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Special points of interest:

- [Next Meeting](#)
Thursday, May 8th
7:00 pm Topic:
Demonstrations
- Cinco De Mayo
Monday, May 5th
- Mother's Day
Sunday, May 11th
- Memorial Day
Monday, May 26th
- Only 53 days until
Summer

Presidential Notes

What a Winter/Spring we have had! Last month there were seven of us brave (or crazy – LOL!) folks that came to the meeting on April 3rd. All weather reports indicated that the snow was going to start at about 8pm – well it started at about 6pm and came down by the inches in those first few hours. We visited for about an hour and then all headed for home and we all made it safe and sound I am happy to report. In Elk River we got 10" that night. The April 16th storm then dumped 16" here in Elk River – dear Mother Nature, we've had enough! You can stop now – we are good!

On April 5th a group of ten of us travelled up to St. Cloud and visited the Gartner's Hallmark Store. We were greeted by their nice staff with warm coffee and chocolates. They had received many of the new D56 pieces and of course we cleaned them out of their stock of the new pieces – haha! We got to see the Downton Abbey piece – wow – a very prestigious piece and I am sure many are going to want to add to their collection. We spent about an hour at the store and then headed over to Texas Roadhouse for an enjoyable lunch. After lunch we headed over to [Crafts Direct](#). We had a great time browsing the aisles of the store and found lots of treasures none of us could live without.

I challenged our group to find something in the store that was not conventional and they were to make it into something that could be used in the Village. So don't forget to bring this with to our next meeting. For those that did not attend you can also bring something from home that you transformed into something else and can or are using it in your village. A prize will be rewarded to one of the participants.

Our next meeting will be on May 8th and we will be doing our scheduled sessions from last month's meeting. Shirley will be showing us how to use the engraving tool and we will learn how to make rock/brick retaining walls and roadways. I will be showing you how to change a bottle brush tree into something more creative. I also have some paper coned trees that we will transform into some really fun trees to use in your village or in a Christmas display.

Please remember to bring \$5 for the cost of materials. The club has many trees we can use but they are all pretty little (3"-4") – so if you have a larger tree (5"-7") that you would like to use, please bring one with.

See you all May 8th – let's hope we don't have any weather issues.

Your Pres – Chris



Train Museum Model Railroad Show and Sale

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The museum hosts a semi-annual [Model Railroad Show and Hobby](#) sale at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in Saint Paul in May and September of each year.

Operating layouts in several scales! Over 200 tables of new and used scale models: Toy trains HO, O, O27, N, S, & Z scale.

Antiques, collectibles, tools, books, videos, toys, buildings, magazines, prints, posters, photos and more!

Admission is \$6.00 – kids age 7 and under are FREE!

Next Show at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds May 10, 2014.

The show hours are 9:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday.

Visit the museum from 10:00am to 5:00pm (normal Saturday hours)

In addition, [Woodland Scenics](#) will be at the show. They are masters at building displays and scenery.



[#4036566 Stratford](#)

As the Village Turns by Lisa Tuset

(The following is a fictional soap opera)

After a long winter, Jeri's Hallmark Reality was anxious to introduce a few of their new homes for sale during the Spring Parade of Homes.

It was exciting to see the [Stratford](#) home was finally on the market and listed on the tour. D56 design consultants were constantly on site during construction, ensuring every detail came together. Curiosity caused several Snow Villagers to take detours from their daily routes just to see what the builders were doing.

An artistically designed two tone brick front sparked interest in the village, leaving Villagers wanting to see more.

Agents of Jeri's Hallmark Reality decided to meet at the new La Fiesta Restaurante to go over last minute details prior to the start of the tour.

While the Stratford home would be a show stopper, agents thought the mobile home at [Lot 58, Christmas Court](#) would bring potential buyers.

Season 1 Episode 5

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After last minute press checks were approved and ready to go to print, it was margaritas and music for everyone.

Tune in next month...

Same Village Time,

Same Village Newsletter



Birthdays

Chris Riley	May 6 th	Jane Sumi	Jun 17 th
Debbie Oheme	May 23 rd	Lisa Tuset	Jul 19 th

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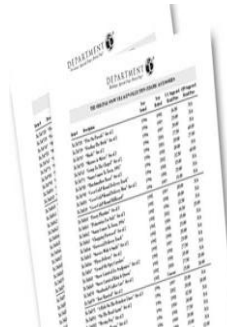
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[History Lists](#) And [Family Tree](#)

Look for these at the website for all of your history questions. The History lists contain all current and retired products in an Adobe PDF format. The Family Tree can be a nice reference tool. You can use it to see when collections were

introduced and what series belong with them.



How did they do that??

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Here is another very easy five step process for creating a decorative accessory piece. Courtesy of Department56.com

You start with an unfinished piece of wooden log or branch. Then using spray enamel, adhesive and glitter you transform it into a [Snowdream Glittered Log](#).



Cash Corner

Carmela Ariemma

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Welcome to Spring Everyone!!! Looks like the snow is all gone...finally! But guess what's not gone, our cash...and it just went up recently because Lani and Mike paid their dues so our membership is complete. Welcome Back. So with

the addition of their dues we are up to \$2,068.59. Since there are no more Gopher championships on the horizon I should see everyone at the next meeting.

From your Treasurer, Mel

Upcoming Events

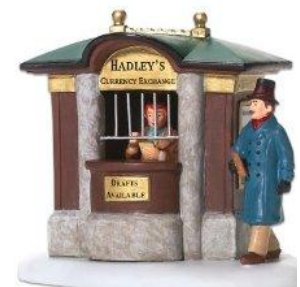
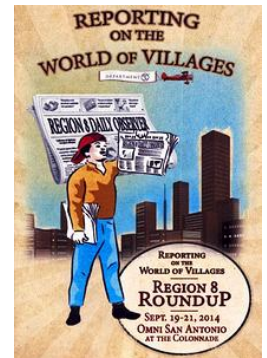
[Region 8 Roundup](#)

September 19 – 21

Omni Hotel

San Antonio

At the Colonnade



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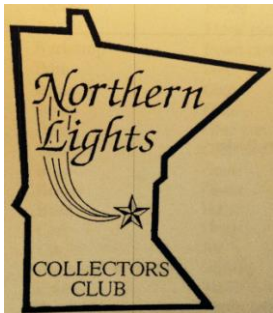
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Department 56 on Facebook

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Are you on Facebook? Well if you are, there are pages and groups dedicated to Department 56 collecting. You can connect with people from all over the world that enjoy collecting as well.

Next time you are on Facebook, do a search for Department 56 and you will see several to choose from.

Here are just a few selections:

[Department 56](#) (The Official Page)

[Department 56 Corner](#)

[Department 56 Forum](#)

And of course our own

[Northern Lights Collector Club](#)



Some of these sites won't come up unless you are signed into Facebook.

Getting a Facebook account is quick and easy if you already don't have one.

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