



NORTHERN LIGHTS NEWS

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Presidential Notes

Well, I'm happy to report that I made it thru the first half of the year as president. What a great time I have had! Thank you all for sharing your passion for collecting with me. It has been so much fun getting to know all of you better. I'm looking forward to the 2nd half. And also looking forward to the Gathering in San Antonio – I'm so excited that we will have a pretty big group of us going.

Our May meeting was a huge success. We did have the threat of severe weather and it did rain quite heavily, but that didn't stop us hearty Minnesotans – after a winter like we had we can handle anything Mother Nature throws our way.

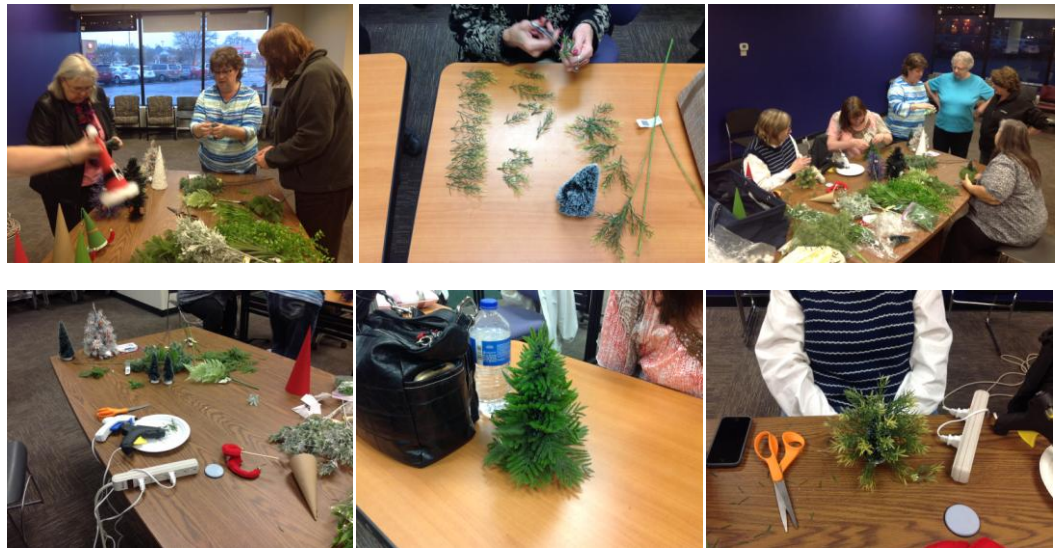
Our meeting consisted of a make and take. Debbie Shelgren from one of our California clubs did a make and take at the Connecticut Gathering and I was able to show the group how to make those. I had several other samples that I had made to give our group ideas for adding to their displays. Everyone chose to do the greenery trees, but walked away with many more ideas. We had a raffle at the end and Janet, Shirley, and Debbie won the sample trees that I had made. I hope you all had success when you got home and finished your projects and that it inspired you to create your own WOW pieces to place in your villages or holiday displays.

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Special points of interest:

- [Next Meeting](#)
Thursday, June 5th
7:00 pm Topic:
Jeopardy Trivia
- Flag Day
Saturday, June 14th
- Father's Day
Sunday, June 15th
- Independence Day
Friday, July 4th
- Only 23 days until
Summer



June will be our last meeting and then we will take a summer break. But of course we crazy collectors NEVER take a break. And this summer we are hoping to get in another field trip and also have a summer party at my house. We will start back in September. See you on June 5th for our Jeopardy Trivia night.

Your Pres – Chris

Mid-Year Introductions

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The mid-year introductions made their debut last month. In total there were 32 new additions. There are five new Village Holiday Specials, three pieces added to the Alpine Village, five to the Christmas in the City Series, two in the Dickens Village, six in the North Pole Series, eight in the Original Snow Village, two in Original Snow Village Halloween Series, and one General Village Accessory. Here is a sampling to look at. Check out the Department 56 website for the [complete listing](#).



As the Village Turns by Lisa Tuset

Season 1 Episode 6

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(The following is a fictional soap opera)

It's been four months since the opening of the first La Fiesta Restaurante. With the restaurante's mariachi band hitting the village late night networks and the waiting list being booked three weeks out, La Fiesta had no choice but to consider expanding their business. Several villages nationwide invested in the La Fiesta franchise and opened their own restaurants. Soon the New York Stock Exchange contacted the owners of the La Fiesta and invited them to ring the closing bell in an upcoming session. Rumor has it the owners were also contacted by the White House for booking a campaign meet & greet (the old "Press the Flesh" with the

villagers).

Pin City mayor Mel and Governor Diane drove down to analyze the recent economic swing in the Snow Village. After stopping by the town hall and the Governors' mansion, both built in 1983, they headed over to check into the Eden Prairie Inn to freshen up. Although both were tired, Mel convinced Diane to check out the village night life. Mel called Tom to meet them at the Voodoo Lounge for a few drinks. After an hour, Tom had to leave due to a prior commitment with friends at the Paramount Theater. Mel and Diane decided to head over to the Cave Club while the night was still young.

The next day called for a stop at the local Frost and Sons 5 & Dime to pick up aspirin. After their headaches went away, they went to check out the new Village Health Club. As visitors, Mel and Diane received one day passes, so Mel joined a spin class, and Diane tried a Zumba class. There's nothing like a good workout to build up a big appetite. Stepping outside the club, Diane noticed a La Fiesta To Go Truck. They headed over to the truck to get some burritos with chips and salsa. Its official, La Fiesta just gained two more loyal customers.



[#4042411 La Fiesta To Go Truck](#)



Birthdays

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Jane Sumi	June 17 th	Shirley Willis	August 1 st
Lisa Tuset	July 19 th	Carmela Ariemma	August 7 th
		Dee Knight	August 19 th
		John McGraw	August 31 st

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[Village Display Solutions](#)

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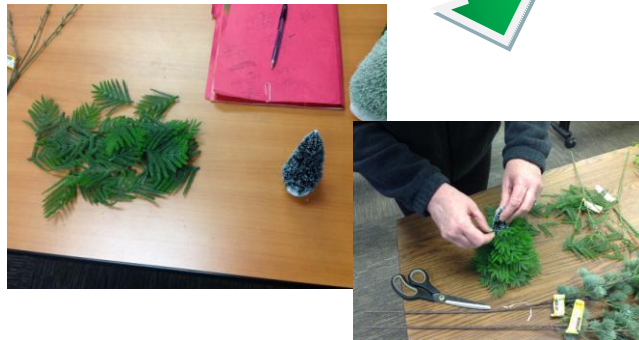
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How did they do that??

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Here is one of the make & takes that was done last month at the club meeting.

For those of you that were not able to attend, here is a short [video](#) to help illustrate the steps needed to create this unique accessory for your village or holiday display.



Cash Corner

Carmela Ariemma

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Finally Spring has appeared and it's time to kick back, relax and enjoy the great weather. One thing that everyone can kick back and relax about is our club balance...holding steady at \$ 2,068.59. As far as I know there are no

outstanding checks, bills, or receipts to be reimbursed. So all looks good...

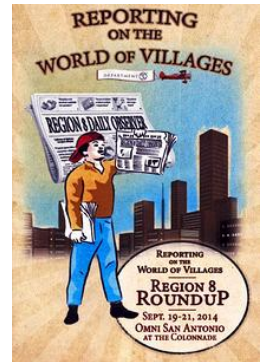
Your Treasurer,

Mel

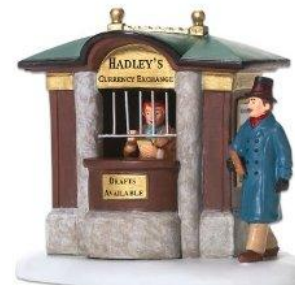
Upcoming Events

[Region 8 Roundup](#)
September 19 – 21
2014

Omni Hotel
San Antonio
At the Colonnade



California Gold
Gathering
Surf, Sun & Fun
September 11 – 13
2015
Sheraton Hotel &
Marina
San Diego



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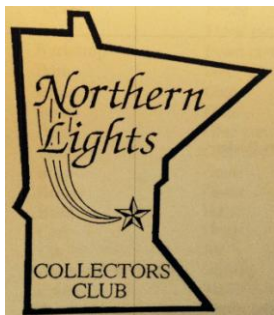
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Garage and Estate sales

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Believe it or not, there are times when you can find Department 56 collectibles at Garage sales and Estate sales. Of course there are times when the box is missing or paperwork, but depending on your needs this might not matter. The pricing sometimes can be tricky. Sometimes the seller will have things completely overpriced, but occasionally you will find a piece that is either reasonable or an incredible buy.

So, how do you find the garage sales that have collectibles for sale? The easiest way is to use [Craigslist](#). By refining your search you can easily find sales near you that have what you are looking for.

Typically all sales are final at garage sales, so be careful to examine your possible purchases. Most sellers will let you examine the items before you buy them. If not I would move on to another sale.

Good luck and happy hunting!



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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