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Letter from the Editor

Hello Dawnette's! So glad you have decided to receive this new Magazine. Dawn Digest Magazine is committed to keeping you updated on our growing Dawn Community. Hopefully, this online magazine will grow. The goal is to bring you plenty of Dawn related topics, convention info, special Dawn findings, Ebay highlights and even classic Dawn moments. DDM was inspired when I realized that just some people are too busy or don't have enough time to run all over the web for a quick Dawn fix. This will hopefully bring at least some information right to your email box, to read at your leisure. This is your magazine, comments, questions, feedback and suggestions are always welcome. When writing to the editor or a columnist in regard to this magazine please put in the subject line "DDM" before your inquiry. This will keep your note out of the trash monster and insure it will make it onto their DDM In Box.

I'm sure you will be as pleased as I am with the very first issue of DDM. I have a great bunch of people on my staff. Together we plan on bringing you the latest hot Dawn topics, right to your email box. Let me take a moment to introduce my staff to you.

Everyone that has the Dawn book, knows Joedi Johnson. She was the first person to respond to me about joining the DDM staff. She will bring her expertise to her column, "Dawn Details". Michelle Candace shares her secrets for keeping dawn clean and up to date in the new millennium. Her column "The Creative Garden", will bring hints and tips to fix up your dolls. I wanted a male's point of view type of column. So I went to a new friend of mine, Chris Drago. Chris some may know is Sandy's husband. The few times I met him at the dolls shows, I was impressed with his Dawn knowledge and trust me, he knows what a Dawn bargain is. I hope you'll enjoy his column called "Gary's Groovy Guy Gossip". Next month, Another writer will take over the "Ebay Highlights" column for me. Who else better to go snoopy moshing with than Dana! Dana will bring a fresh approach to the column. I look forward to seeing who she'll be watching on the auction block.

That is the current staff of DDM, with myself included. If someone is looking to be part of the DDM staff, please check the classifieds. There are two small column's I'm looking for help with. If you feel inspired and have an idea for a column, just let me know.

You the readers, the Dawn Community are urged to join in. Place a Classified Ad, Share a special Dawn moment, or something silly. Our links corner is open to all. Share your favorite site with everyone. If you are running a contest, planning a convention, or will be attending a doll show, send that info in.

Thank you again for wanting to catch up on Dawn and hopefully this magazine will be rewarded with continued success. -Glori Lori

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Ebay Highlights! By Glori Lori (please note this column will be taken over next month by Dana (nosdollgic@oh.verio.com) This is the place to watch for the High bidding items. Trying to find that HTF item? You spotted it on Ebay.. You can't believe it went for so many \$\$\$? You lost sight of it and wondered who won? Here we can bring you up to date.

Everyone had their eye on the MIB Raincheck outfit. Well, the bid was won by Wendy (justbrowsing1@aol.com) for the price of \$510.58. Way to Go Wendy! Wendy was thrilled to win this bid. She had recently sold some of her Dawn doubles and saved her dollars for something special. The bidding opened at \$14.99 and after 26 bids our bubbly dawnette Wendy held out at top. Enjoy your super Dawn item Wendy and write in and let us know what you did with it once it got to your place. (see below for an interview with this winner)

Other Highlights include the swarm of Cloak N Swagger dresses and pantsuits that popped up recently. Patty (robbatb@aol.com) was a high winning bidder on the set that included the dress and pantsuit. Her final price of

\$290.79 beat out the other 16 bids before her. This auction started at the \$10 mark. Way to Go Patty! Let us know which gals get to wear these fantastic outfits in your display.

There was also a rush on Blue Diamond mini's and jumpers. Yours truly had the pleasure of winning a beat up but nice Angie with a Blue Diamond mini. The \$80 price tag didn't bug me out until I had it in my hands. I had to sew on a strap and then it went on a dress form in my display. I still can't get over that I spent that much on a Dawn Dress.. and on a Mini. :) oh well it is for the love of Dawn.

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The Winner's Circle Ebay Winner interviewed by Glori_Lori

I caught up to Wendy (justbrowsing1), to ask her a few questions about her bidding and win of the MIB Raincheck cape. Here's what she had to say about the experience.

Glori_Lori: Did you watch the final closing of this auction?

Wendy: You bet I did! I wanted this so badly, and I was so worried about being sniped that I upped my own high bid close to the end - just in case!!!

G_L: What are your plans for displaying your MIB Raincheck? Any ideas yet?

Wendy: I think I want to put it inside a shadow-box frame. I want to get my hands on a bunch of Dawn hangers to glue around the border of the frame. I recently let a big lot of them slip by without bidding, and am now kicking myself. If any of you see me bidding on any lots of rare, HTF Dawn hangers, please don't think I'm crazy!

G_L: How was your reaction when you realized you won?

Wendy: I was stunned, and SOOO happy!!! This is something I thought I'd never own and certainly not MIB. I had quite an adrenaline rush, and was shaking so much that I could barely type when I began to e-mail a friend of my win.

G_L: Will you be bringing it with you to dawn conventions so other dawnette's can admire it?

Wendy: Of course! That is, if they want me to. heehee

G_L: Anything else you want to say about this win?

Wendy: I want to see one of my dolls modeling "Rain Check", but I can't bring myself to open this one. Believe me, this is hard considering I've deboxed over thirty Dawn fashions in the past year!!!

Thank you Wendy for taking the time to do this interview for our readers. I know we are all looking forward to see what becomes of this famous raincheck. Wendy can be reached at laugh123ha@aol.com.

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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)

In this column I want to present some of the Dawn details I have discovered and I expect to hear from you all. Let me know what you have found, especially if it is something I am wrong about or have missed. Please contact me at starbase@mcn.net

Glorious Glori

Glori is not only the radiant redhead in the Dawn family but she holds the distinction of having the most variations. Not even Dawn has this many different looks. Let's enjoy some of her mysteries.

Long straight hair with bangs (fringe for those of you from other parts of the world) is her most common look here in the USA. This Glori usually has on the back of her neck and "Hong Kong" on her tushe.

Side and center part curly hair with no bangs Glori's originate in Taiwan. These Gloris should all have Taiwan tattoos on her lower

back. These bodies have collar bones and a tendency to have "gluey" hips. Just recently Phyllis Devine pointed out that a few of these dolls have the aqua Jessica eye color instead of the shocking green that most Glori's have. Unlike the blue eye shadow of the Hong Kong Gloris, Taiwan Glori has green shadow and a very sultry look. The hair can be a bit untamed but the swirl to the hair really gives Taiwan Glori her own style. In the USA this doll is much less common than Hong Kong Glori but she is out there in good numbers.

Side or center part straight, fine hair is one of the most striking characteristics of Japan Glori. It must be a long trip from Japan because this version of Glori is hard to find. Dawn collectors rush to make friends with her, almost at any cost. Here is a question for all of you reading this: Have you found the Japanese head molds, painting and body markings with a different hair style? I have a couple variations and I want to hear if you have too. -Joedi

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THE CREATIVE GARDEN by Michelle C

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

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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Gary's Groovy Guy Gossip by Chris

(ask Chris a question, contact him at JoelleCassidy@aol.com)

About three years ago, my wife Sandy asked me to help her look in the attic at her parents house so that she could find her dolls that looked like small Barbies. Little did I know what would become of all that!

Since that visit to the attic when we found 4 dolls; Angie, Dawn, Denise, and Longlocks, we have bought well in excess of 160 Dawn dolls. Some dolls were cheap, others were expensive, but they all have a short story of how we got them, and that brings me to the best part about it, we do it together. I realize that I am one of only a couple of supportive husbands in the Dawn arena, but don't give up! One day he'll figure it out!!! Over the past three years I've had the opportunity to meet a lot of great people in the Dawn world. I consider most of you as very dear friends. I encourage you all to have your Dawn friends over to show him that you have friends everywhere because of your dolls. Maybe then he will see that this really means a lot to you and that you want to share the fun with him.

I remember the first Dawn find like it was yesterday. We went to a crummy little teddy bear show at the Holiday Inn in Princeton, NJ. A woman had four Dawn dolls that she was selling for a friend at \$5.00 each. With the exchange of \$20 for four dolls, we were officially off and running. Being in the New Jersey/New York area has made it easier for us because the area seems to have some sort of a show every month. So, we get home and my wife asks me for something good to clean her "dollies" with. Being a man, I gave her what I might use to clean and shine something.....car wax! Well, don't you know that the car wax did a great job! Since that time we have found something a little more "normal," but there are still a lot of Dawns in her collection that the rain will bead on! She proudly placed her new dolls with the alumni from her youth and told me stories of how the old dolls were going to murder the new dolls while we were out. I am starting to believe this may one day happen because most of the rest you have told similar tales of lies, deceit, affairs, and murder amongst your Dawns. But who could blame the affair part, especially with Jodi B's "more than just a friend" Gary doll!

People say that you remember the first time and the best time. They are right! The best time was a show at the Newark Airport Marriott. It was a pretty big show with over two hundred tables crammed in a 180 table room. We found a lot of stuff, but nothing really great, until..... There was a spinning rack in the back corner of the room with all sorts of bagged Dawns and accessories on it. We started to look through it and were elated! Head-to-Toe Angie for \$15, Glori sidepart with curly hair for \$10, not-so-common outfits for \$2 to \$8, and enough shoes to choke a horse! This was right around Sandy's birthday and I didn't tell her that I had just gotten a \$500 bonus at work because I wanted to surprise her if we found something "good" at the show. "Good" was an understatement. We bought almost \$250 of stuff which at that time was worth two to three times that. The Angie wigs were sold separately along with some Dawn wigs, but they were all there. We agreed that this was going to be the last purchase for a while, but then came along Ebay. Ho boy!

Now, on to my favorites list. If I had to pick one doll and one outfit with one accessory, it would be Glori sidepart with straight hair wearing Buttercups n' Moonbeams standing on the runway of the Beauty Pageant. I don't necessarily like the three items the most separately, but I like them together. Separately, I like Connie, Socko Swirls, and the sofa phone. But I must admit that my true favorite thing has been the opportunity to spend time with my wife doing something she enjoys, and spending time with all of you Dawn girls out there. Just when I think that my wife has said the silliest thing about her dolls ever, one of you says, or does (we all know who you are!), something even sillier. I am forever glad that I met you all and look forward to the waiting in line to get in, and the pages over the PA system when we are trying to leave! Until next time, please all stay the same. ~Chris

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~*~ Silly Stuff ~*~

This is YOUR space. Open for ALL Dawnette's. Send in your Dawn blunders, wonders and other things that make you giggle or laugh. Your fellow Dawnette's want to share with you.

Following submitted by Melanie Dixon

MELANIE STEWART'S GUIDE TO A HAPPY HEALTHY DAWN HOME (Or how to kick non-serious Dawnettes out of the hobby)

- 1) Grow your own flowers in the garden or in balcony planters. Choose small ones such as heather, baby's breath, miniature roses, etc. so they will fit into miniature vases that you can place around Dawn's doll house. Replace with fresh ones daily.
- 2) Dry flower petals and make miniature potpourri sachets for Dawn's clothing drawers, closets and bathroom.
- 3) Make your own rose water from roses from your own garden so Dawn can soak in it after a hard day of looking pretty.
- 4) Dust Dawn's dollhouse every day. Remember a dust-free home is a healthy home.
- 5) Sew new bedding for Dawn's bed. That orange lace needs to be updated.
- 6) Paint a small stencil pattern border around Dawn's kitchen.
- 7) Make frilly curtains for every room in Dawn's house.
- 8) Sew up a little quilt for Dawn's couch while you are watching TV.
- 9) Knit a little sweater for Fifi the poodle.
- 10) Sew up a new spring wardrobe for Dawn.

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Convention & Doll Show Announcements/Come and 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

Dawn Swimsuit and summer scene contest. Contact Mel D at mdixon@uniserve.com

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Birthday Club !!!! (taken from the calendar at Topper Towers, So no yelling at me if anyone is left off. Plus I have to send one of my staff into grab a copy for me. :)

Happy Birthday to YOU ... Happy Birthday to YOU.... Happy Happy Dawn Dreams to you on your special day!!!!

April 1- Peggy's (Peeker's) Birthday
April 16- Denise's (Blondedawn's) Birthday
April 24- Patty's (robpatb's) Birthday
April 29- Michelle's (Maxhelcal's) Birthday

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

A very special "Baby" announcement to JodiB and her gals. They just adopted a new addition to their dawn family. Little baby Babs arrived all bundled up from Auntie Di. I got to see the precious babe at the March 12th doll show. It truly is the cutest green hair darling I ever did see.

Special congratulations to Wendy and her new son, Luke ! (DWBaird@aol.com)
Wendy is fine, I even got to see her in chat a few days ago. Hopefully she will share some pictures very soon.

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

Dawn Items

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

~*~ Wanted - 1 mint pink music box dawn mini, 1 red chain er up top & 1 white and silver mesh bell bottom pants from peek a boo poncho. Lori / cntssmorra@aol.com

Job Listings

~*~ Birthday Organizer needed for DDM's Birthday list. You should be able to access the calendar at Topper Towers. Since I am locked out of there so much it is easier for me to find someone else to take care of this. I'm

sure the calendar doesn't have a complete list. You would be encouraged to find as many birthday's as you can from other Dawnette's. Contact cntssmorra@aol.com if you are interested.

~*~ Links Organizer needed for DDM's Special links & buying Dawn's. Keeping address's updated. Organizing and adding listings from others. Write the Editor if interested, cntssmorra@aol.com

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If you have a favorite link that you want to add to this list, send it on over. The links will be listed in every issue of DDM. This should be helpful if you lose that special site.

Special Links

<http://www.mcn.net/~starbase/dawn/> The Book of Joedi.. about Dawn
<http://www.deja.com/> visit the Dawn NewsGroup for up to the minute ideas and funstuff
<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/dawndolls>
<http://www.twinpines.com/> get the things you need to clean your dolls
Dawn Dolls (AOL only message board)
Toppertowers.com ~get your virtual dawns apartment

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Buying Dawn online

ebay.com of course!
<http://www.dsdolls.com/dawn.htm> (D's Dolls)
<http://members.aol.com/Pixydust07/dolls4sale.html> (Aida's site)
<http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~cernunos/Pippa.htm> (pippas, dawns)
<http://www.btinternet.com/~sindy.pelham/fdolls.htm> (dawns, pippas)
<http://www.joebarchie.com/joes.html>
<http://www.honey-tree.com/Dawn.html> (dawns)
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Oaks/3946/dawn/anedawn.html>

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~*~ GREEN ~*~

Things to remember when you get upset over a Dawn with Green Knees.
Add to this list as you go about your day today. Can you think of 5 more Green Happy things not listed here? Send in your list of 5, if you have 5 answers that no one else thought of.. hmmm I think DDM will have to give out a prize. OOOhhhh let's make that official and say this is DDM's first official contest. :) Now don't be upset.... I'm sure we can do Blue another time.

Green Knees.... Not such a bad thing.

"I t's not easy being Green" ~ Kermit the Frog

Fried Green Tomatoes

Green Eggs and Ham

Green M & M's

Money is Green

Pretty grass and trees are green

Rachel's last name on "Friends" is Green

Cabbage

Leprechauns

four leaf clovers

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Closing Thoughts: Glori Lori

I hope you enjoyed the premiere issue of Dawn Digest Magazine as much as I have. I can only see it improving and growing in the future. Many people asked and suggested different ways to view this magazine. I wanted something simple, that would come write to your email box. When you just can't make it to a certain site, or today was not the day to read all 400 messages in the newsgroup. Hopefully this gave you all a nice Dawn fix.

Making this accessible from a website only, would have taken away from the feel of a real magazine. I even discussed the idea of a downloadable file. Again that just didn't grab me either. A printed color copy was also talked about. This arriving via snail mail. Now this was a groovy idea to me, but it would also be costly.

DDM will remain in this smaller / email format, until I feel it is necessary to make adjustments.
Thank you for subscribing... And Thank you for being apart of the Dawn Community.

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