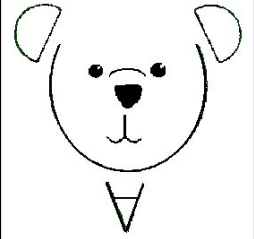


February 2009

Website Newsletter



February is always a busy month because of the two main Trade shows in the USA and UK.

The Club Doodle has been sent out and in it you will find a competition to design the prize pieces for the 2009 Convention. You are also asking whether it is okay to book your flights for the Event—yes, absolutely there are some great deals on at the moment. For those of you who have never been before....the Convention starts on Friday evening about 6.30pm. However, since so many of you actually arrive on the Thursday evening we are planning on organizing a fun event on the Friday such as a cruise around the Tampa Bay.. It will be separate to the Convention. Dates are September 25, 26 and 27th. Tampa, Florida



Pictured top right is me and my youngest son, Charlie taken last year at his Passing Out parade—I was so thrilled to see him.

Megan le 60 2.75 in

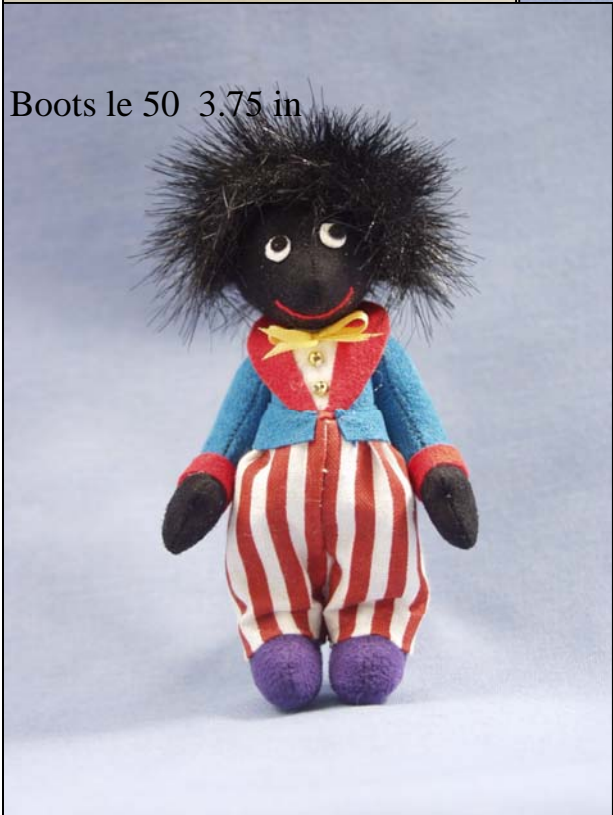


Scarlet,, 3 inch limited edition 60



Sold out from us

`Scarlet` and `Megan` are now available although we have no more Scarlet to ship to stores and only about four Megan left. You will see that I have dressed them in the cutest felt dresses.. My absolute favorite fabric is felt...not the cheap craft felt but the beautiful wool and rayon felts. I use Wool felts for some of the dragons and the rayon felts for dressing since they are a little bit softer. This is the fabric that the very earliest toys were made from.... I also did a series of Felt animals a couple of years ago and I keep meaning to add to it but there never seems to be enough time.. I have included some pictures of some of those pieces they were 4 inches tall.



Chilli Pepper le 60 3.75



Truly Scrumptious 3.75 le 60



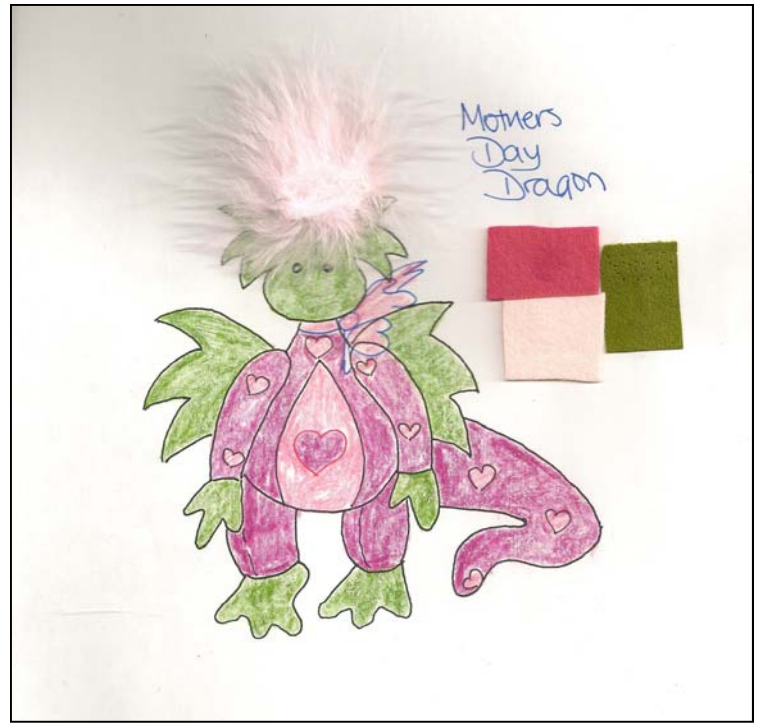
Tiggy le 30 3.75 in



`Chilli Pepper` - I could not resist this lovely fabric with tiny chilli peppers. It is so difficult to get small prints and I love black and red together. Her picture does not do her credit because it's tough to get a good pic with red and black together.

`Truly Scrumptious` is very pretty with its chocolate and pink combination. I love the style of the bear—its inspired by the old German bears with long feet, arms and a humped back.

`Tiggy` was a show special and sold out overnight. Please be kind to your store if they could not get the piece for you...



Competition

The website Competition this month is to name the two dragons pictured above. The one on the left is dressed to resemble an Easter egg—I always loved the turquoise silver paper on my chocolate eggs.

In fact that takes me to another story.

One year my parents gave me a chocolate rabbit all wrapped in printed foil in a smart outfit with an adorable face. A few days after Easter my Dad asked why I had not eaten it. I told him that I felt bad about destroying the rabbit character. Later that day my Dad gave me a carved polystyrene rabbit he had spent all day sculpting so that I could take off the foil, wrap it around the polystyrene figure and still have my little character—and then of course I could eat the chocolate. I would love to tell you that I was aged 6 or 7 but I think I was 16!!!! God bless my Dad.

Anyway, I need a name for the little Easter Dragon.

I also need a name for the pink dragon on the right. I had intended for her to be aimed as a Mother`s Day Gift or celebration but that does not have to be the case.

Winners will be announced in next months website newsletter and also on the website message board. Please only put your suggestions on the website Message board—I do not want entries coming in any other way...its too confusing for me!!



`Little Pretty` is a new member of the `Life`s Lil` Monster collection. She is 3.5 inches and limited to 50. She has spent hours in front of the mirror making herself beautiful only to be thwarted by her hair!!!!

We do have more new pieces for 2009 but they are not yet ready to ship.

Club members will be receiving information on the spring Tea party - where they can participate for a small fee and receive a gift bag with gifts and items and have the opportunity to participate in some competitions to win bears, dragons or mice.

We had a competition on the Website for the best New Years Resolution—as is often the case we just couldn't choose between them because they were all great and obviously personal...so we put the names in a hat and pulled out two winners

Katie Bathurst and Callie....your prizes will be shipped tomorrow and Heather.. who won the naming of the Truly Scrumptious competition—your prize will be in the order going to the UK office on Monday...

So well done everyone.. Good luck with the dragon naming... I haven't decided what the prize will be yet.... But there will be prizes.

Keep warm...it's even cold in Florida this year, we have had frosts!!!!