



NORTHERN LIGHTS NEWS

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Presidential Notes

What a great time we all had at our last meeting playing D56 Game Night for the first time. Our first game was called *Timeline*. Six pictures of D56 houses were presented and the team had to put them in chronological order. It was fun to see some of the older buildings and also see some of the houses from other collections. The game was a bit hard – but once we all figured it out it was great fun. The second game we played was *Can you do DOO?* Oh my, what a hoot. Our group sure does have a lot of talented singers and music lovers – so this game was an absolute hit. One team member comes up to the front and is given a card with a Christmas song on it – they have to “sing” the song but can only use the word doo, whoever guesses the song correctly then comes up to the front and gets a new song and it goes on until time is up.

Our third and final game was *Movies*. One team member came up and was given the name of a Christmas movie and then had to give clues or act out something to their team, once the answer was given that person came up to the front and got a new movie title, and so on. The time flew so fast that when 9:00pm approached none of us wanted to pack it up and leave. Now that’s a sign of a good party – oh yeah!

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Special points of interest:

- [Next Meeting](#)
Thursday, Apr 3rd
7:00 pm Topic:
Demonstrations
- Tax Day
Tuesday, Apr 15th
- Easter
Sunday, Apr 20th
- Only 86 days until
Summer

For our next meeting we will be doing some demonstrations – I have two lined up so far and am hoping to add a third one. The first station will be run by Shirley. We are going to work with the engraving tool, make rock/brick retaining walls, and also do some roadways. Then practice doing some dry brush painting. The second station will be run by me and we will be making trees. I’d like to ask that each of us pitch in \$5 for this project. We have a box of trees for the club, but I need to buy some greens to make these trees – so there is a bit of an expense for this. If you have any stems of leaves or clusters of evergreens (see picture example) and you’d like to bring them with and donate them to the project you may. You will be able to take home one of the trees that we will be making.



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On April 5th we are going to St. Cloud and visiting the Gartner's Hallmark store. We will have lunch and then take a trip to [Craft's Direct](#). Mr. Gartner and his staff will meet us that morning – see below for a note from him:

We will be serving coffee and a confection choice. We would like to extend a 25% discount on any one D56 cross products or accessories with the purchase of one lit building at regular price. No limit on quantities per person on this one day combo promotion.

Darlene has offered to ride share in her van from the cities. We will meet at 9:00am at the Target in Rogers off I-94 and Hwy 101. I will be sending out specific information to everyone as we get closer – I sure hope everyone can come and have a great day out with our group.

Well part of my village is still up – not sure if any of you share the same thing with me?! Where does the time go?? Maybe that is why spring has decided not to show its face yet – yep all my fault! HaHa!

Your Pres - Chris



As the Village Turns by Lisa Tuset

(The following is a fictional soap opera)

Season 1 Episode 4

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There is nothing like a trip to Pin City to put things into perspective. Back home, all of the Snow Villagers and the Lemaxsters were on pins and needles, waiting to see what the trip would bring.

Tom, along with the Snow Village & Lemax Council members caught the D56 express out of Pin City. As they flew home, everyone seemed genuinely happy, singing and laughing all the way.

We may never know what broke the ice during these

conversations. Good faith gestures were made on both sides, the Lemaxsters donated the new 2014 Nativity Scene to the Snow Village. In turn, the Snow Villagers planted Lemax trees around the main street of Snow Village showing their support of diversity.

There were signs that change would be coming during the next holiday seasons, but this was now looked at with excitement. The holiday planning committee will be expanding to take on new events

proposed by the Village Council.

Tune in next month

Same Village Time

Same Village Newsletter



Birthdays

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Phyllis Fahey	Apr 1 st	Chris Riley	May 6 th
Dan Tuset	Apr 3 rd	Debbie Oheme	May 23 rd
Diane Nelson	Apr 18 th		
Mike Kolanczyk	Apr 27 th		

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Dickens' Village Series'

Did you know that the new "[Lea Hurst House](#)" porcelain building in The Dickens' Village Series® was inspired by the summer home of the wealthy Nightingale family? Their now famous daughter was Florence Nightingale who was named for the city in Italy where she was born in 1820. The younger of two

daughters born to an upper middle-class British family, Florence was given all advantages possible of a young girl in the Victorian age - tutor educated, well traveled, and independent.



["Lea Hurst House"](#)
[# 808869](#)

How did they do that??

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Its not too early to start thinking about Halloween. Here is an easy way to get spooky sounds into your display. Just [five easy steps](#) to transform a new set of Village [MP3 speakers #810808](#) into a decorative Halloween piece.



Cash Corner

Carmela Ariemma

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Hey everyone well this warmer weather is diminishing the snow pack big time....FINALLY!!! But there is one thing that is NOT diminishing is our cash balance. Actually it will increase by \$34.25 from believe it or not our garage sale...an event

that keeps on giving. Our new balance will be \$2,043.59. Sorry I missed game night heard it was fun but looking forward to our field trip.

See ya soon...your treasurer,

Mel

Upcoming Events

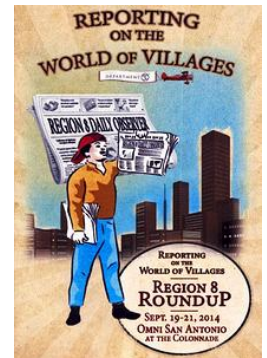
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September 19 – 21

Omni Hotel

San Antonio

At the Colonnade



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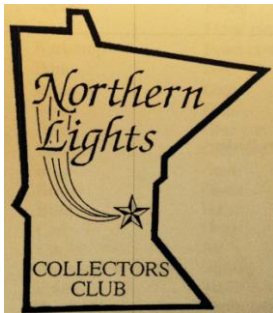
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Retirement of John McGraw

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Congratulations to John McGraw as he retires from work on April 28th.

John has been an active member of the [Village North Collectors Club](#) based in Duluth, MN. I'm sure John will now be able to devote more time to Village collecting.

Here is a picture of John and his wife Gerry during their 2005 Tour of Homes.



Club Charity Updates

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Did you know that you can donate to Toys for Tots all year around? They have two programs, ["In Memory"](#) and ["In Honor"](#), that allow you to make donations in the name of an individual or even in a family's name.

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[Jeri's Hallmark](#)

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Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at the [Crystal Police Outreach Office](#). This is directly across from the Hallmark Store.