

Noel 56'ers  
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# Noel News

## January 2004 Meeting

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th, at Hancock Bank in downtown Ocean Springs. We will be discussing the 2003 Open Houses, plans for 2004, and projects of 2003 and 2004. Please come and help us plan the new year. We had a very successful year with our Gathering by the Gulf and other projects. We don't plan to host a Gathering in 2004 but need to start planning for one in 2005.

## Judith Price Announces her Retirement

By Peggy Culler-Hair on the NCC Web Site

"I thought you would want to know that Judith Price has announced her retirement from Department 56 effective January 2, 2004. The announcement was made this past week-end (Dec. 5-7) at the Department 56 Sales Conference.

Her long tenure with Department 56 and her dedicated support of collectors and the Gatherings we all enjoy so much has allowed many of us to feel like Judith is a true friend. She will be greatly missed by the collectors and the NCC. She has been a great supporter of the NCC and clubs. We all wish her well in her retirement."

Because many of you have asked if there will be anything special done in her honor I have decided to compile a Memoir Book. This will give all the clubs an opportunity to participate in a special tribute to Judith. To be included please send to me a page which can be a letter and/or pictures of Judith with your club and/or members. I am sure to see an



accumulation of 15 years of pictures of her numerous visits to clubs and the various gatherings/events from coast to coast will bring back many fond memories for her. **This is to be a SURPRISE.** Send pages to me at:

Peggy Culler-Hair  
3604 Wilmot Ave.  
Columbia, SC 29205

Many of you will remember meeting Judith at Salmagundi's in 2000 when she paid a visit to the Coast with Scott Erler, D56 artist and designer. Also she presented a seminar at the Gathering by the Gulf last April.

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## Fund Raiser

The giant Ganz Collectable Heritage Bear drawing was held at the Open House of Joe and Karen Belk. Tickets were sold by club members and at the Peter Anderson Festival. The winner was 6 year old Max Morgan of Ocean Springs. The bear has now traveled to Colorado with the proud owner.

The club collected about \$400 to be donated to Ronald McDonald



2004 Club Dues

\$ 20 per Household



2003 Gathering on the Gulf, MS  
(L-R) Mary Kitchens, Judith, Richard Puckett



# Southern Regional Gathering

1993 Chairmen with Judith Price

First four SRG Chairmen : (L to R) 1992, Lawson Scoggins; 1993, John Flynn; 1994, Jimmy Thompsom; 1995, James Roof □□



# Region V

(IL, MI, IN, OH)







Holiday Tour  
1998  
making memories and friends



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Holiday Tour 1998  
Miss Lit Town  
Judith Price  
with  
Miss Congeniality  
Marge Clayton  
from Michigan

below - Linda Ambrose,  
Judith Price and  
Marge Clayton





Lind Ambrose  
Marge Clayton  
821 Hunters Hill  
Lapeer, MI 48446



Clarice Waquist, Judith, Linda Hawnoffter





Joe  
Laurie  
Jackie  
Judith  
Linda



"Holiday Tour"  
1998

Laurie  
Jackie  
Judith



Lynn & Tom Redding  
Aivity Passen  
Marge Clayton, Linda Ambrose  
Clarice Walquist  
Judith  
Linda  
Newharter



Linda Ambrose  
Marge Clayton  
82 Hunters Hill  
Lapeer, MI 48446



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for Judith

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Lancaster, Pennsylvania 2000

A reunion of guests on  
the 1998 Holiday Tour



Joe Stanabrogh

Linda Ambrose

Melinda Simpson

Ship Griffin

Linda Helcombs

Ship Griffin

Judith Price

Lourene Narette

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