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Special points of interest:

- [Next Meeting](#)
Thursday, Sep 4th
7:00 pm Topic:
Summer Recap
- Grandparents Day
Sunday, Sept 7th
- Patriot Day
Thursday, Sept 11th
- Only 58 days until
Halloween
- Only 114 days until
Christmas

Wow – the time sure did fly by quickly this summer! I had lots of plans to start some village projects but – yea – those didn't get done, imagine that! But here we are at the start of September and in my mind this is when our obsessing for our villages really starts to kick in. In just a few short weeks we will be going to Texas for the Region 8 roundup and that will for sure get us all excited to get started. This will be my third convention and I am still like a kid on Christmas morning – I just can't wait!!!

My summer was filled with lots of soccer games for our son Danny. I was also able to take two long weekend vacations and enjoyed some relaxing by the pool working on the tan!

Our annual picnic was held at my house on August 9th, thank you to those that were able to make the trek out to Elk River. We had a very nice time and the weather cooperated for most of the day. I did save the spot right in front of the fan for Tom – we didn't want him to get cranky on us because of the heat – haha! I'm still craving Debbie's crackers and dip – they were so good and she will need to share the recipe with all of us.

Our next meeting will be held on September 4th and I have secured the same location (Crystal Police Outreach Center). We have discussed in the past making a donation to them for letting us use their space. I spoke with Lt. Doug and he suggested that we could donate to their Canine division. They have one dog, his name is Rocko and he has been with the force for only a year. All of his expenses are covered by donations only. His services have been proving to be very effective in his first year. Providing there are no bad guys to be caught that night, Rocko will try to visit us during our meeting.

We have a few projects that we will be working on in our next meetings. If anyone has any ideas for our upcoming meetings please let me know. I look forward to seeing all of you on Thursday.

Your Prez - Chris



2014 July–August NCC Club Connection

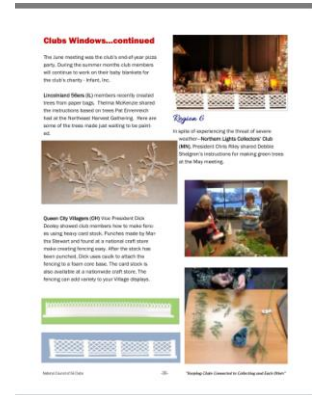
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For those of you that may have missed it, our club made the latest installment of the NCC Club connection. We are on pages 30 and 31, in the “Looking Through the Club’s Windows” section by Penny Miller.

It highlights our meeting last May when we braved the weather and had a make and take of the green trees made popular by Debbie Shelgren.

The Club Connection is the NCC’s newsletter and is a great source for not only finding out about the NCC, but also for getting inspiration.

The next NCC Club Connection will be the September/October 2014 edition.



As the Village Turns by Lisa Tuset

(The following is a fictional soap opera)

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Birthdays

Carol Veziris

September 26th

Gerry McGraw

October 19th

Nancy Rodriguez

October 26th

Paul Shefeland

November 15th

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A new line was introduced this year by Dept 56 called [New Garden Guardians](#).

For those of you that like to create garden fairy themed displays these are just for you.

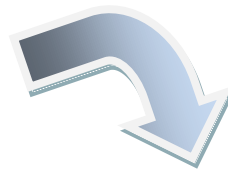
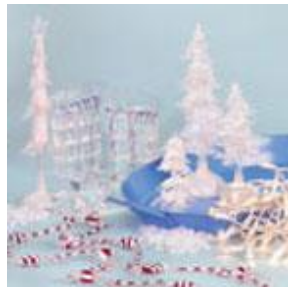


How did they do that??

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Everyone is starting to get the "itch" to start setting up displays for Christmas.

Here is another simple and easy [Holiday display](#) from the Dept 56 website.



Cash Corner

Carmela Ariemma

Well the Great Minnesota get together is over, schools back in session, and so is your Northern Lights Collectors Club. It will be great seeing everyone on Thursday the 4th. Things have been quiet on the money front, except for \$95 spent for

our summer pick-nick, bringing our balance to \$1,973. Speaking of bank balances and money, which I do because I'm your treasurer, don't forget your dues, \$15 per person \$25 for a family.

See ya very soon....Mel

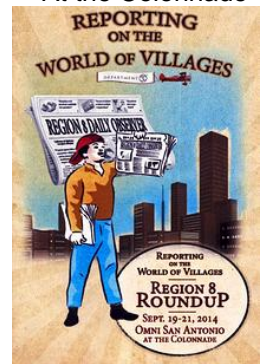
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Upcoming Events

[Region 8 Roundup](#)

September 19 – 21
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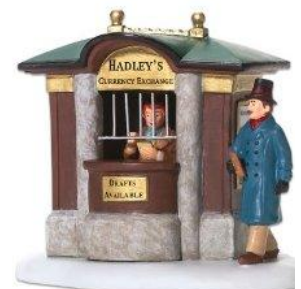
Omni Hotel
San Antonio
At the Colonnade



[California Gold Gathering](#)

Surf, Sun & Fun
September 11 – 13
2015

Sheraton Hotel &
Marina
San Diego



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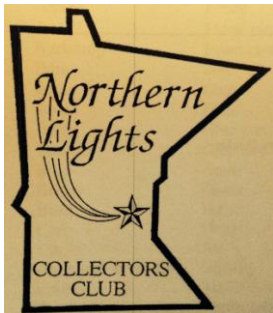
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Halloween at Dept 56

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This year has gone by so quickly, and soon we will be celebrating Halloween. Over the years, Halloween has become one of the most celebrated holidays, second only to Christmas. In an [LA Times article from 2012](#), it was estimated that over 170 million Americans would be celebrating Halloween in some form. That's 71.5% of the population.

This year Halloween falls on a Friday, which could mean an even higher percentage of celebrations.

The city of Anoka, Minnesota has long been called the "[Halloween Capital of the World](#)", and has been called such by Congressional proclamation.. They have been celebrating Halloween every year since 1920. They provide all types of entertainment from block parties, medallion hunts, to the annual parade.

Jump forward to the year 2183 and Halloween will not only fall on a Friday, but will also have a Full moon. Unfortunately we won't be around to see that year's celebrations, but I am sure it will be amazing.

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.