



NORTHERN LIGHTS NEWS

NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLECTORS' CLUB, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Volume 23, Issue 7

July 2014

Inside this issue:

Ornament Premiere	2
As the Village Turns	2
Birthdays	2
Department 56 Spotlight	3
Upcoming Events	3
How did they do that??	3
Cash Corner with Mel	3
Village Jeopardy	4
Club Charity updates	4

Presidential Notes

We wrapped our 1st half of the year by continuing our tradition of playing Village Jeopardy. Our attendees to the meeting were a bit low in June so we could only make 2 teams, but I assure you the competition was still fierce and we had a great time playing. Thank you Shirley Willis for, once again, taking the time to make the boards and questions for us.

Our summer picnic will be on August 9th at my house 1pm – whatever. Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage of choice. The club will provide the main course (hamburgers and brats/hotdogs). I do have a pool so feel free to bring the bathing suit (no birthday suits allowed – haha!).

Whenever I travel to new places that I haven't been before, I check the D56 website for any stores in the area that sell Village pieces. In June I had the opportunity to travel to Sioux Falls, SD with our son's soccer team. Country 'N More has a store 1 mile from where we were staying. On that rainy Saturday in between games I took a little side trip and went visiting. What a great store and the gal that was working was so nice to chat with. She is a collector too so we had some good conversation. Country 'N More Gifts is an authorized Department 56 retailer and has been selling D56 collectibles since 1980. They offer free shipping on any orders over \$50 and also have incentives for the amount of money that you spend. So if you are looking for a certain piece and don't have time to go out and shop – check out their [website](#). Here are a few pictures of their displays – I love how they used the bookshelves for the displays.



Special points of interest:

- [Next Meeting](#)
Thursday, Sep 4th
7:00 pm Topic:
Summer Recap
- Keepsake Premiere
Saturday, July 12th
- Summer Picnic
Saturday, Aug 9th
- Labor Day
Monday, Sept 1st
- Only 170 days until
Christmas

Sioux Falls/Southern MN received over 10 inches of rain in about 30 hours the weekend I visited. The high waters on the way home to MN were so sad to see – and many news reports the next few days showed the devastation that these rains had caused. Hearts and prayers go out to the many communities this summer that have been struck with the floods. The winter was extreme this year and now our summer has followed in the same path.

I'm sure many of you are getting anxious to start on your village creations. This is the time to start planning. I just purchased my airline tickets for San Antonio for this year's Round-Up. I can't wait to go and I'm so excited that many from our club will be attending this year. Look out Texas, here come the folks from Minnesota!

I have several things lined up for our first few meetings this fall. We will have several charity projects to work on and of course we will have our annual Chili feed. Have a great rest of the summer and I hope to see you in August at the picnic. Your Prez - Chris

Hallmark Keepsake Ornament Premiere Event

[TOP ↑](#)

Celebrate Christmas in the summer with the [Ornament Premiere Event](#) at Hallmark stores this July 12th – 20th. You can find all of the Hallmark ornaments with the [2014 Online Dream Book](#). This year there are more than 200 Keepsake Ornaments available, including limited-quantity and new first-in series ornaments. There are weekend only special offers July 12th and 13th.



As the Village Turns by Lisa Tuset

Season 1 Episode 7

[TOP ↑](#)

(The following is a fictional soap opera)

Feeling as excited as Steve Martin’s character did in the movie “The Jerk” when the new phone book arrived, Snow Villagers danced in the streets with the arrival of the new 2014 Dream Book of Hallmark ornaments. It truly is Christmas in July, anticipating the unveiling of the new ornaments.

and decorating tips they got from “Window Wonderland”. Yet the “Silver Bells” movie scenes of Christmas tree lots and ice skating rinks really captured holiday memories and traditions.

ornaments would be sold out immediately, many villagers called the Village Hallmark and placed their wish lists early. The villagers knew they would be sorry if they couldn’t get that first in the Family Game Night series. Simon may also be a challenge.



As the Snow Villagers counted down the days until the Premiere, several spent their days and nights enjoying Christmas movies on the Hallmark Channel. Several tweets went back and forth, debating which Christmas show was their favorite. “Christmas with Holly” tugged at the heart strings of a few villagers, while others loved the banter

With nearly 400 ornaments to choose from, the villagers may need to use pencils to complete their wish lists. It was Disco fever for some looking at the new Disco Inferno ornament while others developed a sweet tooth for the new Sugar Sugar Ornament. Many can’t believe they have been collecting Frosty Friends ornaments for 35 years.

Remember July 12th “It’s Show Time” with the Fonz, Marilyn, Ol Blue Eyes, and the Brady Bunch.

Worried that their must have



Birthdays

[TOP ↑](#)

Lisa Tuset

July 19th

Shirley Willis

August 1st

Carmela Ariemma

August 7th

Dee Knight

August 19th

John McGraw

August 31st

Department56.com spotlight

[TOP](#) ↑

Are you missing adapters or a special bulb from one of your houses or pieces ?

Department 56 has [replacement parts](#) just for you. Take a look at the website for almost anything you might need.

If you don't find what you need, call 1-800-548-8696 Monday-Friday 11am-2pm

standard time. Everything ships from Department 56 and of course they have a shipping fee.



How did they do that??

[TOP](#) ↓

Here is a how to on [decorating a fireplace mantel](#). By simply using a couple pieces from your collection, and possibly adding some of the trees we all had the chance the make last month, you can spruce up your mantel very quickly.



Cash Corner

Carmela Ariemma

Hi Everyone...

Wasn't this past June just awful! Truly hope that no one in our group, or your loved ones, was affected by the steady rain. Second wettest June in 100 years, we could have done without that record.

Our cash was also steady during June. Our balance remains at \$ 2,068.59.

So everyone have a great rest of the summer. Hopefully we will see each other before September.

Your Treasurer, Mel

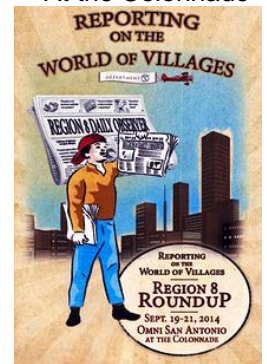
[TOP](#) ↓

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



NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLECTORS CLUB

PO Box 23092
Minneapolis, MN 55423

President
Chris Riley

<mailto:criley@unitedfamilymortgage.com>

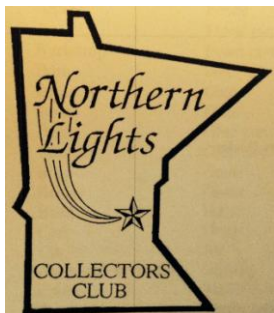
Treasurer
Carmela Ariemma
<mailto:carmelata@msn.com>

Newsletter Editor
Daniel Tuset
<mailto:halloweendan@live.com>

NCC Rep
Diane Nelson
mailto:dmarian_52@msn.com

Region 6 NCC Rep
Shirley Willis
<mailto:shirleywillis@comcast.net>

NCC56 Treasurer
Tom Iacoviello
<mailto:tiacoviello@yahoo.com>



June's Meeting and Jeopardy

[TOP ↑](#)

After being locked out of our meeting place, we finally were able to have our meeting and play a fun filled game of [Village Jeopardy](#).

Everyone had fun as we tried our best to answer questions from categories such as... 'We know our Villages', 'Introductions Please!' and everybody's favorite 'Christmas Movies we love!'



Club Charity Updates

[TOP ↑](#)

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.

Our Club Sponsor

Please support our club sponsor ...

[Jeri's Hallmark](#)
345 Willow Bend
Crystal, MN 55428



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