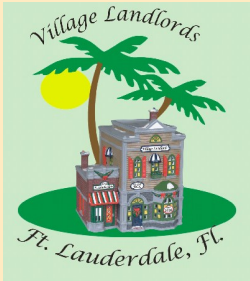


The Village Press

October 2012

Our Next Meeting is October 28th, 2:15pm at Champion's Hall, 6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FL 33068



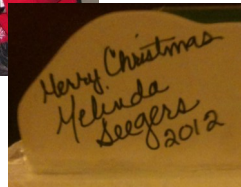
Calendars, Open Houses, Autographs!

The calendars are in! They look great and a special thanks goes out to the team that put them together. They will be available at the October and November meetings. They are only \$10 each so you can get some for Christmas presents.

It's time to think about Christmas house tours so let us know, at the October meeting, when you would like to have your house tour. So far we have Robert & Sharon Cone December 1st, Tom & Susan Shetler December 2nd, Joe & Katherine McPhillips December 15th and John Eckhardt & Chase Bagnell December 29th. There are a lot of good dates still available so grab one while you can.

At the Chicago gathering we got four "Melinda's Poinsettias & Mistletoe" houses

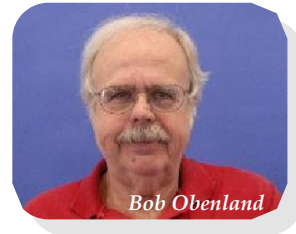
and accessories signed by Melinda Seegers (Ms. Lit Town). Melinda has been with Department 56 for over 20 years and is the person that works with the collectors. These signed houses are rare since she only signed 84. This month we will have one with its accessory as a special raffle. Look for more as prizes at future meetings.



It's at this time of the year that we start to plan putting up our North Pole village at the Ronald McDonald House. Joe McPhillips will again head up the team but we would need one or two more elves to assist him. I will be asking for volunteers at the meeting.

The October meeting should be fun, with Ron from Ron's Miniatures in Orlando bringing lots of little things for your village. This meeting is also our 21st birthday as a club and we will have cake to celebrate.

A reminder that the November meeting is where we do our Toys For Tots toy drive, so be looking for those \$10 toys. For each toy you bring in, you will receive a ticket for a chance to win a prize; but the real joy is knowing that a deserving child will get a special gift for Christmas. We will again be doing a Grinch exchange so look for those \$20 items as well.



Bob Obenland

We are downsizing with Ron's Mini's

Our October meeting promises to be a very enjoyable one. Ron Mummert of "Ron's Miniature Shop" in Orlando will visit us and demonstrate how he makes those exceptional houses he is famous for. He will also bring an array of miniatures keyed to our villages for sale. So look forward to a memorable meeting.

Village Landlords Calendar

It is my pleasure to tell you all that our calendar is in. I am very pleased with how they turned out. They will be on sale for \$10.00 each, at our next two meetings. We only had 100 made so be ready to get yours before they are all gone. Don't forget Aunt Gertrude. I would like to say a big thank



you to our committee:



Jerry Fernon

Shelly Beauvais
Guenther Heil
Debbie & Bill King
Bob Obenland
Jonathan Stout
Guisela Suarez
Dottie Winzell and

a big thank you to Gisela Gaspar (who spent many hours besides the committee meetings). They all did an excellent job in

picking just the right pictures to make our calendar such a success. [Editors Note: An additional thanks to Jerry as well, as he and Gisela put in many many dedicated hours looking through and organizing the photos from hundreds of possible selections. This calendar would not have happened without their efforts.]

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Meeting Highlights from September

Our last meeting was Sept 16, 2012 and went something like this... Bob welcomed everyone back after the long (or was it short?) summer

break. Peggy wants you to know that we have 5 Village Landlord polo shirts left; 2 mediums, 2x-large and 1 2XL. Gisela said we would be researching new shirts and styles, especially ones that will be more comfortable for ladies to wear.. Old collector and Dept. 56

magazines were available for free to all members. (See what you miss when you don't come in person?) Gisela provided new business cards for members to pass out. She noted that Cross Stitch Cupboard, one of our sponsors, has been renamed to just The Cupboard. The Silver Sleigh has placed all its

Dept. 56 items into storage and will make a list available to us on what pieces they have. They will not be operating a storefront any longer. We also have a new (returning) sponsor- Christmas ETC in West Palm Beach.



Joe McPhillips



Bob stated that Christmas ETC is currently closed for remodeling but they will send us an invitation to an open house when the new store is complete. Gene talked about the 2 special raffles with the pieces donated by **Tom** and **Marlene**. Also 2 of the mystery bags this time had houses with the accessories. We had a display contest using items that Jerry passed out at the last meeting. Everyone voted for their favorite. A special THANKS to all who participated, and a great big "GREAT JOB" to **Susan Roberts** for her first place entry. **Bob talked about the website and asked for volunteers to work on it. Are YOU our person?** Members will get to purchase the calendars first and any remaining will be listed for sale on Facebook. Peggy showed us some mail we received from SOS, one of the charities we contribute to and asked everyone to take a look during break to see the work they are doing.



Jerry did a great job of teaching everyone how to make barbed wire and passed out extra material to those who wanted to make more at home. Swap and Sell took place during the break as well as voting on the fall displays. And that is what you missed! Don't wait for the minutes from October; be live and in person, and be part of it all!



The Silver Sleigh

A Unique Holiday Shoppe
Christmas • Flowers • Gifts

The Silver Sleigh

**1319 East Sample Road
Pompano Beach, FL 33064
(954) 943-4388**

Fall Display Winners

1st Place
Dick Clark American Bandstand
Susan Roberts
2nd Place
Carnival Tickets Cotton Candy
Rae Campello
3rd Place
Fire Drill Practice
Donna Fresquez

Door Prizes

Set Of Trees
Elaine Smith
Bright Light Reindeer
Elaine Smith
D56 Crystal Key Chain
Nancy Hargrave
Mail Box and Stop Sign
Susan Roberts

Snow Fence

Nancy Fernon
D56 Snowflake Ornament
Michael Wiggins
AC-DC Adapter
Orlando Arroyo
Winter Walkway Set of 4
Neysa Cole
Village Mercury House Ornament
Larry Davis
20th Anniversary Pins Set of 6
Nancy Hargrave

Raffle Prizes

DV Polo Players
Bob Obenland
Display Base
Susan Roberts

Lemax Shimmering Spruce

Mark Reynolds
Runaway Monster Bride
Kathy Tavernia
Ashley Pond Skating Party
Gene Armeno
SV Roses's Flower Shop
Michael Wiggins
Mystery House SV
American Hero Comics
Peggy Layton

Special Raffle

Ghostly Carousel
Dan Layton
Snoopy Fall Display
Roseann Abrams

Membership News, You Can Use

We have 82 members but are always looking for more. We have business cards you can pick up at the meeting to give out to friends you know, and friends you have yet to meet!

Please remember to visit our sponsors and mention the club when there. We want them to know we appreciate their support. Here is the list:

Christmas ETC
Terry's Hallmark
Silver Sleigh
Christmas Palace
Cross Stitch

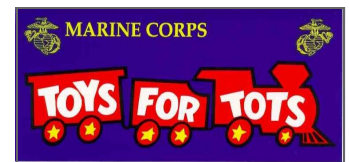
Thirteen of us converged on the gathering held in Chicago on the 21st through the 23rd of September. I must say that it was a well run and enjoyable gathering. Some excellent speakers were there to share their

many techniques and "how to" tips that I have already put to use. I was amazed that when we went to dinner on Saturday that every attendee was handed a house. There were over 400 attendees. At breakfast on Sunday a "gift" was on each chair. Not to mention all of the raffles and door prizes. Nancy and I came home with 5 houses and a large number of accessories. All in all we had a thoroughly enjoyable time at the gathering, once again visiting one of our favorite cities. Chicago: My kind of town.

It's that time of year that the Village Landlords get motivated to start collecting the toys for "Toys for Tots". Times are more difficult for a lot of us but stop and think about that and know that the "Tots" who had little before have even less now. Know that for every



\$10.00 or more spent on a gift you will receive a ticket for a chance to win a great prize



Things To Put On Your Calendar...

SEPTEMBER 24, — HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY, CLUB!

October 27th — Eichholtz Halloween Open House
October 28th — Village Landlords General Meeting
November 5th — Village Landlords Board Meeting
November 18th — Village Landlords General Meeting
December 1st — Cone's Open House
December 2nd — Shetler's Open House
December 15th — McPhillips Open House
January 8th — Village Landlords Board Meeting
January 27th — Village Landlords General Meeting

The Eichholtz Halloween Open House

October 27th from 7:00pm to the Bewitching Hour! 6708 Oakmont, North Lauderdale, 33068, just three streets from the Champion Hall meeting place. Phone 954-972-5045

From University Drive turn East onto McNab-turn left (north) onto Rock Island-go to Doral (first right turn) go to Blvd of Champions. Turn left on Blvd to Oakmont. House on the Northeast corner House will be lit up. May park on swale.

Cone's Christmas Open House

Dec 1, 2012 5:30 PM -?? Dinner @ 6:30 PM
4492 Coachwood Lane, Mulberry, FL 33860.
Phone: 863-937-5980

Please RSVP by Nov 18th. There will be a special rate at Courtyard Marriott Lakeland. The price is \$89 + tax for king room or 2 doubles with a microwave and frig in each



room. Breakfast is NOT included There is the Bistro Cafe in lobby for an a la carte breakfast if you like. You can call the hotel directly at 1-863-803-9000 and mention VIL-LAGE LANDLORDS for reservations at this rate. You can also call 1-800-321-2211 and request to speak with the Courtyard in Lakeland. Price is good until Nov 15th. Hotel cancellation is 6 PM day of arrival to avoid reservation penalty. If you have any questions you can email the Cone's at their AOL address: robertdccone@aol.com.

Financially Speaking...



	Actual 2012 September
Treasurer's Report	September
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,053.01
Deposits	
Membership	\$ 65.00
Special Raffle	\$ 110.00
Pin Sales/Ed	
Raffle	\$ 118.00
total deposits	\$ 293.00
Expenses	
Copies	\$ 11.00
Meeting	\$ 15.00
Other (Calendar)	\$ 934.93
raffle prizes	\$ 564.06
Refreshments	\$ 21.68
Stamps	\$ 4.00
total expenses	\$ 1,550.67
Ending Balance	\$ 1,795.34
raffle bank	\$ 50.00
	\$ 1,845.34

At our next meeting we will be selling our beautiful calendars. I had an opportunity to see them at the board meeting and they are very nice. Come prepared to take some home with you. They are just \$10 each, make great gifts, and will put some Christmas Cheer in your whole year. I will have extra people helping me to make your calendar purchase a happy experience. Of course I gladly take cash or checks, but I love it when you pay by check!

Just a reminder that dues are due in January for the 2013 calendar year. I am always happy to accept them before then. See you at the meeting!



CROSS STITCH CUPBOARD

1600 NORTHEAST 26TH STREET
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33305

954-563-6363
1-800-752-4153

From the Goodies Department

This month, I am bringing you the delicious recipe I promised in the last issue, Betty's Texas Sheet Cake. Maybe you had some at her open house? If you did, you will want to clip this out and try it for yourself. Below are those who offered to bring snacks for this Sunday:



Gail and Mark Reynolds
Rae Campello
Donna Fresquez
Roseann & Mike Abrams
Guenther Heil
Susan Roberts
Elaine Smith
Stephanie Taggart
Shelly Beauvais

Texas Sheet Cake from Betty Hargrave

Mix in bowl 2 cups of sugar, 2 cups of flour, ½ t of salt, 1 tea-
spoon of soda. In separate bowl, mix 2 eggs, ½ cup of sour
cream, 1 teaspoon of vanilla. In pan mix 2 sticks of oleo, 1 cup of
water, 4 tablespoons of Nestle Quick. Mix flour mixture with choc-
olate mixture, then add egg mixture. Beat well. Pour into a
greased jelly roll pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes.

Frosting-1 stick of oleo or butter, 4 tablespoons Nestle Quick, 6
tablespoons of Pet Milk. Add 1 box of confectioner's sugar and 1
teaspoon of vanilla. Beat until smooth. Pour over hot cake. YUM!

VILLAGE LANDLORDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DATE _____

Membership year is from January 1st—December 31. All information is confidential and used for club purposes only. Please fill out application and return along with the membership fee of \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Make checks payable to The Village Landlords, P. O. Box 670093 Coral Springs, FL 33067

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

What year did you start collecting? _____

Would you be interested in hosting a Christmas House Tour in December or January?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Possibly ☐ Need more information

What activities would you be interested in seeing at the meetings?

☐ Display Techniques ☐ Guest Speakers ☐ Social Events ☐ Workshops

☐ Other _____

Comments _____

What do you collect?

- ☐ Dickens' Village
- ☐ Christmas in the City
- ☐ New England Village
- ☐ Snow Village
- ☐ North Pole
- ☐ Alpine Village
- ☐ Snowbabies
- ☐ Snowbunnies
- ☐ Winter Silhouette

[Map to the NEW site for the Village Landlords Meeting Location](#)

New Meeting Location: Champion's Hall
6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FL 33068

