlight on Clubs** - We want to feature a club and need a story about your activities, special projects, and photos of the group
- **Spotlight on Collectors** - Here is your opportunity to share a story and photos of your display with other collectors
- **Adventures in Collecting** - Do you or a fellow collector have an amusing or interesting story about collecting? We'd love to hear it.
- **Display Photos** - Have you created an interesting seasonal vignette or display you know other collectors would enjoy?
- **Display Tips** - Share some of your great ideas with other collectors and other clubs.

Email your comments, stories, ideas and pictures to our special mailbox [click here for the appropriate E-mail addresses](#).

Photos should be JPG formatted. Photos and correspondence can also be mailed to Collectors Corner, PO Box 44456, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

Sincerely,
Melinda Seegers
Melinda Seegers
Manager, Consumer Services

A Letter From D56

Dear Shellie,

I was at Bloomington Drug today, and Lynn mentioned that they aren't sponsoring your club any longer. Did you get the winter '11 catalog? I wanted to send you the attachment of the Mid-year introductions. They won't be online until after May 6th, when we have our sales conference call to discuss the product.

One Village Place is closed now, and we'll be moving into our new location (which is about a mile and a half away) mid-May. So sad leaving that beautiful building and especially seeing it empty..... They had an employee sample sale a few months ago, and I picked up some things that you can use for give-aways in your group. Do your club members attend Gertens Ladies Night events before Christmas? If not, it's 6 Wednesday nights in a row and they offer a 30% off coupon that you can apply towards Village and Snowbabies. We always have one of the Village artists and Kristie Pierro, our Snowbabies artist, there one night to sign pieces. If your club is interested, I will check with Teresa, the owner, to see if they will do a special promo for you some day or night before their open houses.

Please let me know how I can be of help to you, Shellie. I will keep in touch with you to pass on any information that will be of interest to you. I tried calling you earlier, but I understand that you won't be home until 3:30.

Feel free to call me, as well.

Kindest Regards,

Kathy

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Meetings... Third
Monday

2011 Schedule

July 18
September 19
November 21

Schedule of
events... Theme and
Treats

July 18- 4th of July / Picnics
September 19 – Fall/ Halloween
November 21- Holiday Party

2011-Club Officers

President-

Karen Rae Huerd
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Vice-President –

Kathy Palattao
952- 442-4025

Treasurer –

Thomas Gessner

Secretary - open

NCC Representative –

Thomas Gessner

Board
Meetings... Second
Monday

2011 Schedule (Please note the day/ date change)

August 8
October 10
December 12

About the Board Meeting:

6:30PM on Monday at
Perkins in Chaska.
184 Pioneer Trail
952-314-8907

Come and participate in the planning
of our meetings- new ideas are
always welcome.

We are on the Web!

Find our newsletter at:

<http://www.minnesota56clubs.com/clubnews/index.htm>

Minnesota 56 Clubs At:

<http://www.minnesota56clubs.com/>

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NCC Bulletin found at:

<http://www.ncc56.com/bulletinsncc/Spring2011.pdf>

Display Tips from NCC

I borrowed this from the January 2011 Tampa Bay 56ers newsletter that received this article from a professional D56 designer.

I have gazed upon thousands of village displays in my time, and as a designer, nothing disappoints me more than seeing building after building lined up in a display all facing the same direction. Of course, the villager's aim is to show off each piece towards the front of the display for all to see. My immediate question though is, "How does that make your display stand out from Village B, Village C, and so on?" The answer should be obvious, it does not. More than 90% of all villages I see look like they were propped up quickly and plugged in just in time for the Christmas party to start. No thought given to making the display more visually appealing to the viewer. Try facing stores, and other buildings towards each other for a downtown main street type of effect, where the viewer finds themselves gazing down the

If you have "Santa's On His Way." and are upset because your banner is out of date, Department 56 has come to your rescue. On their web site they have provided a file that you can download for banners representing years 2011 to 2020. Just print it out on your printer. Cut out the upcoming year. Store the remaining years for future use. Glue or tape a piece of thick paper or cardstock to the paper to make the sign sturdier. Take your sign and add "Tacky Wax" to the back so you can attach it to the "Santa's On His Way." Department 56 recommends "Tacky Wax" which goes on easy and comes off without damaging the product.

From :Penny Miller
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I want to welcome our three new Associate Members – Mini Things (Lottie Clinedinst) www.ourminithings.com, Nancy's Hallmark (Bob and Nancy Losekamp and Susan Burns) www.nancysshm.com and Christmas Village Fun Blog

center of town and can more easily imagine themselves shuffling in and out of stores in the town. The sides of the buildings will be pointed towards the front of the display, but the viewer is still able to see one side plus the front of each building.

This Month Featuring:

Gartner's Hallmark in Buffalo

14 1st Avenue S Buffalo, MN 55313-1409

WWW.Hallmark.com

Gartner's Hallmark in Buffalo, MN is a private company categorized under Gift Shops. Our records show it was established in 1974 and incorporated in Minnesota.

Current estimates show this company has an annual revenue of \$500,000 to \$1 million and employs a staff of approximately 5 to 9.

About Us....

We are a small but unique collectors club, we are always eager to learn new techniques / ways to display our treasures.

We get together to discuss our finds, do a few "Make & Takes", listen to special speakers, and enjoy the company of others with similar interests.

We meet every other month on the third Monday at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington, MN at 7:00 PM.

(Chris Brosterhous)
www.christmasvillagefun.blogspot.com. More information about them can be found on the NCC website.

Other Known Shops to carry D56

[Autumn Cottage](#) / Stillwater/ 651/275-1333

[Gartner's Hallmark](#) / Buffalo / 612 682-2701

[Krause Imports & Gifts](#) / Maple Grove/
763-420-4428

[Lambrech's](#) / New Ulm / 507- 233-4350
www.lambrechtsgifts.com

[Pam's Hallmark](#) / Glencoe / 320- 864-4712

[Ravey's Hallmark](#) / St. Paul/ 651-405-3943

[Red Wing Pottery Sales](#) / Red Wing / 651-388-3562

[Revak Nursery](#) / Lakeville / 952 469-1200

[Robin Lee's Hallmark](#) / Crystal / 763/533-4507

[Setzer Pharmacy](#) / St Paul / 651-488-0251

[The Village Shop](#) /Hutchinson / 320- 587-2727

Other Known Shops to carry D56

[Thirteen Acres Of Minnesota](#) / Mpls/ 612 338-6761

Please call any Club officer with questions.

From the Hearth...

Butter Seasoned Pretzels

From: Shellie Guenther

3 lb. of Pretzels
1 bottle of Orville Redenbacher's Popcorn Butter Oil
1 package of Hidden Valley Original Ranch Dressing Mix
3 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. dill

Mix oil and seasonings together. (heat in microwave for 1 minute, 30 seconds) In a large container mix pretzels and oil mixture. Tossing a few times a day. I let mine sit overnight then bag into 3 quart bags.

Real Estate Classified Section:

Seasonally:

Bachman's 612-861-7600
[Gerten Greenhouses](#) 651-450-1501
Macy's
Sears

*** Please let me know if this list needs to be updated. As I took all this information of the web. **

From the Hearth...

Turkey Sloppy Joe's

10-12 pound turkey
1/8 pound butter Lowry's Salt
Pepper Vegetable oil
(In a large roaster Rub bird with vegetable oil season with lowry's salt and pepper to taste , place pats of butter on bird) Cook at 350 until done
Cool bird (once bird has cooled cut all meat into small pieces)
Strain broth to get rid of drippings (use below)

Heat the following over medium heat:

1 1/2 cans chicken broth plus broth from above
2 cans cream of chicken soup
2 1/2 package turkey gravy (Shillings)
1 cup milk
In a separate container mix 1 cup milk and packages of gravy mix
Sir into broth the gravy mix stirring continuously
Add cream of chicken soup and heat until well blended
Mix all cut turkey into the gravy mix and let marinade together. (I simmer for about 1 hr, or put in crock pot 2-3 hrs prior to event)
Serve on buns

**Real Estate for sale: (please
contact Realtors directly):**

Homebuyer Seeking:

Jack the pumpkin carver / SV / Karen Rae
Blue camper/trailer / SV/ Karen Rae
D56 Ornaments / NEV Village Houses/ Shellie

Trivia and Games

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For our Trivia Question,

Which two villages are lacking a church in their available buildings?

Besides the traditional villages of “Snow Village”, “Dickens”, “New England”, “Christmas In The City”, “Alpine”, “North Pole”, “Dickens Christmas Carol”, “Snow Village Halloween”, “Winter Frost” and “Williamsburg” have or have not a church available.

Answer:

New England Village has no current church since the retirement of Providence Church in 2010. The other village without a church is North Pole Village, which has not had one for over ten years, since the retirement of The North Pole Chapel.

Current village churches include Christkindl Church in Alpine, St. Pauls Chapel in CIC, St. Luke’s Church in DV, The Church At Cornhill in DV Christmas Carol, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Grace in SV, Walter & Larry’s Crypt in SV Halloween, Bruton Parrish Church in Williamsburg, and Holy Night Church and Wooddale Church

Of the other villages that are not part of Heritage Village Collection or Snow Village Collection, we find the Sleepy Hollow Church in the Legends of Sleepy Hollow-eeen from the Classic Brands. We do not find any other churches among the lit buildings of the Classic Brands, including A Christmas Story, Disney Village, or Peanuts Village.

Questions:

1. Whom do you call to get your windows washed?
2. How many members are there in the Alpine Traveling Band?
3. Who sells fine Persian rugs?
4. What should we read to be informed on what's going on in Snow Village?
5. We need gas for our car...where can we get some in Snow Village and also in Christmas in the City?
6. Who is the author of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer story?
7. Finish the name of the accessory-" Wind him up, ____ ____ ____."
8. Who owns the shop where we can buy bells and harnesses?
9. What are the Life Saving Volunteers using to rescue someone in trouble?
10. Who is going to pull the most recent Yule Log home?
11. What is the Skeleton crew doing?
12. Name 5 accessories that represent people who are associated with the churches in Snow Village.
13. Why does Charles Dickens say that crying is good?

Answers:

1. Call Windows washed by Tom
2. Four
3. M. Pickering
4. Read the Gazette
5. To go the Last Stop, or Big Bill's or CIC Royal Oil Co.
6. Bob May
7. Watch him go
8. Orly
9. Lifeboat
10. Black dog
11. Fishing
12. We found 14 including: An angelic scene, Children's Nativity, Dressed in our Easter best, Oh Brother, On our wedding day, and Welcome to the congregation, etc.
13. It opens the lungs, washes the countenance, exercises the eyes and soften down the temper.

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