

# Dawn Digest Magazine

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"With Every Dawn, All Things Are Possible"

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## Letter from the Editor by Glori Lori

Hello to all you groovy readers! Happy June and the start of summer! This is a great time of the year. Many graduate from school, some plan long relaxing vacations. There are some that just enjoy sitting in a yard and enjoying the nice weather.

With the nice weather upon us, I couldn't bare to keep Dawnette's tied to their computers to write this magazine. DDM will be having a combined Issue for the summer months, it will be released around July 15th. Please mark this down that there will be no DDM for the first of July or August. The July 15th issue will be the one summer issue. DDM's staff has worked hard to bring you an exciting new magazine. I have to take care of them and allow vacation time. :) We will resume our regular schedule for the September 1st issue.

The October 1st issue is still being planned as the one and only printed issue. It will be hand delivered at the convention. Subscribers not going to the convention will be mailed their printed copy. You will find a small form below that I need every DDM member to complete and return by July 15th. This will help me make up the mailing list for the printed issue.

This month we welcome Babs ([brokenbones@aol.com](mailto:brokenbones@aol.com)) as a new columnist with DDM. Babs is great gal that I got the pleasure of meeting at the last convention. We have been lucky enough to live close enough that we can see each other at a few doll shows in the area. What a better topic for her to cover but... Doll Shows. She brings you highlights from the Dawn newsgroup of other Dawnette's adventures. You might be lucky also and find she located a doll show in your area, that you didn't know about. Welcome aboard Babs!

Don't forget to check out this month's birthdays, the list includes the first part of July also. I want to send out a big Birthday wish to three of my staff. Happy Birthday Janet, Mel D. and Babs! from the staff of DDM. Many wishes to all of the rest of the birthday's as well. May your days be filled with Dawn dreams!!!

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## ! Miller's Fashion Doll Magazine - Update! by Glori Lori

Last month I reported that Miller's Fashion Doll magazine was out of business. It was rumored that they had sold their subscriber list to Doll Reader magazine. As a concerned subscriber I attempted to get this information confirmed with no luck. Just this week, I had to chuckle to myself, when I pulled out of my mail the letter from Doll Reader. It welcomed me as a privileged subscriber. They go on to inform me I will have "uninterrupted service" and I'll receive my first magazine in 4 to 6 weeks. Then continue to offer me to extend this service with a discounted price! Hmmm.... Now as I see it, they are trying to pull one over on me. I have already missed out on a March and May issue, I still have to wait until the service begins. Do I miss another months issue before it finally arrives? They want me to purchase further copies of a magazine I haven't even seen yet? This just didn't sit right with me, so I'm opting to let the subscription finish and see how many copies I do get. There is a line on the enclosed form if I wanted to get a refund, but I'm not so sure I would get it all.

I also was curious as to Miller's website (<http://www.millersfashiondoll.com/>) so I took a peek. They are back up with a small paragraph stating Doll Reader has taken over

the subscription. A phone number is listed there if you haven't received notice from Doll Reader. Good luck to any other Miller's subscribers, hope your new magazines get to you. As soon as we hear of any Dawn articles appearing in print, we will try to get the information to you as soon as possible.

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Ebay Highlights-May-June 2000 By Nosedollgic (Dana / nosdollgic@oh.verio.com)

HEAVYWEIGHT CORNER:

Item		High Bid
PT Glori		\$117.50
MIB HTT Angie	\$415	
SHNB Glori		\$184

Congratulations to all the winners!

FEATURED AUCTION:

Another Ponytail (PT) Glori is making headlines this month. Big Dawn congrats to Diana for making us all pea green with envy! She graciously consented to the following interview:

1. Are you able to get any info on her origins from the seller?

Yes-here is the auction description and copies of the two emails I received from the seller about her:

A doll from my childhood! This Red-haired beauty has been in my Dad's attic for almost 30 years! Please note that this poor girl's legs have seized will in my Dad's attic and her knees no longer bend. She is still a lovely display doll.

Diana,  
She does have one of those pony tails that pull hair back from the side of her face. Her hair still has the original hair tie in it as well. She has a lot of fly away's so who ever buys her might want to wash her hair and reset it but her hair as it is now is still very shiny, soft, and pretty.

Hi Diana,  
I scanned her again. I included a shot of her seized legs if that is important to your decision. None of the other Dawn's in my Dad's attic had that happen to them, so I think her dress had a lot to do with the legs seizing.

2. Where are you planning to display her?

Right now she goes with me wherever I go in the house- right now she is standing in front of the computer- if she is not with me she is on my dresser in my room- when I decide for sure what she is going to wear- I will probably put her in my china cabinet- the only other dawn doll in the china cabinet right now is my original Glori from my childhood.

3. Have you chosen a special outfit for her?

For now she is wearing gala go go (is that right- the blue mini with eyelash fabric) she likes it, but I don't think I'll leave her in it- I may try and get that red dress the other pt gloris seem to be wearing- but I think that she may change her outfit occasionally- She did ask me to make her one of my here come the bride copies.

4. Does she have any special markings?

Right under her hairline it looks like A9 and under that is S11. On her backside is 1970 toppercorp Japan.

Her eye shadow is a very faint light blue. Her eyes are actually a lighter green- I'd say the other two gloris I'm looking at right now have emerald green eyes and hers are more lime green. Her eyebrows are lighter too- like a soft brown- they are also smaller- not as much curve. Her hair definitely looks like it was rooted especially to be made into a ponytail- It is also a little bit lighter color of red than the other gloris. I think her bangs are longer too.

5. Please describe how you reacted to first seeing her in person.

That original auction pic was very blurry- but I immediately noticed that her hair kind of bumped up on the top! When I first saw her the bid was 7.55. I thought this can't be a pt Glori- someone would have noticed! I made one bid at about 22.00- figured that was fine for a nice normal Glori. that bid was raised soon after to 23 or something. then I decided to write to the seller and ask about that hair- she confirmed that it was in a ponytail. a little while later she sent me a pic and there it was- I was trying to find a pic of benitas doll but didn't know where to look. I've only seen one other pic and I have no knowledge of what she is supposed to look like, but I decided to go for it. then I realized I would not be home when the auction ended so I made a final bid that was just over the final price. this was more than I ever intended to pay for a doll- but compared to the last auction with a pt Glori- I just couldn't help myself! I figured the other person who seemed to have some idea about what this was would surely outbid me. When I checked when I got home and saw I'd won I could not believe it. I think I was in shock or something- I was thinking she is going to get here and I'd see she really wasn't a ponytail- but the evidence was pretty strong. so I just waited. When she arrived yesterday- I felt like I was numb- still in shock or something. Mostly I just carry her around and stare at her and try to decide for sure who she really is- but she really is a pt Glori- I am almost one hundred percent sure of it, and she is here with me!

**EBAY WEATHER REPORT:**

When it rains it pours! Looks like last month's rain dance took effect. I counted at least three Socko Swirls this month, plus at least that many blue diamond jumpers. Let's all do another Dawn rain dance for next month!

**EBAY FINANCIAL PLANNING TIP OF THE MONTH:**

Buy nothing but macaroni and cheese, turkey hot dogs, and food in the reduced-for-quick-sale section when you do the grocery shopping. Eventually your spouse/significant other will agree to increase the food budget and you can pocket the leftover Dawn dough. Trust me, this works!

If anyone has a great score, seller/bidder warning, or anything else of interest to your fellow Dawn crazies, please e-mail me at nosdollgic@oh.verio.com and I will gladly put it in next month's column.

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Dawn Details by Joedi J. (To suggest a topic or ask a question regarding this column contact Joedi at starbase@mcn.net)

**Dawn In Print Part II**

We covered Wards, Sears and J.C. Penney catalogs in part one of this article now we will look at Speigel, Aldens and Eaton's from Canada.

#### SPIEGEL

1971 Spiegel catalog is the only one to carry any Dawn dolls. There is one page dedicated to 6 ½" dolls. The top offer is for the Doree doll in a 34 piece set that includes the blue version of the small generic Fashion Doll case. The clothes are not high quality. Dawn is the only doll available in one of three ways: 1. Dawn Dress shop with Silvery Pompoms, Twinkle Twirl and Swing 'n Sway for \$8.88, 2. Dawn Head-To-Toe in silver with Sheer Delight, Flirty Flounce and Glamour Jams for \$6.88 or 3. 3-Doll carrying case with the blue and white stock mini, Fluted Flutter and Green Fling for \$8.88.

#### ALDENS

1970 Aldens catalog has one page of Dawn titled "Dawn from TV." The Fashion Show (\$12.77), single doll case (pink version), Beauty Parlor (pink and lavender version, \$3.93) and the Sofa Telephone (\$6.96) are all offered. Dawn was only available with the purchase of the fashion show. Angie, Dale and Glori are only offered with the vinyl case for \$2.98 each. In addition to the 4 standard dolls the outfits offered are Green Slink, Glimmer Glamour, Bell Bottom Bounce, Tangerama Tunic, Maxi Mod, Wedding Belle Dream, and Wrap In The Night. The outfits are grouped in twos ("Tangerine Tunic and Furbulous Fake") for \$3.99 each.

1971 Aldens is the best catalog offering of all of them. This is where some lucky person got Here Comes The Bride and Knitty Midi as a set for \$6.99! In 1971 the Dawn spread had grown to a page and a half with knock off clothes and Rock Flowers completing the second page. The accessories included are: "Fancy Feet" Dance Party (\$7.99), Beauty Pageant (\$12.77), 6-doll case (\$4.66), and Dawn's Apartment (\$6.96). The Head-To-Toe Dawn in silver was offered with Buttercups 'n Moonbeams included for \$3.99. Only Dawn, Jessica and Longlocks were offered in this catalog. They advertise the dolls as being \$.01 with the purchase of 3 outfits so it turns out that the dolls were only available with the purchase of the outfit 3 pack. Dawn was offered when you bought the \$5.99 "Hostess" assortment of Patio Party, Zigzag Dazzler and Socko Swirls. Jessica has the "Spring Fling" set composed of Green Fling, Sheer Delight and What A Racket! for \$4.99. If you wanted the top of the line for \$6.99 you got Longlocks with Knitty Midi, yellow Long 'n Leather and Here Comes The Bride. These catalogs were offered all over the country so you never know where these precious outfits may turn up! The 6 sided Fashion Star Tote was also included in the 1971 Aldens offering.

1972 Aldens is the real mystery here. We all know that Topper closed it's factory doors on December 16, 1971, never to open again so why does this catalog dated almost a year later still have Dawn things to offer? I would love to hear any of your answers. This catalog does have a full page of Dawn items. This year the dolls are Dinah in Petals 'n Pleats, Maureen in Fluted Flutter and Dawn Head-To-Toe in pink with Strawberry Sundae as the extra outfit. The fabulous Dawn's Country Playset is pictured but there is a notation in the text that it is not available and refers to the Apartment for \$6.96. Six Dawn knock off outfits make up the last offerings on this page.

#### EATON'S (Canadian)

1971 has Dawn in the right place, inside the front cover. A full color page featuring the Fashion Show is the first thing kids saw as they started

their Christmas shopping. Other accessories available are the Music Box (stand \$3.99), Beauty Parlor (\$3.99), single case (white version \$1.99) and 3-doll case (\$3.99). Dawn, Angie and Glori for available in the most common stock outfits for \$. 99 each. The two outfit sets available were Patio Party, Rain Check, Petals 'n Pleats, Peek-a-Boo Poncho, Cupid's Beau and Zigzag Dazzler for \$5.99 or Green Fling, Pillow Party, Toe Tapper, Swing 'n Sway and What A Racket! for \$4.29. A Dawn doll could be included with either set for an additional \$. 50.

1972 has two pages dedicated to 6 ½" dolls and most of them are Dawn items. The accessories offered are the Fashion Show (\$13.99), Beauty Parlor (hot pink and lavender version \$3.99), Musical Stand (hot pink and lavender version \$4.49), and white single doll case (\$1.49). The Marx Little Hostess green kitchen is also offered for \$7.99. Jessica, Longlocks and Gary were available as a set for \$3.99 and all 3 Head-To-Toes were \$1.99 each. A "Dawn Starter Set" of a Dawn in the red bodice and white skirt stock mini, Strawberry Sundae (no hose or poodle), Pink Slink and the white case was offered for \$4.44. Two outfit sets are advertised: 1. Nine piece set of Town 'n Tailored, Patio Party, Midnight Lace, Furry Flounce, City Slicker, Bluebelle, Green Fling, red Chain 'er Up, and Down The Aisle for \$7.98 or with the case for \$7.99. 2. Buttercups 'n Moonbeams, Peachy Keen, Zigzag Dazzler, Singin' In The Rain and Peek-A-Boo Poncho for \$4.99. The second page also has a 6 ½" Dollikin with a Case. The Dollikin and case were offered with the Buttercups set for \$4.99 so Eaton's was definitely promoting the Dawn/Dollikin connection.

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## THE CREATIVE GARDEN - By Michelle Candace

Two questions that I am often asked are "what kind of paint to use for facial repaints and where do you find hair for re-roots?" In this issue you'll find a basic paint supply list as well as a source list of where to buy hair for re-roots. Check out the last list which will fill you in on bargain items that you can get at thrift stores and garage sales that will help fill your customizing supply cabinet.

### FACIAL RE-PAINT SUPPLIES

#### - NON-ACETONE FINGERNAIL POLISH REMOVER

Used to remove original facial paint.

#### - RUBBING ALCOHOL, COTTON BALLS, & Q-TIPS

Used for wiping mistakes while painting

#### - ACRYLIC PAINTS

I have had good results with Liquitex, Delta Ceramcoat, and Plaid brands of paint.

#### - ACRYLIC PAINT VARNISH/SEALER

Use non-yellowing acrylic varnish sealer to protect your finished painting. Use satin/glossy for eyeballs and glossy lips, use matte/flat for all other paint and matte lips.

#### - PAINT BRUSHES

Use the teeniest tiniest ones you can find. I use 03/0, 10/0, and 15/0 sizes the most in varying brands. If you buy the cheapest ones they will not last very long for you. Splurge a little here.

#### - PAINT TRAY & BRUSH CLEANING CUPS

Recycle plastic container lids for paint mixing trays and use the container itself as a brush cleaning cup/bowl. (Yogurt, cottage cheese margarine, and other types of containers are good.)

\*You can find paint, varnish, and brushes at craft stores and art supply stores.

#### WHERE TO FIND HAIR FOR RE-ROOTS

##### - CRAFT & FABRIC STORES

A fairly good source if you want curly or kinky hair. Not normally a large selection of style and color found here.

##### - BEAUTY SUPPLY STORES

Usually carry a small selection of synthetic as well as human hair. Human hair can be expensive but is a good choice if you like to do your own hair coloring. If you know a beautician maybe he/she will give you long hair that is cut at the beauty shop????

##### - DONOR DOLLS

This can be one of the best sources for hair and offers a large variety of colors to choose from. Use the hair from Barbies or other dolls. Look for hair that is not frizzy or badly matted. Hula Hair Barbies have hair that comes in blue, purple, orange, yellow, and pink. Don't forget about those styling heads, they have a lot of hair.

##### - COSTUME SHOPS

They usually carry a small/medium sized variety of costume wigs. They can be expensive. After Halloween is a good time to visit these shops for bargains.

#### THRIFT STORE/GARAGE SALE CUSTOMIZING SUPPLY BARGAINS

- Donor dolls, styling heads, wigs, falls
  - Old jewelry (for beads, gems, chains, charms)
  - Vintage/retro clothing (for fabric)
  - Aprons, scarves, draperies, tablecloths, kid's clothing (for fabric)
  - Perm rods/papers, bobby pins (hairstyling supplies)
  - Purses & Gloves (leather, suede, straw, beaded, chain mesh all good fabric sources)
  - Fabric, ribbons, thread, trim
  - Miniatures and toys (for props or scenes)
- \*\*Take a Dawn doll with you when you visit these places to ensure you are getting things in the right scale.

If you have customizing questions or topic ideas for the Creative Garden email me at michellecandacecustomdolls@hotmail.com. Your input is always welcome. Thanks for stopping by and have a happy and safe summer!

Visit my custom doll website at:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Creek/9482/customdollshome.html>

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~\*~ Silly Stuff ~\*~ by Melanie Dixon (mdixon@uniserve.com)

(If you have any silly ideas, contributions or questions please share them with Mel D for this column. All suggestions are welcome.)

Last month we had a survey to see which contests appealed to the Dawnettes for the upcoming year. Everyone agreed that a controlled trim and fabric contest would be fun. Each Dawnette would receive a baggie of fabric and sewing notions to make into an original Dawn doll outfit. Think of all the original creations! I think this has to be added to the Interior Decorating Contest in the fall or added to a Winter Swap. Jodi mentioned a Dawn Doll

coloring book contest several months back and everyone was excited to hear her idea again. We will keep everyone posted on upcoming events.

"A Day In the Life of a Topper Factory Worker"

Dear Diary:

Friday at last! We have so much fun working on Fridays. The day started off smoothly with jelly donuts and coffee for breakfast. Spencer was showing his smutty magazines to all the guys. When I caught him, he claimed he was designing swimsuits for Dawn dolls. Each day we rotated our duties so no one would tire of their job. This morning I was working at the rooting machine that inserted hair into a doll's head. Astra, the technician, was giggling away and asking if I wanted brandy in my coffee, so I said yes. My duty was to install hair into a doll's head, named Melanie. Pretty simple process, insert doll head into clamp, push it up, press a button and viola! Doll has a full head of hair. I did this to the first doll and noticed the technician must have threaded the machine with blonde hair, in error. Oh well, I continued on. No point in holding up the assembly line. At break time we hung around the lunch room eating some brownies that Lily had made last night. They were so good that I had three or four. Just before I headed back to work, Lily told me they needed me in the sewing room since several sewers had passed out. I found a station and set to work. I was sewing these gorgeous gowns made of green lamé. The run sheet called them "Green Slink". I loved to sew, it was so relaxing. I liked to vary the thread colors and hope I didn't get too carried away with red thread on a green gown. Spencer dropped off the next bin of precut gowns. I pulled the first piece out. Wow! These gown pieces were made of silver and diamond patterned lamé. Same pattern as the Green Slink but in a gorgeous fabric I had never seen before. My runsheet didn't mention a change in fabric but substitutions often happened. Lunch time was great. We ordered in Chinese food and smoked Guido's "special" cigarettes outside behind the garbage bins. Topper allowed us to keep anything we found in the bins, and often we found perfectly good dolls in there. Lily passed around a bottle of gin and before we knew it, lunch hour was over. For some reason I was feeling hyper and giddy when I returned to work. The afternoon had me painting doll's eyes. I had blue paint in front of me, which I didn't care much for. I asked Spencer if I could have some of his pink paint, since he was painting doll's mouths. I mixed up a lovely shade of lavender and painted Dawn's eyes. At afternoon break we finished the last of the brownies. By now I was getting sleepy. Fortunately, they put me on the assembly line. My job was to put shoes on an already dressed doll, insert her on her stand, put her in a box and put her on the conveyor belt which took her to the shrink wrap machine. Now, I think it was the light, but I thought the red shoes would look better than the blue ones. Why shouldn't she be in Angie's box? I thought a bit of variety would be nice. Spencer bounded past waving a doll in the air. He was supposed to be painting eyebrows but instead he had painted her lips black. He said it would be all the rage in the next decade. I went back to work and thought it odd that they put Zig Zag Dazzler on the dolls instead of a mini. Usually the boxed dolls wore minis. After the end of the shift we gathered together at the bar across the street and compared our garbage bin finds. The Dinah doll that I had found with red hair instead of blonde, was a great end to my perfect day, as a Topper factory worker.

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Convention & Doll ShowAnnouncements/Meet up with a Dawnette

(If you have info to share and want it included in the next issue, please send it in)

September - Buffalo Dawn Convention - 9/29 - 10/2

2nd Annual East Coast Convention

More Info still to be announced ... contact JodiB@toppertowers.com

Surveys have been sent out to help give Jodi an idea about planning activities for the convention. Also, we're trying to get an accurate head count. Send her your information ASAP, if you haven't already.

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**Current Dawn Contests & Activities**

**SUMMER BEACHWEAR/SWIMWEAR COLLECTION & CONTEST 2000 SWAP!**

Organized by Melanie Dixon

THIS SWAP WILL CONSIST OF FOUR ACTIVITIES:

1. (all participants) Make an outfit and mail it to your assigned Dawnette, receive an outfit from a Dawnette
2. (all participants) Bikini Contest and judging at the Towers
3. (optional) Summer scenarios for Dawn
4. (optional) Nominate any outstanding scenarios for the next Interior/Exterior Decorating Contest in the winter.

The theme for the SPRING SWAP is summer beachwear/swimwear. I know many of the Dawnettes wish to set up their Dawns in pool and beachside settings, for the summer. I thought it would be great to combine a couple of projects together. Combining projects means less work!

The outfit must be in the mail by first day of summer, June 21st.

The outfit should at least consist of a swimsuit or bikini, and a beach wrap or cover-up.

If you want to accessorize or include a muumuu, funky top & pants, etc., (just an idea!), then feel free to. The rest is up to you!

Please email the photos of your custom creations to Michelle C at michellecandacecustomdolls@hotmail.com.

Deadline is the first day of summer for both mailing out the outfit to your swap partner and emailing pics to Michelle C.

If you are participating in the Summer Scenarios you may put these photos on your own website. I'm going to put my pool photos on my own website so Michelle isn't swamped! If you don't have a website or don't know how to set up one, then email the photos to Michelle or myself, and we'll set them up on a web page for you. Michelle will post on the NG when the photos are ready for viewing and I'll post when we can vote at the Towers.

If you have any questions about the swimsuit/scenario contests email Melanie D at mdixon@uniserve.com

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**Anniversary & Birthday Club !!!! ( List submitted & organized by Janet (moxie) )**

We have lots of exciting Dawnette birthdays to celebrate in June! Happy birthday and may all Dawn dreams come true for:

Elaine's 32nd anniversary <emeldrum@mediaone.net> - June 6

Sarah <proudmommy@toppertowers.org> - June 7

Jodi B. <jodi@blumenthals.com> - June 11

Janet I D <janet@simplyliving.org> - June 11

Babs <BROKENBONES@aol.com> - June 14

Allie - June 14

Chris D. (Sandy's hubby) <JoelleCassidy@aol.com> - June 16

Mel D. <mdixon@uniserve.com> - June 20  
Marie <maweena@yahoo.com> - June 21  
Tonnvane - June 21  
Debby & Jeff's anniversary <BzQndBee@aol.com> - June 29

June is probably named for Juno, the patron goddess of marriage. The flower is the rose, and the birthstone is pearl or alexandrite. Not many holidays in June - just Flag Day, which we generally celebrate as Jodi's and Allie's birthday. But June is the beginning of summer, the longest days and latest sunsets of the year, time for vacations, hikes and cookouts, time for no school so who needs holidays? June is Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat month, Gay & Lesbian Pride Month, National Iced Tea Month, and National Candy Month. Truly there is something for everyone at this time of year.

The lucky Dawn doll of the month is Jessica. Skinny Mini and Sheer Delight are kicky fashions that just define June; make sure your dolls get a chance to wear them this month. For that formal occasion, Blue Pouf is a seasonal delight. And for those lucky enough to own it, now's the time to see who still fits into In the Swim! Have a very happy and relaxing June, everyone!

July - Dawn (lucky doll of the month)  
For the first part of July:

Maureen's birthday on the 4th <jinny112@aol.com> (Babs friend from the convention)  
Diana Larsen's anniversary <ddjaatea@uswest.net> 8th  
Janet & Andy anniversary <janet@simplyliving.org> 26th

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### Special Announcements!!

(thank that special someone, report dawn good deeds. This is the place :)  
No special announcements

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### ~\*~ Classifieds ~\*~

(Need that special dawn item? Can't seem to get a certain piece to an outfit. Place a want ad here.)

### Dawn Items

~\*~ Jessica's solid forest green mini (has the white belt) loose or packaged and packaged Pippa items wanted. I am always looking for information about Dawn's European friend Pippa and any unusual Dawn items. Queen Of Diamonds, Dawn mirror/comb/brush giftset in pink box, Topper Toys 1969 and 1971 catalogs. Also looking for any unusual Dawn things to include in the update of our Dawn guidebook. Please contact me at starbase@mcn.net ~Joedi

~\*~ All packaged Dawn knock off dolls, outfits and accessories wanted. That includes the 1990's JPI Starr dolls. I would also love to hear about your Dawn knock off collections. Please contact me at starbase@mcn.net. ~Joedi

~\*~ Wanted: Longlocks pinkish red lamé stock mini with green/gold trim down the front. Email princess@toppertowers.com Thanks ~Melanie D

~\*~ I am looking for any poodles, or beat up original Dawn Doll outfits, (the type that are in need of repair) so I can fix them up for my nieces. Any knock off boots, and I also am looking for 1 Daphne portfolio and 1 Dinah. Pictures are not necessary. Please email me direct with your price list at BrokenBones@aol.com ~Babs

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DDM in Print ?!!! Not that far off!

Have you been thinking about how you can join the fun? Get involved in the one time only printed issue of DDM? How about start with a Bio of yourself? Not sure what to write? Write about when you rediscovered Dawn, your favorite memory as a child. Did a fellow Dawnette inspire you? Let the Community know.... What a fine time to thank her.

Still want to do something else? Do you make and sell your own Dawn creations? How about a small ad telling everyone what you have to offer. You can also include a coupon for a few dollars off a Dawnette's next purchase from you, or offer free shipping! Do you have your own creative tips? Email Michelle C, discuss with her a tip you would like to write about. We can always include it as a subcategory for The Creative Garden.

Did you always want to share that silly Dawn poem you made up while you did your grocery shopping? :) Do you have Dawn Trivia? Think you can come up with a list of questions to stump your Dawnette friends?

Jodi has informed me that we will certainly be able to add pictures to DDM. If you won't be able to scan them or use a digital camera, you can send them off to her so she can do it for you.

Below I've added a coupon to be filled out by all DDM subscribers. Let's get them back to me ASAP, so they are out of the way.

If you have an idea for DDM and you are unsure or need help please email me right away. The quicker you decide what you want to do, you can then get a jump on it and get it completed quickly. As soon as a deadline is determined, I'll send out a special notice.

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All DDM subscribers should copy the following coupon, complete it and return to the editor. CntssMorra@aol.com by July 15th.

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Will you be attending the Buffalo Convention: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please fill out your mailing address, If you're attending the convention, your issue will be brought to the convention. If you are unable to make it, your issue will be mailed directly to you.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

(addresses are for DDM mailing purposes only. your name and address will never be shared with anyone outside the DDM staff, without your prior permission. )

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~\*~ **Showing Off** ~\*~ by Babs (Brokenbones@aol.com)  
The Doll Show/Antique Show/Flea Market Scene  
Where to find the best Dawn Doll Bargains, and friends

I thought about writing articles for the DDM, after seeing all of the posts about the doll shows, and frequent meetings with fellow Dawnette's in search of the ultimate Dawn Doll find. For those of you who have never been to an actual Doll show, it is a great experience, and I do hope that this column may help you find one in your area to go to.

Most of us are quite familiar with Ebay, and the bidding on auctions, sometimes this is the only way for some of us to find, the Goddess of the 70's. But there not only is some stiff competition, but sometimes we feel that we do

not want to bid against a fellow collector, or we find ourselves placing high bids on big lots to just to get one item in that lot that you may need.

The best part about attending a doll show is that you do not have to rely on photography, and descriptions, all be it good or bad, to determine if the item is what you really want. At a doll show, you actually hold the item in your hands, and cannot only make a first hand decision whether or not the doll is for you, but you can sometimes even talk the seller into coming down in the price! (Try doing that on Ebay!)

There does seem to be an abundance of doll shows in the tri-state area of NY/NJ/PA, and Ohio, Florida, and Massachusetts seem to have a few good ones as well.

There are some on line web sites that can inform you on where to go for the doll shows in your area, but as I understand, not all areas are listed. By all means, if you do attend any doll show, you should ALWAYS sign up to have any information on upcoming doll shows sent to your house. Most doll shows that I have attended not only have the sign up lists, but they often have fliers letting you know when and where the next doll shows will be.

Aside from Ebay, and Doll shows, some of you may want to look at the for sale lists that are listed on a lot of the Dawn Doll sites. I have purchased many times from these sellers, and have been very satisfied with the quality and the price on the items that I have received. Check out Janet's column for a list of these web sites.

I would like to use this column to let people know about ANY doll shows that anyone in the NG knows about and may attend. I would also like to give little reports of the great finds and prices that everyone has found who had attended these shows, and also the Dawn friends that you have met up with for these excursions!

For this column I will be "borrowing" quotes and stories from the News Group, but I do hope that for the future columns I can have everyone attending the doll shows/antique shows/and flea markets email me with their finds and experiences. Some of you may have already read some of these, but I do realize that there are quite a few who do not have time to read the News Group daily, so here is a recap of the doll show events of the last couple of months:

We will start off with the Kane County doll show that was attended by Elaine, Heidi C. and Joedi, unfortunately Joedi, was unable to meet up with Elaine and Heidi, here is an excerpt from Joedi's News Group posting:

"I found some great Jem dolls at the Kane County show and other non-Dawn things but it did seem a bit light on Dawn this time. Hillary and Cliff who used to live in Stanton Island (I think their company is called Toy With Me, she sells a lot on Ebay) were the ones with the Floral Stand and a lot of other great Dawn things. This was their first time at Kane County and she said they were humbled. It is a huge show, especially in these Ebay times. There were a lot on new East Coast dealers selling at the show. I did find one really cool knock off item for the Dawn update but that is a surprise, otherwise no great additions to my Dawn collection. One interesting thing was a pair of navy blue shoes. This color is hard to find but all of my other pairs are shiney and very deep blue but this new pair is more sheer and a different material"

"The show was smaller this year, not all of the buildings were full. From a dealer perspective we have really seen Ebays impact. We have sold at this show for 6 1/2 years. This time shoppers seemed only interested in items under \$10 and the hard to find items that rarely show up on Ebay. There are almost no buyers for the middle priced items. I think people will buy the middle range stuff on Ebay instead of at a show. I even heard shoppers say they weren't coming to this show again because it is less work to just buy it on Ebay. It does get crowded and it is a very dirty place (most of the buildings have dirt floors and it is a fair grounds).

I was so sorry I missed Heidi and Elaine. I am rarely in the booth especially since we broke down and got walkie talkies. Now Cal can call me whenever he has a question or someone stops by. He loves to sell and it is my job to shop (I know you all feel sorry for me about that-wink). Of course, the whole day was pretty quiet from the selling end but the minute Heidi came by Cal was in the middle of the biggest sale of the day. He sure felt bad he couldn't talk with you Heidi. Cal knew you and Elaine were coming and we were looking forward to talking with you guys. "

Here is what Heidi wrote about the Kane County show:

"Woo hoo!! I had a great time yesterday at the doll show here. I got to meet Elaine :) which was really great! My "find" is FOUR loose side-part Glori's for a total of \$56. Three are in great shape and only one needs to really be cleaned, she's got some gooky stuff on her eyes, but the makeup and hair are still pretty. One of the really good-

looking ones needs some new eyelashes on one eye. Advice anyone? She'd be mint except for that one fault. Oh! I also got MIB HTT Dawn with all the pieces and everything for \$45. I'm pretty sure that was a good price, right? At least on Ebay standards."

"More show scoop--The show was huge (maybe 50% tin toys and trains and 50% dolls--Elaine?), my daughter Melanie and I were pooped by 2:30-3:00 (got there at 9:00am), and Joedi still hadn't returned to her booth, so we missed meeting her :(

Elaine also found the pink floral stand, bagged, priced at \$225 but the lady said she'd sell it for \$100. Took a pass on that. One guy had tons of Dawns etc. running about \$20-\$30 per doll, all dressed, but nothing rare; my collection's darn near complete, but I did buy a Fancy Feet from him for \$20 (it was priced at \$24). I also got a beautiful Longlocks with the longest hair I've ever seen, just below the knees. She's wearing the metallic green mini with gold trim. Fancy Feet was wearing a white gown, kind of big on her, have no idea what company it's from. It almost reminds me of a Roman toga, but with silver trim on the neck and hemlines, very clean. Let's see... the HTT Dawn is wearing the silver mini and right now she's wearing the single braid--she looks so pretty! She was 50 bucks MIB in case you missed my other post. Not sure if that was such a great deal, but she was there in the flesh and I didn't have to pay postage ;o)

I'm feeling very "full" right now and finally am relaxing a bit with my collection. That Ebay bug hit me really hard and it's nice now to see Dawn stuff on there and not hyperventilate! The other great thing about the show is that you get the doll right then and there! No waiting for packages to be delivered by that crusty old postman who acts like it's a big inconvenience to carry a box to my door. Gee, it must weigh all of a half pound!"

Elaine also had a few good finds at the doll show:

"It was a great time. I got the unnamed blue diamond outfit for \$20! The seller was using Joedi's guide to price her items. I wish she had the raincheck! It was great even though there is a lot of people! We should have a convention there in August. "

"It was great meeting Heidi and her family. She has a wonderful niece that drove her to the fair."

"I brought Gwen with. She is small and can squeeze into those overcrowded booths. I told her I was looking for raincheck and the blue diamond jumper. Gwen found the jumper for me at our first stop. She also found the Glori's with the side parts. However, Gwen had gone to a slumber the night before and got tired halfway through the show. I call her my little bloodhound she really "sniffs" out the dolls."

Wendy and Janet met up again for a show in Columbus Ohio, Janet also attended a Springsteen show that weekend and had her seats upgraded to the 4th row! Sounds like a real Great weekend! Here is Janet's version of the Columbus doll show:

"Yesterday was a big snoopy dance for me - in the morning Wendy and I met at the big Columbus doll show to do our Dawn searching and to catch up & have fun. We brought show-n-tell - her beautiful new SHNB Glori (I want a SHNB Glori!), her sweet Emma Pippa doll (I want an Emma!), the fantastic mini she made for the swap, and her curious dancing Dawn with the odd torso that she mentioned on the ng - it's really hard and shiny, like it was shellacked, I've never seen anything like it. I brought my HTT Glori courtesy Michelle C., my Harley Dawn by Kitti, my Ikea soft dollhouse, the Eaton's 1971 catalog and my new NRFB Dale, whom we agreed has olive eyes!

We brought better stuff than we found, mostly, as it turns out. The seller from the last doll show who had the diamond print bodysuit & lots of other NRFB outfits was there again, and she brought a big box of Dawn stuff specifically for Wendy and me to paw through. Wendy got the Dawn music box, an NRFB Glimmering Stardust gown, NRFB Silver Au Go-Go and a couple others. I got the NRFB Glimmering Stardust coat, NRFB Fuschia Flash, NRFB Starlight Ball, Patio Party on the card, Strawberry Sundae on the card, and 4 NRFB Rockflower outfits I'm not sure why I bought. Just caught up in the excitement I guess! There was very little Dawn stuff at the show otherwise, less than we've seen in the past, but Wendy scored a Rockflower case for \$25 that had a Dale, curly Glori, and HTT Dawn plus Dale's orange velvet mini in it, and I found the original Happy Family (Mattel's black Sunshine Family) NRFB which is a sentimental favorite of mine. I had to leave for church so we didn't stay long but we feel we'd pretty much

scoured the place. Now we have to wait till the fall for the next big Columbus show, but we really can't complain! Wendy and Janet have been to a couple of doll shows together in Ohio, they seem to have a great time, as all Dawnettes do when they are shopping for the "most beautiful doll in the World!"

Here is Wendy's version of the Columbus doll show events:

"Janet made one small mistake in reporting my Sunday doll show finds. I didn't buy a music box, I bought a jewelry box, and it still works! It plays "Love Story". I also bought eight NRFB Dawn outfits, including the "Glimmering Stardust" and "Golden Moment" gowns (with jewelry). I also bought a really crappy Gary wearing a very nice "Up, Up, and Away" outfit. (While I don't normally bother with the guy dolls, I just couldn't pass this up at the price) I

got a cruddy Rock Flower case that contained a beautiful Dale (with her velvet/gold metallic mini), curly Glori, and HTT Dawn. I also got a packet of loose Dawn shoes AND a gorgeous Dancing Dawn wearing Pink Pussycat AND her hair cello! Plus, I gave in and bought a darling Liddle Kiddle..."Babe Biddle" wearing her entire outfit including shoes, scarf and jacket, and her car (minus the windshield). Oh! One last thing. I bought Gumby's friend "Pokey", and he is original,(though not perfect) and is marked Lakeside 1965. How fun is that? I have to tell all of you that it is really fun to attend the shows in our area, especially knowing that there will not be any Dawnpetition! LOL!!! Of course, I'd really rather have all of you here with Janet and me, but...well, you know how it is. :-)

Janet and her family also attended an antique show Here is what they found...

"Andy, Benjamin and I went to Springfield Ohio yesterday, home of the football-field-sized antique malls... there was a train show and an antique toy show at the fairgrounds also. No really exciting Dawn finds - I picked up a Strawberry Sundae NRFB for \$25 and a Green Fling on card (no box) for \$15, neither a real bargain but not outrageous either. The one really fun thing I got was the 1971 Eaton's (Canadian department store) Christmas catalog. Now I understand why all the Rain Checks are in Canada!

The very first spread in the catalog is all Dawn stuff - music box, fashion show, beauty parlor - and they were selling a set of 6 fashion outfits for \$5.99: Peek-a-boo Poncho, Petals & Pleats, Zigzag Dazzler, Cupid's Bow, Patio Party, and Rain Check! Oh I just want to weep. \$5.99 Canadian!!!

Mel D. Always tells us that there are many Rainchecks to be found in Canada, Later on I will tell you what Shelly found when she crossed the border.

Jodi B recently attended a tag sale, This may have turned out to be the "Dawn Discovery" of the year! What Jodi had come across were 2 Kip Majorette Dolls, but one had blonde hair!

This is what Jodi had posted about this great find:

"This morning I found some Dawn dolls at a tag sale. I saw some Barbie stuff from late 60's/early 70's. So I asked the lady if she had any Dawns. "You know, 6 inch Barbie-type dolls." The lady pulled them out while telling me they aren't Dawn dolls, they're Kip dolls. She never had anything but Kip. One belonged to her and the other to her sister. The blonde was hers. I just stood there gawking. Take a look.."

<http://www.toppertowers.com/lounge/library/catalog/dolls/kip/>

"The former owner of these dolls said that she never heard of Dawn dolls. She and her sister received them for Christmas and they were both marked as "Kip". She didn't tell me what year, but I'm guessing 1972. She said the dolls were the same except for the hair & that's how they knew whose doll was whose. The other Kip appears to be perfectly normal in every way. They both have H17 head molds. The blonde's hair is rooted identically to a HTT Dawn. They didn't have any other Dawns, outfits or accessories. All the rest of her dolls were Barbie's, so they didn't play with Kip & Kip all that much. They did manage to lose the boots, batons and one hat though. :-( "

Wendy B. Took her new baby Lucas to his first doll show, here is what Wendy has to report:

"I just had to tell you all I took Lucas to his first doll show today. It was a small one but we had fun anyway. The regular sellers I see at these shows were glad to finally see my new doll.

Well, nothing too exciting there. One seller had an old B\*\*\*\*\* camper. I used to have the exact same one when I was a kid. It was yellow and orange. I also saw some of the Wizard of OZ dolls MIB. I remember those too. All I bought was a cute lion Beanie Baby for Erin's birthday in June. I thought all the hype on them was they weren't going to make any more beanies?? So what gives? Oh well. She will like it I'm sure. Maybe if she knows they are still making new Beanies she will forget about collecting Pokemon!!!!

Marsha caught the doll show bug and set out to attend one in Virginia. Here is what she found.

"I spent about \$80 and came up with a green eyed dale,  
2 hard head dancing dawns, one Glori, 3 HTT's, 1 reg dawn, 1 Dawn w/nipples  
and bb, an orange hair flatsy, and a Nina ballerina?, and a cute little crochet umbrella  
just the right size for Dawn. All dolls were wearing common clothes.  
Didn't turn up any hot stuff. One dealer promises to bring her Dawns in November,  
but she knows Dawn & what's rare, and she didn't have anything along those lines.  
She wanted to know specifically what I wanted and I said Knitty Midi, blue diamond  
anything, and the floral stand. She has none but will keep me in mind. Ok!:)  
Another dealer said she had sold all of hers last night while setting up! I told her if she

knew I was coming she wouldn't have done that! I bought every dawn doll I could find!  
(except for the ones that were \$25 ea.)

"At first it was funny....I kept saying to the dealer in a very low soft voice

"Do you have any dawn dolls" cuz I didn't want to get the whole  
place excited!!! LOL!!

"huh" "HUH" "What'd you say?" Shhhh, lady....I said Dawn, do you have  
any dawn dolls" HAHAHA! She said "NO"

Next table - same thing - You have any dawn dolls? "Speak up, honey, What?"

Do you have any Dawn dolls? "NO"

Same all the way down..... :)

Finally I blurted out very plainly - "Got any Dawn Dolls" "No" So I just kept  
looking and asking till I found some!! Then by the time I left and made 2 complete  
circles and zig zags I had all the dealers knowing that I'm looking for Dawn dolls  
and I'll be back in November. Little did I know I'd be practically the only person  
in the whole place looking for some!!

Lotsa Fun! And Angie :) Yes, I still at this moment have the dolls laying out on the  
kitchen table. They're so ordinary, but I'm just taking the time to get to know them!!

And you're right, Wendy :) I can't wait for the next show.

And Joedi, you're name was mentioned by the dealers there that I spoke with, so you're a household name  
with them - isn't that cool?!

If not for this NG, I would've never driven that far for Dawn.

Thanks for the push to go -

I think it would be safe to say that Marsha's Doll show "bug" has become a full blown doll show "fever"! Shelley got  
a real kick out of Marsha's story about whispering Dawn doll questions to the sellers, asking for Dawn items, but it  
really did pay off for Shelley when she did it at a recent show, here is what happened, "You had me laughing at the  
part about whispering, "Do you have any dawn dolls?".....because I did the same thing haahaha, I don't know why!  
But, by asking this I contacted one of the ladies from the show I went to, and she is sending me Melanie in some  
sort of swirls (crossing my fingers) It could be the rockflower swirly outfit... She is also sending me zigzag D,  
golden moments, and longlocks and a wedding  
outfit all with shoes. Did you get any leads that anyone had more at home"

As you can now see why Janet and I always say "It never hurts to ask"! (LOL! Right Janet?).

As it turns out it was a socko swirls that Shelley obtained from this seller:

"It is socko swirls with a purse and shoes and bracelet no necklace though.... and I don't know if  
this belongs..a fur stole. The instruction sheet says "cut stitch holding stole" so maybe..... but I  
looks like Denises my face is going to crack I have such a big smile!!!"

Shelley also had some luck across the border in Canada: This is probably the "non-Ebay" bargain of the year! A rain  
check for \$11.00! (I think Di has the Ebay bargain of the year with her new PT Glori) Here is Shelly's story:

"I found one thing in Canada while visiting my sister and guess what it was? Mel D said she found lots of them...  
anyway I took a picture of the clasp to see if this is original because it looks newer and not like the usual topper  
clasps, also are the silver leggings and purse for raincheck, the same as Silver au- go-go's? The raincheck looks  
really faded to me and I need to make a small stitch wear the hood meets the neck but it was only \$18 Canadian  
dollars that is about \$11 American, and that was only because the dealer put together a Angie from parts and put  
this on her from what I can tell. I only wish I had more time to go to more shops there. "

I had asked Shelley if this was at a show, but it was from a shop, so I think many of us who are thinking of going to  
the Buffalo Convention will be crossing the boarder into Canada!

Here is Shelleys reply:

"I went to a shop in the middle of a farm town outside of Windsor Ont.... On our way back on the 401/405 there  
was a couple Antiques shops maybe you can hit at the convention, also at one of the shops a man told me he gets  
them in a lot, but the Americans come over and get them he said."

On May 21 Lori, Janet, Angie Mare and myself got together for the "Doll Extravaganza" at La Guardia Airport  
Marriot in NYC. I will post the happenings of that doll show in the next issue of DDM. As I have made this a pretty  
long column already.

If anyone attends any of shows or flea markets or finds any Dawn Deals at antique shops or yard sales please email me with the information at BROKENBONES@aol.com, so I can write it up for the next issue.

Here are a few shows that I have found, from various states from around the country. If the listing does not say specifically that it is a doll show, please call ahead to find out if there will be dolls sold (some "toy" shows have dolls and some may not):

California:

July 15, Sacramento, CA, Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street, Doll & Bear Show & Sale, 10-4pm, Sierra Doll Shows, 909-845-3778.

Colorado:

September 24, Denver, CO, Sheraton Denver Tech Center, 7007 S Clinton St, Kitton On The Road All Doll and Toy Show, 9-3pm. Kitty's Collectables, Kitty Stewart, 480-607-0421.

Texas:

June 17, Austin, TX, Palmer Auditorium Lower Level, South First & Riverside, Austin Summer Doll & Toy Show & Sale, 9-4pm. Jean Huff, 361-547-3757.

June 25, Austin, TX, Omni Austin Hotel Southpark, I-35 & Hwy 71, Fourth Annual Collectible Teddy Bear Show & Sale, 10-4pm, \$4 Adm. Luann Bowen, 8404 Caspian Drive, Austin, TX 78740, 512-280-8640.

Illinois:

June 11, Champaign-Urbana IL, Holiday Inn, 1001 Killarney St., Champaign-Urbana Toy-Doll & Bear Show & Sale, 9:30-4pm, \$3 Adm, T150. Jo Ann Reynolds, 6058 S Daysville Rd, Oregon, IL 61061, 815-732-7742.

Michigan:

June 25, Lansing MI, Holiday Inn West, 7501 W. Saginaw at I-96 Exit, Dolls Antique & Collectibles Show & Sale, 9-3pm, \$3 Adm. Jean Canaday, PO Box 127, Holt, MI 48842, 517-694-3663.

8July 9, Kalamazoo MI, Kalamazoo Fairgrounds, Lake Street Sprinkle Road Exit, Kalamazoo's Finest Doll Show and Sale, 9-3pm, \$3 Adm. Jean Canaday, PO Box 127, Holt, MI 48842, 517-694-3663.

Minnesota:

July 16, Minneapolis MN, Thunderbird Hotel & Convention Center, 2201 E 78th St, Kitton On The Road All Doll and Toy Show, 9-3pm. Kitty's Collectables, Kitty Stewart, 480-607-0421.

Wisconsin:

June 11, Middleton WI, Marriott-Madison West and Conference Center, 1313 John Q. Hammons Dr, Orphans In The Attic 2000 Doll, Toy, Bear Show & Sale, 10-3pm, \$3.50 Adm. Marge Hansen, N96 W20235 County Line Rd, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051, 262-255-4465.

Ohio:

June 9-11, Canton OH, Canton Centre Mall, 4000 W. Tuscarawas St., Canton Collectibles Show, Mall Hours, Free Adm. starchives@aol.com, Sports Archives, Jim Tozzi, 330-492-4607.

August 5-6, Archbold OH, Historic Sauder Village, State Rt 2, Doll Show & Sale/High-Wheeled Bicycles, \$9.50 Adm. Sauder Farm & Craft Village, PO Box 235, Archbold, OH 43502, 800-590-9755.

Florida:

June 24, Sarasota FL, Roberts Arena Sarasota County Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd, 1st Annual Doll, Bear, & Collectible Show & Sale, 10-5pm,

\$4 Adm. Schroeder Promotions, Steve & Susan Schroeder, 12345 Narcoossee Road, Orlando, FL 32827, 407-258-8055.

Tennessee:

September 30- October 1, Johnson City TN, Appalachian Fairgrounds, I-181 Exit 42, Toy, Train, Doll Show, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4 Tri-City Shows Inc, Skip Patel, PO Box 825, Johnson City, TN 37605, 888-955-TOYS.

New Jersey:

8July 16, Mount Laurel NJ, Radisson Hotel, 915 Route 73 at the N.J. Turnpike Exit 4, Mount Laurel Doll & Bear Show & Sale, 9:30-3:30pm, \$2.50 Adm. Sallie Natowitz, PO Box 796, Matawan, NJ 07747, 732-583-7915.

New York:

June 11, Batavia NY, Batavia Downs, NYS Thruway Exit #48, 32nd Doll Miniature Teddy Bear Show and Sale, 9:30-4pm, \$5 Adm. Saturday's Child, 80 Hidden Valley Rd, Rochester, NY 14624, 716-247-4140.

Pennsylvania:

November 5, York PA, Fairgrounds, Doll, Toy, Teddy Bear, Beanie Babies & Barbies Show & Sale, 10-3:30pm, \$3.50 Adm, T300. R & S Enterprises, 34 N Vintage Rd, Paradise, PA 17562, 717-442-4279.

Virginia:

August 19-20, Virginia Beach VA, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Convention Center, 621 First Colonial Road, Tidewater Teddy Bear and Doll Show and Sale, Sat. 10-5pm, Sun. 11-4pm, \$4 Adm. Nancy Walker, 757-588-6165.

Good luck, and Happy Hunting!  
Babs

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**DAWN ON THE WWW** by Janet (moxie) Janet@simplyliving.org

Even though her heyday came 25 years or more before most of us got on the Internet, our beloved Dawn is pretty well connected and computer-savvy! Here are some of our favorite links to Dawn and related information. If you know of a link that you want to add to this list, send it on over to <janet@simplyliving.org>. The links will be listed in every issue of DDM. This should be helpful if you lose that special site.

#### **Dawn Links**

<http://www.toppertowers.com> - Dawn's home on the Internet is Topper Towers. Get your free virtual apartment here, enter contests and polls, chat, send messages, visit everyone's apartment, and much more! Many thanks to our super Super Jodi for maintaining such a wonderful site!

<http://www.mcn.net/~starbase/dawn/> - The Book of Joedi, the Dawn bible - \*Dawn & Her World\*

<http://www.deja.com/> or <http://www.remarq.com> - visit the Dawn Newsgroup for up to the minute ideas and fun stuff. Look for <alt.collecting.topper-dawn>. A wide-ranging and friendly discussion about all things Dawn and lots of things not-Dawn!

<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/dawndolls> - the Yahoo Dawn club, including a

chat room with chats on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

<http://nav.webring.org/cgi-bin/navcgi?ring=dawndolls;list> - Dawn dolls web ring, lots of wonderful collectors' sites here! Some of the links are no longer operational, but others are so groovy! Don't miss it.

[http://www.geocities.com/princess\\_royal\\_dawn/](http://www.geocities.com/princess_royal_dawn/) - Mel D.'s Dawn site with the Interior Decorating Contest!

<http://www.twinpines.com/> - get the things you need to clean your dolls

Dawn Dolls - AOL-only Dawn Dolls message board

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### **Buying Dawn online**

<http://www.ebay.com> - Ebay, of course! Try searching for "Topper" or "Dawn" in the dolls section to find even more goodies that don't show up in the Dawn section.

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Oaks/3946/dawn/anewdawn.html> - Custom Dawn goodies from Melz Dolz.

<http://overzone.com/cgi-bin/ebay/storefront.asp?StoreID=6> - OverZone Dawn custom outfits, plus Topper-made clothing and dolls.

<http://www.geocities.com/liddledolls/> - Lora's Dolls of My Youth. Lots of nice Dawn dolls and outfits, plus Kiddles, Barbie and more. Updated regularly. I have bought from Lora and recommend her highly.

<http://members.aol.com/Pixydust07/dolls4sale.html> - Aida's rather extensive list of Dawn dolls & items.

<http://www.mcn.net/~starbase/dawn/salelist.html> - Joedi Johnson's Dawn sales list. Joedi usually has LOTS of cool items, and updates her list every couple months. She has recently added many other lines besides Dawn and related dolls.

<http://www.dsdolls.com/dawn.htm> - D's Dolls dawn stuff for sale.

<http://www.joebarbie.com/index.html> - Joe's Barbie, pricey but has some terrific Dawn stuff. Readers on the newsgroup have vouched for this seller. Look under "Dolls other than Barbie".

<http://valleyofthedolls.com/ds/index.htm> - Valley of the Dolls Dawn page. They usually have a lot of stuff, and the real goodies tend to go quickly!

<http://www.yesterdaystoy.com/antdawndoll.htm> - Yesterday's Toys Dawn items. Apparently hasn't been updated in months, but may be worth a look.

<http://www.dolls4play.com/dawnlist.html> - Deni's Dawn and Friends sales list. List isn't updated all that frequently, but I have bought from her and can recommend her as a good seller.

<http://members.aol.com/TNTCasey/dawnlist.html> - Dawn & Other Vintage Fashion Dolls Sales Lists from TNTCasey.

<http://members.aol.com/lonsterr/toyindex.html> - Lonster's Unique Boutique &

Coffeehouse, has a number of Dawn items.

<http://comm.jc-net.com/dolls/index.htm> - Dolls & Dreams. Primarily a Barbie sale list, this site includes a few Dawn things.

<http://www.dollstoy.com/1970s.htm> - Toys of Another Time usually has a few Dawn things.

<http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~cernunos/Pippa.htm> - Teenage Dream, a U.K. seller of Pippas and Dawns, plus other dolls. Updated regularly. Fairly pricey, but you can find some of the elusive items, especially Pippa stuff, from time to time.

<http://www.btinternet.com/~sindy.pelham/fdolls.htm> - The Magic Toy Box, another U.K. seller of Dawns, Pippas, Tressy, Cindy and other dolls.

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**Closing Thoughts: Glori Lori**

**Reflections**

Lately, I've been doing a lot of deep soul searching. Guess you do that at certain times in your life. Often I try to remember life before Dawn. Before my house was invaded with over 150 little rubber gals. Back to a time before I knew people, who I consider my close friends. Ladies, I can't picture life without. It feels like that was a life time ago.

From the first word I typed on the newsgroup I was accepted. Me, the gal that had two dolls she had just bought. When a friend told me she had 200 dolls, I was amazed. I never thought that could be me. You know that feeling don't you? Or at least you do recall feeling it.... When you first started collecting?

Six months ago, something wonderful happened in a hotel in New Jersey. I walked in and found that a group of women, my age, with real lives, loved dolls as much as I did. These women bonded over the love of this little doll. Anyone that was there will agree, it was a great bonding weekend. We laughed and played dolls, just like we were kids. From that weekend until right now, that feeling hasn't stopped. It only has increased and enhanced my life.

It takes special people to love and appreciate Dawn. I learned this over the last year, as I've met and worked on more of these friendships. Sure we had our share of fights, arguments and disagreements, but in the end.... We come back.

I hope most of you are planning on attending the Buffalo convention. If not, know you will be there in our hearts. Thank you to all of you for being wonderful friends.

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**-Topper Dawn ~Often Imitated Never Duplicated~**

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