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**The Annapolis Villagers**



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## Lisa Johnson Will Join Zoom March Membership Meeting

The March Membership Meeting will be held using the Zoom format only beginning at 7:00

p.m. Details for joining the meeting will be provided prior to the meeting. Lisa Johnson will be joining the meeting as our honored guest speaker. She is a Regional Account Executive



for Department 56 and will be talking about new introductions, offering news about Department 56 and ready to answer questions. Lisa resides in San Diego, California.

## Next Membership Meeting Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda includes:

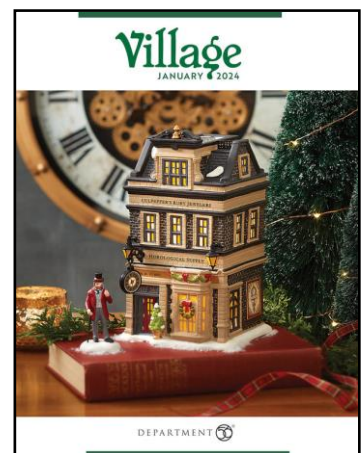
- ◆ **Business Meeting**
- ◆ **Zoom Presentation by Lisa Johnson (Department 56 Representative)**

## Department 56 2024 Village Introductions

The 2024 Village Introductions can be viewed at: [www.department56.com](http://www.department56.com). Additional information for some of the introductory pieces is shown on the Department 56 Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Department56>

## Department 56 2024 Village Catalog

The Department 56 2024 *Village Catalog* can now be ordered online through the Department 56 website. The 132-page publication highlights the new 2024 introductions and encompasses pieces still in the current lines. Included are the core Village lines, Halloween, Classic Brands Villages and Hot Properties. The catalog is rounded out with Village cross products: trees, lights, benches, roads, animated pieces and many more accessories as well as replacement parts for all Villages.



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### *The Prez Says...*

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Party and also the House Tours. I hope everyone enjoyed the time spent with friends as much as I did. It isn't often that you have a small club that is celebrating 30+ years together and most of us have been friends that long and still enjoy each other's company. We were united by our love for the little houses and trains and our friendships have grown over the years, even though we are all in different stages of displaying now.

A Big Thank You to Pete and Trudi Baer, Stella Angelucci and John Stevenson for opening their houses for the Tours.

Coming up in March, we will have a Zoom meeting with Lisa Johnson, our rep from Department 56, giving a presentation. This should be an interesting and informative evening. Please be sure to join us perhaps with a beverage of choice in the comfort of your home.

In May, we will be having an in-person meeting at the Legion. Pat Ehrenreich and I will be conducting an easy "Make & Take" that everyone will be able to add to one of their displays. We will be sending out more info on this later, but it is something you won't want to miss. Be thinking of a house or houses you might want to do a little vignette with. You get to pick the season.

July will be our themed event at the Legion, and we are hopefully going to be able to have a Greek menu and learn a Greek dance afterwards led by Stella Angelucci. She promises we will have fun.

In September, we will have John and Pat Ehrenreich doing "From Flat Earth To Hill Country" demonstration. How to easily add landscaping terrain in your village displays. And of course, there will be some 32nd Anniversary cake!

This year is shaping up nicely and I hope many of you can join us for at least one of these functions. Please let me know if there is something you want to see demonstrated or have an interest in finding out more about. Remember this is YOUR club and we want to make it as much fun as we can for everyone.

Remember:

"You don't stop having fun when you get old. You get old when you stop having fun." Anonymous...

Please take care of yourselves and hope to see you soon.

*Dean*

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
GREETINGS**



The following members celebrate their birthday in March or April. On behalf of The Annapolis Villagers, we wish you the best on your special day:

- Ina Devine**           **03/13**
- Dean Stevenson**   **03/15**
- Patricia Potter**     **03/18**
- Dorothy Brown**    **03/23**
- John Ehrenreich**   **03/24**
- Marsha Voigt**       **04/25**

**Sunshine Corner**

*By Marsha Voigt*

Yes, beautiful sunshine! I'm positive warmer weather is coming because the Daytona 500 was run, so racing season has begun....and they don't race in the snow. What are your signs of warmer weather? I don't think flowers are a reliable sign - seen too many of them peeking out of the snow. Ah - anticipation! What are you anticipating? A visit from family and friends? A wonderful trip somewhere? Finally healing from xyz? Rearranging your beer garden in Alpine Village or the market in Dickens' Village or a parade in Christmas in the City? During the house tours, Pete and Trudy offered us a house from their free/gifts shelves and I was delighted to acquire The "Caravansary Gate" from Little Town of Bethlehem. It looks great in my small display that includes Whirling Dervishes and their accompanists.

What we all anticipate is for all of us to be able to get together soon and celebrate our long friendships and of course, our love for our villages. So - smile and feel the warm sunshine!

**January Membership Meeting Recap**

Dean Stevenson called the Zoom Membership Meeting to order on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. The minutes for the November Membership Meeting were accepted as submitted in the December 2023/January 2024 issue of *The Village Crier*. A balance of \$1,382.92 in the general fund and a charity fund balance of \$986.73 was reported.

Reports were presented for charity, NCC, and upcoming events. Recaps were also presented for the "Village Display Exposition" and "Christmas Party." The door prize winners were Marsha Voigt and Phil McCutcheon.

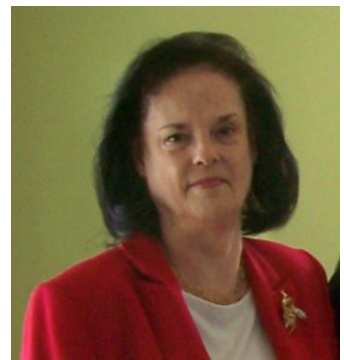
The program consisted of a slide show that included photos of village displays and Christmas decorations that were submitted by Dick Baker, Dean Stevenson, Bob Eustice, Pat Ehrenreich, and Rosetta Clarke.

**The minutes are shown on page 12.**

**In Memoriam**

On Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, Millie Hurlbut passed away. She was a long time resident of Lanham, MD.

She was a founding member of The Annapolis Villagers when the club was formed in 1992. Millie collected Dickens' Village and the Williamsburg Village. The Villagers thoroughly enjoyed her village displays during the annual house tours. The Williamsburg Village displays were truly one-of-a-kind.



Millie greatly enjoyed line dancing and counted cross stitch. She attended many of the annual Hexagon (political, satirical, musical comedy) revues. She looked forward to holiday shopping trips to Williamsburg. For many years, she was an avid Washington Redskins fan.

In 2017, she retired from the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) which is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia.

Millie will be missed, and we send our thoughts and prayers to her family.

**2024 House Tours Recap***By Dean Stevenson*

Finally, we were able to gather for the House Tours on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. We were a group totaling thirteen for most of the houses including our Hosts. We were able to have fun and enjoyed looking at the Christmas décor and displays at Stella's and Pete and Trudi's and the displays and Easter décor at John and Dean's.

We reminisced about previous House Tours and members who are no longer with us and as always, we enjoyed good snacks along the way. Please see the photos on pages 14-16.

I was sorry that there were some folks that wanted to be here but because of illness could not. This time of year, we just never know about the weather or illness going around. We only had a light dusting here in Two Rivers but members like Phil Krug got at least three inches. He took advantage of it though and got some wonderful outside photos that he shared with us.

Seven of us ended the day with a nice early dinner at Romilo's in Severna Park.

Thanks again to everyone who was able to attend. A special thanks to those that opened their houses for the tour.

Here's hoping next year we will all be able to get together and share the day.

***From The Editor...****By Bob Eustice*

Welcome to the February/March issue of *The Village Crier*.

In this issue, I am initiating a new series of articles entitled "Show & Tell." Members will have the opportunity to select a favorite village related piece and describe why it is a favorite. The reasons may include:

- Relatedness to a memorable experience.
- Intricate detailing.
- Relatedness to an interest, pastime, or hobby.

The article may include photos of the piece and inclusion in a larger display or vignette.

*The Village Collector* website includes several videos for your viewing pleasure. Visit the website and select "VILLAGE VIDEOS." This page offers the opportunity to experience the enthusiasm that embraces our pastime. You will witness varying levels of village and video expertise. Photos are worth a thousand words and videos are thousands of photos. Get your favorite snacks and beverage, settle back, and enjoy a great opportunity for inspiration, information & fun.

To view numerous photos of the new Enesco Gallery and Gift Shop at Graceland, visit the NCC website at <http://ncc56.com> and go to the **NCC Photo Gallery** page.

*The Collections* book on *The Village Chronicler* website contains lists that show specific subseries (such as A Christmas Carol, Gaslight Pubs and Music in the City) within each Village Collection. The listing for each subseries includes photos of the individual lighted buildings and coordinating accessories by item number, as well as the year of introduction and retirement for each. Also listed are specific categories (such as Churches, Fire Stations, and Castles) within each Village Collection. Specifically designed accessories are referenced to the building(s) for which they are designed. In addition, the Holidays, Seasons & Occasions listing groups those items designed for a specific holiday, season, and occasion across all Village lines. Visit the website and select "The Collections."



## Internet Links

The Annapolis Villagers Website

<http://annapolisvillagers.org>

NCC Website

<https://ncc56.com>

Department 56 Website

<https://www.department56.com>

The Village Chronicler Website

[The Village Chronicler](#)

The Village Collector Website

<http://www.thevillagecollector.com/>

Lemax Website

<https://www.lemaxcollection.com>

Department 56 Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Department56>

NCC Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ncc56/>

### Show & Tell "Apple Barn"

By Bob Eustice

The Department 56 limited edition "Apple Barn" became one of my favorite pieces when it was introduced in 2019. In early 2019, since autumn is my favorite season, I had been contemplating the creation of an autumn vignette. I knew immediately that the "Apple Barn" was a perfect fit for my vignette. The barn is very detailed with fallen leaves on the roof and features tiny hand sculpted, hand painted baskets of apples and pumpkins. The LED lights emit a warm inviting glow from the large windows. The dog named Buddy waits at the entrance to greet visitors. The signage on the building includes "Pick Your Own", "Fresh Apple Cider", and "Pony Rides." The "Apple Barn" has apples, pumpkins, gourds, pies, jams, apple cider, and candies for sale. The coordinating accessory "Happy Harvester" was included.



My "Autumn at the Apple Barn" vignette was exhibited at the Village Display Exposition in November 2019.

The original retail price was \$185. At this time, prices at eBay range from \$750 to \$850.

### St. Patrick's Day Village Vignettes

Have some fun by creating a village vignette to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The vignette can feature one of the specially designed Department 56 Irish themed pieces. Other suitable buildings would include pubs that reside in some of the village collections. Look for appropriate containers, props, and accents. These items are usually easy to find during the respective season at various craft, dollar, and party stores. Shown below are several examples of St. Patrick's Day Vignettes created by Villagers over the years.



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## “Tower Bridge Of London”

The Department 56 Historical Landmark series “Tower Bridge Of London” is the featured building in this issue. It is also part of the Dickens’ Village collection.

This special issue was a numbered limited edition of a total of 20,000 pieces created. This piece is a replica of London’s Tower Bridge which still crosses over the Thames River. It was introduced in 2003, and retired in 2004, under item #58705. The dimensions of this impressive piece are 26” x 5.5” x 11.5.”



Tower Bridge, one of the London’s most famous landmarks, is a combined suspension and movable bridge of the double-leaf bascule (drawbridge) type that spans the Thames River between the Greater London boroughs of Tower Hamlets and Southwark.

It is a distinct landmark that esthetically complements the Tower of London, which it adjoins. The Tower of London protects the Crown Jewels of England and is infamous for its beheading executions. This is the only movable bridge on the River. It is about 800 feet in length and provides an opening 250 feet wide. Its twin towers rise 200 feet above the Thames. Between the towers stretch a pair of glass-covered walkways that are popular among tourists. The walkways were originally designed to allow pedestrians to cross even while the bridge was raised, but they became hangouts for prostitutes and thieves and so were closed from 1909 to 1982. The Tower Bridge was operated by hydraulic pumps driven by steam until 1976, when electric motors were put into operation; the steam power system is still kept (in good repair) as a tourist display.



The East End of London experienced so much commercial development in the second half of the 19th century that it demanded one more river crossing. In 1876, a “Special Bridge or Subway Committee” was formed to find a solution. Over 50 designs were submitted, but because of much controversy, it took eight years for one design to be approved. Construction began in 1886 and lasted until 1894. Five major contractors and 432 construction workers each day worked on it.

By the time the Second World War rolled around, Tower Bridge had become a major connecting point to the Port of London. This also meant that it became a target for enemy countries. Between 1940 to 1942, Tower Bridge experienced a few attacks that damaged parts of the bridge. Tower Bridge got a new roof following the War, after suffering minor damage during the Blitz (September 1940 to May 1941).

Tower Bridge is still functioning and is a major crossing of the Thames River. Daily, some 40,000 people cross it in both directions. While it was controlled manually from the beginning, in 2000, a computer controls system was installed so bascules could be raised and lowered remotely. Bascules are raised around three times a day and 24 hours notice is needed from a ship that needs to pass.

Visiting Tower Bridge is a unique experience. Guided or unguided tours can be taken. Explore the iconic Towers, panoramic Walkways, and historic Engine Rooms. While visiting you can experience panoramic views over the river Thames, featuring two unique high-level Glass Floors. For information on planning a visit to the Bridge, visit the website: <https://www.towerbridge.org.uk/>

### February/March Issue of NCC Club Connection

In the article “From the President”, Brandon Taylor noted that as he continues into his second term as President of the NCC, he looks back at all that we have accomplished, not just during his administration, but during the entire tenure of the NCC.

The “Presidents’ Day” article describes the history of this popular holiday.

In the “The National Council of 56 Clubs...Is it for Me?” article By Robin Hervey, NCC Membership Chair, he presents the different approaches to meetings and programming by NCC Member clubs.

The 58-page newsletter includes the “Connecting with Our Clubs” section which contains submissions by the clubs that are presented by NCC regions. This 43-page section is devoted to NCC Member Club recent activities and events.

To access the *Club Connection*, visit the NCC website at <http://ncc56.com> and go to the **Club Connection Access** page which is an archive of the NCC *Club Connection* newsletters. A password is needed for access to this restricted to “Members Only” page. For the password, please contact Pete Baer at (410) 867-0086 or email at [petelbaer@gmail.com](mailto:petelbaer@gmail.com).



### “Lunar Dragon Tea House”

The “Lunar Dragon Tea House” is a Department 56 Christmas in the City introduction for 2024. Designed to celebrate Lunar New Year, this exquisitely detailed design honors the Year of the Dragon in 2024. This piece is the first in a series of 12 annual pieces designed to celebrate Lunar New Year. The building features a brown brick with red tiled roofs and gold dragons heads with a gold accent down each peak. The front door is a teal blue that matches the balcony with black iron above!

This building comes with an array of different attachments so you can customize your tea house for Christmas, Lunar Year, or every day- including a wreath and garland, and Chinese Lanterns!

The coordinating accessory is “Chinese Dragon Dance.” Dragon Dances are held at the start of every Lunar New Year to ward off evil spirits.

The pieces are perfect additions for a village Chinatown scene.





## Chinatowns

In the face of a hostile public, and in response to hard times and legal exclusion, Chinese immigrants began to build self-reliant communities that became known as Chinatowns. With the completion of the railroads and the end of the gold rush, Chinese immigrants moved in increasing numbers to urban areas. There, they began to congregate in Chinese-only neighborhoods that functioned as separate, nearly independent, cities within the city. They are adventurous, bustling, full of distinctive signage, street vendors selling unusual items, specialty shops, a variety of dialects being spoken, and multitudes of unique and exciting food choices. Chinatowns in the USA are vibrant neighborhoods where historic communities preserve their Asian heritage and identity. Residents of Chinatowns around the country are able to maintain their rich culture, resulting in an enduring presence in these cities. From street vendors and unique specialty shops to architecture and educational heritage centers, visitors to these city centers can take a deep dive into local Chinese culture. Whether leaving China for issues ranging from poverty, famine, or political reasons, across the decades, the Chinese have built strong communities that keep their ethnic heritage and shared identity; this maintained and rich culture is a reason that Chinatowns endure and why they're so appealing for residents and tourists alike.



Notable Chinatowns established in the U.S. are in San Francisco, CA and New York, NY. One of the oldest and most established Chinatowns in the United States (it was established way back in 1848), San Francisco's Chinatown is full of culture and attractions, from arts organizations like the [Chinese Cultural Center](#) and the annual [Chinese New Year festival](#) to the famous [Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory](#). Once you walk through the gates at the intersection of Grant Avenue and Bush Street, you'll feel like you just left San Francisco and entered a different country. As a port of entry for early Chinese immigrants before the 1850s, and growing into a dynamic center of Chinese culture, San Francisco's Chinatown was the first such neighborhood in the U.S. and has been a vibrant ethnic destination and is said to be the largest Chinese community outside of Asia. Visitors won't be disappointed by the produce, fish markets, restaurants and stores selling everything from staples to trinkets. Located near the Financial District, the densely populated, narrow streets cover more than 20 square blocks filled with interesting old architecture and colorful décor. Key to popularizing Asian cuisine in America, this neighborhood offers endless choices.

Going from Fifth Avenue department store glitz to wandering among the live markets of New York's Chinatown is a trip, but both occupy the same island. Standing in Chinatown's crowded streets, just look north to see the spire of the Empire State Building, though it feels as if you should be continents away. Signs in Chinese everywhere, often with no English counterparts, remind you that despite the souvenir peddlers everywhere, this is also a genuine ethnic community. This lower Manhattan neighborhood, with its crowded tenement buildings, row upon row of live markets and brightly colored vegetables, and more hole-in-the-wall restaurants than you can count, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Chinese New Year 2024 is a Year of the Dragon starting from February 10<sup>th</sup> and lasting until January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The holiday we sometimes call Chinese New Year in English is known as *chūnjié* in Chinese, or Spring Festival. It's the biggest holiday of the year for many people across Asia. The start of the holiday coincides with the date of the new moon. The Chinese New Year date changes every year because the date is decided by the Chinese Lunar Calendar, which is based on the cycles of the moon and is generally several days behind the Gregorian (internationally-used) calendar.

### Chinatowns (continued)

In recognition of the Chinatown communities, Department 56 offers several pieces that can be used to depict a Chinatown scene within your "Christmas in the City" display or Dickens' Village Display, Stand-alone Chinatown village vignettes can also be created.



**"Wong's In Chinatown"**  
Christmas in the City  
1990-1994



**"The Golden Ox Market"**  
Christmas in the City  
2008-2011



**"Jade Palace Chinese Restaurant"**  
Christmas in the City  
2010-2012



**"Lunar Dragon Tea House"**  
Christmas in the City  
2024-Current



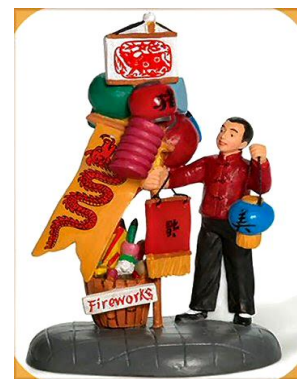
**"The China Trader"**  
Dickens' Village  
1999-2000



**"Canton Tea Trading"**  
Dickens' Village  
2007-2009



**"Welcome To Chinatown"**  
Christmas in the City  
2008-2011



**"Lanterns & Fireworks For Sale"**  
Christmas in the City  
2008-2011



**"Eat In & Take Out"**  
Christmas in the City  
2010-2011



**"Chinese Dragon Dance"**  
Christmas in the City  
2024-Current



**"Fine Asian Antiques"**  
Dickens' Village  
1999-2001



**"Tea Time"**  
Dickens' Village  
1990-1994

### "The Bean Depot Espresso Co"

The "The Bean Depot Espresso Co" is a Department 56 North Pole introduction for 2024. With the growing popularity of coffee and coffee shops, it was only a matter of time before the elves got their own coffee spot at the North Pole. With so many good girls and boys, Santa's elves need a pick-me-up to keep pace with the toy demands. From espresso and cappuccino to lattes

and Americanos, the Bean Depot merrily delivers piping cups of fresh ground, caffeine deliciousness day and night!

The coordinating accessory is "The Daily Grind." The Bean Depot owes much of its decadence to the beans that are dark roasted and hand ground by Santa's baristas throughout the day.



### Happenings at NCC Clubs

- ◆ The Villages By The Bay in Texas visited the Model Train Museum in Texas City on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. This visit was followed by lunch at *PIER 6–Seafood* in San Leon.
- ◆ The California 56 Collectors held their February Meeting via Zoom. The presentation by Stephen Pepin and Lisa Johnson shared what they did to set up the Department 56 fabulous displays in the new Enesco Gift Shop & Gallery in Memphis.
- ◆ The Second City Collectors in Illinois held their February Meeting via Zoom. Lisa Johnson, Department 56 Representative, joined the meeting and shared the new introductions for 2024. Club members from the Village Addicts Anonymous in California also joined the meeting.
- ◆ The Central Valley 56 Collectors in California held their January Meeting via Zoom. The surprise presenter was Mark Snyder from William Glen (club sponsor) who spoke about the new Department 56 numbered pieces and the Dickens Village Limited Edition 40th Anniversary releases.
- ◆ The Detroit 56er's in Michigan enjoyed a visit to Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth for a meet and greet with Scott Enter (Department 56 Artist) for Retirement Weekend in November.



**The Annapolis Villagers  
Membership Meeting  
January 9, 2024**

Dean Stevenson called the Zoom Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Thirteen members zoomed in. Rosetta and Jim Clarke and Stella Angelucci were unable to Zoom in because their power was out. The minutes for the November Membership Meeting were accepted as submitted in the December 2023/January 2024 issue of *The Village Crier*. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,382.92 in the general fund and \$986.73 in the charity fund for a total of \$2,369.65.

There were no Bylaw changes per Kate Eustice.

Charity: Dean said that the raffle at the Christmas Party for Ehrenreich's lovely display raised \$255.00. We also realized \$48.50 on the Cake wheel and \$13.00 on the Big Six wheel. We made \$41.00 profit from the wheels after paying for the license.

Pat Ehrenreich presented a nice recap of the Village Display Exposition. There were 9 entries by 7 members. All were lovely and members attending the meeting enjoyed looking at them and asking questions. The Exposition seems to be a favorite with members.

Dean presented a recap of the Christmas Party at the Legion. There were 16 members present and the food was very nice and enjoyed by all. Wheels were a success. Dean wanted to be sure to thank Stella Angelucci, John and Pat Ehrenreich, Ruth Baldwin, Phil McCutcheon and John Stevenson for all their help with set up and working the wheels. Dean is suggesting we go out for Christmas to a restaurant next year unless someone is willing to step up and be a chairperson for this event. She is tired of doing it after all these years.

House Tours have been rescheduled to Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> due to John Stevenson having Covid and Sherian Roberts having some health issues.

Dean said our March Membership Meeting with Lisa Johnson is all set for a Zoom meeting.

Some ideas for raising funds were talked about and will be discussed at February Board meeting and then brought up to members in the coming months as will a Budget for 2024 which Pete is working on.

For our program, we had a slide show with several members sharing pictures of their displays this year and discussing them. Dean said many thanks to the following members for participating: Dick Baker, Bob Eustice, Pat Ehrenreich, Rosetta Clarke and Dean Stevenson. It was interesting to see the smaller displays done by these folks. Thanks also to Pete for putting it together.

Door prize drawing was held for members who zoomed in. Phil McCutcheon won "Crown Tree Inn" from Dickens Village and Marsha Voigt won "T. Wells Fruit & Spice Shop" from Dickens' Village.

# CALENDAR

2024



Mar 12 Membership Meeting  
 Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day  
 Mar 20 First Day of Spring  
 Mar 31 Easter Sunday



Apr 9 Board Meeting



May 12 Mother's Day  
 May 14 Membership Meeting  
 May 27 Memorial Day



Jun 11 Board Meeting  
 Jun 14 Flag Day  
 Jun 16 Father's Day  
 Jun 20 First Day of Summer



Jul 4 Independence Day  
 Jul 9 Membership Meeting



Aug 13 Board Meeting

## The Annapolis Villagers Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, all Annapolis Villagers Membership Meetings and Board Meetings are held at the American Legion Post 175, 832 Manhattan Beach Road, Severna Park, MD. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

From US-50, take MD-2 North exit. Follow MD-2 North through Arnold. After the traffic light at MD-2 and College Parkway, the next light is Jones Station Road. Turn Right onto Jones Station Road and make an immediate left onto Manhattan Beach Road. Follow Manhattan Beach Road approximately 0.2 mile. Make a left into the parking lot of The American Legion Post 175. The entrance to the Banquet Room is to the left side of the parking lot in the rear.

From Baltimore Beltway (I-695), take MD-2 South. Follow MD-2 South (Ritchie Highway) through Severna Park. At Jones Station Road, make a left. From Jones Station Road, proceed as above.

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, WE WILL FOLLOW ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SCHOOLS.**

### From the Editor.....

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of *The Village Crier*.

If you have news to share, email me at [beustice7009@msn.com](mailto:beustice7009@msn.com) or call me at (301) 552-1858.

*Bob Eustice*

**NEWS DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE CRIER:  
 April 20, 2024**

**Please send your items of interest so that they are received by the deadline.**

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## National Council of 56 Clubs

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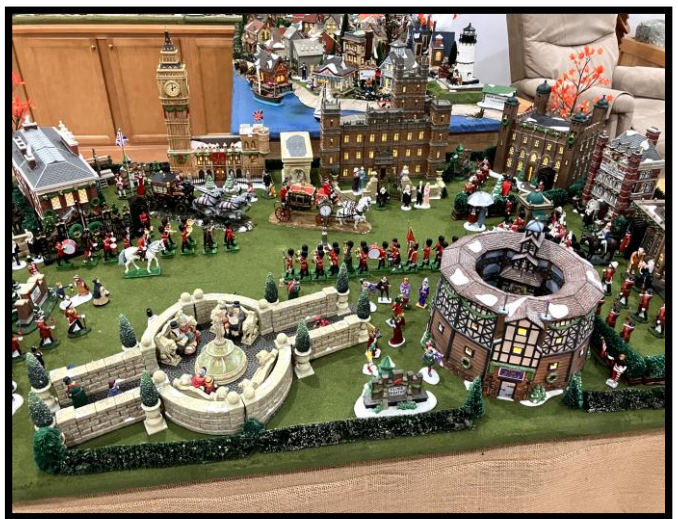


The Umbrella Organization for Department 56 Village Clubs and Collectors

## 2024 House Tours Dean & John Stevenson



# 2024 House Tours Trudi & Pete Baer



## 2024 House Tours Stella Angelucci

