



Department 56 Villagers of Central PA



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BINGO and buffet...our two favorite things after D56 villages!!! Our March meeting will be held at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, starting at 2:00 pm. Bring your lucky dauber or use one of ours and listen carefully to the caller. Be ready to yell BINGO! As soon as you have the correct configu-

ration of squares covered.

Please let Howard and Tricia know if you can join us on that date.

The Shaper Sheets for the May meeting will be distributed during the meeting.

Hope to see everyone there for BINGO.

The Re-Homing of a Village

Sometimes a Village Enthusiast finds him/herself in a situation that makes it necessary to find a new home for a much loved Department 56 village.

It can be for a variety of reasons and, lucky for us as collectors, the Aforementioned VE sometimes decides to donate their Dicken's Village, North Pole Village, Halloween or any other village to a good home.

What could be a better home than in the villages of people who LOVE DV, NEV, NPV, etc.? Most recently Janet Jermon gave us her Dickens' Village pieces to be used as we see fit.

Thanks so much, Janet. We promise to take good care of your village pieces and accessories, just as you did. We appreciate your generosity.





*****Prize Winners at Our January Meeting*****



Prize won	Donated by...	Won by...	Why?????
\$20 Gift Certificate	Christmas Tree Hill of York, Lancaster & Camp Hill	Mary Slade	Raffle prize
Visiting the Miners' Home	Gina Sabol	Gloria Ciarrocca	Raffle prize
Animals on the Farm	Toni & Greg Hess	Mark Anderson	Raffle prize
Marie's Doll Museum	Peg & Sam Samsak	Ed Anderson	Raffle prize
A Country Outing	Christmas Tree Hill of Camp Hill, York & Lancaster	Teri Frey	Teri won the trivia contest
Brick Edge Sidewalk	Greg & Toni Hess	Joe Shanabrough	Joe won the name tag drawing
Mail Box and Trash cans	MLE	Gina Aiello	Gina won the birthday drawing
D56 HV Apron	Greg Roth	Mary Slade	Door prize
Lemax "Sundae"	Kelly Gabliks	Ed Anderson	Door prize
Lighted tree	Kelly Gabliks	Larry Ciarrocca	Door prize
CD porcelain cup	Sam & Peg Samsak	Mary Lou Evans	Door prize
Berkshire house	Sobotor family	Mark Anderson	Door prize
Sleepy Hollow Characters	Sobotor family	Teri Frey	Door prize
NEV sign & fence	Sobotor family	Jeff Lecates	Door prize
DV sign	MLE	Joe Shanabrough	Door prize
Dashing Thru the Snow	Janet Jermon	Larry Ciarrocca	Larry won the Treasure Hunt
Bonne Maman Jar of Jam	MLE	Jenni Sipe Shanabrough	Door prize





President Tricia's message...

Dear Fellow Collectors,

I always like to be cheery and uplifting in my bi-monthly letter to you all, but it is hard this month with the recent death of our dear friend and fellow collector, Bill Sheldon. Included in this month's newsletter is our tribute to him. He will be greatly missed by all of us. We treasure our memories of him and wonderful vignettes he made that many of us are fortunate to own. Although we didn't know it when we planned this, we are going to be able to honor Bill with our upcoming vignette contest in May. We have several participants who will be using Shaper Sheets as the base of their design. Bill did a wonderful job of introducing them to us at our May 2023 meeting. How we wish he were here to answer the questions we now have on using them.

I hope you are planning to attend the celebration of Bill's life that will be held April 7th at 2:00 pm in New Jersey. You should have received an invitation by email from Karolee Glassman. Please let me know if you are able to attend so we can work out carpools.

God's blessings to you, Tricia



Thanks to all of our donors who give items to our club that our members look forward to winning and adding to their villages, especially thanks to Christmas Tree Hill!!!



Dickens' Village Series

Department 56 Village is Now Here!

Christmas Tree Hill at Camp Hill
3309 Hartzdale Drive, Camp Hill • 717.975.0505

Christmas Tree Hill at Gettysburg
1863 Gettysburg Village Dr., Gettysburg • 717.338.1292

Christmas Tree Hill in the Mansion
2840 Whiteford Road, York • 717.755.9290

Christmas Tree Hill at Rockvale Square
35 S. Willowdale Drive, Lancaster • 717.293.0555

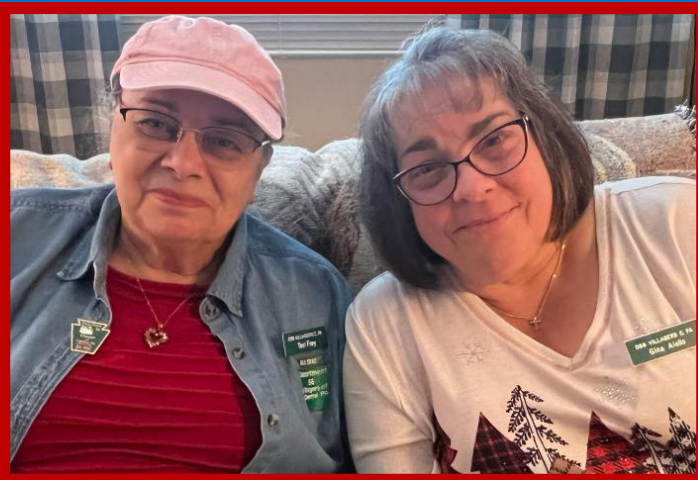
Christmas Tree Hill at Park City
781 Park City Center, Lancaster • 717.393.1304

Christmas Tree Hill at Rehoboth Beach
36706 Bayside Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE • 302.227.1407

CHRISTMAS TREE HILL

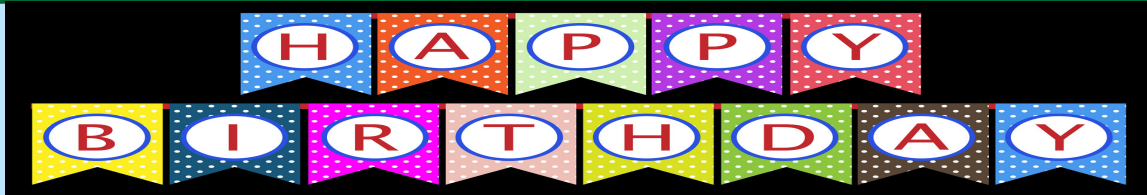
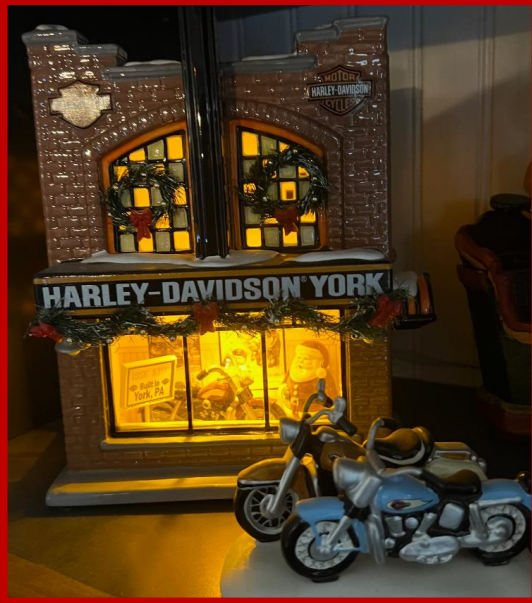
Best Selection in the area for all Department 56!

Memories from our House Tour



Our merry band of Villagers!!!

Our January Tour



March 21, Joyce Frederick; March 31, Jeff Lecates, Teri Frey; April 5, Joe Shanabrough; April 15, Nancy Jones, and April 19, Linda Ross

If we have missed someone, please see Gina to be included in the birthday drawing.

January Trivia Contest Answers

- 1. What does the Andros Company sell? Bonne Maman preserves*
- 2. Who donated and who won "We Don't Need Instructions?" Samsaks and Howard McConahay*
- 3. Who received a snowman picture at our Christmas party? Mark Anderson*
- 4. What is one English word that doesn't follow the I before e except after c rule? Weird (on last page of January NL)*
- 5. What is Bonne Maman? A brand of preserves made in France.*
- 6. Whose house are we going to for hors d'oeuvres on January 21? Jenni's*
- 7. What does Tricia love to do after the holidays? Organize*
- 8. What did JR do with the North Pole piece that he won in our raffle? Gave it to the Ronald McDonald House NPV.*
- 9. How many NCC logos are in this issue? 26*
- 10. The Pied Bull Inn and Crown and Cricket belong to what sub-series in Dickens' Village? The Charles Dickens Foundation.*

March Trivia Contest

- 1. What is wrong about B16 and O76?*
- 2. Who is pictured on either side of Jeff?*
- 3. If you stop believing in Santa, what will you receive for Christmas?*
- 4. What is the address of Christmas Tree Hill at the Mansion?*
- 5. List 3 of the things your new password must include.*
- 6. The DV original seven include: Bean and Son Smithy, Crowntree Inn, Green Grocer, Golden Swan Baker, and Jones and Son Brush and Basket. What are the names of the other two?*
- 7. Which DV Palace was available in 2005-2006 and was a limited edition of 12,000 pieces?*
- 8. What is the name of the accessory that goes with Culpepper's Ruby Jewelers?*
- 9. What two pieces are models of buildings on the campus of Oxford University?*
- 10. If you're looking for a place to eat and are deciding among Night-hawks, the Jade Palace Chinese Restaurant and the American Diner, where are you?*

Don't forget to consult The Village Chronicler.com





Good-bye to our Village Friend Bill Sheldon



Always ready with a clever response, Bill was asked, “How many people work at this store?” and he replied, “Oh, about half of them!”

Watching him do a seminar or demonstration, you would be sure to both learn and laugh. To our Village Family, Bill was a fountain of display information, with an amazing ability and willingness to share his decorating tal-

ents. He was definitely an original, with a dry sense of humor and a contagious smile.

He was gracious, kind, funny and creative.

He was taken from our hands, but never from our hearts.

Decorate the Heavens, Bill, it’s what you do best!!!

We already miss you.



Culpepper’s Ruby Jewelers

It has been said that time flies when you are having fun. And that must be true. If you bought your first Dickens’ Village piece in 1984, you have been collecting for 40 years. Assuming, of course, that you acquired more village pieces over that time span. I believe many of us fall into that category.

The new Culpepper’s Ruby Jewelry store commemorates the 40th anniversary of our Original Seven. “Too Pretty to Pellet” is the name of the accessory that tells us that the jeweler is not going to break this ruby to make tiny jewels to be used in the making of watches. There are two jewels in the set; one on the building and one on the accessory.



Our Villaging Schedule for 2024

Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 am-Dickens' Village and Alpine Village take down at Country Meadows' main building and Colonnade in Hershey.

Sunday, March 17 at 2:00 pm-VILLAGE BINGO at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg.

Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 pm-Club meeting at McConahay's with a Display Contest using the Shaper Sheets that Bill Sheldon showed us how to use. The club will provide a roll to anyone who plans to build a display to enter in the contest.

Sunday, July 21 at 2:00 pm-Planning picnic at Gina and Joanne's home.

Kingsford Rug Merchant

Is another introduction to our Dickens' Village. The rugs that are hanging on the building are beautifully detailed and very realistic.

The accessory is called Light as a Drugget (which is a coarse woollen fabric, felted or woven, self-coloured or printed on one side.)



*“May your
Village lights
Always glow
And
Your real plastic
snow
Never melt.”*

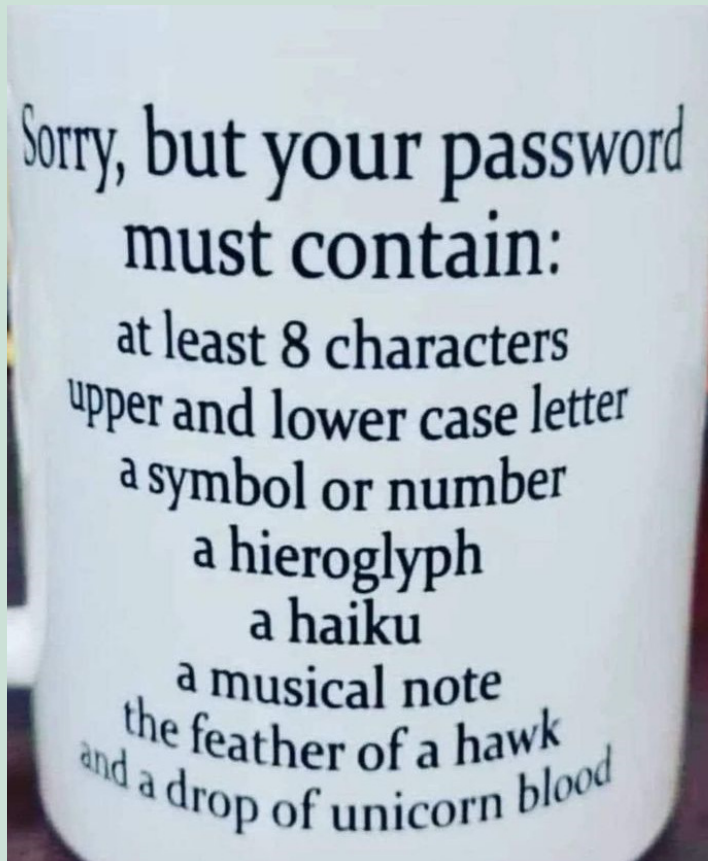


Brandon Taylor, NCC President

Where do you think I took this picture???



Please say it isn't so!!!!



When Shopping For D56 Villages, Remember to Share Your Enthusiasm With Anyone You Talk to and Give that Person A Club Card as An Invitation to Join Us.

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