

## VIDEO LIBRARY

An extensive free video library service is available to all CDAA members. Our list of available videos includes everything from cloth doll instructions to techniques in polymer clay, wiggling and costuming. Each member may borrow tapes for a two-week period.

## MENTOR PROGRAM

This program pairs any member who would like to learn or improve their doll making skills, with another member who is more experienced with that specific technique. Mentors may also be helpful with providing tips on promotion and marketing.

## CDAA FORUM

(Back by Popular Demand for 2009) An on-line place for CDAA members to connect with each other, share ideas, ask questions, post photos, and learn what's going on in the CDAA world.

## CREATIVE DOLL CHALLENGES

CDAA members are invited to participate in the many creative programs available, such as Round Robins, Pin-Swaps, and themed doll Challenges.

## INFORMATION, MARKETING & PROMOTION

CDAA members receive a detailed **Supplier Guide** to help them locate hard to find doll making supplies. A **Show Guide** is available to help members who wish to sell their work. It gives valuable tips on setting up a booth, presentation, pre-show and follow-up strategies. The CDAA also provides members with information on submitting photographs to international doll magazines with advance notice of their themes. CDAA members find networking with other members beneficial, while sharing tips on marketing, promotion of their work, and any other information that only experience can provide.

## HOW TO APPLY

Fill in the enclosed application form and mail it, including at least one photograph that best represents your work, along with payment to the address below.

Please make cheques or money orders payable to: "CDAA Membership".

### Annual Membership Fees

Canadian Membership  
**\$35** (CDN Funds) per annum

American Membership  
**\$35** (US Funds) per annum

International Membership  
**\$35** (US Funds) per annum

Add \$15 to membership fee for  
1-year Member Gallery page

The Canadian Doll Artists Association

Mail the completed form & payment to:

**CDAA Membership**  
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Canadian Doll  
Artists Association



The Canadian Doll Artist Association encourages the work of doll artists and promotes original dolls as an art form. All doll artists who design and create dolls from their own concepts, designs or patterns are welcome regardless of their level of expertise -from beginner to the master doll maker.

The idea of a Canadian association of original doll artists had been discussed many times in almost every region in Canada. Doll artists were isolated and felt a strong need to connect and share ideas with fellow artists. In 1998, a group of Canadian artists in the Ottawa area started meeting and discussing the development of a formal group. On 1st January 1999, The Canadian Doll Artists Association (CDAA) was officially launched, with a logo and a Mission Statement:

*"Dedicated to the promotion of original artist dolls as an art form and to the support of the artists who create them."*

The Canadian Doll Artists Association held its first Conference in May 2000 in Ottawa. Members came from across North America —from as far away as Newfoundland, Alberta, and Texas. The Conference was a huge success with artists participating, networking and sharing ideas. A wonderful sense of camaraderie left everyone feeling energized and inspired. It was a great experience, and a fabulous success!

Official Bylaws were developed, and in 2002, the CDAA became incorporated as a non-profit organization.

Today, the CDAA continues to grow both in its membership and in the many programs that it has to offer. Canadian doll artists are being recognized worldwide, and respected as never before.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the **Canadian Doll Artists Association** is open to all individuals who make original, one-of-a-kind dolls or art figures in a wide variety of mediums. Members are welcome

regardless of their level of expertise. The CDAA offers three kinds of memberships; **Apprentice, Artist, Master** and **Patron**. Full membership descriptions may be found on the back of the [CDAA Membership Application Form](#).

By joining the **CDAA**, doll artists are introduced to many other artists like themselves—people who will support and encourage each other in their artistic endeavors. In addition to connecting artists with each other, the **CDAA** also provides several programs to help develop skills and technical expertise.

### **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Social Events**

To many members, the single most important benefit of joining the **CDAA** is the introduction to other artists - the connection with other creative people. What better place to meet potential new friends, than at a **CDAA** social event? The **CDAA** helps organize regional picnics and special events. These are all great places to meet fellow artists.

### **Annual CDAA “Celebration!” Conference**

The **CDAA** annual spring Conference brings doll artists together for a four-day event which includes **workshops, seminars, a competition, a public sale, an awards banquet** and more. Delegate’s dolls are showcased as part of Canada’s largest annual display of original doll art. Outstanding workshops in the latest techniques are taught by members and by world renowned doll artists.

The **CDAA Conference** has become one of the most exciting, welcoming and inspirational conferences in North America, drawing artists from across Canada, the United States and Internationally.

### **DOLL EXHIBITS**

Several times per year, the CDAA organizes and participates in shows which highlight member’s work. These can include displays in Galleries, Libraries, local doll shows, and the Creative Sewing & Needlework Festival. These

are wonderful promotional opportunities not to be missed.

### **WEBSITE**

The CDAA Website provides an easy way to promote member’s doll art, and to keep up to date with all CDAA news. With just a click of the mouse, a whole world of opportunities opens up.

Members may contribute to a special gallery to showcase their work, participate in online Challenges, contribute to themes and submit their latest doll news. The site is constantly updated with the latest information and photos. Members can go there 24/7 to find out the latest CDAA news: past events, upcoming events, news from members, pin swaps, challenges, everything you ever wanted to know about the Conference, and lots of pictures of member’s amazing artwork!

Check us out at:

[www.dollartists.ca](http://www.dollartists.ca)

### **NEWSLETTER**

Keeping pace with technology, the CDAA produces a bi-monthly electronic newsletter designed to keep members in touch and up to date. Members are encouraged to submit articles on dolls they have made, shows they have been to, and techniques they have learned. Each issue is filled to the brim with wonderful photos of member’s doll art. There are artist and event reviews, new member introductions, book reports, tips, and much more. It is a “good read” in an afternoon with a cup of tea.

### **Membership**

### **Enquiries**

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