

TEDDY BEAR REUNION



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Heartland Happenings

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Teddy Bear Reunion in the Heartland

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FROM THE COMMITTEE: This is it. Ready or not, here you come...and we are ready and waiting. The Clarion Fire Department is washing the street as local residents and businesses sweep the sidewalks, plant the flower boxes and further roll out the red carpet for you. Please read this newsletter very carefully as it contains information about registration, travel, the Charity Bear Encounter, the Boyds Celebration and more.

Special things to note: Host housing is no longer available. Last minute collectors are still welcome but will need to find their own housing. There is still time to register for all workshops, including make and take. Many of the presenters will welcome walk-ins on Friday (workshop day) and some will also sell any remaining kits at their sales tables.

Official TBRH2010 website is: <http://teddybear.clarion-iowa.com>. Any last minute announcements will appear on the NEWSLETTER link.

Just two weeks. We can't wait to meet everyone.

Registration...

Registration for the convention will take place on Thursday, June 10 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. at the Clarion Partnership for Growth office located at 302 South Main Street in the community's restored railroad depot. If you are driving into town, from either east or west, you need only turn south at Main Street for two blocks and you will find the depot on the left. All conventioners are urged to register before 4:30 p.m. when the evening's events will begin. If you arrive after 4:30 p.m., head to the depot and register. The registration staff will be able to direct you to the evening event.

No bus from Des Moines airport

Bus transportation to and from Clarion has been cancelled because there were not enough reservations to make it possible.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

There is still time to register for workshops which are scheduled for Friday, June 11. Four types will be offered. **Lecture/demonstration workshops** cover a wide range of topics. The presenters will share information and allow time for questions and answers in these moderate sized classes. **Historical workshops** are designed for the needs of our vintage bear collectors and anyone curious about the history of the artist Teddy bear movement. These workshops are very popular and draw large crowds. **Panel discussion workshops** combine several experts from a defined Teddy bear field (example: miniature bear artists) who will share tips and answer audience questions. The final group of workshops we call "**Make 'N' Take**" workshops. Participants actually make something in the class and must pre-register and pay the required fee that covers the presenter's expenses and class supplies.

The workshop schedule is on-line at:

<http://teddybear.clarion-iowa.com>. Note that there are four workshop periods. The lecture, historical and panel discussion workshops are generally one period in length. The Make 'N' Take workshops may use one, two or four periods.

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Any last minute announcements will be posted on the Newsletter link of the website.

We are checking email every day also:
TBRH2010@yahoo.com

No more host housing

Homes in the Clarion area are filled to capacity so any last minute collectors will be responsible for their own housing. We can email you a hotel/motel list if necessary.

Charity Bear Encounter

This event, formerly called the Galaxy of Bears gives conventioners an opportunity to help us raise money for our charities. Collectors, vendors and artists are asked to search through their bear hug and see if there are any members that might need a new home. The bears are assigned to various price tables ranging from \$1.00 to \$20.00 and numbers are placed in their laps. Matching numbers are placed in a container and conventioners get in various lines, pay the fee, draw a number from the container and go home with the bear that holds the number matching the number they draw. It's a fast paced event that lasts about 15 minutes and hap-

pens right before the auction on Friday night. If you wish to donate bears for this event, turn then in at the registration desk when you arrive.

If you want to ship your bears for this event, you may ship them to: Charity Bear Encounter, c/o Joyce, 320 North Main, Clarion, IA 50525.

This has been a favorite event at past conventions. In 2000 over 900 bears and other animals were donated. Take a few minutes and find a bear or two that you can bring along for this Charity Bear Encounter.

ATTENTION BOYDS BEAR LOVERS

Circle Sunday, June 13 on your calendar and head to the Heartland Museum to attend their SEVENTH CELEBRATION OF BOYDS event. The Museum's Celebration Committee has rearranged the format for this event to allow visitors ample time to also take in the Teddy Bear Reunion in the Heartland's salesroom and displays.

Gretta Bauman, director of the event explains, "This event will be open from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Certified Boyds dealers will be showcasing current inventory. Secondary market dealers will be on hand selling retired and first edition pieces for those collectors looking for items to complete their collections. Several area collectors will also be on hand selling and trading their duplicate pieces." Check the website at: <http://pleasanridgecollection.com/boyds.html> for more details.

Breaking news... David Miller has resigned from Boyds and he will not be present. Local Teddy bear artist and part time Boyds designer Steve Schutt will be on hand from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to sign Boyds bears made with his designs. The Heartland Museum has several of Steve's designs for sale in their gift shop.

Boyds/Enesco will be setting up a display of their 2010 Fall line. There will two or three programs for the public presenting the new products. The first program is scheduled for 11 a.m. Of course, there will be door prizes as in the past, generously donated by Boyds/Enesco.

The Heartland Museum was recently given a huge Boyds collection. The collection's former owner is downsizing. Over thirty moving boxes have been received, catalogued and will be put out for sale.

Come browse the salesroom, check out the fall collection and door prizes, meet Steve Schutt who will be happy to sign your event purchases or a favorite item you might want to bring from home.

Colonel Mustard, in the Conservatory

We are pleased to announce that the famed Teddy bear murder mystery author John J. Lamb will be investigating all the fun at the TBRH2010. He will join us for the full convention venue. You can catch him at the Friday evening "Authors' Signing Party" and off and on in the showroom on Saturday and Sunday. Be sure to bring your copies of his books to have signed, or add more titles to your collection while you are here.

A new addition to the Author's Signing Party for 2010 is the Swap and Sell. If you have Teddy bear magazines and books that you want to trade or sell, bring them along. There will be a couple tables set up so you can pass them along to new readers. Just remember, you are responsible for bringing them to the convention and also for taking them home if they do not swap or sell.

Spectacular Artist Teddy Bear Event

This is the public's hands down favorite event of the weekend. Each artist selling in the Artist Teddy Bear Sales Room provides one of their most spectacular Teddy bears for the display. Many of the pieces are offered for sale, while special sentimental favorites on display could not be purchased for any price. TBRH conventioners are given an early bird viewing of the display on Friday afternoon. It is a lively time as most of the available displays are sold. But the buyer has to wait until Sunday evening to pick up his/her treasure. The bears remain on display the entire weekend. Cash or credit card only.

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The Clarion newspaper has been presenting feature articles about some of the TBRH2010 dignitaries for local information. Those articles are posted on their website. For information about Jack Wilson, John Lamb, Barbara Lauver, Dottie Ayers and Denis Shaw, check the archives for April and May.

Free bear appraisals

Four of America's top Teddy bear authorities will be on hand to appraise and identify vintage Teddy bears. Dottie Ayers and Barbara Lauver will be traveling from the East to be at the event and John Paul Port and Lisa Vought will travel in from the West. More information will be given in a future newsletter and/or the convention program book.

Friday's Charity Auction

Registrants are in for a treat! The artists contributing to the auction have produced outstanding pieces. Each work is created around the theme: Holidays and Celebrations.

Artists have been asked to stand with their pieces from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. on Friday, June 11. This will give you a photo opportunity and a chance to speak with the artists.

Photos of some of the auction pieces can be seen at <http://teddybear.clarion-iowa.com>. More photos will be uploaded as photos become available. Click on the photo to see a larger picture.

Limited use of credit cards...

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The Spectacular Bear Exhibit and the Charity Auction are the only events where you can use a credit card. Visa, Mastercard and Discover will be accepted for your purchases. Checks will not be accepted at those two events. We encourage you to use your plastic there and save your cash for the sales room.