

# OUR NEWSLETTER

## The On-Line Community of "Our 56 Club"

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Dues are due. If you haven't paid yours yet, please contact Thelma and take care of business so she can take care of ours.

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### From the Editor



Welcome to our inaugural newsletter. Another destination to keep "villaging" on your mind.

Just as in other club's efforts, we can all benefit from your thoughts, suggestions, and writing. We look forward to all you can send, Something about yourself, your collection, something creative, a photo, anything to share with our community. The more you send, the more fun our newsletter will be. OK, pleading is over, let's get started.



Tell the truth: Is anyone sad that Spring is finally here?  
Hmmm, seems we CAN all agree on something. :)

# FlashBack

Who Can Name These Early Members



## The Bulletin Board

Congratulations to Don Wolford, an Our 56 Club member from Illinois. His awesome Village Video was selected as a current Editor's Choice selection for *The Village Collector's* "Village Video" page. It will be available to view until April 14th. Exceptionally well done, it is a prime candidate for the TVC 2022 Hall of fame. Check out his faithful representation of the Disney experience at [www.TheVillageCollector.com](http://www.TheVillageCollector.com)

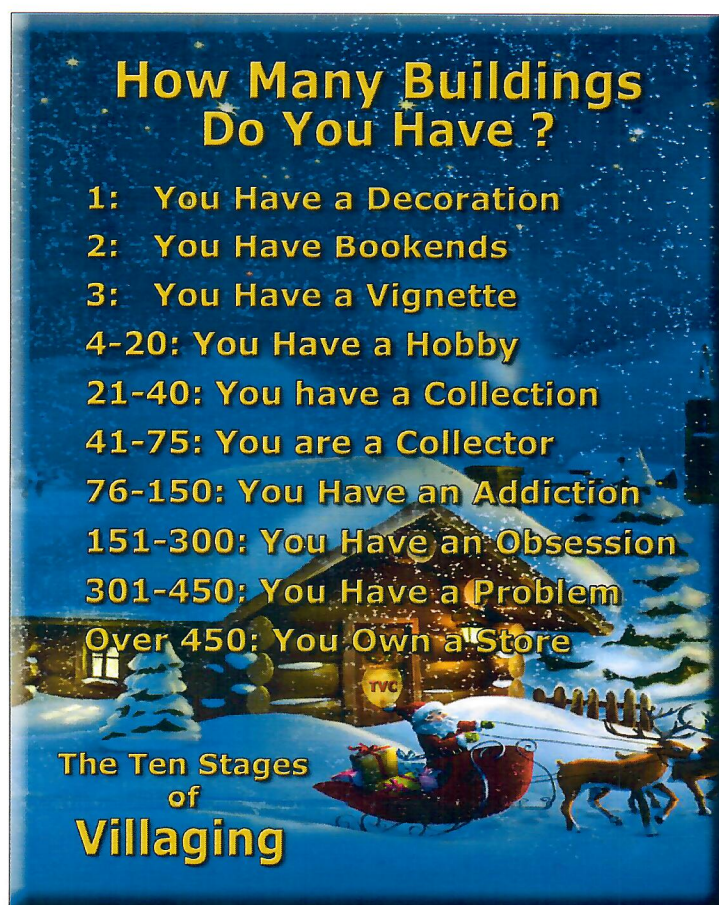
## **Notice via email from Department 56**

ATTENTION ALL COLLECTORS who join us for FACEBOOK LIVE. In April, we are moving our FACEBOOK LIVE from the first Thursday, April 7th to the 2nd Thursday, April 14th. Why, you ask? So we can share the mid-year introductions with all of you! Hiding behind the cloth in this picture is one of the new, soon to be introduced licensed pieces. Join us, Thursday, April 14th, 4:00 PM Central time to view this and other mid-year introductions.

## **Game Time**

The Village Collector's popular board game "TVC-The Game" has been released in a limited edition for clubs. The "Our 56 Club edition is available for free on the TVC website's "Club Games" page.

## **"Ten Stages of Villaging"** **from a recent TVC Article**





This section is from other clubs listed on the TVC "ClubHouse" page. Sharing from other newsletters is a fun way to share villaging. For this issue, we are fortunate to experience the creativity of The Annapolis Villagers, from Maryland, USA. In the March 2022 edition of "The Village Crier", Bob Eustice compiled a great chart of Department 56's salute to Christmas Cardinals. Thanks to Bob, here it is . . .

### **Cardinal Christmas Collection**

*By Bob Eustice*

Cardinals are beautiful birds, beloved by birders and non-birders alike. However, they are more than just familiar and easily identified guests at your feeders and backyard baths. Cardinals are associated with a great deal of folklore, legends, and spiritual beliefs in many different cultures. The cardinal is the most popular state bird in the United States with seven states having the cardinal as their state bird including Virginia. Department 56 pays tribute to the cardinals by offering a collection of accessories that include a cardinal.



**"Cardinal Christmas Wagon Wheel"**



**"Cardinal Christmas Deer"**



**"Cardinal Christmas Sign"**



**"Cardinal Christmas Bird Feeder"**



**"Cardinal Christmas Bench"**



**"Cardinal Christmas Mailbox"**



**"Cardinal Christmas Fence"**



**"Cardinal Christmas Pony"**



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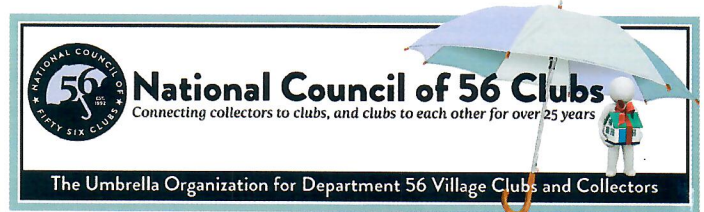
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They have lots of vignette contests.

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Check Out the New Releases



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Tons of New Releases & Lots of Videos

