



Village Views

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A Busy Time of Year

This is the busiest, best time of year for San Diego Fifty-Sixers. Styrofoam boxes are taking over expanses of people’s homes, while village displays are popping up everywhere. Open house season has arrived. Be sure to check the Open House schedule on page three. I encourage everyone to visit as many open houses as they can. Winnie and I always find at least one new, or different, thing at every open house we attend. Remember that you can choose to donate to the hosts’ preferred charity at each event, if you desire. Thanks to the generosity of our membership: we raised approximately \$2500 for a variety of charities last holiday season.

Thanks goes to Jim Murphy, who gave a great October program about the power in your village. He is The Master when it comes to electricity. Taking his advice from the program, the Sages have added those little, short pigtail cords that Jim showed us. We can now plug in 6 AC/DC or Brite Lite adapters to a single power strip instead of only one or two.

Thanks to the 2009 nominating committee, Winnie Sage, Phyllis Newton, and Carol Orlando. Since there were no nominations from the floor after the slate was presented, the slate will be elected at the next meeting. These will be your 2010 officers:

President	Lauren Murphy
Vice President	Michelle Brown
Treasurer	Annie Dallow
Recording Secretary	Betty Roberts
Corresponding Secretary	Shirley Bechtel

Marge Bramfeld has our thanks for chairing Lighting Up Lives for another year. Once again, the Club will collect donations of new art supplies for the hospital. (You can go on the Rady’s Children’s Hospital website, if you want to see the hospital’s recommendations for art supplies.) Bring your donations to the Club meeting or to the Lighting Up Lives event on Saturday, November 21st. Also, we are holding an Arbor Day at the Club meeting on the 18th. Please bring trees to donate to our Lighting Up Lives displays. I encourage all members to come to Rady Children’s Hospital on the 21st to help create the three tabletop displays. We know our displays help patients and their families escape into a magical village, if only for a few minutes.

This month, Dr. Dallow will entertain us with his games. Don’t forget our meeting is one week earlier due to the Thanksgiving holiday. See you on the **18th of November at 6:30PM.**

Jon

MINDLESS MUTTERING...

...by *Bob O'Connor*

After the informational presentation Jim Murphy gave on lighting up your village, even Alan Weber could light up his display without blowing a fuse. We now know the many ways possible to make our villages come to light; all that's left is to get off our duffs and put them up. The directions for this year's open houses are on page three of this issue.



Speaking of lighting up villages, we will be creating village displays for Children's Hospital, and, going one better, we will be Lighting Up Lives. November 22 at 8:30 am is the day we create a magical world on a tabletop to bring happiness to children suffering with reality. Be on time, it won't take us very long, because we have to finish in time to go to San Clemente for our second open house of the season.

The winners of the retirement contest will be announced on Wednesday, November 18, at our regular meeting. Notice it is the third Wednesday of the month so only those members who pay attention will be there to compete in the games. Bring a pen or pencil (some of us are limited to crayons as long as we don't eat them), it's game night. Get ready to meet the challenges Bob Dallow will have for us. While on the subject of games or contests, the club will be holding a photo contest next year. Photos can be of your own village, someone else's village, or of any other related subject matter. The winners will be picked by popular vote of the club members.

RAFFLE PRIZES

From Canterbury Gardens:
Hammerstein Piano Co.....Bill Hohnhorst

From Casual Living:
\$50.00 Gift Certificate.....Jim Murphy

From City Lights:
Corn Stalk Lanterns.....Roxanne Hudson
Holly Covered Lamppost.....Sherri Struthers
Twinkle Bright Frosted Topiary.....Esther Erdell

From Mole Hole:
Bird Seller.....Catherine Ingwalson
The Old Puppeteer.....Catherine Ingwalson

From SD 56ers:
Village Display Platform.....Roxanne Hudson

From Unique Gifts:
\$25.00 Gift Certificate.....Donna Poole

From Dave Bechtel:
Christmas Star Street Lights.....Winnie Sage

DOOR PRIZES –From Lisa Johnson

Get Your Spices `Ere!, Linda Morgan; Woodpile, Winnie Sage; Trick or Treat Mouse, Sue O'Connor; Halloween Snake, Donna Poole; Heritage Village Apron, Catherine Ingwalson; Witchy Woman, Joe Innecken; Eye See You, Mary Marshall; Chimney & Legs Salt/Pepper Shakers, Bill Hohnhorst; Cocoa Mug, Patty Burdick; Sundial, Dennis Morgan; SD 56er Sign, Annie Dallow; Christmas Plaque, Eileen Innecken; M & M Snow Globe, Bob Dees; Harvest Plate, Karen Boynton; Cat Plate, Kathy Heitzmann

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Open House Directions for 2009

STOP NUMBER: 1

DATE: Saturday, November 21

TIME: 2:00-7:00 PM

CLUB MEMBER: Annie and Bob Dallow
ADDRESS: 116B Calle Patricia, San Clemente

TELEPHONE: 949-498-1356

CHARITY: Susan G Komen For The Cure

DIRECTIONS: Take 5 North, exiting at Presidio (Exit 75). Turn right at end of exit ramp. Take first right on Esperanza, followed by the third right on Calle Patricia. Stop at 116 (on the right side); good luck with finding parking!

STOP NUMBER: 2

DATE: Sunday, November 22

TIME: 2:00-6:00 PM

CLUB MEMBERS: Sue and Bob O'Connor
ADDRESS: 23700 Calistoga Place, Ramona
TELEPHONE: 760-789-3957

CHARITY: UCSD Burn Center

DIRECTIONS: From I-8 east or Poway Rd. take hwy 67 north to Dye Rd. Turn right, when road ends at San Vicente Rd. turn right. Turn right again at Vista Vicente, then right on Calistoga Dr. and right on Calistoga Pl. to 23700 Calistoga Pl.

STOP NUMBER: 3

Date: Saturday, December 5

TIME: 4:00-8:00 PM

CLUB MEMBERS: Mary Marshall and Betty Roberts

ADDRESS: 6676 Ballinger Ave, San Diego
TELEPHONE: (619)668-8595

CHARITY: UCSD Burn Center

DIRECTIONS: From the north take 52 east, merge onto CA-125 S via the exit on the left. Take the Navajo Rd exit. Keep right at the fork in the ramp. Turn right onto Navajo Rd. Turn right onto Cowles Mtn. Blvd. Turn right onto Tommy Dr. Turn left onto Ballinger Ave 6676 Ballinger Ave is on the left.

From the south take 8 east to the Waring Rd exit and turn left. Turn left on Navajo Road (traffic light) (pass golf course on left side). Turn left on Cowles Mountain Rd and immediately right on Tommy drive. Left on Ballinger Ave. 6676 Ballinger is on the left

STOP NUMBER: 4

Date: Sunday, December 6

TIME: 4:00-8:00 pm

CLUB MEMBERS: Patty and Phil Burdick
ADDRESS: 1821 S. Tremont St., Oceanside

TELEPHONE: 619-980-5466

CHARITY: Scrapbook Royalty

DIRECTIONS: From I-5 Merge onto CA-78 W via EXIT 51C toward VISTA WAY. CA-78 W becomes VISTA WAY. Turn RIGHT on COAST HWY. Turn LEFT on CASSIDAY. Turn LEFT on S. TREMONT ST. 1821 S. TREMONT ST is on the LEFT.

STOP NUMBER: 5

Date: Saturday, December 12

TIME: 4:00-9:00 PM

CLUB MEMBERS: Winnie and Jon Sage
ADDRESS: 9014 Meadowrun Way, San Diego

TELEPHONE: 858-484-2533

CHARITY: Prostrate Cancer Foundation

DIRECTIONS: Take 15 to Ted Williams Parkway. Go left (west) on TWP to Black Mountain Road. Turn right on BMR, proceeding to Stargaze (5th traffic light). Go left on Stargaze to Meadowrun Street (1st stop sign). Go right on Meadowrun Street 2 blocks to Meadowrun Way, then left to 9014 Meadowrun Way.

STOP NUMBER: 6

Date: Sunday, December 13

TIME: 3:00-8:00 PM

CLUB MEMBERS: Sheri and Dave Struthers

ADDRESS: 2054 Eucalyptus Ave. Escondido

TELEPHONE: (760)233-9669

CHARITY: Children of Fallen Soldiers

DIRECTIONS: From I-15 Take EXIT 29 toward FELICITA ROAD. Turn LEFT onto W CITRACADO PKWY. W CITRACADO PKWY becomes GAMBLE LN. Turn RIGHT onto EUCALYPTUS AVE. 2054 EUCALYPTUS AVE is up the hill at the end.

STOP NUMBER: 7

DATE: Saturday, December 19

TIME: 4:00-8:00 PM

CLUB MEMBERS: Shirley and Dave Bechtel

ADDRESS: 10318 Leafwood Pl., San Diego
TELEPHONE: 858-549-2077

CHARITY: American Cancer Society

DIRECTIONS: From I-15 take Mira Mesa Blvd exit, go east, turn right on Scripps Ranch Blvd, at second signal turn left on Scripps Lake Blvd. turn right on Red Cedar Dr. turn right on Ranch View, turn left on Leafwood Pl. to 10318 Leafwood Pl.

STOP NUMBER: 8

DATE: Tuesday, December 20

TIME: 6:00-9:00 PM

CLUB MEMBER: Sylvia and Kathy Heitzmann

ADDRESS: 1383 La Jolla Rancho Rd, La Jolla

TELEPHONE: 858-454-2668

CHARITY; Rancho Coastal Humane Society

DIRECTIONS: From I-5 take Garnet west, turn right on Soledad Mountain Rd. turn left onto La Jolla Scenic Dr. S, turn right on La Jolla Rancho Rd. to 1383 La Jolla Rancho Rd.

STOP NUMBER: 9

DATE: Saturday, January 2

TIME: 2:00-6:00 PM

CLUB MEMBERS: Michele and Vern Brown

ADDRESS: 29555 Rossiter Rd, Murietta
TELEPHONE: 951-696-4059 or 619-981-1596 (cell)

CHARITY: KPBS Reading Program

DIRECTIONS: From I-15 N. Take the CA-79 N/WINCHESTER ROAD exit. Turn RIGHT onto WINCHESTER RD/CA-79 N. Go several miles Turn LEFT onto HUNTER RD. (Hunter road sign is on the right but the road goes left) Turn RIGHT onto CRESTA DEL REYO. Turn LEFT onto ROSSITER RD. 29555 ROSSITER RD is on the LEFT.

STOP NUMBER: 10

DATE: Saturday, January 16

TIME: 3:00-8:00 PM

CLUB MEMBERS: Marge and Art Bramfeld

ADDRESS: 1224 Nolan Ave, Chula Vista

TELEPHONE: 619-691-8424

CHARITY: Cal-Diego Paralyzed Veterans Association

DIRECTIONS: From 805 So. Take Telegraph Canyon Rd. west to first light. Go left on Nacion to East Oxford St. go right to Nolan and left to 1224 Nolan Ave

Whether you choose to donate to any charity is entirely a personal choice. The open houses are presented for the enjoyment of everyone in attendance and holding them is a pleasure for the hosts. The donations are a way for us to give back a little for what we have received.

Collectively Speaking

miniature world seems relatively unchanged - Retirements! In the first major announcement since the confusing midyear list, the numbers of buildings and accessories leaving the "current" roster is virtually the same as it was a year ago. Only the number of accessories retired in Dickens' Village is significantly higher, having doubled. Here is the list. Now we'll all be watching to see what surprises await us when the 2010 releases are announced next month.

ALPINE VILLAGE: [1, 3]

Shultz's Frankfurt's Wurst

Night Watchman, The
Welcome To Alpine Village
Wursts For The Dachshund

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY: [7, 9]

21 Club
Ferrara Bakery & Café
Hammerstein Piano Co.
Jambalaya Café
Prescott Hotel, The
Topsy's Toys
Union Station

A Night On The Town
A Shot For Your Fans, Please
Bucket Lunch
Ferrara Bakery Cart
Free Soda For You?
Handsome Cab
Hot Roasted Chestnuts
Santa In The City
Wind Him Up, Watch Him Go

DICKENS VILLAGE: [9, 20]

Bucklebury Cottage
Canton Tea Trading
Charles Darby Perfumery
Christmas At Regent's Park
Peale's Bell Casting
Prettywell Sisters Lace Makers
Victoria & Albert Museum
Walter Key Scrivener
Wellbourne Bros. Lanterns

A Fine Batch Of Gin
A Gentleman And Lady
An Artist At Work
An Elegant Ride
Decorating With Holiday Green
Dickens Learns To Read
Finishing The Christmas Bell
Heading Home From Market
Holiday Quintet
Lanterns For Sale
Making Bobbin Lace
Making Wonderful Music
Master And Apprentice
One More Xmas Card To Post
Skating Couple
Strolling Down Howard Street
Tea Time
Victorian Perfumer
Welcome To Dickens Village
Ye Royal Scrivener

NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE [5, 6]

Bennington Manor
Pawtucket Furniture Maker
Pine Creek Hunting Lodge
Roundel Cottage
Welcome To Windham Country

Family Sleigh Ride
Hope For The Future
Learning To Hunt
Perfect Tree, The
Tin Goods For Sale
Welcome To New England Vlg.

NORTH POLE SERIES [10, 11]

...BY BOB DALLOW

You can stop wondering! Yes, there is a new "boss" in town as Enesco now controls Department 56's fortunes, but at least one aspect of this

Candy Cane Corner
Christmas Critters Pet Store
Hatly Hall
Jolly's Jigsaw Puzzle Wrkshp
Lighting The Way Beacon
Mickey Mouse Watch Factory
NP Penguin Visitors' Center
Reindeer Flying Feed Store
Rubber Duck Factory
Sugar Hill Row Houses

A Puzzling Sign
Bringing Home The Tree
Can I Keep Them?
Xmas Around The World China
Xmas Around World - Hawaii
Duck, Duck, Gray Duck
Earning Their Stripes
Everybody's Been Good
Mickey Builds A Snowman
Motorcycle Test Drive
Polar Pizza, Never Cold

SNOW VILLAGE [12, 16]

Big League Sports
Bud's TV & Hi-Fi
Chateau Valley Winery
Christmas Crafts Cottage
Colonial Revival
Flamingo Motel, The
Franky's Hot Dogs
Gingerbread House, The
Mighty Fine BBQ
Richmond Holiday House
Stone Steeple Church
Yuengling Tavern

Children's Nativity
 Grill Master & Friend
 His Name Will be Pumpkinhead
 It's A Tough Choice
 Kitten Wants New Mittens
 Nursery School Outing
 Our First Television!
 Over The Threshold
 Ready For Picking
 Roadside Produce Stand
 Santa Comes To Town 2009
 Weiner Dogs To Go
 Welcome To Christmas Court
 Welcome To Snow Village Sign
 Yuengling Champs, The
 Yuengling Delivery

HALLOWEEN [4, 25]

Croak N Haggard Mortuary
 Ghoul School
 Grimsly Manor
 Grimsly's House Of Oddities

A Grave Undertaker
 A Gravely Haunting 2009
 Airborne Witch
 Autographs With Dracula
 Bat Street Lights
 Bone Appetite
 Candy Cane Lawn Lights
 Creepy Streets
 Dead Creek Mill Delivery

Go Team! Trick – Or - Treaters
 Grimsly's Tool Shed
 Halloween Hot Rod
 Halloween Oak Tree
 Halloween Scenery
 Haunted Coal Car
 Lighted Jack-O-Lantern Tree
 Lit Halloween Trees
 Little Ghoul's Field Trip
 Photos With Frankenstein
 Scaredy Cat Ferris Wheel
 Scary Street Lights
 Skeleton Crew
 Spinning Pumpkins
 Spooky Eyeball Lights
 Time To Feed The Monsters

GENERAL VLG. ACC. [45]

Angel Light String
 Autumn Wreaths & Garland
 Bow Light String
 Brick Edged Sidewalks
 Brick Edged Steps
 Brick Road
 Brick Walls
 Christmas Carolers
 Christmas Caution Signs
 Classic Tinsel Trees
 Classic Tinsel Trim
 Cobblestone Road
 Cobblestone Town Square
 Display Anywhere Adapter

Figure Skater On Ice
 Finial Trees
 Frosted Sisal Tree, Tall
 Frosted Spruce Trees
 Gondola
 Holiday Street Lamps
 Hung Out To Dry
 Lighted Fresh Frost Trees
 Lighted Ornament Trees
 Lighted Peppermint Trees
 Lit Acrylic Yard Decorations
 Lit Tinsel Trees White
 Main Street Stoplights
 Ornate Street Lamps
 Potted Spruce Trees
 Roll Of Moss
 Santa Street Lights
 Skating Around The Xmas Tree
 Ski Slope
 Sledding Hill
 Snowboard Hill
 Snowy Scotch Pines
 Stone Stairway
 Stork Yard Sign
 Village Deep Blue Sea
 Village Construction Zone
 Village Mail Boxes
 Village Stop Signs
 Village Straight Fence
 Village Tall Stone Walls
 Wintergreen Trees

WHAT'S OLD?

Here are the survivors – the buildings and accessories that have managed to stick around the longest. Of the 12 categories, 9 are unchanged from a year ago. Seniority rules!

Collection

Snow Village
 Dickens' Village
 New England Village
 Alpine Village
 Christmas in the City
 North Pole

Building

Shelly's Diner (1999)
 Scrooge & Marley (2000)
 C. Cope Tin Jobber (2007)
 Christmas House (2006)
 Wolfsteiner Brewery (2006)
 Molly O'Brien's Irish Pub (1999)
 Augie's Christmas Carols (2006)

Accessory

Village Phone Booth (1992)
 Caroling With Cratchits (1996)
 New England Lamplighter (2007)
 Making Friends (2007)
 Sisters Of The Abbey (1999)
 Central Park Carriage (1989)
 Hot Chocolate Tower (2004)



ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE VIII

Finally, we reach the part of the house I like the most, the **GARAGE**. The first seven articles discussed items, which you might find in the living spaces of your home, to enhance your village displays. Now that I have moved into the garage, the discussion will change slightly to include some basic display-building ideas, too.

For many of us, the garage acts as the **storage area** for our village collections. Long gone are the days when the village boxes would fit in closets or cupboards. When it comes time to take down the village display, most of it ends up being stored in the garage. The Styrofoam, tables or platforms, wood, landscaping materials and everything else finds itself in the garage to be stored until needed next year.

Wood is very basic stuff, but

it is the platform of choice when the Browns build a village display. I know many of you use tables for platforms or create your displays on existing surfaces throughout the home. The Browns do, too, for vignettes, but the large village displays start with a wooden platform.

I start by using **sawhorses for support**. I purchased metal sawhorse brackets at the hardware store (Lowe's, Home Depot, etc). These brackets are sold in pairs. You will need a pair of brackets to make a sawhorse as well as 4 pieces of 2 x 4 lumber, cut to the same length to make the legs of the sawhorse. After the legs are installed, you use another length of 2 x 4 to span between the brackets, completing the sawhorse. The length of the wood depends on how wide your display will be. With two completed sawhorses, you are ready to make your platform.

The size of the **platform** is up to you. The use of the sawhorse system allows you to make as large a display as you want; all you need are additional sawhorses. To make a 4 x 8 foot platform, you will need to make two sawhorses. The cross member (width) of the sawhorses should be no longer than 4 feet (42" would

work). Place the sawhorses about four feet apart. To span the distance between the sawhorses, you would use a pair of 2 x 4 no longer than 8'. Stand the 2 x 4 on edge to achieve the strongest platform. The ends of the 2 x 4 should not project beyond the sawhorse more than 2 feet. The distance between the 2 x 4's is about 28" – 30".

For the surface of the platform, I use $\frac{3}{4}$ " **plywood**. The plywood is sold in 4' x 8' sheets. I cut the sheet in half. The 4' x 4' pieces are much easier to manage and store.

The plywood goes on top of the 2 x 4 that was used between the sawhorses. When the plywood is in place, I use 2" drywall screws (spaced about 8" apart) to secure the plywood to the 2 x 4s.

The legs of the sawhorses can be cut to different lengths to give you the **platform height** that works best for you. I glue carpet to the bottom of the sawhorse legs when I use them on wood floors.

More next year..... **VERN**

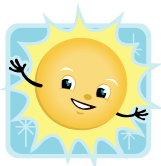
Winnie Sage returns as the Tipster for the next few months.

HERITAGE VILLAGES

After the latest round of retirements, here are the statistical inventory figures for each of the Heritage Villages. Note the low numbers of current buildings in each village before the 2010 introductions are announced.

~Bob Dallow

Village	Year Introduced	Total # Buildings	Current #	Retired #
AV	1986	45	3	42
CIC	1987	155	6	149
DV	1984	260	20	240
NEV	1986	110	4	106
NP	1990	158	11	147



Little Miss Sunshine

Hi everyone, I have no news this month; so I do think that is a good thing. I will continue The Little Miss Sunshine article, since I was told it is a success. A little reminder: the open houses are for the ALL the San Diego Fifty-Sixers Membership. Hope to see more members at the open houses.
Little Miss Sunshine



The House Mouse

Currently there are two Department 56 gatherings planned for the near future. The first in 2010 is in Michigan, the second in 2011 is in Arizona. For more information about these events, visit the event website or the NCC Web page at <http://www.ncc56.com>.

Other information of interest to collectors, including events from other collector clubs nation wide, can be found in the NCC Bulletin each quarter. The NCC Bulletin website is <http://www.ncc56.com/bulletinsncc/2009.html>



News from the NCC

Mike Goode of Texas Wins NCC Vice President Election

After a summer of campaigning by email, letters and a panel presentation at the Region 8 Roundup, eligible voters of the NCC elected Mike Goode of Texas as NCC Vice President with his term beginning Jan. 1, 2010.

The current NCC officers of President, Secretary and Treasurer were unopposed. As per the NCC Bylaws, President Randy Miller dispensed with the ballot and declared current Secretary Tish Goscicki, Treasurer Michele Brown and himself re-elected.

San Diego Fifty-Sixers

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Our next meeting will be on the **Third** Wednesday of the month, November 18th

November						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



Directions: From either I-805 or I-163 take the Clairemont Mesa exit and proceed east, turn right onto Kearny Villa Road, at Spectrum Center Blvd. turn left. Sharp Spectrum Center Court is the first right after the Marriott Courtyard. When entering the Sharp property the parking lot is through the gate to the right.

At the Sharp Spectrum Center Court
8695 Spectrum Center Court
6:15 social, meeting at **6:30**

The **San Diego Fifty Sixers** are members of the
National Council of 56 Clubs



SAN DIEGO FIFTY SIXERS		
Calendar of Events - 2009 / 2010		
November	18	Club Meeting /Third Wednesday- 6:30pm / Games
November	21	Lighting Up Lives Set up at Children's Hospital 8:30 am
November	21	Annie and Bob Dallow open house 2 - 7 pm
November	22	Sue and Bob O'Connor open house 2 - 6 pm
December	5	Mary Marshall and Betty Roberts open house 4 - 8 pm
December	6	Patty and Phil Burdick open house 4 - 8 pm
December	12	Winnie and Jon Sage open house 4 -9 - pm
December	13	Sheri and Dave Struthers open house 4 -8 pm
December	19	Shirley and Dave Bechtel open house 4 - 8 pm
December	20	Sylvia and Kathy Heitzmann open house 6 - 9 pm
January	2	Michele and Vern Brown open house 2 - 6 pm
January	9	Lighting Up Lives take down at Children's Hospital 8:30 am
January	16	Marge and Art Bramfeld open house 2 - 9 pm
Please check the Calendar regularly. These programs are subject to change.		
There will not be a board meeting in November		

Cookie elves for November are as follows: Kathy Heitzmann, Annie Dallow, Donna Poole, and Betty Roberts