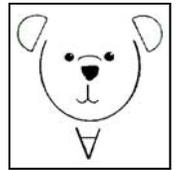


Deb Canham Artist Designs Web Newsletter March 2011



30 September- 2nd October 2011 Deb Canham Convention, Tampa, Florida

New Releases for March



`Sue` 3 inches Deb`s Little Gems

We have some fun new pieces releasing this week. On the following pages you will also find some pictures of the pieces that were released in February. I got a little behind due to being away at trade shows.



Bobbie Golly 3 in

`Jeremy` wearing green motor dungarees with a little blue mouse



`Golli Upton` inspired by Florence Upton
3.75 inches le 300



`Hedgerow Dragon` 3.75 in le 100



Now shipping my Upton Golli

Florence Upton

who is often credited as being the founder of the golli.

Florence`s first book which introduced the Golli was `The Adventures of two Dutch Dolls`. She went on to include the characters in a number of different adventures and this golli will be released in different outfits over the next few years inspired by the illustrations.

This is my all time favorite golly design. I have included a picture of it because I know He is limited to 300 pieces and made of

wool and ultrasuede.



Pictured left is Florences` very own Golly and dolls which can be seen in the Bethnal Green Museum, London. Her golly was made of black leather.

While the golli is considered to be a very English character —interestingly Florence was an American who lived in England. The golli concept originated in India but that is another story to tell.....



February Releases

Whistle le 100
3.75 in



Tic & Tac le 100 3.75 in



Smudge and Lopsy le 65 3 in (almost sold out)



Pamela 3.75 in le 100



Whistle 3.75 in le 100



Shelley 3.75 in le 70 close to sold out



Apricot 3.75 in le 65 almost sold out



Lavender 3.75 in le 100



Ming le 75 3.75 in



New Little Gems for 2011

Watch out for a number of new Deb`s Little Gems this year including some fun new ones, the `Woebe`s—which I will picture next month. Below are all the new pieces that we actually have in stock today. Its tough to decide which is my favorite but I always love the little velvet rabbits....

This year I am going to make all of the new pieces editions of 300 but I am going to retire them unexpectedly. `Chalky` will be the first to retire.. As of today no more will be made which will make his edition 100 and close to sold out.

Aesop Elephant 3 inches



Balfour 2 in



Benson 2 in



Chalky Rabbit 3 in



Bobbie Golly 3 in



Sue Panda 3 in



Very old Little Gems

Many of you will know that I was the main designer for the `Little Gem` company run by Jamie Wu. While clearing my Mum`s house I came across a number of these early pieces.

Pictured below are the very first set I ever did for the company and I can remember my surprise when the first pieces arrived at my house. I was so thrilled with them. All these years later I see that I have managed to get the quality and design so much better but equally they have a look which I probably could not recapture now. After all this time I can barely remember the names and I am having trouble even remembering what year it was. However, I know there are plenty of collector`s out there that can name each piece and tell me which year they were launched. On the 1st May I will launch a new Web newsletter and name the winners which I will draw out of a hat from the correct entries.

[Send your entries to order@debcanham.com](mailto:order@debcanham.com)

The few pieces I found are available in some of the UK stores who attended the Birmingham Spring Fair. There may also be small stocks in some of my older stores.

Check the next page for more of this first Collection.



These are the final pieces that make up the entire first collection. I do remember the green bear was called `McGregor` and I notice that I used a lot of tartan fabric. I think at that time that I thought that tartan was the perfect fabric for bears. I was also limited to what small patterned fabrics were available and tartans could always be seen as small print.



Also in the box were a few of the second collection, a group of Xmas bears. I do remember that there was a black bear wearing a party hat and carrying a cracker....

Of course at that time I did not know that America would not understand the `Christmas cracker`, needless to say that piece sold poorly and is probably very hard to find.



The Old Little Gems were never that collectible but they will be in time because clearly no more are being made and they are very affordable now...

Club Year 12 finishes on the 31st May 2011

Many of you leave it till the last minute to purchase the Club Exclusives for the Year 12 which is fine, except for the fact that, there can be a considerable delay. If you order the pieces ahead of the end of the Club year I can make sure I have them in stock. The problem is that when everyone leaves it to the final day I am busy preparing the new pieces and it is difficult to fit them in. I have pictured all the Year 12 Club pieces so you can double check whether you need to order.



Convention 2011

I am now working on the convention pieces for 2011. I will be sending information out to you towards the end of April along with the final Doodle for the year. Regardless we will definitely have a mail event convention but we need to ensure we have enough people to guarantee the event in Tampa. I will be checking the numbers as soon as I have the information available.

Stores

One or two of our larger stores in the USA have recently retired and some of you are having trouble finding a store to purchase from. Please contact us if you need help and remember that we do have an on-line shop on our website. Please note that if you purchase from that you will be supplied by our stores...not us. It's a great system which works really well.

The weather is warming, Spring is coming.....a great time of year.

Best wishes

Deb xx

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The little dragon shown is "Sizzle" and he will be released in 2011.

