

# Dawn Digest Magazine

Dedicated to the Topper Dawn Community  
"With Every Dawn, All Things Are Possible"

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[Letter from the Editor](#) by Glori Lori

Hi Everyone! Welcome to the November Issue of DDM. Last month was our groovy limited printed issue. Hopefully everyone has received their copy and enjoyed it. Many thanks to everyone that worked on putting it together. Now we're back to the Internet format.... and just in time for the holiday season. Make sure to check the schedule in the next section, as to when DDM will be released. To give the staff time off because they work so hard for you, we will have a combined holiday issue. The next issue will be out in mid December. If anyone has something they would like to submit, as always, just send it in.

This month Michelle Candace has taken time off since she recently had a baby. We're rerunning her first column that appeared in the April 2000 issue. Joedi needed some time off this month also, Her column will return next month. Melanie's adventure will also return in the next issue.

I asked a few of the staff that went to Convention 2000, to share their experience with you. I hope you'll enjoy the memories they have. I hope this will encourage you to want to go to the next convention. As it appears now several are in the works. Let people know you're interested. If you speak up and try to participate you can help push a convention that might not have worked out.

In the past a few attempts have been made for a Convention on the West/mid coast. But they fizzled out nobody pushed it along. The last two conventions were held on the East coast. This year in Buffalo and last in New Jersey. Check the Convention section for conventions being planned.

Make sure you check the contest section on the current running contest.  
On to the rest of the magazine! Enjoy!

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[DDM Schedule](#)

Issue Due Out Deadline Date

November 1st Monday, October 30th

Dec 15th Holiday Combo Monday, December 11th

February 1st Monday, January 29th 2001

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[Ebay Highlights - October 2000](#) By Nosdollgic (Dana / nosdollgic@oh.verio.com)

HEAVY-WEIGHT CORNER:

Item High Bid

Diana in HTT Angie jumper MI B \$119.94

Dancing Van MIB \$105.53

Blue Diamond Jumper MIB \$157.50

Dawn in gold pageant cape \$187.50

HTT Longlocks MIB 162.51

Yellow Flower Fantasy MIB \$266.53

Glimmering Stardust gown MIB \$182.49

Daphne in raincheck mini \$96.89

Melanie in Silver Starlight MIB \$223.50

Dancing Dawn display \$1380.00

Pink Flower Stand MIB \$228.12

Yellow umbrella \$300.00

HTT Angie w/ wigs loose \$229.50

Dawn in C&S pantsuit \$122.51

In the Swim lot \$510.00

Blue Flower Fantasy MIB \$262.00

HTT Angie with wigs loose \$179.12

Loose Dinah in Silvery Pom Poms \$102.75

Loose HTT Angie sans wigs \$127.51

Congratulations to all the winners!

WINNER'S CIRCLE:

This month, Molly was kind enough to grant me an interview about winning a Dancing Dawn display.

1. Do you own any other Dawn store displays?

No, but I hope to!

2. Where do you plan to display this?

My bedroom, for now - although it is so cool I'd like to display it in the living room or family room.

3. Were you watching the end of the auction? If so, how did you feel watching?

I told myself I would not watch the end of the auction, and that I would not go higher than my first bid - then I peeked a couple minutes before the end and saw (to my horror!) I had been outbid. Adrenaline set in and I quickly upped my bid. Yahoo!! :)

4. If there's a significant other/husband, did you tell them about your bid on this? Did you reveal the true price? If yes, what was their reaction? Are they helping to pay for it? Have you stocked up on mac and cheese?

My husband is supportive of my Dawn collecting, however, we have a don't ask, don't tell policy when it comes to some purchases. I think revealing the price may make him a little worried about my addiction to Dawn! Stocking up on mac n' cheese?? How about stocking up on just the mac!!

5. What was your reaction upon seeing it in person when it arrived?

It arrived today (Oct 10th) and I was really excited (- my kids were too!) It was packed so well it was hard to open, and when I did finally get it out of the box, it was even better than I expected. I love it!!

6. Anything else you'd like us to know about your Dawn history/collection?

Reconnecting with Dawn has been a great source of happiness in my life. When I was a girl, my fondest memories are playing with Dawn Dolls with my best friends. (I'd like to track them down to see if they still have theirs!) Really happy, good memories - so it's nice to be able to re-live them. Plus, now as an adult I can afford to get a lot of the Dawn stuff I couldn't get as a child, and the hunt is also terrific fun. My two kids love Dawn Dolls, so we have a lot of fun playing together.

#### BREAKING NEWS:

Starting next issue, there will be a new section in this column called Dear Dana. Everyone is invited to e-mail me at nosdollgic@verio.com to receive advice on questions you have related to eBay. I will call it like I see it. Your responses to questions and my advice are also welcome. I look forward to working together to solve our Dawn dilemmas! I also look forward to everyone blasting me for my advice-all e-mails will be published (within good taste).

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 Details will return in our next Issue. Joedi has taken this month off.

\*\*Meanwhile - Look for Joedi's New Dawn Update Book - Available in December  
Take a sneak peek at the new cover - <http://www.mcn.net/~starbase/dawn/>

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[THE CREATIVE GARDEN](#) - By Michelle Candace

Our wonderful Michelle Candace can sure create... On October 14, 2000, a new son named Elliot Chandler arrived safe and sound. He weighed in at 8 pounds and 13 ounces! Mama Michelle and son are doing well and taking this time to recover from their first meeting. This is Michelle's fourth child and she says her last. :)

All at DDM send many blessings to Michelle and little Elliot. The following is a rerun of Michelle's first column from the April 2000 issue of DDM.

*Less than perfect dolls, step inside please!  
In the Creative Garden we accept all green knees.  
Hair plugs missing, facial paint gone?*

*In the Creative Garden we shall transform Dawn!*

This column is dedicated to customizing, restoring, and other creative projects for your Dawn dolls. Most of us have dolls that are less than perfect. These wilting flowers deserve a second chance and you can learn how to make them blossom once again.

I invite all readers to send me questions about customizing and restoring your Dawn dolls. Let me know what topics you would like to learn about. Your input is highly valued!

This month I will start with something very simple that involves no artistic talent whatsoever, the basic hair wash and style. This can be done in minimal time using everyday products found in your home and can make a big difference in your doll's appearance. Anyone can do this!!

#### EASY WASH & STYLE 101

Supplies - mild shampoo or dish soap  
fabric softener  
soft bristle toothbrush  
comb  
scissors  
styling gel

1. Gather together your supplies and some dolls with dirty and untamed hair.
2. Wash and rinse your dolls hair as you would your own using shampoo or dish soap. I prefer to use shampoo because of the nice scent it leaves on the dolls hair.
3. While you are washing your dolls hair you can also give her a light body cleaning. Using the same shampoo suds from her head rub them around on her body. Use a soft bristled toothbrush for scrubbing. Avoid scrubbing too hard on the face, it is possible to scrub paint off. Rinse the body off when you rinse the hair.
4. Want extra soft and silky hair? Mix 1 Tablespoon liquid fabric softener in 2 Cups of hot water. Dip the dolls hair into the cup for approximately 1 minute. You can also pour this over the dolls hair. Rinse and go to step 5.
5. Comb the hair out gently. I use a rat tail or fine toothed comb. Avoid tugging too hard as you may pull out a hair plug.
6. Trim any long pieces that are sticking out so that they are even with the rest of the hair. I use pointed fingernail scissors for this job.
7. Tame fly away hairs with a dab of styling gel. Rub a very small amount of styling gel on your fingertips and apply to the hair, pushing down on the fly away pieces. Wipe off any gel that gets on the doll's body.
8. Leave the hair to air dry. Once the hair is dry I comb it out

again and trim or apply a dot more gel as needed.

Voila!! Your dirty, untamed dolls hair should now be clean, silky, and sitting pretty! To see my doll subjects before and after their wash and style - see this page. <http://www.geocities.com/dmbbg/washnstyle.html>

For future issues I have more exciting projects planned. I thought I would keep it very simple for the first column, I didn't want to overwhelm or intimidate anyone with a lengthy project. As I stated before I welcome your questions and topic ideas. You can email them to me at:

**[michellecandacecustomdolls@hotmail.com](mailto:michellecandacecustomdolls@hotmail.com)**

To see some of the custom dolls that I have worked on in the past please visit my website at:

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

Thanks for visiting the Creative Garden and be sure to stop back in next month! Until then, have a Dawntastic time!! -Michelle Candace

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~\*~ [Convention Flashbacks](#) ~\*~

(For the gals who didn't make it to the convention, I've asked the staff members that went to recall some memories. If you read the newsgroup and this is a repeat for you, you might wish to skip to the next section. ~ )

#### **Convention Memories From Dana:**

Janet, Andy, and Ben-jammin picked me up. What a relief after my nightmare of the previous night about missing my ride! I don't know if I've ever been happier to see someone pull up in my driveway. When we arrived, it was a whirlwind of events. I can't recount the whole thing in a couple of paragraphs, so here are some highlights.

I was very excited to see some unexpected newcomers and those I hadn't met before. Bethany, Diane, Lori, Phyllis, Mare, Elaine- all as groovy as I would expect them to be.

Some of my favorite memories:

1. The convention room. Everything- the prize table, the contest entries, the cake, the stunning dolls and pics people brought, Elaine's Dawn binder.
2. The games- as much as they whipped my butt, it was a blast!
3. The amazing efforts everyone contributed to the goodie bags. I came home LOADED with the coolest stuff.
4. Getting in lots of Dawn hugs was maybe the best part.

#### **From Melanie:**

Here are my Convention pics. [www.princess\\_royal\\_dawn/convention2000/1.jpg](http://www.princess_royal_dawn/convention2000/1.jpg)  
(pics go up to 43.jpg so just change the number in the window by one.)

I'll start this Convention report from Saturday, since many people didn't

get past Friday, when writing up their version of the Convention. Sat. morning we all slept in. We had the conference room from 9 am onwards but no one showed up early! I had to start calling people and telling them to come on down! Jodi & I got reached the mutual hunger point and ran out for some lunch for an hour. When we returned, we were thrilled the festivities had started. Babs had a beach chair making class, which was fun. I only finished mine once I returned home during the following Friday night chat since there wasn't time that afternoon. After the class, we oohed and aahed over dolls and fashions. Phyllis gave me some super cool 70s-style fabric, which I am currently making into pantsuits. Wendy and Carla gave me some cool stock minis for my loose stock mini collection. Later that evening, about 7 pm we had everyone together in the room, with pizza that Howard bought for us, courtesy of Topper Towers. For dessert we munched on cookies by Wendy, Nanaimo Bars by Janet and that gorgeous Dawn doll cake that Michelle ordered. There's a full pic of the cake on my site. We had four contests that evening: costume contest for us humans, Controlled Fabric & Trim Contest (the outfits that are in the burgundy satin), fashion show for the girls (custom outfits not fitting in the other categories) and the Scenarios. Only three of us did the scenarios. I had the Egyptian scenario, Babs did the Beverly Hillbillies and Janet did the cool Topper Factory! Oh, can't forget, Elaine had the toilet paper contest. We had to dress a person up in an outfit using toilet paper! The Fredd group won.

Finally, the best part of all! We had our Chinese auction! Starting Friday Lori had been handing out tickets for various reasons: coming to the Convention, going to Niagara Falls, etc. etc. By Sat. night I had about 40 tickets accumulated and put them in whatever items we wanted. Can you believe that after the auction both Jodi & myself found tickets we had not used? Must be a Gemini trait! I'm sure Babs did the same! I won a Diana Doll wearing a Rockflower mini! Once I brought her home I compared with my other Weed mini and realized I had a variation. My first Diana doll - yay! Or, a centre-part red hair no bangs doll. So it's not Glori, but the next best! I also won a Premier fashion top that I call "Stained Glass Pink". Finally, I won the blue diamond jumpsuit which Phyllis supplied! A girl can never have too many diamonds! I still don't know who supplied the doll and outfit, but thank you whoever you are. I have been enjoying them very much!

On Sunday was the doll show! There was plenty of Dawn stuff but nothing rare or HTF. I bought that expensive mirror and comb set last year and can't even remember what I paid now - was it \$150? Anyway, my average purchase price this year was about \$8-\$22. I bought a regular Dawn doll wearing a cool orange diamond top with gold collar and long sleeves with gold brocade pants in near mint cond. for about \$22. I found a minty Bouffant Bubble gown with variation trim that I didn't have already for \$8 with stole, dressform. The only other items I bought were 2 Mego Gowns: a pink gown with circular long skirt and white chiffon with halter top; the other a black pleated chiffon straight long skirt with fuchsia long sleeved top with gold threads in it.

After the doll show Jodi & I went for lunch. Howard's donations financed our enjoyable afternoon. At the museum they had this display set up like a vintage toy shop front. In the window was a Dawn doll in the first issue box and an outfit which I can't remember now, it was a common one like City Slicker. When we returned to the hotel we spent a couple of hours chatting with Carla & Fredd, who were alone in the lobby and waiting for their flight. After the doll show we visited the hangover room (aka wine room), across the hall. Jodi and I had fun and told Michelle, Angie and Lori about all the cool HTF stuff they missed at the museum. Of particular note was

the white VW and the yellow lunch box. Jodi & I later took doll furniture offerings to Elaine since she couldn't make it to the doll show that day.

On Sunday night, Jodi & I ate at Ruby Tuesdays. We had these incredibly huge drinks. I didn't think margarita glasses could be found so big! After dinner (Jodi & I) had everyone (who hadn't flown out that day) join us in our room. Babs made her delicious hot toddys for everyone! Jodi had a game "Who Am I?" We had to ask each other questions about which doll they were. Wendy & April won. Next, we had a glue gun/stick 30 mins. outfit creation contest. Wendy won again! She also won the Beaujolais Fabric & Trim Contest entry!

I had about 3 hours sleep before having to get up for my flight at 7:25 am that morning. The only flight of 4 I had that was on time! The plane was delayed one hour in Chicago. Arrived safely back home without any hassles about all my Dawn contraband at Customs! I felt crappy and sick on Tuesday, but had wisely or unwisely already booked Tuesday off. Unwisely because if I had told work I would be back on Tuesday, I could have had a paid sick day since I would have had to call in sick. Oh well! Better luck next time!

### **My First Dawn Convention (of many) by Janet**

(This is the Reader's Digest version of my reports to the Dawn newsgroup after the convention, so my apologies to everyone who has already seen this! Accompanying photos are at  
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Andy, Benjamin and I drove up to Buffalo on Friday, stopping in Cleveland to pick up Dana on the way. Except for us disappointing her by driving a stick-shift (so she couldn't help drive), everything went totally smoothly and we had a lot of fun driving up - beautiful day, good roads, little traffic and lots of funny stories from Dana! We were getting really itchy as we approached Buffalo, and each mile was longer than the one before, but we finally made it to the hotel and dumped our stuff in a cart, on to find the Dawnettes!

Jodi and Melanie were in, and we alternated between unpacking and ooh-ing and ahh-ing over their photos and dolls they'd brought. Lori, Babs, Angie and Michelle got back sometime in the evening and I was ecstatic to see them all again (we'd met in May when my family went to the Jersey shore, and I just love them all so much).

In the evening, we congregated in what I will call the Wine Room (Lori, Michelle, Angie and Babs'), across the hall from the Photo Room (Melanie, Jodi, and Dana), and next to the Baby Room (Andy, Benjamin and me). Everyone else was scattered around the hotel. We met Carla and Fredd - I am capable of going on and on about Fredd, he is something special! - Bethany, Laurie, April, were happy to see my Dawn buddy Wendy again... Phyllis, Mare, Elaine and Tom, and Howard would show up later

I won a door prize, a scrumptious gold Rain Check cape copy by Babs, then we all played Groovy Bingo, led by Michelle, with lots of falling apart laughing, and great prizes like Dawn fashion keychains and peace sign pendants. I can't recall what happened next - I think we all just sat around looking at dolls and chatting through the evening, all so happy to be there! The goodie bags were incredible - everyone is so generous and creative - we got the print DDM which is just beyond words (thanks Lori and

Jodi!), Melanie's yummy convention mini, Babs' Dawn suncatchers, Michelle's autograph books which were so much fun to write in the next day, and tons more. We also got a preview of the Chinese auction and oh boy, there were some NICE items there.

Everyone was all over Benjamin, but I have to single out Fredd and Angie as total groovy baby people, and April as the best baby person of them all - Benjamin just reached out his arms to her and seemed to want to be with her all weekend. That was just great by me, even when she taught him how to play video craps in the bar the next day, LOL...

I saw a lot of great Dawn items, including Jodi's fabulous straight-hair, no-bangs center-part Glori in In the Swim (seriously, I'd rip off the swimsuit and keep the doll), and her blonde Kip - and that was just on Friday - on Saturday there were lots more surprises...

We were pretty scattershot through mid-afternoon - Phyllis showed up sometime in the morning (great to meet her at last!), then ran off to collect Mare from the airport... Elaine and Tom made it in and we met them at the Wine Room, Elaine had made the yummiest, funniest Dawn chocolates for the guys and chocolate gift boxes for us Dawnettes... Bethany showed up in the afternoon with her sweet little nieces in tow. They fell in love with Benjamin and gave him hugs and kisses, and he suddenly didn't need any of us adults anymore for a while. Wendy and I carried a box of Dawn junk clear around the perimeter of the second floor looking unsuccessfully for the conference room - later on, Big Dawn showed up in the doorway of the correct room and we couldn't miss it anymore. Melanie and Jodi set up the room, there were the Chinese auction prizes on a table in one corner, Michelle's bead curtain, tables for the various contests, a Dawn cake and lots of other sweets. Laurie set up a great display of '70s toys, dolls and memorabilia which unfortunately had to be taken down later 'cause there weren't enough tables. Babs attempted to run a beach chair making workshop, though most of her class were a little slow - next year she will have to offer Remedial Beach Chairs. Bethany brought a big box of her Dawns and she has some very special items - the Knitty Midi top and skirt, Jessica's blue and green striped mini, a Rain Check which is so minty you can clean your teeth by just looking at it, an equally pristine blue diamond bodysuit, etc. etc...

In the evening the festivities began. At the Dawn fashion ball, there was a down-to-the-details human-size Dawn blue and white mini that was breathtaking - Jodi should mass-produce them and make her fortune outfitting Dawnettes! A couple other notable outfits included Laurie's awesome Green Slink, Elaine's Fake Snake, Mel's Miss Melanie, Michelle's wet-look Jessica - Angie and Michelle were strutting around in go-go boots all evening, ooh la la! - Babs' perfect-shade-of-green-t-shirt Jessica outfit, and I should take a bow for outfitting Benjamin as mini-Van - no helmet or shoulder pads, though, he's only one year old!

The controlled-fabric, scenario, and fashion contests were real showplaces of extreme creativity. Lori and Angie were handing around tickets to the Chinese auction, which now included over 30 prizes, among them an MIB Dale, repro Rain Check cape and majorette dress, treasure boxes by Melanie which would turn out to hold custom minis, Dawn fairy and mermaid by Angie, repro Dawn coloring books (Elaine or Jodi??), a beautiful HTT Longlocks with hairpieces from Michelle (I won her - hooray!), NRFB outfits and lots more. Elaine ran the toilet-paper fashion contest, in which Fredd, Michelle, Mare, and April consented to getting wrapped in TP for the sake

of Dawn.

Finally it was time for the Chinese auction; the excitement in the air was palpable. Wendy's daughter April called the numbers with exceeding patience (she was so patient all weekend with us - I'm sure she really enjoyed herself thoroughly!), and one after another of us shrieked with joy - "that's ME!!" I think everyone ended up winning at least one item, except Dawn guest Diane, who did get a goodie bag and had a great time anyway. I won Michelle's HTT Longlocks - the next day at the doll show she bought me the braid hairpiece, which was the one that had been missing, how sweet is that? I also won a deboxer's Fuschia Flash, and a non-deboxer's Bluebelle. Those along with the prizes and goodie bags made me feel like I'd scooped up more Dawn loot than I could've imagined... and I hope everyone else feels the same way too.

Let's see... there was pizza, courtesy Topper Towers, and lots of photos being taken, and cake and wine and a whole lot of laughing all night. Babs and I took off to go have a drink in the bar at one point, and when we returned, everyone had taken off (were we gone that long?). Jodi helped Babs pick pizza crusts out of a bag someone had mistaken for trash, and we loaded up the rest of our stuff and went back to the Wine Room, where we sat up with Angie, Michelle and Lori giggling about stuff I'm embarrassed to describe. Oh did my sides ache from laughing.

Sunday was the big doll show. It was a 40-minute ride from the hotel to Batavia Downs, the middle-of-nowhere racetrack where the doll show was being held. Jodi, Lori, Wendy and Laurie drove, and we all eventually found each other at the show, pointing out where the Dawns are to one another! Jodi did a great job in telling the sellers at last show about the convention, because there were quite a few sellers there with Dawn goodies. Michelle got a marvelous rarity in a big baggie of Dawn stuff, a green-eyed Melanie. I made out really well. From one seller I bought a Dinah with a lovely face and decent braids, in Jessica's striped mini (not the HTF one), and a HTT Angie in Swing n' Sway for \$25 each. I also got an HTT Angie ponytail, some shoes, and a small clothing lot that included the leggings to Silver au Go Go / Rain Check. From another seller I bought a gorgeous dancing Glori in the red mini, who came with the beauty pageant "Miss Glori" ribbon! Babs bought me a couple of cute knockoff pieces to make an outfit for my green Dawn boots and Michelle bought me that HTT Longlocks hairpiece, as if I hadn't found enough treasures myself. Many thanks and hugs to my generous Dawn buddies!

After we all returned to the hotel, too soon it was time to go home. The ride back to Ohio was quite subdued - Dana and I were both sad it was over, and Andy and Benjamin were exhausted! We all agreed we can't wait to do it again, though - DawnCon 2001, here we come!

#### **Convention: by Glori Lori**

Michelle, Angie and I set out for our long drive on thursday. The eight hours turned into ten but they went fast. Michelle and I talked alot and Angie slept. Ohh yea.. They had the best time just making fun of my New York accent (which i don't have :P) and some words I used they found very funny. After all that... we were happy and excited to get to the hotel and find Babs and Melanie there. I fell asleep on the bunch but I remember at 5am some people were still up chatting away. Friday after breakfast, we had seen Jodi and Carla and Fredd by now, some were going off to the Niagra falls. I round up my roommates and where to we head off to... KMart! Yep... I drove ten hours to go shopping in KMart with my doll friends. LOL Well... we / i actually needed a few things and we did have alot of fun watching Michelle take pictures of Angie on the Depends aisle. After our sidetracked trip to KMart we did make over to see the Falls. Took some cool photo's over there and had an early dinner at Planet Hollywood. You can see my photos here:

[http://www.toppertowers.com/apts/lofts/lori\\_lori/conv2000.shtml](http://www.toppertowers.com/apts/lofts/lori_lori/conv2000.shtml)

I have to say the most "magical" time for me the whole weekend.... was on Friday evening. I had been working on putting copies of DDM together for the "party" we were throwing in our room. We had games planned and decorations. The wine was chillin' and the music was playing. I needed a break and I left and went downstairs. When I came back about an hour later...the room had been transformed. Love beads hung from the ceiling, a spinning light that made flowers appear on the wall, I felt transported back to the 70's. Goodie bags started piling up and I asked them to clear off the table to make a display for the prizes for the next's days auction. Well I gasped.. the table was overflowing. (we would need two tables the following evening in the conference room) Everyone had been so generous with the treats they brought for everyone. The donations for the gift table were incredible. It wasn't even the MIB outfits or dolls themselves.... It was the generosity that was so moving. You feel the dawn love when you hold a few of the dolls huh? It was in that room that night.....and even on Saturday night during our auction. It was there all weekend and in every one of the people we got to meet. Everyone else is going to tell you about events and a lot of stuff that happened. I hope I get to meet you at a convention in the future. ~

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**Silly Stuff:** Melanie D.

Dawn Survivor will return next month. This month Dawn has been busy at Halloween Parties. Pics will be ready by next newsletter!

-Melanie

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**Convention Announcements**

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

A recent poll at [toppertowers.com](http://toppertowers.com) showed a great interest in the next convention being held in Chicago. As soon as someone steps up to organize and dates are picked we will bring you the news updates. You can also check the newsgroup and [topper towers](http://toppertowers.com) for announcements.

Kitti told me she will be organizing a convention in May out in California. I haven't heard any other details for that convention. If you are interested in more information you can email her directly at [dolls4kitti@aol.com](mailto:dolls4kitti@aol.com).

The next east coast convention is being planned for Atlantic City, NJ. Proposed dates are still in the planning stages. Prices and information will determine if we find ourselves at a bed n breakfast house or in a Hotel / Casino. This convention will be planned around the Atlantic City Antique show which is held several times during the year, definitely March and October. The Antique show is not only dolls and toys but there are plenty of old antique jewelry, and furnishings to browse through. It also runs for two full days on a Saturday and Sunday. If you would like to be put on a special mailing list because you're planning to attend please contact myself ([cntssmorra@aol.com](mailto:cntssmorra@aol.com)) or Michelle M. ([maxhelcal@aol.com](mailto:maxhelcal@aol.com)).

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**Current Dawn Contests & Activities**

Dawn "Altered Mini" Contest

The rules are:

You have to start off with the original Dawn blue and white stock mini and the skirt part must be used in the final outfit. (the top is optional) in other words, you would be replacing the top of the outfit with whatever material including yarn if you would like to crochet and do whatever kind of design would like, or for those who do not sew, you can add beads etc. and decorate it as you see fit. You may add hats purses etc. This will allow for more people to enter in the fun.

This should be a fun and interesting way to get rid of all of those excess blue and white stock mini's that you have laying around

1. You may enter as many times as you would like.

2. Please email me with a link to your photo along with your name and address. and please state the category that you would like your entry to be in.

3. You May use more than one stock mini if you are planning on entering a gown, or making a pair of pants out of the skirt part. But one whole white skirt will have to be in the final outfit! (even if it is used as the top)

This contest will be judged and voted on so please in all fairness, do not show anyone what your outfit looks like, or describe it in chat etc. .Since I am running it I cannot enter, but what I can do is help anyone who needs help with ideas, and I may post a couple of outfits that I am working on for fun to give you all ideas to work with.

4. All entries Must be received by November 15th The final Judging will be posted around the week of November 20th ( I am trying not to interfere with the secret santa time frame too much, and I do not think this will have an effect on it)

5. I will post a page with pictures of all of the entries in their respective categories, and hopefully solicit some help ((waves to Dana)) in how to set up the official polling at topper towers.

6. The 6 categories and judging will be based on the following:

- \* Most Original Design
- \* Most Elegant
- \* Sexiest
- \* Most "Topper like"
- \* Funniest
- \*\*Best Overall

7. Prizes will be awarded and winners announced in the NG.

8. I am still scanning ebay for potential prizes but I do know at least one will be the HTT Glori (sans wigs hee hee!)

Good luck to all and please email me if you have any questions at  
BROKENBONES@aol.com  
Babs

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You are cordially invited to join us for a Secret Santa  
Dawn gift exchange.

It's Secret Santa time again. We had lots of fun with this last year, so we will be having it again! If you are interested in participating in our 3rd Annual Secret Santa Dawn gift exchange, you need to email me personally at: [secret\\_santa\\_andrea@yahoo.com](mailto:secret_santa_andrea@yahoo.com) with the following information by 10/31.

- 1) Your name and address
- 2) A Dawn doll you might like to have
- 3) A stock mini you need
- 4) A gown or outfit you need
- 5) An accessory you need
- 6) An outfit you could only dream of owning

PLEASE SUPPLY AN EMAIL ADDRESS THAT WORKS.

Here is how the Secret Santa gift exchange will work:  
All of the Secret santa "wish lists" will be collected. Once I have all of the information on everyone, myself and my "Secret Santa Elf" will match everyone up with their own personal Secret Santa. You will be sent the "wish list" and address info. of the person you will be Secret Santa for.

We don't want to stress anyone out over sending a Dawn gift, so here are some simple guidelines.

You can send ANY Dawn doll, gown, outfit, stock mini or Dawn accessory that you choose. This gift can be something off of the wish list that you receive, but it DOES NOT HAVE TO BE something off of the wish list. You can send just any individual piece that you would like, you are not obligated to put together a doll, outfit and an accessory. This can be as simple or as fancy as you would like it to be. If you wish to include more with your gift, that is up to you.

All Secret Santa gifts must be mailed out no later than 12 /11 / 00 (we want to make sure everyone has their gift in time for Christmas).

Secret Santa gifts are a SECRET, so lets please try to keep it that way. You may enclose a card with your gift, however please don't sign who it is FROM. Starting on 12/25 you can post what you received from your Secret Santa on the NG, and all Secret Santa's will be revealed. (NO EXCEPTIONS. Secret Santa's will not be revealed at chat or at any other time. So for you people with itchy fingers who want to open your gifts early, you will just have to wait until CHRI STMAS DAY just like the rest of us and post it to the NG. Please do not try to change the rules this year, this created a problem and made things uncomfortable in the past, and Santa didn't like that.) It will be lots of fun to see what everyone gets from their Secret Santa!

Don't forget to email me with your Secret Santa information. My email address is:  
secret\_santa\_andrea@yahoo.com

The more people who participate, the more fun this will be, so invite all of your Dawn friends to join us!

-Santa Andrea

The fine print: Please do not ask to be paired up with friends, all Santa's will be drawn at random. We can not guarantee you will be paired up with someone you like, as Santa can not keep track of who likes whom and who doesn't. Santa's job is to keep track of who is naughty and who is nice. Therefore, Santa must let you know up front that you may be paired up with anyone.

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[Anniversary & Birthday Club !!!](#) ( List submitted & organized by Janet (moxie) )

Wow, for many of us it just felt like summer a few days ago, and already winter is fast approaching. Time to get out the Polident and freshen up those Furbulous Fake coats and hats for your girls. The lucky Dawn doll of

the month for November is Denise. Won't she look glamorous basting the holiday turkey in Zigzag Dazzler? If she's like me, it's more like a tofu roast and Midnight Lace, 'cause she still hasn't managed to get dressed and showered, and the family will be over in a half hour!

November was the ninth month in the early Roman calendar, before July and August were inserted to honor the Caesars Julius and Augustus. Its name comes from "novem", the Latin for "nine." November is Epilepsy Awareness Month, International Drum Month, National Adoption Month (a topic close to my heart and that of quite a few Dawnettes!), National American Indian Heritage Month, National Georgia Pecan Month, National Marrow Awareness Month, and Aviation History Month! Whew, lots to celebrate this month. Additionally, the Days of the Dead are celebrated in Mexico on November 1 - 2, All Saints' Day is commemorated by Christians on November 1, Election Day in the U.S. is held the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, and of course, Thanksgiving Day in the U.S. is the fourth Thursday.

Only a few Dawnettes have admitted to having birthdays at this time of year, so let's give a big cheer to:

- Sandy - November 16
- Lucianne - December 3
- Glori\_Lori - December 6
- Mary (alldoolledup) - December 12

Please enjoy the bright sunny crisp days while we have them. For many of us, snow will be here soon, and I know from last year's discussion on the newsgroup that snow is a very controversial topic! Well, get ready, 'cause it's coming, and have a great November meanwhile!

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[AOL Instant Messenger](#)

For all the people that are not on AOL, you can download for free, AOL's Instant Messenger. You get a buddy list and you're able to add your AOL friends to this list. Then when they are online you can send them an instant message so you can talk to each other. If you sign up with Instant Messenger, please let your friends at AOL know, so they can add you to their buddy list and look for your name. AOL's nicknames are the same as their email. Link for download: <http://www.aol.com/aim/home.html>

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**Special Announcements!**  
(thank that special someone, report dawn good deeds. This is the place :)

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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**

~\*~ Want List: Jessica's solid forest green mini (has the white belt) loose or packaged, blue or green eyed Angie (HTT or standard), Ponytail Glori, Queen Of Diamonds, Dawn mirror/comb/brush giftset in pink box, Topper Toys 1969 and 1971 catalogs, packaged Dawn knock off dolls/accessories (Little Miss Dollikin, Dizzy Girl, Cindy Joy etc), and packaged JPI Starr dolls/case. Also looking for any unusual Dawn things to include in the update of our Dawn guidebook. Please contact me at [starbase@mcn.net](mailto: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 gets a New OFFICE !!](#)**

DDM has opened the doors on it's new office space. Where else would a Dawn magazine open an office but at the Topper Towers! You will be able to visit DDM from the regular apartment page listing or by going to the Library at the Towers. Stop in and look around, Things are still being unpacked. You will also be able to find previously mailed copies of DDM, in our archive file. Please direct new Dawnette's to the office to view DDM and for them to sign up. If you currently have a link to a DDM page on your own web page, please move it to this site. I'll be taking down previously viewed web pages. Here's the link for the new Office: [http://www.toppertowers.com/apts/suites/ddm\\_staff/index.shtml](http://www.toppertowers.com/apts/suites/ddm_staff/index.shtml)

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**Dawn Jumble Contest Winners:**

Congrats to Melanie D and Wendy S... You're the only two that wrote in with answers to the contest that appeared in the printed magazine. Here is the completed phrase:

"When your day is STRESSFUL bring Dawn along  
in your pocket. She will help you have [a] groovy day!"

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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

The find of the month goes to:

Michelle M. For her GREEN EYED MAUREEN! It was in a dawn case with tons of other HTF goodies at an astoundingly reasonable price!!! WTG Michelle, I am so happy that you got that case!!

Lots of doll show finds for this month! I may even have to save some for next months edition, especially since many of us "scored" at the Doll show in Buffalo, during the convention. Wendy B attended 2 doll shows near her and Here is what she found at the first one:

"At the first table:

Cupid's Beau mint loose complete. (For Tammy Schaub)

red Chain er Up Nice loose complete.

Pink Head to toe Dawn mini dress mint loose.

Silver and blue lace knockoff gown with black bow near mint and light blue knockoff shoes

All for \$38.00 !!!! At another table I got:

Daphne in a mint condition Buttercups and Moonbeams!! Hair is pretty nice with no yellow bow. Some blue in hairline not bad. Necklace but no stones in it. She has on panties and knockoff yellow shoes. Doll is nice and clean. Both knees ckick twice for \$12.00!!!

At another table I got:

Sidepart Glori, very heavy makeup. Beautiful! In Wedding Bell Dream with veil. Pretty good condition.

Undies too. \$5.00!!

Denise with a nice tight bun. Some bluing in hairline, knees click once, no panties in a semi yukky

Shocker Frocker. \$5.00. I can't resist a Denise at that price!!!

Maureen in a strapless Petals and Pleats gown, knockoff panties, pretty nice. Doll is really sweet. One knee clicks. \$5.00!!!! A mint pair of panties, 50 cents. Jessicas bright orange hat. Very clean but stretched out elastic, 50 cents."

I also met a Dawnoholic named Tiffany at the \$5.00 a doll basket and have invited her to chat so maybe we will see her sometime. Best doll show I have been to in a while! Best doll show haul I have ever had!!!

ok, I admit, I felt VERY strange walking around with a hald nude Dawn peeking out of my pocket,,but I guess she brought me luck. Either that or Dawns REALLY can

communicate with each other!LOL

Wendy B was also able to attend another doll show in Dedham Mass. Here is her news on that one:

"It was pretty big!! A little over an hour from my house. Many dealers maybe 40 or maybe 50? I should have counted. Anyway It was pretty packed and hard to get through with the stroller. I did have some luck but made a better contact I hope. I got a not mint but fairly nice Longlocks sparkly orchid colored stock mini for \$2.50. I also got a neat anomaly. Good thing I was paying attention! I found a near mint HTT Dawn pink fuzzy mini. The thing that was different about it is the nap is upside down so the fuzz points up instead of down!!! I remember someone else found one like that MIB. I can't remember who it was so I have been looking every time I see one I look closer now. I also got a few shoes. The big thrill of the day was since I had the strolle5r with Amelia and Luke, I did a lot of asking if sellers had Dawns before I went into their booth. One lady said "WellI didn't bring any with me but I have quite a bid. What do you like? Loose or Boxed?" Well after I picked up my jaw and tongue off the floor, I asked her if she was local and she said she lived in Fitchburg Mass!!!! EEEEEKKKK!!! I live in the next town over!!! She said she teaches in a school in my daughter's school district too!!!! Thank goodness she gave me her number. I can't wait to hook up with her!!!!. Wish me Rain Check Dawn luck!!!!

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Remember that doll shows and ebay are not the only places to find dolls, Kittie went to a local flea market and this is what she had to say:

"I went to the flea today after tossing n turning all night....at one row I found 3 or 4 sellers with Dawns,,,hubby and I could barely keep up!! one guy sold me a HUGE baggie of Barbie vintage shoes n accessories, and GAVE me an Angie in gold glow swirl and a Dawn in a blue n white mini... Next stop, 3 people down from him.....a nice lady had a few Dawns on a table, eh, is that Maureen, Dale, Jessican and Angie with NO green knees?? yup, \$5 each! Dale turned out to have BRI GHT green eyes. I asked her for clothes as these had on panties only,,sure nuff,,she had a Zipper baggie FULL and shoes, oh my hubby calls me I melda of doll shoes now..\$10 for that.. couple feet away from that nice gal....a guy with an enormous display of dolls and hallmark stuff, so I asked,,,,sure enuff,,he had Starrs NRFB and a bunch of vintage things,,took awhile to wade thru but came up with a few Longlocks, Dawns and Angies. \$20 spent there. well,,I guess you can see where this is headed.....:-) spent a total of about \$60 or so of mine and hubbys cash and wound up with only ONE green kneed gal and one with pinkpricks,,all have hair and lashes!! woohoo! whatta day! I have a LOAD of spare shoes now and always willing to help out Dawn buds so,,,,,u know where to find me!"

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I went to the Buffalo show, and got 3 bags of dolls that need work, (\$12.00) each bag. there were lots of dolls in there that I could use, there were a couple of Dinah's a hard head Angie and Fancy Feet, and Longlocks with a bad hair cuts, 3 Majorette bodies, and many Dawns. I also found a great Barbie outfit with a diamond print that I am going to make a couple of Dawn dresses out of. I also found a lime green cape that I gave to Janet to go with her lime green topper boots! I was also happy to have found the pink pussy cat stock mini with the white fringe on it for Michelle M, You should see those boots, they are so cool! I found a great Daphne with a yellow bow, I always wanted one to go with my Buttercups and moonbeams, so I will probably ebay My Daphne that is in my display and replace her with my new one (or up grade my nieces collection) I also found a few very pretty Angies. The hat and Jacket to Flurry Flounce (\$4.00), and a mint hat to Furbulous fake (\$1.00) There was no magic box, but there was a dawn dealer who had a lot of Dawns in a window display for \$10.00 each, they were nice, some had cool looking knock offs on them. I also recieved a little Dawn sized Mug from Wendy and April that had the name "Babs" on it, I was so taken back when they gave it to me! I also got a Yellow Daphne portfolio from Janet, and a Dinah Portfolio from Dana. It is just so amazing how we all found things for each other! It was all in the true spirit of Dawn! I found a pair of blue boots, that I hope to someday use on a Rain drops a falling outfit. I found a second pair of these for Carla as well! I also picked up a Kip Majorette that was complete, and still had the tags on her (\$18.00)

Ohio was bustling with some doll shows again, and a few of the "regulars" were in attendance including

Dana! Here is Dana's report:

"Just got home and gave the girls their ritual welcome home bath. What a day! I was so psyched to see Wendy, Janet and family, plus a new Dawn crazy, Amy. I expected to be home doing chores as usual today, but a couple days ago, I got told there was a show and got Jim to agree to drive. Talk about Dawn miracles! We made a deal to be home in time for football, so he's now ditched me to watch the game at his friend's house. Turnabout is fair Dawn play I guess. At first rounds, the show seemed pretty Dawn dry. Luckily, I was carrying my original (only surviving intact original Dawn item, BTW) for good luck. It turned out to be good advertising, because this lady whose table I was going to pass up called out that she had Dawn stuff. Here are my scores:

1. Most enviable (and likely to not get me invited again) Dawn score: MELANIE! I have been looking for a nice one without green hairline. This chick is a beaut- looks like a black-haired Dawn to me. But HER HAIR. Not that I should talk, but I'm BEGGING for a Dawn pic of a minty one to know how to style her hair. It is so funky looking right now. I noticed going home it is pulled back with a rubberband. Janet found an equally beautiful one with loose hair in a 3-tier Petals gown. I think I liked her hair loose alot better than this funky do, I would really appreciate someone letting me know what the deal is with her do. \$10 (please don't hate me).
2. 2 HTT Dawns (I need like a hole in the head)- great swapping bods for cheap, 1 dancing, 1 regular with clicking knees, 1 w/ hard legs wearing Golden moment coat and gown- \$20
3. Fancy Feet- original, melt on back covered by clothes, missing row of plugs. Very strange doll- never saw Fancy with the painted head like Dinah before. I hope to use her as my first reroot. I think even I could handle just one already-gone row.- \$7
4. A hard-legged Dawn and a working Dancing Jessica w/minor melts in the breast area.

I also found the girls at a table where they scored lots of NRFB stuff at past shows, eyeing a bag o' Dawn stuff she wanted to sell as a lot for \$50. At least half was crap, so I offered her \$30 for the Silvery Pom Poms and Socko Swirls. They're soaking in the Polident bath as I type.

I feel somewhat guilty for having gotten a couple really nice things very cheap when other didn't find much. I am glad they at least got nice boxed items at the past shows. Sorry if some of you think listing my cost is tacky, I feel obligated to be very Dawn detailed. The biggest Dawn high was getting to see my fellow Dawn buddies! We had a really nice lunch afterward, although it seemed to fly by waaay to fast. If only we lived in closer proximity, but maybe it is for a reason: to try to save my Dawn sanity (and Jim's derivitively).

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Here is what Wendy S. had to say about the same show:

"I think we all had a good time. Of course it was great to see those that I already knew, and it was a blast to meet Amy, especially since she only lives ten minutes from me! Sometime in the next couple of weeks Janet and Amy are gonna come to my house for Dawn show-and-tell! Seeing little Benjamin was a treat, as always. He seems to make friends wherever he goes, and he really had fun visiting the other diners at lunch!

I got five dolls, though none are really worth writing home about. Two Angies, one of which needs some eyelashes, one pretty Dawn, one LL with great hair but needs eyelashes, and one really pretty Glori in her orange/gold dress. Her knees even click like new! One of the Angies is wearing the only Rockweed outfit that I like - that cute pink/white

mini. I also found Dancing Dawn's green with red fringe mini, two Topper poodles and an unknown poodle that's metallic gold in color. I spent around \$50 on Dawn's.

Here's a funny tidbit. If you're an Ohio State Buckeyes fan (such as myself), you need a buckeye necklace. I've been looking for one for quite some time, though rather half-heartedly. Today I finally got one, at the doll show of all places! LOL P.S. Even Rick admitted that he had a good time going to a doll show!"

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And Last but not least Janets Version of the doll show:

"It seems there are fewer and fewer Dawns at the big Columbus doll show each time, but we had a blast anyway. This show happens twice a year and has probably 120 vendors, and even over the three times that Wendy and I have gone, I've noticed a trend away from vintage dolls and toward more artist dolls and other new dolls. Amy and I were thinking that may be one of the effects of eBay, where selling vintage stuff of all kinds is very lucrative.

Anyway, when Andy, Benjamin and I got there about 9:30, Wendy and Rick were already waiting - it was great to meet Rick and to see Dana and Jim again; they showed up all the way from Cleveland just a few minutes later. Amy found us without problem while we were standing in line, and the guys commenced to rolling their eyes and talking sports when we all immediately pulled out our Janet boxes full of dolls and other treasures to show off!

We inadvertently ditched the guys immediately as soon as the doors opened, cause we were all on a quest! We took off in various directions to search for Dawn, and came up with a few little goodies but, of course, not the pot of gold - I mean case of Rain Checks - we're always hoping for, or even the one vendor who has a bunch of NRFB Dawn stuff, like Wendy and I have found two times before. One seller was there with her elderly Mom, who had a bunch of assorted Dawns and a few accessories. I think all of us bought something from her. I got an unbraided Dinah who needs one eye repainted, and a pretty nice Melanie in Dinah's Petals'n'Pleats, plus a pair of What a Racket sneakers, all for \$20. We all passed by a Fancy Feet missing quite a few of her hair plugs, but I can't remember what everyone else got, except Amy bought a great Jessica in the rosy shade of orange mini and the What a Racket sneakers on her feet. One or two other vendors had some loose Dawn stuff, and the woman from whom I bought the blue diamond jumper NRFB last year had one baggie of Dawn stuff, from which Dana got a Socko Swirls and the two pieces of Silvery Pompoms. I'll let everyone else report what they found, cause I can't remember. I bought an NRFB Happy Family (Mattels' black Sunshine Family) for a bargain-basement \$12, and Wendy got a great Buckeye necklace which will probably not impress anyone not from Ohio.

All in all, there just wasn't much to be had, which disappointed us since we'd hoped the press around New Dawn would encourage sellers to search their attics for Dawn stuff. Still, all four of us found something or another nice, and the three husbands in attendance were \*such\* good sports. Andy even reported back to me on a bunch of funny dolls he found here and there, and took me to all the booths to look at them! Benjamin got a little cranky toward the end, and Rick and Jim were definitely ready to leave, but I'd hazard that all of us had a great time.

We went out to lunch at the Cheesecake Factory in the new mall nearby, which is a big restaurant with a BIG menu of all sorts of food in VERY BIG portions. Then it was time to part company - I was so glad to have met Amy, and Rick, and to see Jim again, and for my Dawn buddies Wendy

and Dana, well, it's always just a huge treat."

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I would like a few of the ladies who attended this years convention, to write me with their stories, and finds of the Buffalo doll show so I can place them in the next issue,(like Michelle's Green eyed Maureen find etc!). Now on to searching for a doll show near you!

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Please Remember to call first to find out if any of the shows that are listed as a toy show, do actually have dolls, most do, though not as many as a doll show, but it only takes one vender with a great supply to make a great day!! I instead of "Remember the Alamo" Dawn collectors may be heard using our alternative to that saying, "Remember the Magic Box"! \*

\*That is in reference to a huge box with over 100 dressed Dawn dolls of all types and rarities, that we discovered at the First East Coast Convention at the Rothman Center in NJ!

Connecticut

November 25-26, East Hartford CT, Connecticut Expo Center, Greenberg's Great Train & Collectible Toy Show, Sat. 11-5pm, Sun.

11-4pm, \$6 Adm. [www.greenbergshows.com](http://www.greenbergshows.com), Greenberg Shows, Inc., Deana , 7566 Main St, Sykesville, MD 21784, 410-795-7447.

New Jersey

November 11th The Rothman Show at Farleigh Dickenson University, Hackensack NJ 10am-4pm.

November 4, Haddonfield NJ, Kingsway Learning Center, Elizabeth Haddon Doll Show & Sale, 10-4pm. [kkaufman9@aol.com](mailto:kkaufman9@aol.com), Karen

Kaufman, 856-428-8108.

November 11, Newark NJ, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, One Center Street, Year 2000 Black Doll Show & Sale, 10-5pm. Linda

or Rhonda , 201-568-6065 or 201-568-8489.

November 18-29, Edison NJ, NJ Convention & Expo Center, Greenberg's Great Train & Collectible Toy Show, Sat. 11-5pm, Sun.

11-4pm, \$6 Adm. [www.greenbergshows.com](http://www.greenbergshows.com), Greenberg Shows, Inc., Deana , 7566 Main St, Sykesville, MD 21784, 410-795-7447.

Massachussetts

November 12, Dedham MA, Holiday Inn, Rt One & 128/95 Exit 15A, Antique & Collectible Toy Show, 9:30-12 noon \$4.50 Adm, 12

noon-3:00pm. Atlantic Group, Mrs. Devlin, 508-379-9733.

Virginia

November 11-12, Richmond VA, Fairgrounds at Strawberry Hill, Mid-Atlantic Doll Expo, 11-5pm daily, \$4 Adm. 804-589-5400.

Texas

November 11, Mesquite TX, Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive, Toy & Doll Show, 10-4pm, \$3 Adm. Email: [toys@ionet.net](mailto:toys@ionet.net), Productions Unlimited, 7334 N May Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73116, 405-810-1010.

November 18, Belton TX, Bell County Expo Center, Loop 121, Doll & Toy Show & Sale, 9-4pm. Jean Huff, 361-547-3757.

December 3, Houston TX, Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Houston Hobby Airport, 9100 Gulf Freeway, Toy & Doll Show,

10-4pm, \$3 Adm. Email: [toys@ionet.net](mailto:toys@ionet.net), Productions Unlimited, 7334 N May Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73116, 405-810-1010.

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.

California

November 11, San Rafael CA, Marin Civic Center Exhibit Hall, 2600 Geneva Ave, Antique to Modern Dolls, Teddy Bears, Miniatures,

Toys, Books, Supplies and Related Collectibles, 10-4pm, \$5 Adm. Golden Gate Shows, Fern Loiacono, PO Box 448, Mill Valley, CA

94942, 415-383-2252.

November 11, San Mateo CA, San Mateo County Expo Center, San Mateo Doll And Teddy Bear Show, 10-3:00pm. Past and Present

Doll Shows, Steve Souza, PO Box 20346, El Cajon, CA 92021, 619-300-2789.

Iowa

November 12, Davenport IA, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, 2815 West Locust St, 17th Annual Wonderland Doll, Toy & Bear Show,  
9-4pm. Dora Pitts, 4697 155th St, Clinton, IA 52732, 319-242-0139.

Kentucky

November 5, Louisville KY, Executive Inn, 978 Phillips Lane, Louisville Doll Show & Sale, 10-4pm, \$2.50 Adm. Jim Webb, 401 Marty Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101, 270-782-0033.

Florida

December 2, Vero Beach FL, Vero Beach Community Center, 2266 14th Ave, Dolls, Bears, Toys and Beanies, 9-3pm, \$3 Adm. Florida's Treasure Coast Doll Club, Linda Webber, PO Box 650152, Vero Beach, FL 32965, 561-567-5930.

Michigan

November 5, 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.

New York

November 26, Stony Brook NY, Suny Stony Brook Sports Complex, Exit 62 Lie, Nichols Rd. North, 13th Annual Doll, Toy and Teddy Bear Show & Sale, 10-4pm, \$3 Adm. S.U.N.Y. Stonybrook Burn Ctr, Sophie Mahoney, PO Box 1, Northport, NY 11768, 631-261-6242.

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

Do you ever need a Dawn fix, want to get in touch with other Dawn collectors, or hope to find an elusive item for your collection? Here is the most complete list of Dawn-related Internet links around, including general sites and for-sale lists. Topper Towers apartments and sites included in the Dawn webring are not separately listed in general, as you can get to all of them easily from Topper Towers or the webring. Also, several new sites including want lists and convention photos are linked on Topper Towers; just go to and click on "Links." If you have or know of a Dawn site that isn't included on this list, please send it on over to . The links will be updated 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! Topper Towers has just experienced a major renovation and has a fresh new look plus lots of great features including links pages, a shopping mall and a library. 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\*

[alt.collecting.topper-dawn \(Usenet\)](mailto:alt.collecting.topper-dawn@usenet) - visit the Dawn Newsgroup for up to the minute ideas and fun stuff. A wide-ranging and friendly discussion about all things Dawn and lots of things not-Dawn!

<http://www.dawnandherworld.com> - Dawn and Her World is Checkerboard Toys' site about the new 30th Anniversary Dawn! It is really nicely done and lots of fun, plus you can order the anniversary Dawn and limited edition poster here. See below for more on Anniversary 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.persephone.com/dawn/main.html> - That 70s Doll, Alix's AWESOME Dawn site has to be seen to be believed!

<http://www.sitemouse.com/users/benita/index.shtml> - Have you seen the 30th Anniversary Dawn?! Make sure you check her out.

<http://overzone.com/cgi-bin/ebay/storefront.asp?StoreID=8> - Topper Dawn Doll Archive, a growing collection of examples of Topper dolls and outfits, maintained by Kathryn.

[http://www.geocities.com/princess\\_royal\\_dawn/](http://www.geocities.com/princess_royal_dawn/) - Mel D's Dawn site is packed with info and photos. A must-see!

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

<aol://5863:126/mBLA:195554> - AOL-only Dawn Dolls message board

[http://www.toppertowers.com/apts/suites/ddm\\_staff/index.shtml](http://www.toppertowers.com/apts/suites/ddm_staff/index.shtml) - The DDM Office at the Towers. You can view past issues here!

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**Buying Dawn online**

Don't overlook the new shopping mall at Topper Towers! Go to and click on "Mall". It's a place for us collectors to post our extras for sale and check out the other great Dawn items available for purchase.

<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://auctions.yahoo.com> - Several Dawn collectors are moving their sales over to yahoo auctions, being frustrated with the fees and inconsistent reliability of eBay. Check it out!

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

<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. The site says it was last updated in March, but I think there are some recently posted goodies there!

<http://www.mcn.net/~starbase/dawn/salelist.html> - Joedi'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://overzone.com/cgi-bin/ebay/storefront.asp?StoreID=6> - Dawn, JPI Starr, Disney, & Custom Clothing. Kat's site includes Topper items, custom Dawn clothing, and embroidery t-shirts for you featuring images of Dawn & friends!

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

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

<http://www.valleyofthedolls.com/ds/index.htm> - Valley of the Dolls Dawn page. They usually have a nice variety, and the real goodies tend to go quickly! Note: I have recently tried to buy from them, and never received a reply to several e-mails.

<http://members.aol.com/lleenex/dawn.html> - Lesia's World of Dawn sale list, includes various Dawn, Rockflower and Starr items.

<http://www.dolls4play.com/dawnlist.html> - Denise'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, including a bunch of NRRFP Premier accessories.

<http://www.dollsntoys.com/1970s.htm> - Toys of Another Time usually has a few Dawn things, and lots of other cool 1970s dolls.

<http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~cernunos/Teenagedream.htm> - Teenage Dream, a U.K. seller of Pippas and Dawns, plus other dolls. 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, Sindy and other dolls. Currently they are offering several beautiful NRRFB Pippa family dolls and outfits.

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**Closing Thoughts:** Glori Lori

Okay Dawnette's... I have 3 columnists that didn't include their columns and I still went into three emails this month. :) Guess we just have so much Dawn News to spread!  
Don't forget the altered mini contest and the secret santa... it's almost that time of the year.

We're a growing family here at DDM. We welcome the new subscribers, nine more from last month. I hope you enjoyed this issue. Let us know if there is something you would like to see or if you have a column idea.

See you next month! Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!

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