

# Summer 2009



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## Bonnie's Bundles Dolls

### BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, SAYS SILVIO!



Please know I sensibly turned away from Facebook and took the sound advice of friend Matt and set up a blog on my website. Well, I didn't do it alone. Webmaster Lew engineered the whole operation with our web host Pair, and Movable Type was installed on our server.

Two days later I was

telling the story about our wonderful experience with Open Studio Weekend in May.

### BLOGGING

This blogging works like a charm and has increased the number of visitors and how long they stay on our website. But more, I enjoy chatting but about my dolls and the connections they make. Guess what? It's called "Connections." My stories could be endless. A sense of humor always shines through. The truth is I love to write almost as much as I love to make dolls, so this is a perfect venue for an unpublished author who has notebooks full of stories.

### TEASERS

So make a cup of tea next time it rains; and if you can't think of anything pressing that needs attention, listen to my stories by going to the blog tab on the home page. Enjoy. Here are some teasers.

\* I visited the kindergarten classroom to finish an embroidery project. Watching the children work excited me so much that I rushed home and wrote about it.

\* Whenever our grandchildren visit, it is the best. I follow the little girls upstairs and what I hear and see is priceless.

\* What's not to love about hot air balloons and to be in the midst of their going up and having the enthusiastic crowd get excited about my dolls too.

\* Then there is my sweet friendship with Bella. And how does an 11-year-old girl get the doll of her dreams?

\* Finally, a story about how a 5-year-old chose her birthday doll.

### DOLL TRIVIA

Who is our most popular doll in search engine requests on the web?



If you guessed Anne of Green Gables, we're sorry. It's Suzy.



Who is the doll chosen as top favorite in the Where's Silvio raffles?



If you guessed Daisy, you are correct.

Who is our best seller?



Emily. You are right. Camilla is the top Bundle Buddy.

### SAM'S THE MAN

Our patriotic dude, Sam, is the prize again this year at Chester's Old Home Days, Saturday, September 5. Raffle tickets sell for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and all proceeds go toward the fireworks display that night.

We are happy to do this through the mail and will send your tickets on receipt of your check. Support the cause and join the festivities on Labor Day here in Chester.



### TAX FREE DAY

Saturday, August 22 is this year's Vermont sales tax-free day. As it happens, we will be at the Vermont Society of Artists and Craftmen's Fair at Fletcher Farm in Ludlow that day. Feel free to order and pick up that day for the savings. You can use your 10% savings card for additional savings, too.

### SALE DOLL INVENTORY

The makeup of our 100-doll inventory goes like this. The two left from 2005, Bunny and Greta, are about \$65 each.

Doesn't somebody believe in the Easter Bunny?

Then there about twenty made in 2006 and 2007. These have gold stars on their tags (or as noted on their web page) and entitle the buyer to \$15 off the 2008 prices, equating to another \$15 off. We've made forty dolls so far in 2009, including a new Agatha and Heidi. The balance of in-stock dolls were made in 2008. If someone, human or otherwise, is nagging you, a \$25 deposit holds a doll in layaway for Christmas or birthday giving.

