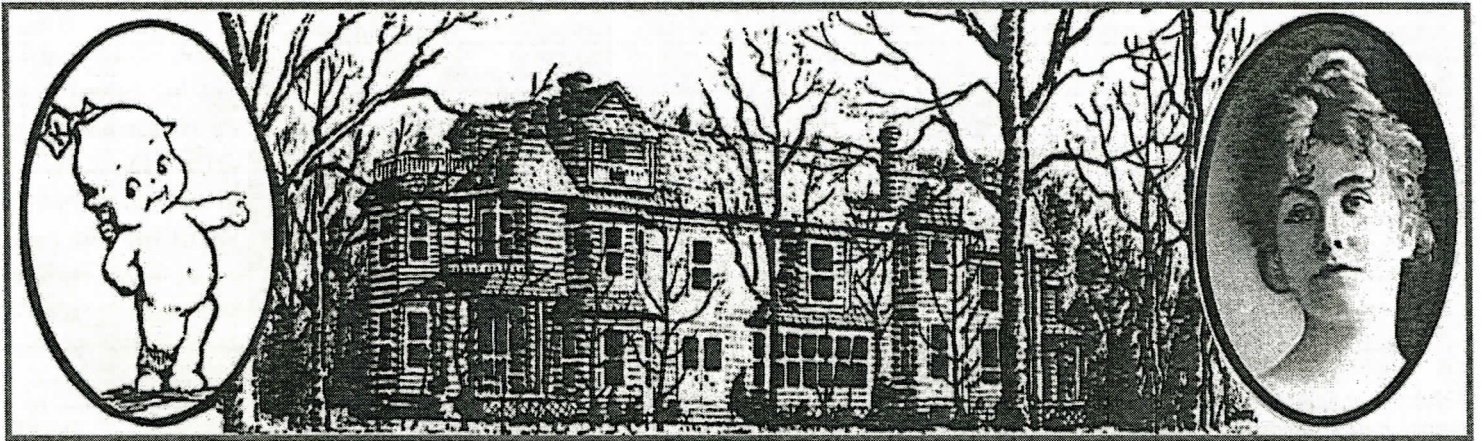


"I love this place better than anywhere on earth" – Rose O'Neill

# The BONNIEBROOK News



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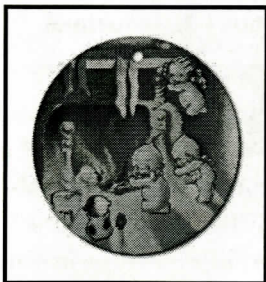
## Message from the President

The 2012 Faerie Gathering and Sweet Monsters Ball not only entertained new visitors but also brought us two new BHS members and two new volunteers! A huge thank you from BHS for all the hard work of the volunteers for this event. Volunteer photographers included Glenn Donze, Gayle Green, George Kurland, & Heidi Lowe. Special thanks to member Carmen Mayer for bringing such lovely Kewpie items to sell at her vendor table. The Irish music and storytellers would have been just what Rose O'Neill and her family and friends would have enjoyed! Also, thanks to the many hours of volunteer work by Martha & James Melton for the beautiful posters and advertising cards designed and distributed in order to announce the details of the event.



Important thanks to Chuck Taylor who worked for three Saturday's in a row installing insulation and other building materials, donated from Jerry's Mini Storage, in the attic and basement areas of the Bonniebrook home. Also, thanks to Larry Palmore who is installing new doors, donated from James and Martha Melton, in the alcove area which leads to the basement. All these improvements are sure to assist with reducing the winter heating bills!!!

David Stewart and Mike & Angie Stokes are finalizing their Bonniebrook volunteer project of constructing a retaining wall which secures our three HVAC units for the tour home. With the heavy Missouri rains, the ground around the units had eroded to a point of peril for these sources of heating and cooling for the home. It was not easy carrying the heavy bags of concrete down the sloping ground where the HVAC Units are installed - but, they did it! Thank you so very much for your concern and hard work during the implementation of these repairs!



BHS is now the exclusive distributor of an attractive assortment of lovely porcelain Kewpie Christmas ornaments that are offered for the first time in this newsletter and will later be available in our EBay gift shop store. See page 5 for photos of the fourteen ornaments. They come with a red ribbon for easy hanging on a tree, in a window, on a package, or on a wreath. Are you looking for the special "Secret Santa" gift for family and friends? These great stocking stuffers are going to be the delight of this year's Christmas season. BHS can mail direct to your loved one (along with a Kewpie gift card) or mail to your home. You can order using your Visa/MasterCard by calling the BHS gift shop 1-417-561-1509 or use the enclosed mailing order form along with your check. Order soon so your ornaments arrive in plenty of time for Christmas decorating and present exchanges! With your support of

this fundraising project, BHS can continue our mission of educating the world about the history of Rose Cecil O'Neill, the genius of the arts, through the preservation and maintenance of Bonniebrook.

*Kewpishly Yours, Susan K. Scott*

## From our Members.....



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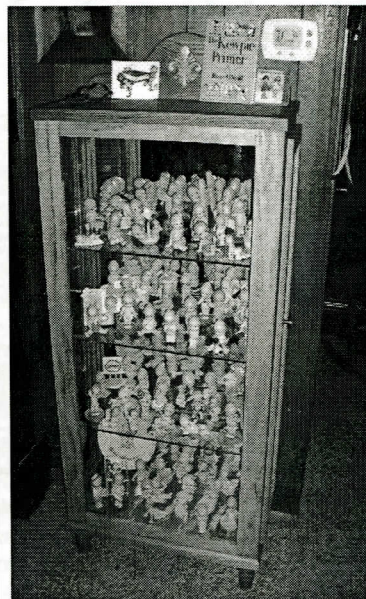
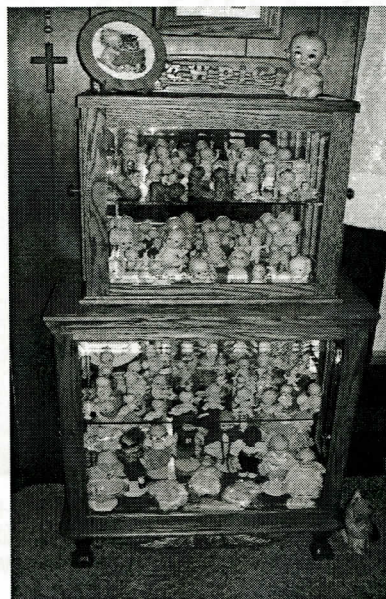
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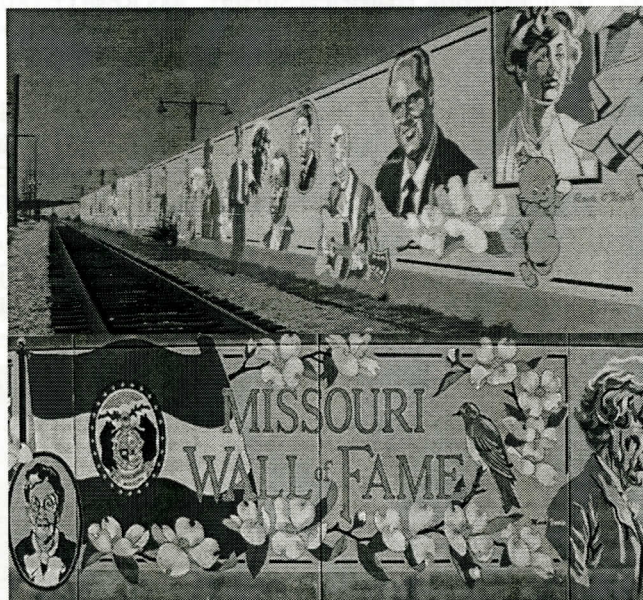
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Membership Dues: 15.00

Admission:  
 Adults \$8.00  
 Students \$3.00  
 BHS members \$2.00  
 12 & under free



Member Verdine Martin's husband, Richard, put his talent and craftsmanship skills to a very good cause with beautiful custom made cabinets for Verdine's Kewpies. He better start getting some more wood ready since Verdine needs a third cabinet!



Member Betty Griffith let us know that Rose O'Neill is honored on the Cape Girardeau Missouri Wall of Fame. This wall separates the Mississippi River from the city of Cape Girardeau.

The Wall was painted in 1995 and re-furbished in 2005. Thanks to Betty for taking the time to share her photos and exciting information!

This historical documentation will be included in the nomination packet being sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives

for O'Neill to be honored in the Hall of Famous Missourians.

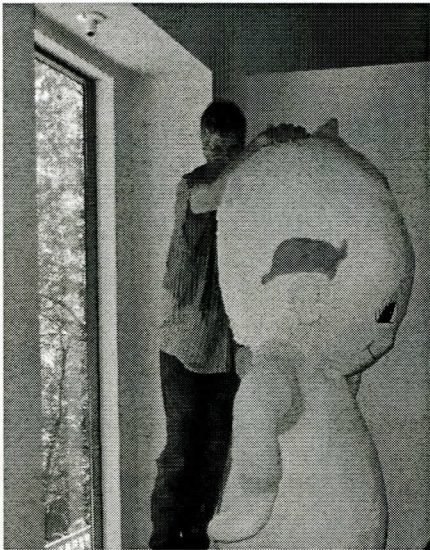


Thanks to member Stephenie Schultz and Darren Cummings for completing their volunteer work on the walking bridge in time for our Faerie Gathering. It looks great!

# Giant Kewpie Update!!

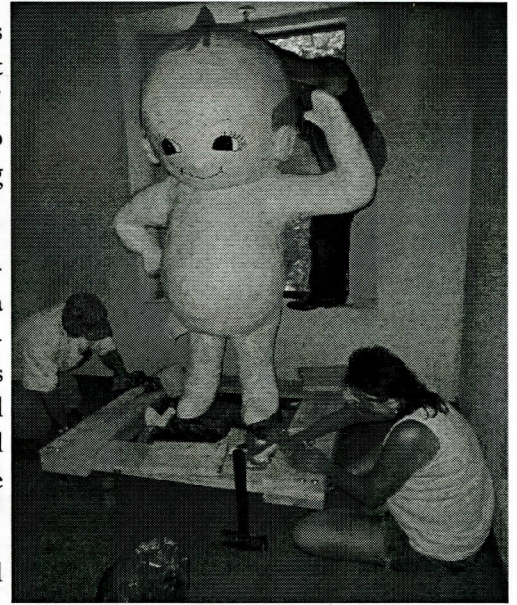
Thanks to volunteers Mike & Angie Stokes and David Stewart, the repairs to our Giant Kewpie continue. They constructed a huge/sturdy platform that has wheels in order to move Kewpie from place to place depending on the venue in the multi-purpose room.

The next step in the project is to further stabilize Kewpie with a metal rod (similar to a doll stand) which will assist with the stabilization. Part of the difficulty with Kewpie is the legs supporting the massive head and body were designed too small which created a top heavy situation which assisted in the



recent fall.

Notice how Kewpie smiles and waves in relief after these latest repairs. We will keep you posted!!



## Gift Shop Re-design Educates and Entices Visitors to Shop & Buy!

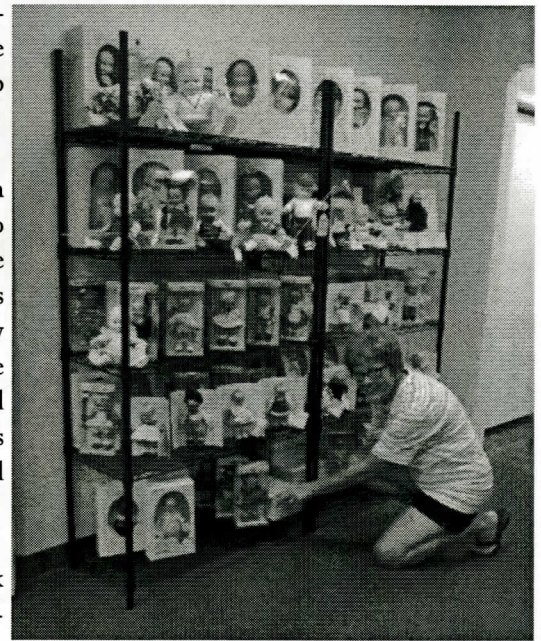


Thanks to member volunteers, Tom & Judith Bailey, for their hard work in re-designing our gift shop entrance and shopping areas in our visitor center. The entrance area now features educational displays where visitors are first introduced to the history of Rose O'Neill. Artifacts recovered from the rubble of the O'Neill home are displayed in a locked case. Visitors are often intrigued with the variety of items which were found by our members and then donated for preservation. Copies of the archive booklet featuring the MSU project of cleaning and identifying some of the items are available from our gift shop for \$10.00 including shipping.



The Kewpie gift shop is run with an all volunteer staff who also provided input into the Kewpie merchandise which sells the best! Then, Tom & Judy used their skill and knowledge in retail displays and improved the shop with enticing displays of dolls, books, figurines, and O'Neill illustration prints.

Thanks to a donation of track lighting from Jerry's Mini-Storage, Larry Palmore then volunteered to install these additional fixtures which assist with improved illumination of the merchandise available in the BHS gift shop.



## Master Gardeners & Missouri Dept. of Conservation Visit Bonniebrook



On July 9th, BHS hosted the monthly meeting of the Master Gardeners of the Ozarks. After a short presentation about the history of Rose O'Neill and Bonniebrook, the Gardeners visited the tour home and walked the grounds discovering, for the first time, O'Neill's favorite place on earth.

Laurie McCann, Master Gardeners of the Ozarks, is organizing a group of their volunteers to assist with winter plantings. She also connected with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDOC) for their assistance.

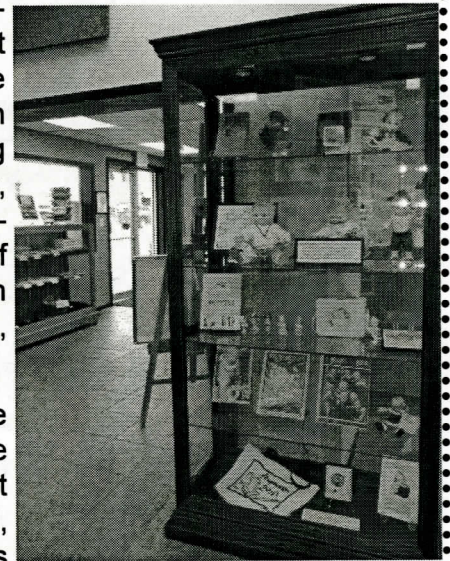
Two officials of the MDOC have now visited and met with BHS volunteers and Laurie to determine the need for donations of their shrubs and other plants. The great news is that they fell in love with the beauty of Bonniebrook and want to assist with plantings during February. And, the

great news is that they are also providing volunteers to assist with this project!

## The City of Branson Celebrates 100 Years with Centennial Museum

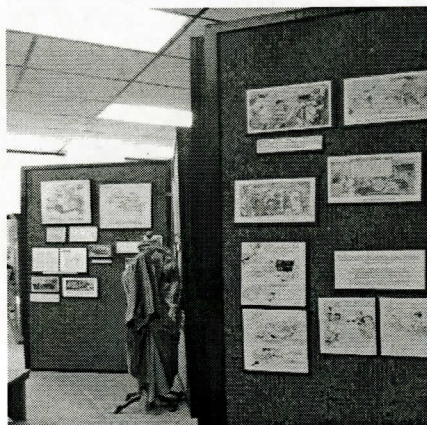


The Branson Centennial Museum, located in downtown Branson, is featuring the history of notable residents of the area since the city's incorporation 100 years ago. BHS was asked to prepare a special exhibit which honors Rose O'Neill's involvement in the community. During the month of October, the O'Neill exhibit includes their theme of "Back to School" with displays of Kewpies, and O'Neill art.



Thanks to Jean Cantwell for the donation of an example of a Rose O'Neill dress, visitors to the museum also get a true feeling of the unique artist who often visited downtown Branson in her flowing velvet mantel and bare feet in sandals. And, we are told that her red painted toenails

were quite the sensation among those who had the chance to see her visiting the Branson Owens Movie Theater. However, it is reported that those Branson residents who had the fortune to actually know Rose, respected and admired her sweetness, generosity, and talent and easily overlooked her unusual dress code. This exhibit has introduced Rose O'Neill and Bonniebrook to visitors of Branson who became intrigued with this historical information and then came out to visit our beautiful homestead.



Heartfelt thanks to Jim & Jean Babcock and Mary Ann Sharp, Centennial Museum, for their volunteer assistance in assembling this exhibit.

***Exclusive Kewpie Porcelain Christmas Ornaments  
Support Bonniebrook & Order Today!***



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**\$12.50 per Ornament + Shpg**

[ 1 Item Shpg = \$3.00 ]

[ 2 or More Items Shpg = \$5.00 ]

Round = 2 7/8" Across

Oval 2.3" x 3.25"

Order Form Enclosed with Newsletter

# Kewpie Porcelain Ornaments Mail Order Form

Description: These are flat tiles - 2 7/8" round or 2.3" x 3.25" oval - image on one side only - reverse side white - red ribbon for hanging included.

Item #	Quantity	Price Per Item	
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(1 Item =\$3.00 2 or more =\$5.00)			\$
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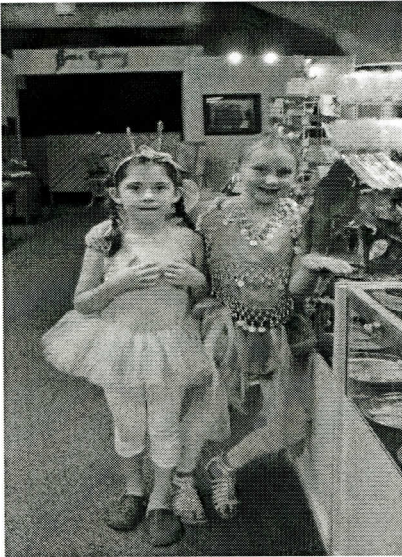
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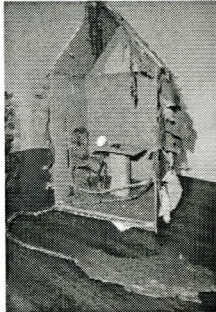
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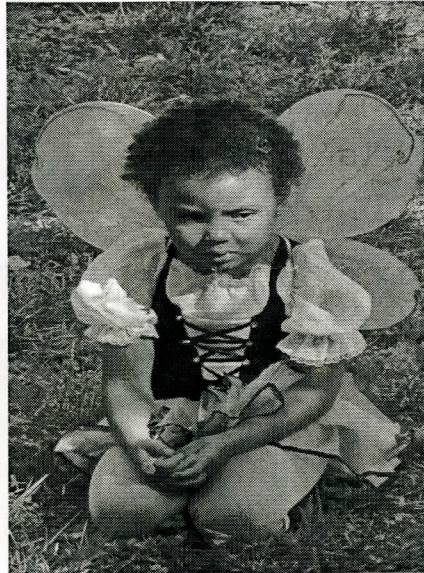
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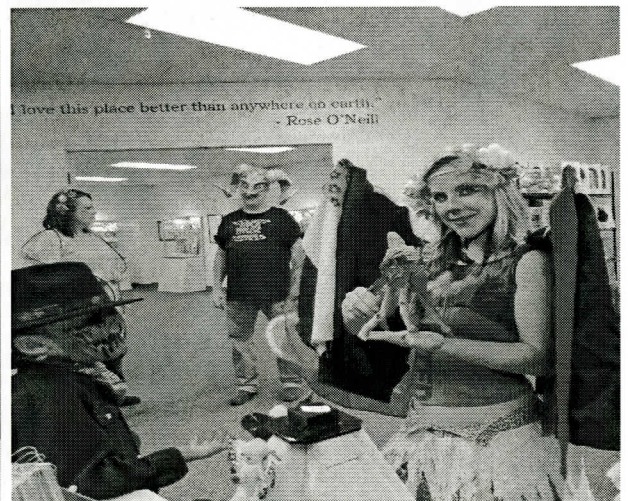
Congratulations to Clara Wait (on the right), winner of the faerie house building contest, who is shown with her good friend, Ruby Smith. Her inspiring portrayal of the inside of the faerie house was imaginative and unique. The winner was decided based on votes from the participants of the faerie gathering. Mike and Nancee Micham performed Irish music and showed their skill with Ozarks storytelling much to the delight of the Gathering attendees.



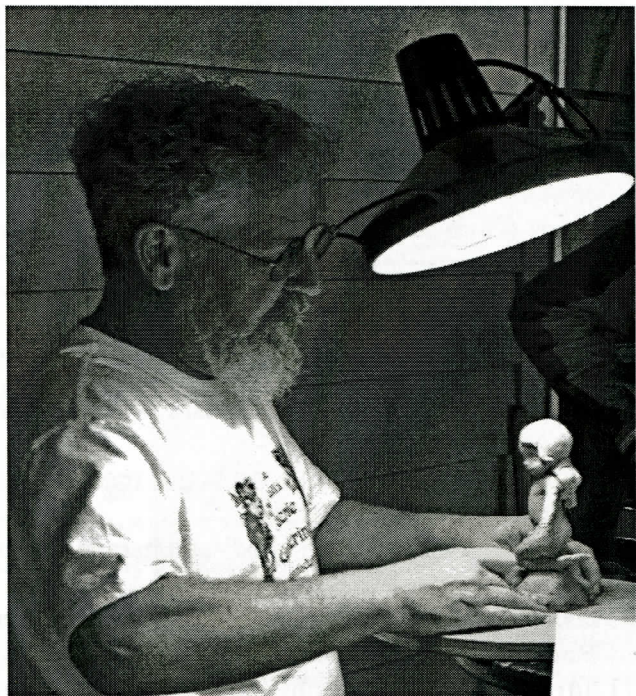
Funding for this festival was provided in part by the Missouri Arts Council.



Beautiful Faeries Visit Bonniebrook



Kent Melton, artist with 30 years experience in the animation industry, shared the maquettes he sculpted for a Laika Studios film, "Paranorman." Kent also provided instructions on sculpting faeries.



Marideth Sisco, best known for her essays on KSMU's "These Ozark Hills" and who was featured in the film "Winter's Bone," shared tales from the Ozarks.



Belladonna performs.





## Donations!!!! Thank You!!!!

- Dena Anthony**—Handmade Kewpie pins and hairpieces.  
**Jeanette Bair**— Silent auction items  
**Jean Cantwell**—Research library archive items. Costume jewelry and household items for garage sale.  
**Robert Christie**— Huge load of garage sale items.  
**Donna Davis**—Research papers for library.  
**Dave Edwards**—Haniel Long O'Neill papers for research library.  
**Dortha Galutia**—Garage sale items.  
**Gayle Green**— Collectible baseball items for Ebay sales. Snacks for volunteers.  
**Shellie Kirkendall**—Gift shop items, research library papers and books.  
**Shelley Kleypas**—Baked goods and garage sale items.  
**Pam Martin**—Silent auction items  
**Master Gardeners of the Ozarks**—Perennial plants for Bonniebrook flower beds.  
**Laurie McCann**—Perennial plants for Bonniebrook flower beds.  
**Martha & James Melton** —Donation for website re-design. Research library papers and books. Garage sale and silent auction items.  
**Mary Peterson**— Beautifully handcrafted notecards to sell in gift shop.  
**Susan Scott** - Gift shop, silent auction & garage sale items.  
**Chuck & Ingrid Taylor**—Baked goods & garage sale items.  
**Dale Thomas**—Kewpee restaurant photos & newspaper articles for BHS research library.  
**Louise Williams** – Gift shop items, research library papers and books.

## 2012 Volunteers

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| • Tom & Judy Bailey  | Charlotte & Larry     |
| • Jeanette Bair      | Palmore               |
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| • Jerry & Sue Causey | Alan, Chris & Susan   |
| • Darren Cummings    | Scott                 |
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| • Shelley Kleypas    | Louise Williams       |
| • Robin Lowe         | C.B. & Arlene         |
| • Billie Macrander   | Wilmore               |
| • Laurie McCann      | Emma Wilson           |

**Thank you for Donating  
Your Time!!**

## Cash Donations In Memorium

- Donna Davis**—In memory of Perry Yohe  
**Reba Kelly Hand** —in memory of her Grandmother, Bernice Owens.  
**Harold Olena**—in memory of his Sister, Cheryl Mullen.

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## Rose Of Wonder

Basking in the sun, she draws on  
and on

Detail she creates, where emotions  
take place.

Devil's sins to angels wings, tears  
are shed and others beam, while  
Rose O'Neill creates each theme..  
Some laugh and others cry, some  
stand more still than the

night.

Each painting and drawing seems  
to seek some wild emotion running  
through me.

But in each work of art, Rose O'Neill  
has touched our hearts.

*By Sophia Combs*



Special thanks to fourteen year old Sophia Combs for sharing her poem about Rose O'Neill with our members. Sophia visited Bonniebrook this summer with her grandmother, Virginia Combs, and was so inspired by Rose

O'Neill's art that she went home and wrote this beautiful poem. She has been writing from the time she was in the fifth grade and has had some stories and poems published in the "Fox Trot Journal." Sophia tells everyone that someday she wants to work at Bonniebrook for the summer. She wants to share the Rose O'Neill story!

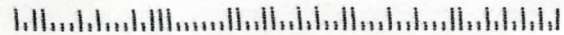
{Judith Bailey, BHS member and volunteer, was so moved by Sophia's poem that she produced a video that can be viewed online at <https://vimeo.com/49926767>}

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**Piper Dressed Just Like a Kewpie Puddles**



Piper's grandparents came into the BHS Gift shop and just had to buy the Kewpie Puddles doll. Why? Well, it looks just like their adorable grand-daughter, Piper! Don't you agree?

