

# 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

Hello again! The staff of DDM hopes everyone enjoyed their summer. Are you ready for the beginning of fall? Isn't it hard to believe that there are only four months left of the year 2000!! But in our Dawn world, we have a lot to look forward to.

This issue might seem a little light, but it still should fill your Dawn fix. We are all hoping to give you a great printed issue next month! Keep the staff in your prayers as we put this all together and hope it comes out Dawn worthy. Also, is there anyone that hasn't heard of the New Dawn 2000 yet? Check for the link below to see some photo's. Next month we hope to bring you an interview with the New Dawn creator!

Not to be forgotten in all this news, our second convention will be taking place at the end of the month. I'll try to cover some details for the gals that are making the trip. Also see the contest for the stay at home Dawnette's.

Enjoy this issue of Dawn Digest Magazine!!

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## Dawn 2000

Have you heard about the new Dawn 2000? Available in October 2000, Checkerboard Toys, Inc. will be releasing an Anniversary Dawn. Displayed in a colorful display box and an inner smaller box, duplicated in the 2nd release box. Dawn will be wearing her original blue and white stock mini. Here is a link to the site with pictures and how you can pre order your new Dawn.  
<http://www.sitemouse.com/users/cntssmorra/newdawn.shtml>

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## Doll Reader "Dawn" Advertisement: by Glori Lori

You may have heard about Dawn 2000 first on the newsgroup or in DDM. I just saw the new gal in a printed advertisement. Check out Doll Reader magazine, October 2000 issue. You can find the 1/2 page ad for Dawn 2000 on page 22. It's short, sweet and to the point. This is the beginning for the general public. I truly wonder if our value is on the brink of rising. Check out the advertisement if you happen to pick up this magazine. I give it a thumbs up, but it should have been a full page ad.

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## Ebay Highlights - July-August 2000 By Nosdollgic (Dana / nosdollgic@oh.verio.com)

### HEAVY-WEIGHT CORNER:

Item	High Bid
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Green/blue Jessica mini lot	\$128.50
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Knitty Midi lot	\$464.6
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Congratulations to all the winners!

#### EBAY FINANCIAL PLANNING TIPS OF THE MONTH:

Collect 2-for-1 coupons to restaurants and then invite another couple. Make them pay for their half, and you and your partner dine free.

Instead of buying a fire alarm, hang Jiffy Pop from the ceiling

#### IN THE MOSHPIIT:

While the rest of us were waging bidding wars, one of our Dawn sisters, Shelley, was on vacation in Nova Scotia and brings us the following score report:

"my Dawn fairy granted me my wish ;o) )..... Green eyed Dale (in Great shape ).... . 3 Dawn two of which were Hong Kong bodies and one gluey Japan and 2 Glori both Hong Kong, all except Dale in need of a day of perfume and pampering... (2 dawn and 1 Gloria not in picture, they were off to the side sunbathing, the poor girls had no clothes) . The price for the six was \$13.50 Canadian (about \$9.00 American)....they were found at an antique shop in a carriage with a bunch of other dolls that smelled of moth balls. They are sleeping in tents outside for the night!!"

You can see a vacation pic of the girls catching some rays at:

<http://albums.photopoint.com/j/ViewPhoto?u=604514&a=4418627&p=24311126>

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](mailto: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](mailto:starbase@mcn.net))

#### **Starr: The Dawn of the 1990's**

In honor of the upcoming 30th anniversary Dawn I thought it would be a fun to look at her 1990s reincarnation. Starr dolls produced by JPI first hit the shelves in 1994. These dolls are clearly related to Dawn's body size and stand but none of the clothes are retro. All of the outfits are very 1990s styles and they do have some fun details. I was told that JPI bought the rights to Dawn with the stipulation that they could use the name Dawn but that it could not be applied to the main doll.

I was contacted by the Starr fashion designer shortly after the dolls started to appear on shelves. Her name was Sarah and she was interested in seeing my blue Dawn car, the Head-To-Toe wigs and Furbulous Fake. I sent all of these things for her to look over. Sarah was especially interested in creating what she called a "hair play" doll like the Head-To-Toes. For some reason the hair play doll did not come into being but JPI did produce a motorized Jeep and fur clothes for the dolls. If the line was successful Sarah wanted to design paper dolls and books that gave all the dolls last names and more complete lives. After Starr's first year JPI became disillusioned with her sales. By late 1995 they were already slowing down production. The last time I called the company in 1996 to ask about the distribution of the carded outfits they told me that no outfits had been produced and that they were discontinuing the line. I wonder if Starr's story would have been different if she had been released 4-5 years later.

Most of the Dawn collectors I knew at the time did not like her. I wasn't sure how I felt about her. I originally bought all of the dolls and then

took most of them back because I did not want to store them. I did buy the playsets and a Toya from each series so I could have a representation of each collection in the next book. Starr is very different from Dawn 2000 in that she was not produced as a collector doll. Starr was geared for the play market more like the original Dawn.

As I put the finishing touches on the Starr section for the Dawn book update I have discovered that I like these girls more than I did when they were on the shelves. I decided to expand the Starr section so it is more complete. The line deserves it. I have come to appreciate Starr for the mid 90s time capsule she is and I think I will appreciate her more as time goes by.

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## THE CREATIVE GARDEN - By Michelle Candace

"Custom Dawn & Fashions On The Rise"

If you scan through the Dawn pages of Ebay then you have certainly noticed the increasing variety of custom dolls and fashions that are becoming available. Most definitely a lot more now, than when I first started making Dawn creations. There are quite a few talented individuals out there who are making some darling little Dawn goodies! Being a collector of custom dolls, I am very pleased about this.

Dawn's short lived production time gives collectors a fairly limited variety of dolls and fashions. Especially when compared to other fashion dolls like Miss "B". To expand your Dawn collection why not look to custom dolls and designs. Have you always wanted a Dawn princess or perhaps a blue eyed, red haired Angie doll? With the custom world of Dawn these and many others are possible. How about a ballet outfit, belly dancer outfit, or a 1940's retro outfit for beautiful Dawn? Again, with the custom world of Dawn these and so many more are possible. Even the varieties amongst the same themed doll are interesting. For example I have recently seen many different Dawn Fairy dolls. Each similar (because they are fairies) yet each one was unique and lovely in their own way. Custom creations truly make it possible for Dawn or any of her groovy friends to play many roles that were never originally created for them.

If you like to make dioramas/scenes for your Dawn doll some custom creations would be wonderful additions to your setting. Perhaps you would enjoy a vampire Dawn for your Halloween scene. Or maybe an Asian Dawn to be placed in your oriental scene? The possibilities are really quite infinite.

If you haven't been looking at custom Dawn dolls or fashions what better time than now to start looking. Do a search in the Dawn listings on Ebay under "custom" or "OOAK" (one of a kind) and your sure to find some cool things to check out. You may just like to look at the creations. You may find that "GOTTA HAVE IT" item. Or better yet, you may be so absolutely inspired and start creating yourself. And who knows, maybe you, yes you, reading this right now, will make something to knock all of our socks off!! It's all for the Love of Dawn!!

In the next months DDM Creative Garden article I will be sharing the basic how PTO's of creating molded hair for your Dawn doll. If you'd like to give your Dawn an interesting new look be sure to check it out! If you ever have any customizing questions or topic suggestions for future Creative Garden articles please contact me at

michellecandacecustomdolls@hotmail.com. Until next time have a Dawnrific month and make sure that you get a little Dawn doll playing time in!

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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.)

#### "DAWN SURVI VOR - A Day In the Life of a Topper Factory Worker 30 Years Later

2000 - Time to clean out the closet. I tugged on a box on the top shelf. A small white vinyl Dawn case nearly landed on top of my head. I quickly stepped aside. It bounced to the floor, knocking the snap open and spilling its contents everywhere. I reached down and picked up the tiny doll accessories. The pink shoes and hangers brought back fond memories of when I was a Topper factory worker thirty years earlier. I picked up tiny little mini dresses and remembered their names: Green Fling, Swing N Sway, What A Racket." All these little accessories but did I still have a Dawn doll? I picked up the case. Only one doll was inside. She must be the Dawn survivor from my original Dawn collection back when I was a Topper employee. After working at Topper for two years I had been laid off along with all my coworkers. Topper had closed its doors after declaring bankruptcy. Week after week I had to sell off my collection until I found work elsewhere. Only one doll remained by then. Who was the Dawn survivor? Join me 30 years ago as my team of Dawn dolls votes who will leave and who will stay. Announcing....Model Agency Melanie wearing Glimmering Stardust; Model Agency blue eyed Maureen wearing a gold bodysuit with a long sheer orange skirt; Dale with green eyes wearing a red and gold brocade mini dress; a regular Dawn doll wearing Knitty Midi, Surfer Dude Kevin, Exotic Dancer Van. I don't recall any of these dolls being widely sold in stores in North America, if at all. Join us as the team undergoes a grueling series of tests to determine who will leave and who will stay. The outcome could affect how all can vote. This week's challenge: A Fashion Show. The dolls all look resplendent in their clothes. Melanie and Maureen get high points for their elegant evening gowns. Dawn loses points for her ugly ensemble. Dale gets high points for her fashionable mini-dress. Kevin gets a few points for his wacky and wild colored surfer dude shorts and surfing board. Exotic Dancer Van is completely embarrassing in his gold lamé G-string. What were the Topper designers thinking? After the votes have been tabulated, it has been decided that Exotic Dancer Van must go. "It was just too embarrassing being around him," Melanie commented. "He didn't have anything to fill that G-string," Dale said. Stay tuned for next month's Dawn Survivor! Who will leave and who will stay?"

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#### Convention Information

As of this month, there are 60 subscribers to DDM. I have just completed my work on my mailing labels for the printed issue. According to that listing we have 13 people definitely going to the convention. I have 40 not going and 7 that I haven't received a response from. \*\*Also keep in mind that there are a few Dawnette's floating around that may be going to the convention that read the newsgroup but do not subscribe to DDM. I'm sure you are surprised that some people have not signed up to read DDM. But it is true, at least three names can come to me immediately. So This may effect the number of people going to the convention. \*\*

Convention Dates: Some are arriving on Thursday Sept. 28th. The official kick off is Sept. 29th on Friday evening. We'll be attending a doll show on October 1st. Some gals are departing on the 1st and a few on the morning of the 2nd.

Brochure: The Brochure for the convention is coming along nicely. Elaine let me have a sneak peek. If you are interested in receiving one or if you would like to have your snail mailing address included please contact Elaine. (emeldrum@mediaone.net)

Contests: Many games and contests will be going on over the few days we are away for convention. This is just a few of the highlights. 1) Scenario & Dawn outfit contest 2) Fabric & Trim Contest 3) Naming the Fabric & Trim outfit winner (stay at homers only) 4) Chinese Auction

Prizes & Gifts: Last year everyone brought a small gift for everyone attending the convention. From what I've been hearing around, it seems we will be again be blessed with dawn goodies. A lot of people have been asking me how many are going so they can bring enough gifts. With the 13 I know of that are attending from my DDM mailing list, and last I heard from Jodi she said 17 replied that they would be going. The safe number seems to be 20 - 25. Please keep in mind we will be making a package for the winner of the "naming the outfit of the fabric and trim contest". I hope this helps.

I believe a few others will have prizes for other games and the other contests. The Auction table prizes are coming along great. I heard from some people and they are excited about things they have ready to donate. MIB Topper outfits, Starr items, and custom outfits from Diana (ddjaatea@uswest.net), Michelle Candace (michellecandacecustomdolls@hotmail.com) and Teresa (MMI H2729@aol.com) are among the plans for the table. I also heard from Wendy (dwbaird@aol.com) and she informed me that the painting she is working on should be ready for me to take with me. I know it's going to be a hard choice where to put your tickets for some of these prizes! If you haven't seen the fantastic picture of the painting Wendy did for Phyllis, check it out! <http://albums.photopoint.com/j/AlbumIndex?u=54910&a=7930270> If you get prompted for a password Phyllis says to use: wen.

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**Convention & Doll Show Announcements/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

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**Current Dawn Contests & Activities**

Hi Dawnette's:

Everyone seemed interested in having this next contest. I think it would be a good one for the Convention in September. I still need to buy trim but have the rest of the supplies omitting the thread. If I can find 16 spools of matching thread I'll be including it in the packages. If I've left anyone out of the list I will also be posting everywhere I can, so no one gets missed, who may wish to participate. Please spread the word. I'll also be adding a page to my website with details.

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**CONTROLLED FABRIC & TRIM CONTEST FOR CONVENTION 2000**

**YOUR MISSION:**

Dr. Dawn is an ambassador on a spaceship to Varga, a dismal planet at the edge of the universe. Her journey will take over two months. However, she hadn't planned on the Fancy Dress Ball and only packed jeans and T-shirts. The captain of the ship (me) has graciously offered her the curtains

hanging in Metropolis, the disco on the ship. Several of my shipmates have scrounged around and found her some costume jewelry to decorate the outfit she will have to make. Help Dawn make an outfit that will befit her Ambassador status at the Varga Fancy Dress Ball on September 30, 2000.

-----EXTREMELY HARSH RULES-----YOU MUST COMPLY OR YOU WILL BE EXTERMINATED-----

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- 1) Must be a member of Topper Towers
- 2) Must be an active member of the Dawn Newsgroup, that's dolls folks, not comic books!
- 3) Must be planning on attending the Convention in September. (Remember I have spies out there!)
- 4) You are only allowed to use what is contained within the fabric & trim packet that will be mailed to you. You may NOT add any other fabric, trim, beads, sequins, jewelry, do-dads, etc. You may make her accessories as long as you use what is contained within the packet.
- 5) Only SIXTEEN spaces are available for this contest. By invitation only.
- 6) You may pair up with a partner if you wish who is not a member of the Towers or NG.
- 7) You may make more than one outfit or as many as you can get out of the packet.
- 8) Bribing the captain for the fabric and trim is allowed.
- 9) You may not use these supplies for Ebay.
- 10) Please email me your name, address, an email account that works, and your plans for the Convention. Email me once you have received the packet and have fun!

Next Saturday I will start mailing out the packets so everyone will have a solid two months to work on their projects.

Judging will be at the Convention on Sat. September 30, 2000. Prizes will be awarded.

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Naming the Winning outfit of the Fabric & Trim Contest.

You stay at homers wanted to get in on the convention fun ... and I came up with a simple way.

Who can play: Only people NOT going to the convention

What do you do: You must come up with a name (ex: pink slink) for the winning outfit of the trim & fabric contest. You will email me the name you come up with by September 25th. You will not tell anyone else what the name is that you thought of.

What happens: I will bring all the names of the people participating and the name they created for the winning outfit. At the convention... I will show them all the names and the girls there will vote on what to call the winning outfit. Only I will know who created the name. The name that is selected... wins the prize.

The winning outfit and it's name will be displayed when we return from convention. Winner of the name contest will be announced then.

Prizes: The winner will receive a goody bag with all the gift trinkets that are handed out at the convention.

\*\* Anyone bringing gifts for everyone... please include one more for this prize.

\*\* Melanie - maybe you can take a picture of what the stuff looked like that was sent out to everyone, so they have an idea of the color scheme.

\*\* Special Thanks to Babs for giving me this idea.

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#### Dawn's Chinese Auction

#### Who plays - Everyone at Convention 2000!

Items to Bid on - Everyone playing in this auction is asked to bring at least one item to donate to the auction table. The item must be dawn related. It can be an MIB, NRFB, loose Mint item or something Custom made. Some people not going to the Convention have said they would be interested to donate a gift for the auction table. If you would like to donate a gift, please email Angie (nappifam1@home.com), She will let you know where you can send it so we make sure it gets to the convention. Prizes should be not be wrapped. You can use a clear zip lock bag to display it.

How do we Play - This will be a 2 day participation game. Starting on Friday night and ending at our Saturday night gala. The object is to collect as many "tickets" to use in the auction. This will give you more chances. You will collect tickets for doing things on the list below. After that there will be games, similar to the ones I ran at last years convention. On Saturday more tickets will be given out through out the day. At the evenings Gala, all the donated prizes will be displayed on a table. You will put as many tickets as you wish in for each prize. At a certain time we will announce the auction table is closed and we will start pulling numbers to see who wins. Any questions?!

#### Tickets Tickets we all want Tickets !

Just for coming to the convention:	1 ticket
For taking a Bus, Plane or Train to the convention:	3 tickets
Took a car:	2 tickets
Traveling the farthest:	1 ticket
For bringing Hubby:	1 ticket
For bringing a non Newsgroup friend:	2 tickets
If you brought a bottle of wine:	1 ticket
For joining the Fabric & Trim Contest:	2 tickets
Dressing up 70's style for the Gala:	1 ticket
Dressing up in Dawn fashion yourself:	2 tickets
For donating 2 or more prizes to the auction:	3 tickets

See how your tickets can add up, and we haven't even played any games yet! Collect your tickets, play games and win some more. Be at the Gala to join in all the fun. Don't miss out on a very special auction!

Contact me if you have questions - cntssmorra@aol.com

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

Autumn's here and it's time to sneak Dawn into your pencil case, to keep you company during your less-favorite subjects and to show off at recess! I don't know about you, but my first day of school was always right after Labor Day. Some of the school districts around here start classes in mid-August these days! When I was in first and second grades, I used to prop my two favorite stuffed animals in the living room window before I left for school, so they would be waiting and watching for me when I got home. You Moms might think about organizing your Dawns into a little welcome-home-from-school party for your kiddies' first day!

Here are some happy birthdays for September:

- Dawn - Sept. 16
- Angie <nappifam1@home.com> - Sept. 17

September was the seventh month in the Roman calendar, and its name is from the Latin "septem" meaning "seven". September is National Biscuit Month, National Sewing Month (so get working on those custom Dawn outfits!), Southern Gospel Music Month, Self-Improvement Month, and International Gay Square Dance Month!

In the United States, Labor Day is the first Monday in September. Mexico's Independence Days are September 15 and 16, and there are five Jewish holidays in September and early October, including Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The flower of the month is the morning glory, and the gem is the sapphire. The lucky Dawn doll of the month is Maureen. Wouldn't she look smashing going back to school in Mad About Plaid or Striped Swinger? Remember to get those fall wardrobes out and pop 'em in some Efferdent if they need freshening, and have a great September!

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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 :)

Super Dawn Thanks to some terrific people, my staff. If you write a monthly column or help me out with information, thank you. To show my appreciation I have sent a small token out to the staff, please keep your eye on the mailbox in the next few days.

Subscribers - Thank you for your kind words each month. Please make sure to direct your attention to the staff. They work each month to help me bring you a great Dawn magazine.

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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 ~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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## DDM in Print ?!!! The Count Down is Almost Here!

Please sure to send in your articles, stories, or a Dawnette bio this week. This is your chance to participate in DDM's printed issue. Printed only for the month of October 2000.

Deadlines are for DDM Staff and all subscribers sending in articles to be included. Please contact Jodi B if you want to include photos in the printed issue of DDM. Photos can be emailed or snail mailed to her.

Oct 1st Printed Issue - Deadline Sept 8th

\*\* Deadline for October's issue will be very early in September, to give time for the printing.

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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

Another exciting month here in the doll show scene! First I would like to say that I was fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of the New Dawn Doll, along with my fellow friends and collectors, Sandy Chris, and Lori, it was quite a surprise for us, and a very special time indeed. But I will be saving that story for next months report! I will also provide the Doll Show list in that issue, so if you are looking for one in your area please email me at BROKENBONES@aol.com with your location, and I will see if I can find one near you.

Now onto last months treasure hunt!

As far as terrific finds this month, I have to say I think Louise's find of a blue diamond long coat in an English "carboot", which I am guessing is pretty much like America's flea markets, and rummage sales.

Here is what Louise had to say:

"this afternoon despite suffering a cold long suffering hubby took me to a carboot sale. I found a stall selling pieces of rubbish and something made me bury my hands in a box. I imagine my delight when I found a small doll with black hair. It was a Melanie and all she needs is her hair redoing. The interesting bit is that with her was a groovy coat in the same diamond fabric as the jumpsuit in Jodies book. <http://members.aol.com/LadyMavericke/coat.jpg>"

Aside from attending the August 13th show at the Rothman center Sandy had also attended an earlier doll show in New Jersey. Here are Sandy's comments on that show:

"Just a few things I want to share. I went to a Doll show this past Sunday! woho! My first show in a while. My sister in law was selling so as I helped her set up Chris was off checking out the Dawn situation. I got to see one of my friends which was great! One of my favorite sellers was there, the guy who has the chorus line Dawns. I decided to get two of this lovely green kneed babes, and 6 pairs of shoes. Chris got a pair of new boots for HIS Jessica. Oh my goodness I cant look at this doll without getting strange looks and questioned. LOL But I love it! Chris also wanted me to have a htt dawn nrfb, box and doll are mint.

There is one tiny little thing wrong with the pink fuzzy mini that Dawn is wearing though. The fringe is going the wrong way, instead of the fuzzies pointing down they point up! LOL I got a big kick out of this. take a look! <http://members.aol.com/sjd1166/httdawn.jpg>

Look right under her chin and you can see.

I have been doing a lot of sewing again. I have one dress that I have to finish the hooks on the back. I will scan this as soon as I finish. It might go on Ebay, trying to pull some money together for the Dawn convention. And to pay for my Ebay purchases. Another thing I have tried my hand at is hand carving wood shoes for Dawn. I came real close to cutting my finger but its for Dawn! Once I get this next pair done I will scan it so everyone can see. I have had a lot of fun doing this but it is not easy. I am going to make several pairs of different styles and shapes. oh just had a phone call an Ebay purchase just showed up at work!! SO OFF I GO! " Sandy

I think everyone knows by now that Michelle Candace is expecting a new little dawn collector in October, but it seems Michelle has her Mom out scouting for her, so she does not miss anything! Michelle's Mom recently found some items for her at garage sale. I have not yet heard exactly what the outfits ended up to be, maybe Michelle can let us know soon!

Kudos' to my Mom in Ohio. She went to a garage sale and got a Dawn with two outfits, both outfits have lots of blue (that's all she said) plus a couple pairs of undies for a whole 75 cents. Of course she's sending it to me. I'm sure it's not anything that's a big deal, but hey at that price you can't beat it huh? Michelle C.

Our "newbies" also seem to be picking up on where and how to find our beloved Dawn dolls! Denise had one of the cutest "Dawn Find" stories that I have heard in a long time! Congratulations Denise!! Great Find!

"Mom & Dad have some property at the ocean that just went on the market and they invited me to go along with them today to go see the Realtor. It's about a 4 hour drive and I was just looking forward to spending the day away - but it turned out to be an even better day than I expected!

After we finished with the property we went to some antique stores. One antique mall seemed kind of high-priced & we weren't finding much there, but the last booth had dolls in it & I stopped to look, & thank goodness I did 'cause there was a NRFB Jessica! Mom says I audibly gasped - so she came back to see what I'd found and we were both really excited. And, for the first time since 1971, my mommy bought me a Dawn doll! As you may remember, I just rediscovered my Dawns recently (all 3 of 'em). Since then all I've added to my tiny little collection is a Dawn I found in another antique store last month. This is my only NRFB doll and I'm just so pleased to have found her. All day long, & all the way back home she sat on the seat next to me and I just kept picking her up to admire her...what a great feeling.

She is in good shape, with no green on her knees but there is a green spot on her right cheek. Also her right foot looks odd, there's something like a bump at her ankle, I can't tell if her foot is sort of twisted (maybe the bump is her heel?) or if she just has an odd protrusion. I scanned her, if you'd like to see. The link is

<http://www.emptymirrorbooks.com/dawn.html>

Well that's my little story of my fabulous day at the beach!" :)Denise

Elaine had yet another "Dawn Outing" and who could be more deserving after all she has been through lately! After visiting the Mayo Clinic, Elaine and Tom went out "shopping for Dawn" On this outing

however, Elaine not only had some nice finds, but she found a new Dawn friend to chat with!

"Since I was feeling depressed about this Tom suggested we go Dawn hunting on the way home. This always cheers me up. We stopped at every antique mall and doll museum between MN and IL. I found two mint Dawns and a perfect white Long n Leather for \$10. I also found some pretty outrageous prices. At one mall a standard blue and white dress with gold hanger was priced at \$18. Oh yes, it was held together with a safety pin. This booth had a lot of knock offs at \$19 (these were the standard ones you always see one Ebay for \$4).

However, my best contact was at a doll museum in WI. The woman had a Dawn exhibit and seemed to know a lot about Dawn. She said she had a large box with extra Dawns and playsets in it at home. Her husband just recently passed away and she said she had not put all her "extras" out to sell at the museum but would be doing that in the next few months. I told her I was a Dawn collector and she said when she brings the box out she will let me go through it to see if I want anything. If it is like her Dawn exhibit I can't wait!

I had a delightful afternoon with her sipping tea and talking about Dawn. It is an eight hour drive but I don't care if I get some neat Dawns". Dawn Hugs, Elaine

Elaine later filled us in on some of her finds for the day, and what great prices they come with!

"This is what I found in the box she had at the museum.

These are the "extras" I don't need but will give to anyone at what it cost me. Here it goes. If you need any of these email me. What I found:

Crown (perfect) \$1.00

Bouquet for beauty pageant urn (missing two flowers but otherwise very nice) \$3.00

Lon blonde HTT Fall \$1.00

Blue Pouf (Good) \$5.00

Jessica's Lime Hat .50

Connie's Majorette Outfit (mint) \$5.00

Dawn red & white Dress (mint) \$2.00

Starlight Ball (good) \$5.00

Gold-Go-Round (mint) \$8.00

Peachy Keen (mint) \$3.00

Pajama Drama (mint) \$8.00

Silvery PomPom (missing blouse top) \$5.00

If you want a scan or are interested contact me. Can you see why I want to see the box she has at home. What a Dawn day."

Last but certainly not least was not exactly a doll show, but a showing of gratitude for a doll! Zuzu received a mystery package in the mail, unbeknownst to the senders, it arrived just prior to her birthday! Zuzu showed great restraint as she decided not to open the box until her birthday (one week from the day the package arrived) The package was sent as a little thank you for Zuzu, for all she has given us by starting this NG which eventually led to the opening of Topper Towers, the creation, and distribution of DDM and the Conventions. Here are a couple Zuzu's posts leading up to the "grand opening"

Hmm..OK which of you 'Dawnaroonies' sent me a mystery pkg? I don't recognize your return addy, and it only has 'topper dawn' as a name..I am DYING of curiosity, and would like to rip the whole box to shreds to see what is inside, but my birthday is next Wednesday and since we have no family or friends here, it will be a very quiet

day..SOOO..I was wondering if it would be alright to wait till that day to open it? Of course, if you would rather I open it tonite, that could be arranged too..(sitting with box cutter in hand, waiting for the signal) Whomever you are, you shouldn't have !! Thank you for thinking of me..its been a very trying and depressing time for me these last couple months and I am totally flabbergasted over the gesture...Email me and LMK who you are...Now, I have to get back to staring at this box with my Xray vision..mwahaha..(\*my husband went out and bought my birthday present yesterday..he told me how much he spent, and I saw that it fit in a standard grocery bag as he snuck it in the house....so it will be a LONG week of curiosity..he KNOWS I cant stand secrets!! I think I guessed it last night tho..a SERGER...the look on his face was too hesitant before he said: HEY, you have to wait to find out!) heheheaha...sigh..i love a good mystery!! zuzu

Day 2...."As I sit and stare at the mystery pkg, my mind begins to wander and my eyes are a blur from the continuous stress of not knowing what is in the box" "My husband keeps asking:'when are you going to open it?' 'when, when, WHEN?'" As my hand reaches out to touch it, I can feel my resolve weakening....5 days till my birthday.....the box is calling me...'open me' 'open me' 'open me' .....must..get..out..of..the..house..before..its...tooo..latee....(struggling towards the door...)"open me" "open me" "open me".....EEEEKKK!!! (SLAM!).....~zz

:whew! I been out of town with the band all week..going here and there, stopping home just to breath!! The COUNTDOWN has begun..since I was born in the afternoon (115pm) EST, I try to wait till then to open presents, but it sure is getting hard..I have been over to the pkg several times already this morning....I received a Mystery letter several days ago that says on the back of the envelope that it goes with the pkg, so I m DYI N' to find out whats what!! heehaheha mwahah..gettin ready to make cheesecake now, then brunch at redlobster, I have to play in a concert tonite, and then off to the reservation casino for birthday freebies ...!! hee hee..be back tonite with the results of the day!! Thanks for the birthday wishes! ~zz

"..IM speechless at the moment....so totally overwhelmed with emotion that I just cant speak...you guys are wonderful..Believe me when I say I have tears in my eyes and even my husband is touched...I just cant say anything right now..let me compose myself a bit and I ll be back later on to thank you all..(sniff).. ~zz

"I t was NOT easy to keep from touching that box..I had it sitting about 5 ft from me most of the time, so I saw it every moment I was home! Opening it was a mixture of curiosity before (what could possibly be in that box?) and sheer awe after! When I opened the first package..\*which happened to be a beautiful starr doll in long southern gown...I started crying.( My husband was sniffing by the time I got through opening everything) I was in total shock and still do not know what I did to deserve anything so truly wonderful. Surely it was a dream....wonderful things like this do not happen to people with lives like mine, so I expected this to be a big mistake. So many beautiful things! I am truly undeserving of it all....I had to run out for a concert, and didn't have time to play with anything, so when I came home and re-opened the box, I started crying all over again. I have not had anything nrfb' since childhood, so I was not sure till that very moment that I am definitely NOT a deboxer..hee hee..but I can tell you this: the boxes will get worn down quickly becuz I cant keep from touching them and looking at the pictures! ~zz

"...I am still in awe of the whole thing, and my husband sez he has never seen me speechless before....this whole thing brought up emotions that I didn't know I had..(\*thought the ole' zu' was a tough bird with a hard shell)...." "There was so many things in the box, it took half an hour to open it all! Your generosity was overwhelming.... \*There was a nrfb Starr doll/socko swirls \*A stunning handmade wedding gown on mannequin \*nrfb bright twinkle twirl \*nrfb Starr/Amber prized pets (with doggie and country dress)\*Dinah came with a gorgeous starlight ball outfit/shoes/hanger and tiny phone\*Dawn was there in snazzy Glamour Jams/shoes Beautiful Pink Slink \*nrfb peachy keen/pink poodle/Melanie/ strawberry sundae/ white boots/tiny pink poodle/pink doll case/mannequin/ and a wonderful Glori with no bangs\*Beautiful Long locks wearing silver beam dream, Dawn in flirty flounce and Angie in Groovy baby groovy all came wearing shoes \*FAB material to make new outfits came in a nifty decorated bag, and a neat gum card in plastic holder of the partridgefamily..(sigghh..Keitthhh)\* Colorful Petals/pleats and a swell skating outfit \*A cheery Peachy Keen with dinah portfolio came from \*nrfb glamour jams and a bright bright silvery pom poms dress

There were ribbons and colored paper and a card in the box from the gang.. It is all so wonderful..there was even a brochure in plastic to drool over all the outfits Dawn owns! If I have forgotten to acknowledge anyone here, plz lmk..here's a pic of everything that was sent to me....now tell me if you dont think the ng girls are a groovy bunch?!?! I am STILL doing the snoopy dance..~zz

"Now that I actually have a chance to (touch) and examine a box back, I notice in the photo marked "desk set"..it shows a girl bending over, petting a black dog in a blue rain outfit with something on her back..anybody got any idea what outfit this is and whats on her back? It looks like the same outfit in the pic "storybook playmates" but nothing on her back and she looks to be petting a BROWN dog? I wonder if this is the pink poodle..(wish I had a scan..but haven't had time yet)

I just LOVE those pictures! It looks like Dawn dolls are crawling all over this room..it is soo cool..like they are alive!! Hee hee..I like seeing Gary pushing the girls in the car...~zuzu

One Score and 10 years ago, many of us were introduced to a little darling doll named Dawn, little did we know that in 1970, what would seem to each of us to be more than a life time away, 30 years later, in the year 2000 this doll would bring us so many wonderful new friends to play with! That is the magic of Dawn!

Thank you Topper for introducing us, and Thank you Checkerboard for bringing her back to us!

Happy Dawn Hunting!

Babs

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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. If you have or know of a Dawn site that isn't included on this list, please send it on over to <janet@simplyliving.org>. 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! 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) - 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://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/cntssmorra/newdawn.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](mailto:5863:126/mBLA:195554) - AOL-only Dawn Dolls message board

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

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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/anedawn.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. Hasn't been updated in a while.

<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. For the summer, there is a 10% off Dawn sale here!

<http://www.joiebarbie.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://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!

<http://members.aol.com/llenex/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 NRFP 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 NRFB Pippa family dolls.

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**Closing Thoughts: Glori Lori**

As fall begins, I find it's time to clean out my Dawn's closet again. Probably after convention I'll go through all my goodies and see what I have doubles of. I'll send off some things in need of a small repair, to someone who will make some use of the item. Other things will go into my Dawnette pile, for when I'm browsing wish lists of my friends. I encourage everyone to make a web page and put your wish list there. You never know who will browse by and have something you need. Have you made your ME page for your Ebay name? You should, they don't take long and it's a great way to say "Hey I'm a Dawn Collector".

I hope you enjoyed this issue of DDM! Look for us next month... In your snail mail box. Subscribers attending the convention will receive their copy there. If you changed your mind and will be going, just let me know so I'll have your copy with me.

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

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