

# Spring 2010

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## Bonnie's Bundles Dolls

Now In YANKEE



A recent marketing meeting produced the grand

idea to revisit Yankee Magazine since it was so good to us in the holiday season of 2008 with the lovely story about Christmas in four Vermont villages. Our first color ad appears in the May-June edition, hitting the newsstands April 27. We enjoyed a wonderful March bonanza with shop visitors and on line sales every other day. This means we're keeping on top of inventory of everyone's favorites. As soon as a popular doll is sold (like Maggie), another is made to replace her -- sometimes just the same, sometimes like you ask. See the new presentation of Missy on line with two additional popup versions. In the Classics there is an enlarged popup so you can examine our fine stitching details.

### RAIN OR SHINE



We'll be ready for Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30, for the 18th Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio Tour. There will be craft activities for kids, show and tell for whoever will listen, a raffle, and even stone house tours. Of course, refreshments. New 2010 sweethearts Owen and Ella will be featured on the invitation. Let the parasol remind you that even if it is raining out, we feature sunshine and rainbows inside for those having wet shoes and carrying umbrellas!

### BYE, BYE G.G.

Gertrude died on March first, having reached her 103rd birthday. G. G., her birthday doll on her 100th, was close by her until the end. Now great granddaughter Jin Yi becomes the new mother. Remember Mother's Day--always a perfect time to give mom a doll of her very own.



### BRING IT ON

Daffodils poking up. Mole mud piles. No furnace running. Yes, birds singing. I pulled down the Christmas wreaths and put up two pretty spring wreaths on the front shutter doors. They will be replaced with new Gallery Entrance banners, just in time for Open Studio.

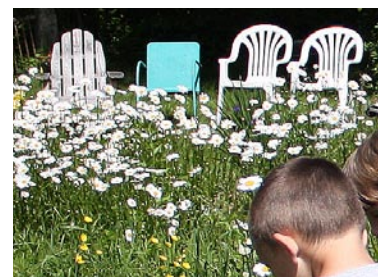
### ZOE'S BIG PARTY

Zoe, like her sister Eva, had a birthday party here, complete with a cake and five guests making doll sleeping bags. Her birthday doll, Stephanie, just taken from the Promise Room where she's been since last June, fits tidily into her new bag. No photos of American Girl Dolls in bags! Most of you know I love children, so I put myself out for these events so we really have a ball. Plan your party this year, and we'll do the work.



### SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 26

...for the Big Little Wedding. Myra the doll and Matt the bear will be married in our daisy gardens on that Saturday in June. Georgette, bear keeper, and I, doll maker, cooked up a fun event package introduced at the NY Times Travel Show by OVCC. Two dozen Chester businesses are involved in the wedding of the summer. The groom is designed and made by Donna Bjerke, and the bride is the logo doll from the Hugging Bear Inn created by me 21 years ago. The rehearsal party is at the Stone Hearth Inn on Friday evening, the reception, after the wedding attended by appropriately dressed doll and bear family members and YOU, will be at the Fullerton Inn. The couple will spend the night at Inn Victoria in a sweet bed created by Dan with a quilt from Linda from Country Treasures. You'll sign the guest book given by Misty Valley Books after the ceremony performed by our own Bill Dakin, attorney and justice of the peace. Any gifts brought for the couple will become silent auction items and proceeds will benefit the Chester-Andover Family Center. A wedding cake from the Heritage Bakery and Deli, the bride's arrangement by Chester Flowers, floral



pieces by Sunshine Acres and formal portrait by Chasse. It is not over yet. So be sure to call 802-875-2114 or 802-875-2412 to reserve for you and yours.

### PLANNING AHEAD

April and May are months for building inventory, gardening, vacation and school workshops. Then the Quechee Balloon Festival on June 19 commences our fun fair season. Check the schedule on the web site to catch up with us before we take off!