



# THE HERITAGE TREASURES TROVE

## Newsletter

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### HERITAGE TREASURES COLLECTORS CLUB



**Good morning everyone,**



I hope everyone had a great holiday and 2023 is off to a great start. Many new things are happening and just wanted to let you know about a few right now.



From NCC-

1. The NCC is asking club members to write about why they love their club [#lovemyclub](#) and post it on the NCC page by mid-January. If you are not on Facebook, you can send it to me, and I'll post it for you.

2. Brandon announced a new contest called "The Sky(scraper) is the limit. One lucky club and collector will win the Woolworth building. For this contest clubs will share meeting, ideas, activities, make-n-take, or an event that your club has that you enjoyed and want to share with others. Share with your Region Rep by email. The collector will be chosen from those that shared their love if their club shared in the Sky is the limit contest.

3. This month's vignette contest is using a Book Store and tell us about your favorite book or story- post to the NCC page [#jan2023vignettecontest](#).

A big thank you goes to Melissa for setting up our annual holiday party that was held at Michael Anthony's in Centereach. The food and company were great. We had 23 members attend and it was great that Scott, Sherry, Nicholas, and Laura were able to join us. I saw many members with doggy bags, yes there was more food that anyone could eat-salad, pasta, entree and of course cannoli for dessert.

Thank you to everyone who donated toys to the John Theissen Toy drive. It felt good to make some child happy on Christmas morning.

It's that time to think about what we want to do for our annual outing. Do we go to Lancaster again or do we find something else to do? Put on your thinking caps and bring your ideas to this month's meeting. I know people are already looking into do something new.

Get ready for February – that's when you'll be able to begin signing up for The Glow of Christmas Past convention along with the NCC56 gathering to be held in Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel at Reagan National Airport, Arlington,

Virginia- August 16-19,2023. You need to be a member of the Glow to sign up and make hotel reservations. Here is the website to find information about the Glow and the convention (<https://goldenglow.org/>). I'll bring a copy of the information that was posted online in case anyone needs another copy. The NCC will be hosting seminars to attend, a display contest, our own marketplace, and a special luncheon on Saturday. There is no additional cost to attend, you pay one fee and it's for all the activities. Of cost there is an extra charge for the excursions, the workshops, and merchandise. If you have any questions, please let me know and I'll get an answer for you. It will be great to see other collector's and friends in person instead of on ZOOM.

Remember our charity auction will be held in February and March, so if you have anything to donate you can bring it beginning this month.

Happy collecting  
Nancy



**Good morning, everyone.**

I hope everyone has had a Happy New Year so far. The 2023 introductions have been posted at [www.enescobusiness.com](http://www.enescobusiness.com), but, as of 1/15 they have not made their way to [www.dept56.com](http://www.dept56.com). However, I'm sure they will be available for preorder soon. There are some great looking pieces for the new year. So many that I can't decide on just one as my favorite. If you haven't seen NCC President Brandon

Taylor's videos on Facebook with all the new pieces in tow, they are worth a gander just to see them in more detail and from all angles. Working at a Dept 56 retailer has its privileges (like getting to see the new pieces in person first in January). I find these videos really help me decide which pieces I'd like to buy for our house. Just a reminder that General Village pieces are no longer being included with the new introductions.

I'd like to thank Barbara and Adam for once again opening their house to the club for an Open House. This year they had Alpine Village and Little Town of Bethlehem on display. Lots of good food and conversation were had by everyone.

As most members are aware, the Gathering is back! This time in conjunction with the Golden Glow of Christmas Past. It will be held in Arlington, VA from August 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel at Reagan National Airport. Registration begins February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon EST. Extra excursions begin as early as August 11<sup>th</sup>. Hotel registration begins on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon EST. Past years have sold out same day so I do suggest having your week planned out ahead of time and registering that day (Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>). All the info can be found at [www.goldenglow.com/convention-43](http://www.goldenglow.com/convention-43). Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Remember to support our club sponsor, Fitzula's, [www.fitzulas.com](http://www.fitzulas.com) – phone 855-895-1332). They will be happy to place a preorder for you and will send it to you when the new pieces arrive.

Happy villaging,  
Chad



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### Getting to Know Your Heritage Treasures' Club Members

*An Interview with Nancy Mattson, Co-President*

Nancy and Steve Mattson live in Central Islip. Nancy was born in Flushing and Steve in Amityville. Their parents belonged to an "All-Together Club" at their church in Massapequa. The club hosted monthly dinners. The teens hosted one of the dinners and that's where Nancy and Steve met. And as they say.... the rest is history!

Nancy is a teacher's-aid in a computer lab for junior and senior high school special education students at Western Suffolk BOCES. Steve is a maintenance dispatcher for SUNY Stony Brook.

They began collecting D'56 in 1987 with the purchase of one Dickens building.

They initially had a small village that included trains under the Christmas tree. As we all know, villages have a way of growing! They currently have a large Dickens collection which remains in a wall unit in the living room. They

have an extensive Halloween Village, which of late they have been focusing on the "Day of the Dead" and the "Trick or Treat Lane" series. Nancy states that they have at least one piece from every village except the Grinch. In addition to villages, they collect Hummels and lots of trees for their villages.

In addition to being members of Heritage Treasures of Long Island, they are members of the "California 56ers" (a zoom and in-person club) and Central Valley 56ers (an all zoom club) also in California. Nancy has been President, and Secretary of Heritage Treasures. She has also been an NCC Regional 2 Representative and is currently the NCC New Club Liaison. Steve continues to be Treasurer of Heritage Treasures. He has also been Treasurer of their church for 30 years.

They enjoy attending Gatherings and meeting people from other clubs.

They've attended Gatherings in Pennsylvania, Chicago, San Antonio, Connecticut (which Heritage Treasures co-hosted), Mid-Atlantic Gatherings in Reston and Norfolk, Virginia, Michigan, Arizona and the 25<sup>th</sup> D'56 Anniversary Gathering in Minnesota.

Nancy states her favorite part of collecting is making new friends and hunting for that special piece! Although, she said, as pieces continue to get more expensive, you need to pick and choose which pieces of a village to purchase. Nancy loves the Heritage Treasures' Club. She states we all started out learning together and have grown into a

family!



Barbara Fischer

*News Flashes*

Jeffrey Kirchner has retired as NCC Region 2 rep effective 12/31/2022 and has assumed duties as Secretary & Associate Member Coordinator.

Steve La Mantia is the new NCC Rep for Region 2. Congratulations and good luck, Steve!

Thank you from the Charity Committee to the club members for their donations to the Toy Drive

*OPEN HOUSE AT THE FISCHER'S*







## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### *Congratulations*

#### *January*

15 Angela Rella  
23 Nicolas Rella

#### *February*

5 Peggy Densing  
14 Donna Rella  
19 Scott McKeivitt  
29 Grace Werner



## CLUB OFFICERS

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## MEETING DATES

Meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at the Lake Ronkonkoma Beach Pavilion from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

November 19, 2022

December 17, 2022

January 21, 2023

February 18, 2023

March 18, 2023

April 15, 2023

May 20, 2023



# Winter Word Search

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