



# LIMITED EDITION

December 8, 2008

## Spirit of 56 Collectors Club

The purpose of this organization shall be to enhance and perpetuate an interest in the Department 56 collections through informative programs and to provide an opportunity for fellowship, enjoyment, and fun among those collectors who appreciate collecting, and to protect and advance the cause of the common collection.

The Spirit of 56 Club meets on the third Saturday of January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October, and November at 8:30 A.M. at Gene Allen's 1638 West Randol Mill Road. The anniversary meeting is in April of each year. **Visitors are always welcome.**

The membership is open to all persons interested in Department 56 collections. Annual dues are \$20.00. Contact Connie Earl 817-860-5607 or Pat Campbell 817-284-5291.

### Sponsor

Gene Allen's Gifts  
1638 W Randol Mill  
817-277-7501  
2717 W Park Row  
817-277-9541  
1-20 at Little Road  
817-478-4788  
Arlington, Texas



Well, It is our favorite time of the year again -  
Our Annual Tour of Homes

I have put the schedule below with the times,  
addresses and phone numbers.

Don't forget to bring a ornament, D56 item, or  
small gift (approx. \$10- \$15) for the gift ex-  
change at George's. We will do one of our  
Right Family stories, like usual, and it will be  
fun like always. So, get ready for a PARTY!



### 9:00 a.m. Gordon Mackenzie

301 E. Ferndale, Grand Prairie, 75052  
972-264-8637

### 10:00 a.m. Connie Earl

2105 Calico Lane # 2724, Arlington,  
76011  
817-860-5607

### 11:00 a.m. Martha Shattuck

1002 Village Green Ct., Arlington, 76012

### 11:45 a.m. Santa Land

Lincoln Square, Arlington, 76011

### 12:30 p.m. Pat and Roden Campbell

844 Mountain Terrace, Hurst, 76053  
817-284-5291

### 2:15 p.m. George Bullard

807 La Cima, Irving, 75039  
817-313-3018



Here are some Retirements I did not get to  
list in the last newsletter:

### Snowbabies Classics:

Luv 2 Rv, Seal of Approval, A Polar Jimgle  
Bell Twist, Music to Their Ears, Snowbabies  
Snow Angels, Your Secret's Save With Me,  
Reindeer Crossing, The Proud Parents,  
School Crossing, Pony Up, Tinker Tots,  
Free Advice

### Snowbabies Guest Collection:

Rudolph's Spare Noses, If the Shoe Fits,  
Very Pooh Christmas Tree and Ornament  
set, A Star in Born Plaque, Believe Plaque,  
Follow Dreams Plaque, Wish Upon A Star  
Plaque, 2008 Plaque, Blank Plaque

### Snowbabies Pastimes:

Handmade With Love, Thanks for the Lift!,  
Powder Puff, Miniature Golfer

### Snowbabies Sentiments:

Mom Always Said to Accessorize, Famous  
for Hugs & Kisses, From My Heart to  
Yours, My Princess Musical Frame, The  
Only One for Me Frame, Friends Musical  
Frame, Be Back Soon, Babies W/ Believe  
Pin

### Possible Dreams:

Santa Delivers, Reindeer Games, Dog  
Walker, Christmas Puppy, Kitten Around,  
Purr-Fect Gift, Working at the Dog Wash,  
Dacshhund Through the Snow, Gift Parade,  
Santa's Treats, Dogs Rule, Cats..., Musher

## Birthdays

Dec. 1 - Paul Mead

Dec. 7 - Mildred Liles

Dec. 14 - Barbara Berry

Dec. 17 - Dottie Herrmann

Spirit of 56 Collectors Club  
751 Honeysuckle Lane  
Cedar Hill, Texas 75104



## **DON'T FORGET**

*DECEMBER TOUR OF HOMES THIS WEEKEND, December 13, 2008  
Starts at 9a.m. and we have a special "house" this time.*

Unique Gift Ideas for anytime of the year:

1. Customize your gift - get it personalized, make a t-shirt, mug, baseball cap, etc. and have a picture or their name on it. Nowadays, you can order anything off of the internet. You can also try Things Remembered.
2. Get tickets to a show or concert that they want to go to. You can even go to a ticket broker to get tickets to a sold out show.
3. Give a "Gift of the Month" gift. There are many different types of items that you can have delivered to someone's house once a month for a year, including a magazine ;) There are magazines on every subject nowadays.
4. Spend time with someone doing something they like or just visiting with them for a day.
5. Give someone a pet, but make sure they are able and willing to care for the animal.
6. Make something homemade for someone. This includes baked goods, crochet, crafts, quilt, blanket, photo album, etc.
7. Name a star for someone.
8. Get a flag from the State of Texas for someone. Ask your congressman/woman.

Just remember, it is the thought that counts. Be creative.  
Another idea for a gift exchange is to exchange used gifts. (i.e. books, clothes, etc.

### **Quotes for the Month:**

"Christmas, children, is not a date. It is a state of mind."

**Mary Ellen Chase**

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

**Charles Dickens**

*(I thought both of these quotes were perfect for most of us, since we usually leave our village up longer than just at Christmas.)*

