

## VILLAGE ADDICTS GAZETTE

---

Notes from our last meeting.....they are brief!  
Stan and JoAnn did a Treasurer's Report and Bud and Myrna announced that there would be a business meeting in April...and then we went on to.....

### *V.A.A. White Elephant Sale...*

I was worried with the turn out. We were smaller in numbers than is normal for this special meeting. But you make me proud all of you who attended, thanks! Maybe it was the weather that kept some away? But you guys and gals who were there out did yourselves at the sale - 1:30 - 2:30, so much so that I had to call the auction off. I guess the pocket's were empty by auction time, thank you, thank you, thank you - and Bob Gross was just getting his running shoes warmed up, when we stopped the auction - sorry Bob - next year- ok? We did so well that the Club is becoming more solvent (for our future). I want to thank you all for the nice...and not so nice stuff for this event! You know what they say - someone's trash is another person's treasure - it's really true.

I must single out two people, Mary Ann Cossentine who came in a large SUV. It was packed to the roof - including even the front seat - WOW - thanks Kido! And, Don Gorden who brought some extremely nice and expensive D-56 items some were limited editions, others signed by M. Dickens

Well, I did it again, me and my big mouth - 20 boxes were packed up and are now sitting at my house, and I don't want to wait until next February 2010 to get them moved out. There is a surprise coming in about three months which you will read about - somewhere in this news letter - check it out. Thanks for the Club support - we did well and we ate well. Bud

Oops - I must thank Sandy Grindstaff for the two delicious salads. They were a BIG hit!



### White Elephant Sale A Success!

The White Elephant sale and auction was a real success, thanks to everyone who participated and was so generous. The sale and auction brought in over \$1,000!! That will really help the club treasury.

I would like to thank Bud and Myrna for giving us such great support. And, I would like to thank the team of workers who sorted and priced all of the items: Cora Smith, Barbara Gross, Peggy Jauregui, Geri Little, JoAnn Inouye, Sharen Shapiro, Paula Vaccaro, and Joe Egizi, our excellent cashiers, Judyth Rischall and Bob Gross; Stan Higgins, the auctioneer, assisted by Myrna Richardson and Bob Gross. Thanks to Myrna for getting the pizza and desserts and to Sandy Grindstaff, salad maker extraordinaire, who made the delicious salads we enjoyed with our pizza.

Thanks to everyone who donated so many nice things for the sale. I think this was one of our best years for donations. There were so many wonderful treasures! And, thanks to all of you who bought so generously.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped to pack up and clean up the area. It made a big job go very quickly because there were so many people helping.

Finally, I would like to thank those who helped deliver the "leftovers" to Bud's house. And, to Bud for volunteering to store the items.

Every one of you made this sale a huge success and such fun. So, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Alita

<p><b>Wanted....</b></p> <p>Duties - record minutes of VAA meetings____</p> <p>Copy minutes to Gazette Editor_____</p> <p>Copies of minutes and meeting handouts to be archived to historian_____</p> <p>Send "thank you notes" to acknowledge donations to club etc._____</p> <p>Interested parties <i>please</i> contact:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Myrna or Bud</p>	<p><b>Club Secretary</b></p>
--	------------------------------

**DeForest - News....**

DeForest has sent in their first pre-order. So some items may be coming in soon now. They will take a second pre-order for those of you who did not make it to the store after our V.A.A. meeting on 2/7/09....but don't wait too long! By the way you missed a great dinner at DeForest on 2/7 - thanks Pam and Lon!

Bud



**We're Invited**

The Radko Club has invited V A A members to its annual Swap 'N Sell - Lots of goodies, great lunch, and it's held in the Claudette's park-like back yard.

Sunday, May 3, 2009



**IMPORTANT VAA ANNOUNCEMENT!**

When VAA was formed in October 1991, we all had the same renewal date for paying dues, which was October 31. This date was later changed to November 30. As new members joined during the year, they paid for a full year and had a renewal date at the end of the month in which they joined. Now we have members with renewal dates in every month of the year with the majority on November 30.

Because the renewal dates are so varied, members do not always remember their renewal dates. As a reminder, the Club implemented a system of renewal notices, mailed at first by post cards and now by letters. Some members require two

renewal notices before they remember to pay their dues. The postage for the renewal notices costs the Club about \$100 a year. Also, the Membership Chair must take time to prepare and mail the letters each month.

Recently, our officers have been working on a Club budget and trying to implement budgeting procedures to ensure there is always enough money to support the Club's meetings and activities. One of the desired features of our budgeting procedures is adoption of an annual renewal date. Doing so will help the board develop a realistic budget each August after the election of officers.

In order to implement this plan, the Board has decided to adopt a fiscal year starting on June 1, 2009, with May 31 as the annual renewal date. The Board will then know the amount of revenue for the year and will be better prepared to accurately project the amount of money that can be spent for the upcoming year. In other words, no more spending without a budget. This new procedure will help us maintain better control on the impact of the Club's financial resources.

This sounds like a responsible business plan to us! Now for the painful part: VAA's dues have always been \$24 per household. The costs of supplies furnished by the Club at each meeting have increased considerably over the past 18 years as well as the costs of the door and raffle prizes. The Club always tries to have many raffle and door prizes based on the number of people at the meeting.

At one time, the Club received donations from vendors and members which were added to the Club's inventory. In the past there were many stores selling Dept 56 that were very generous with their donations of D56 for the Club's inventory. In today's world, there are fewer stores selling D56 and the Club has been buying its inventory from vendors for the past 7 years or so. This is a large expense which must be budgeted for, but we believe it is very important and

necessary expense. We want to have lots of great raffle and door prizes for you at every meeting! With a small dues increase, the Board will be able to budget a larger amount to buy door prizes/ raffle items, including newer D56 buildings and accessories, general village accessories, some Lemax accessories and perhaps some Fitz and Floyd or other decorative holiday items. It will be much easier for Bud to get great inventory stuff if we have money in the bank budgeted for these items.

We propose to raise the dues to \$28 for an individual member and \$35 for family members. Everyone will be asked to pay their dues by the May 31 renewal date each year. We will pro-rate dues based on your previous renewal date. For example:

Single members with a current renewal date of November 30 paid dues of \$24 for the period December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009. This is \$2 per month for the year's dues. The new rate will be \$2.33 per month. So effective May 31, 2009, single members will pay:

\$ .33 per month for the 6 month period  
June 2009 through November 2009

\$2.33 per month for the 6 month period  
December 2009 through May 31, 2010

for a total of \$15.98. Effective May 31, 2010, your dues will be \$28.

Family members with a current renewal date of November 30 paid dues of \$24 for the period December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009. This is \$2 per month for the year's dues. The new rate will be \$2.91 per month. So effective May 31, 2009, family members will pay:

\$.92 per month for the 6 month period  
June 2009 through November 2009

\$2.29 per month for the 6 month period  
December 2009 through May 31, 2010

For a total of \$23. Effective May 31, 2010, your dues will be \$35.00.

The Board will ask the membership to vote on the change of renewal date at the April meeting, and after it is approved, individual letters will be mailed to all members with the amount of dues owed which will change their renewal date and the new dues rate.

Myrna Richardson

\* \* \* \* \*

From Alita.....

Neilan Lund, known as the father of the Dept. 56 Dickens' Village, has died. Dept. 56 just announced recently that they are producing a building, designed by his daughter, Barbara, in Neilan's honor. Dept. 56 has this note on their web page:

"It is with great sadness that we share the news of our dear friend's passing.

Neilan Lund passed away February 16, 2009. Always conceptual, Neilan created and developed with Department 56 the Dickens' Village Series and several other popular lines of giftware. Our long and successful relationship has created a holiday tradition for all to enjoy for generations.

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Dickens' Village takes on more meaning as we celebrate a friend and artist we all knew and loved. We mourn the fact and we will miss him dearly."

There is also the following obit at

<http://www.legacy.com/StarTribune/Obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId>

Neilan B. Lund

Lund, Neilan B. Long-time Minneapolis artist passed away Feb. 16, 2009. Beloved husband, father and grandfather was born Dec. 25, 1922. Predeceased in death by wife, Ruth, in 1988. Survived by loving wife, Judy; daughters, Nancy (Wayne) Musselwhite, Barb (Cathy Muldoon) Lund and Judy (Bob) Straub; 4 grandchildren, Sarah, Anne, Billy and Jake; and sister, Marlys Carnes. Neilan was raised in Hayward, WI, where he developed a respect and understanding of nature that guided his later career in art. After graduating from high school, Neilan served in the CCC until joining the Navy in 1941 where he served as a medic on the USS Winslow. Following his military service, Neilan attended the Layton School of Art in Milwaukee, WI. He began his professional career at General Mills, Inc., where after 32 years he retired as Manager of Art Services. Always conceptual, Neilan created and developed with Department 56 the Dickens Village and several other lines of giftware. This long and successful relationship introduced a holiday tradition that will last for generations. Always a meticulous observer of the world around him, Neilan was an avid sketcher and prolific painter. He has had several solo exhibitions and has been shown in recent years at Vern Carver & Beard Galleries. The body of his creative work will stand as his legacy.

**GREEN THUMB & GREEN ARROW NURSERIES  
CHRISTMAS COLLETIBLES**

CANOGA PARK  
21812 SHERMAN WAY  
(818) 340 6400 X 6

NORTH HILLS  
8845 SEPULVEDA BLVD  
(818) 894 8301

EL TORO  
23782 BRIDGER RD  
(949) 837 3040 X 22

VENTURA  
1899 VICTORIA AVE  
(805) 642 8517

SANTA CLARITA  
23734 No. SAN FERNANDO RD  
(818) 365 0013

SAN MARCOS  
1019 SAN MARCOS BLVD  
(760) 744 3822

Please mention Village Addicts when you shop at a Green Thumb/Arrow store.

**HOW TO CONTACT US:**

**Co-Prez – Bud Arntzen** 818/ 881 5631  
**Co-Prez – Myrna Richardson** 818/781-1616  
[mrrvaa@pacbell.net](mailto:mrrvaa@pacbell.net)  
**Secretary –** Open  
**Treasurer – Jo Ann Inouye** 818/341-6090  
[rovkaz@yahoo.com](mailto:rovkaz@yahoo.com)  
**Asst Treasurer – Stan Higgins** 818/892-5100  
[squekey@verizon.com](mailto:squekey@verizon.com)  
**Gazette Editor – Pat Harmon** 805/581-2632  
**Fax 805/581 0545** [PatsVAA@aol.com](mailto:PatsVAA@aol.com)  
**New Products – Alita Rabe** 562/928-1584  
[Atilahon1@aol.com](mailto:Atilahon1@aol.com)  
**RMcd House – Cora & Frank Smith** 818/343-7075  
[northpoleplanner@socal.rr.com](mailto:northpoleplanner@socal.rr.com)  
**NCC Rep – Judyth Rischall** 818/591-1398  
[garischall@pobox.com](mailto:garischall@pobox.com)  
**Tour of Homes – Stan Higgins** 818/892-5100  
[squekey@verizon.com](mailto:squekey@verizon.com)  
**Historian, Inventory & Storage**  
**Bud Arntzen** 818/881-5631  
**Photographer – David Vaccaro** 661/2519412  
[dvaccaro@earthlink.net](mailto:dvaccaro@earthlink.net)  
**Ass't Photographer – Frank Smith** 818/343-7075  
[northpoleplanner@socal.rr.com](mailto:northpoleplanner@socal.rr.com)

**Sunshine Report from Peggy**

Our condolences to Alita Rabe on the death of her mother at the age of 102 on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Hugs and love to Alita  
 Ursula Murker called the second week of February to let us know she is well again and completely free of kidney cancer. She sounded happy and full of her usual good spirits.  
 Good News for Brian and Barbara Allen who welcomed a granddaughter, Ava born early February. Happy shopping to Barbara!

Become a member of Village Addicts! Tell a friend! If you're a D5 Collector, Join Us!  
 Call:  
 Peggy Jauregui at (818) 763 3096 for information about Membership

Please let Peggy Jauregui know about anyone who needs cheering up...  
**(818) 763 3096.**

Please remember to bring food items to the meeting. Deposit in the **YELLOW** Deacon's Barrel for the homeless served by the  
 Hollywood Presbyterian Church  
**CASH CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY RED OR CAROLE AT THE MEETING AND FOOD ITEMS WILL BE PURCHASED.**

Don't forget to wear your Club Shirt and to bring a potluck dish. One extra Door Prize Ticket given for wearing Club shirt and one extra Door Prize Ticket for bringing a potluck dish.

I'll have a *caffè mocha vodka valium latte* to go, please!

# CASUAL LIVING CHRISTMAS STORE

**1036 North E Street  
San Bernardino CA  
(909) 888-8053**

**ALL ACCESSORIES  
DISPLAYED**

**LOTS OF RETIRED PIECES**

**GREAT DISPLAY IDEAS!**

**All D56 Villages**

**Halloween Display**

**New & Retired D56**

**D56 Gift Items**

**Snowbabies**

**Great Selection of Accessories, Trees & Ground Covers**

From Judyth Rischall -

With the NCC renewal notice VAA received a letter from Melinda Seegers of D56. She mentions restructuring and working through difficult issues. She also reminded us that Dickens Village is 25 years old. I'll have the letter at the April meeting.

Remember the Department 56 Collector of the Year, the rules and information are in the September 2008 Gazette. I am going to submit Alita Rabe's name. So if anyone has any stories, please send them to [garischall@pobox.com](mailto:garischall@pobox.com).

The NCC has figurines, buildings, pins and 2008 Convention accessories for sale. Club members can order directly from the NCC. However if you order through me, VAA gets raffle gifts, depending on the dollar amount ordered. Please go to [www.ncc56.com/NCCStore/Store.htm](http://www.ncc56.com/NCCStore/Store.htm) to view the merchandise. If anyone is interested in ordering an NCC item, please let me know.

Event information:  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
May 14 - 17, 2009 for further information go to <http://www.lamplighters.ca> and select 'contest section'. Deadline for registration is March 2009. For hotel reservations the Sheraton has a direct line 1-800-667-2440 or the web site [www.sheraton.com](http://www.sheraton.com). You have to mention that you belong to the D56 group.

San Antonio TX  
Region 8 Roundup August 20 - 23, 2009 for further information go to [www.region8roundup.org](http://www.region8roundup.org) or contact Witch-in-charge Linda Cook at (512) 255-9982 and Egor will take a message. You can email Linda at [lindacook@austin.rr.com](mailto:lindacook@austin.rr.com). The theme for the event is Halloween.

NCC Cruise information:  
February 28 - March 14, 2010 Cruise to Hawaii on the Golden Princess with the NCC. The 15 day cruise departs from Los Angeles and will have stops at Hilo, Hawaii, Honolulu, Oahu, Nawiliwili, Kauai, Lahaina, Maui and Ensenada, Mexico. Please contact Tim or Lilia Kearney at Great Escapes Cruises & Tours (877) 903-1578 or email [GrestEscps@aol.com](mailto:GrestEscps@aol.com) for information.



OK, going to try this one more time and if you don't make it fly then I'm going to drop it...we'd like to do a club "recipe" book...but haven't had any takers so far...are you interested or not? We'll be trying new recipes out on you for the potluck, but I was hoping you would be willing to "share" your secret sauces with the rest of the club. I'd like to hear one way or the other from some of you. [PatsPlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:PatsPlc@sbcglobal.net) or by phone 805 581 2632.

Everytime I say the word diet, I wash my mouth out with chocolate

# **YARD SALE.....**

**BUD IS HAVING a YARD SALE  
(YARD NOT INCLUDED)...**

**..... and he has generously given the VAA a section of our very own. For this Club fund raising event we will be selling miscellaneous items from our storage.**

**Please bring your friends as there will be a variety of items...not just ours to choose from....**

**LOTS OF REALLY GOOD BARGINS!!!**

**Some D56, Avon collectible bottles, antique chairs, Christmas items, just a real eclectic assortment of really fun stuff!**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday – May 15<sup>th</sup> thru May 17<sup>th</sup>  
5941 Melvin Ave., Tarzana – 8 am to 2 pm daily**

*Exercise* - n - activity for developing the body or mind - a task to be practiced to develop some skill....soooo here's a little "exercise" to keep you busy this evening... The North Pole Series . . . . . was introduced in 1990, and consisted of three (that's right, just three) pieces - "Santa's Workshop", the "Reindeer Barn" and the "Elf Bunkhouse". And then it grew, and grew, and grew until there are currently over 127 lighted buildings, not to mention aalllllll those accessories! For those North Pole Collectors - do you have all that are featured???

Sign, date and mail your completed puzzle to:

Pat Harmon - 2676 Galindo Ave., Simi Valley CA (must be received by the first of April)....first correct entry received wins (in case of duplicates a drawing will be held at the meeting).

D Y R O T C A F T O B O R S E I B B O R H T R O N  
A A T C A N D Y C A N E C O R N E R S O S E L O P  
S M O A N O R T H P O L E C H A P L E S A N T A S  
H M Y N F L Y I H T E A T I M E E L V E S T A A R  
E E S D A D A N C E R N V A A B H A L A V R K P E  
R T A Y C C D S F A C T O R Y U A H E N T E C O N  
S N C C N D Y O S B E L L V A P P Y E S I E A I I  
A W E A T N C L N A L E N A C G P L N D F S H N D  
N E E N R I A D I P F R E A L O Y T O G T E S S D  
T N S E U W R I V S H I L L S N S A C R C K E E N  
A N U E C E O E L F I N F O R G E H W A E I N T A  
S I O L K H L R E L K N E T A G P O O N F L A T L  
L T H V R T S S A E S A N T A E K L N D R A C I F  
I A E E O H A H T H E M I S F I T S S M E O Y A L  
G H E S A C K O L D R A D I O G I R L A P W D P E  
H S R G D T P P D Y N A P M O C Y O T S A T N A S  
T A T N T A F L E H G U O R H T Y L F B D O A L D  
S T F A R C D N A S E I B B O H S T R A N N C A E  
H N L R I E L A S R O F S E L K N I R K B O Y C R  
O A E K P A S E L B A T S R E E D N I E R F L E W  
P S E S A N T A S S L E I G H M A K E R C A N D Y  
F U N R E T N E C G N I A R T R A E B Y D D E T O  
T W I N K L E T O E S B A L L E T A C A D E M Y U  
W C A N D Y R O T C A F E L T T I R B T U N A E P  
O S L O A D I N G T H E S L E I G H S M U B I K S

A Perfect Fit

Antler Inn

Art's Hobbies and Crafts

Candy Cane Corner

Candy Cane Elves

Candy Cane Shack

Catch The Wind

Dancer

Dasher

Egg Nog Pub

Elf Spa

Elf Tree House

Elfin Forge

Fly Through Elf

Grandma's Bakery

Hatly Hall

KOLD Radio

Krinkles For Sale

Loading The Sleigh

Newt N Emma

No Two Alike

North Pole Chaple

Peanut Brittle Factory

Poinsettia Palace

Red's Elf Land Diner

Reindeer Stables

Road Trip

Robbie's Robot Factory

Santa's Hat Inn

Santa's Light Shop

Santas Sleigh Maker

Santa's Toy Company

Ski Bums

Snow Cone Elves

Tea Time Elves

Teddy Bear Training Center

The Misfits

Tin Soldier Shop

Twinkle Toes Ballet Academy

## The Rest of The Story (or Not)

In December, 2008, a group of investors called "New Lenox" was prepared to purchase Lenox, including Dansk and Gorham. Apparently, Dept 56 was included in the assets, although it was not mentioned in the papers filed in bankruptcy court. New Lenox consisted of the lenders of the Lenox 2007 note and was formed to buy the assets from the bankruptcy estate. The papers filed in bankruptcy court did not mention Dept 56.

The sale date was set for February. There were two bidders, New Lenox and Upstairs Acquisition Corp ("UAC"). The Debtors (Lenox Group) decided that UAC's bid was the successful bid. Then the Bank of New York Mellon filed an objection to the sale to UAC, and the bankruptcy court decided to reopen the auction. On March 3, the bankruptcy court declared New Lenox the successful bidder, and the sale order included Dept 56 in the assets sold. In other words, New Lenox bought Lenox, including Gorham and Dansk, and Dept 56!

On February 27, 2009, Clarion Capital Partners announced:

Clarion Capital Partners, LLC Wins Auction for Lenox Group Assets

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 /PRNewswire/ -- Lenox Group Inc. ("Lenox") and Clarion Capital Partners, LLC ("Clarion") announced today that a group led by Clarion has won the bankruptcy auction to acquire substantially all the assets of Lenox, the well-known china, tabletop and giftware manufacturer and marketer. Peter Cameron, previously the CEO of Waterford Wedgwood plc and All-Clad Metalcrafters LLC will become the new CEO of Lenox as soon as the transaction closes. While the specifics of the sale are not being released, the transaction, which includes the Lenox, Dansk, Gorham and Department 56 brands, is believed to be valued at approximately \$100 million inclusive of cash and assumption of certain liabilities of Lenox. The bankruptcy court approved the Clarion bid after the bidding process was reopened during a hearing on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. Marc Uday, the founder and Managing Partner of Clarion Capital Partners said, "We are delighted to have the opportunity to invest in this truly iconic American brand. Generations of American families

have embraced Lenox both in their everyday lives and on special holiday occasions when they gather with family and friends. With Lenox on firm financial footing, the Company can now devote all of its energies to capitalizing on its rich heritage and developing designs for the next generation of customers. Also, I am pleased to be working in partnership with Peter Cameron for the fourth time."

Peter Cameron, Lenox's incoming CEO commented, "Joining Lenox represents an extraordinary opportunity to work with one of the finest American brands. Lenox represents the high water mark in fine American china. Its product design and manufacturing capabilities are unrivaled within the US and around the world. When a customer purchases a Lenox product, he or she is purchasing the same quality and design aesthetic that has been used in the White House by each President since 1918 and is routinely used by the State Department as a gift from our nation to visiting dignitaries and royalty from around the world. How could anyone not be excited about the opportunity to work with such an American treasure?"

Marc Pfefferle, Lenox's current CEO, said, "We are pleased that Lenox has found a home with the Clarion team which has the expertise and capital to grow our great brands. Certainly, Peter Cameron has the knowledge and experience to provide the leadership and guidance to develop the full potential of our brands and our employees." The transaction is expected to close in March 2009.

Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC is acting as investment banker and financial advisor to the acquisition group and Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP is providing legal counsel. Berenson & Company is acting as financial advisor to Lenox while Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP is providing legal counsel and Carl Marks Advisory Group LLC is providing management advice. Clarion Capital Partners, LLC, is a New-York based private investment firm. The firm invests in consumer products, business services, healthcare services, specialty financial services, retail and niche media and entertainment. Previous and current investments by the professionals of Clarion include All-Clad Metalcrafters (cookware), Hartmann (fine leather and travel goods), Snapple Beverage Company, The Oceanaire, Inc. (fine dining seafood restaurants), Strategic Outsourcing Inc. (business services), Great Northwest Insurance



Company, Reliant HealthCare Professionals, Inc. (medical staffing), Crowe Paradise Services Corporation (insurance outsourcing), Imax Corporation (movies) and Cross MediaWorks Inc. (media services).

Lenox Group Inc. is a market leader in high quality tabletop, giftware and collectible products sold under the Lenox brand founded in 1889, as well as the Dansk, Gorham and Department 56 brand names. The company sells its products through wholesale customers who operate gift, specialty and department store locations in the United States and Canada, company-operated retail stores and direct to consumer channels.

On March 6, 2009, the following article was published in the Minneapolis / St. Paul Business Journal:

Department 56 parent Lenox sold in bankruptcy auction

Brown-Forman distributing \$205 million to shareholders A group led by New York investment firm Clarion Capital Partners has won the bankruptcy auction to acquire Eden Prairie-based Lenox Group Inc. Clarion, in a news release, valued the deal at about \$100 million inclusive of cash and assumption of certain liabilities of Lenox. The bankruptcy court approved the Clarion bid after bidding was reopened during a hearing last Wednesday. Only weeks before, KPS Capital Partners had won an auction for most of the company. The Clarion purchase includes the Lenox, Dansk, Gorham and Department 56 brands. Peter Cameron, previously the CEO of Waterford Wedgwood and All-Clad Metalcrafters, will become Lenox's new CEO at the close of the deal, which is expected this month.

I honestly do not know what this sale means for the future of Dept 56. If you hear anything about this, please share information.

Myrna

## THE ALMOST BACK PAGE...

From the "Traveling Route 56" newsletter, March/April 2009, Vol. II issue...

...found an interesting recipe for "Margarita Mousse" {that ought to peek someone's interest}, thought I would have Kimberly try it out on us when she gets back in town...

Also, found a couple of other articles that I thought I would let you know about. . . .

Display tips for Collectors Everywhere -reprinted from NCC Bulletin, Fall/Winter 2008 Edition

Queen City Villagers (OH) has this suggestion for making custom backdrops—Convert your own photo into a backdrop for your village display with Larger than Life adhesive wall prints. At <https://www.ltlprints.com> you can order a custom wall print up to 7 feet by 4-12/ feet. Printed on an innovative cloth material; you can remove LTL prints as often as you want. LTL prints are self-adhesive and stick to almost any flat surface (Painted walls, brick-walls, glass, wooden doors, or wallpaper—you name it). The material is super forgiving so don't worry if you see small wrinkles or air bubbles, smooth them out and you're done. The company's tests show you can move it over ten times and it still sticks.

Margaret Farris of the River City Villagers (TX) has this suggestion for Alpine Village Collectors . . . if they want to cover up the snow on the roofs of the houses. Use twisted craft paper (untwisted) to create the look of thatched roofs. Once you've un-twisted the paper—best done in front of a no-brainer TV program—you can cut and shape to fit the roofs; attach the paper with a few dabs of tacky wax. The 'untwisted' paper creates crinkles and wrinkles that help with the thatched look. Cut it just a bit long to give the appearance of any overhanging roof line. Tacky wax/leaves can be used to cover snow, but sometimes the position of the snow is a bit awkward for leaves lying along a roof's edge.



# APRIL MEETING....

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - High Noon

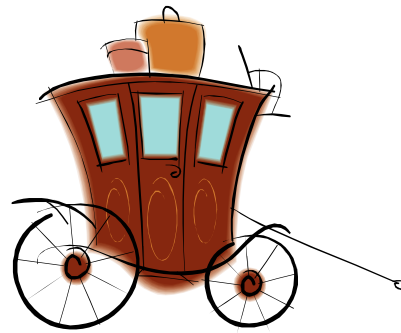
First Presbyterian Church of  
Hollywood  
Upper Terrace Room on Yucca Avenue  
One half block east of Gower Street  
Hollywood CA

For those with a GPS - - -  
1763 Gower Street - Los Angeles CA

For those like Kimberly who are  
directionally challenged....

101 North - off at exit 8C (Gower)  
turn left on Gower, go under  
Freeway and turn left on Yucca,  
Church is on the right

101 South - off at exit 8C (Gower)  
Cross Gower (you'll be on Yucca)  
Church is on the right



Village Addicts  
2676 Galindo Avenue  
Simi Valley CA 93065



"We Add to your addiction.."

**ATTENTION e-mail recipients**  
If you are planning on attending  
the April meeting please bring a pair  
of scissors and a small hand held  
stapler. Thanks!