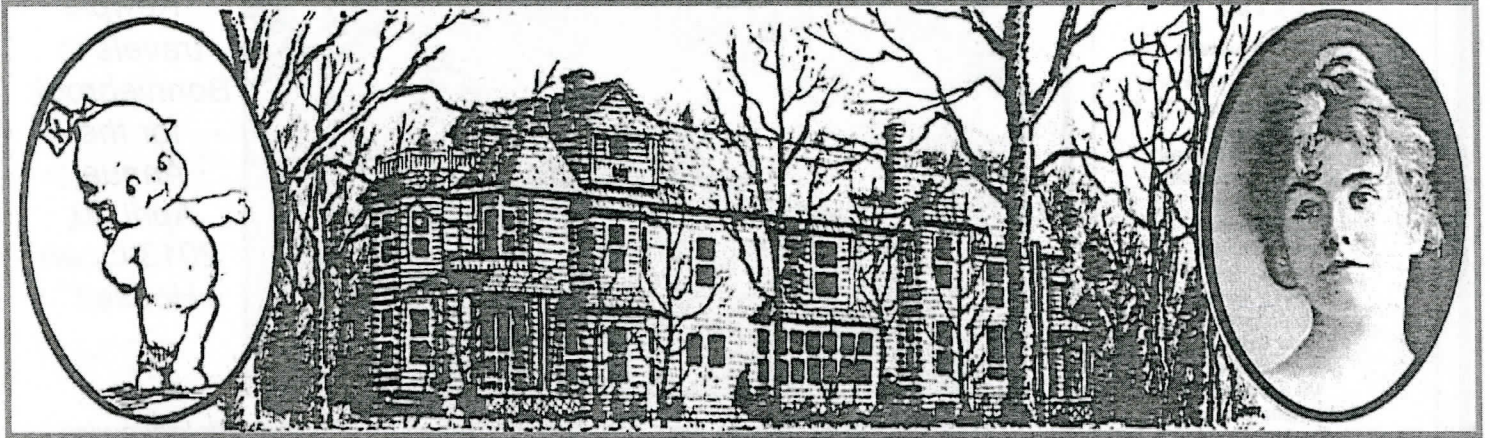


"I love this place better than anywhere on earth" – Rose O'Neill

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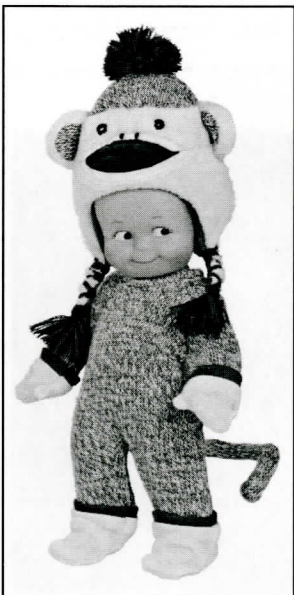
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Message from the President

It is spring at Bonniebrook and our thoughts go to Rose O'Neill's lovely descriptive words in her journals, April, 1937 "The lavender persuasion of the lilacs, echoed with a difference from the wild verbenas on the ground; plunges into the full purple of irises. What a legionary march of them along the brook. What a vast phalanx of lilac twenty-thirty (?) feet high on the road to the barns. Lilacs more than twenty years old. Irises as old, marching. Yucca lilies, are old, waiting for extreme white, in summer, and the white moth husbands when they let the perfume out at night. Such an enormous garden-place!"

Laurie McCann, Master Gardeners of the Ozarks volunteer, is assisting with improvements of our Bonniebrook "garden-place." We thank her for bringing her love of the historic discoveries of the flowers, shrubs, and trees revealed to be at Bonniebrook during the days of the O'Neill's living here. The planning of plantings takes time and her patience and devotion to doing it right is greatly appreciated.



We look forward to your visit during this historic centennial year of 2013. Our Bonniebrook season for visitors has been changed to April 1 - October 31; however, our historical society provides students, writers, and researchers with ongoing access to Rose O'Neill documentation, contained in our extensive library, through the magnificent and far reaching virtual power of the Internet.

Charisma Brands has announced four new Kewpie dolls for 2013. They are adorable and will surely capture fond memories of cute little handmade sock monkeys and bell bottom jeans! These Kewpies will be on sale in our gift shop around the first of April. The price will be \$34.95 for these 8" vinyl Kewpies. Don't forget, your purchases from BHS assist with the ongoing preservation and maintenance of Bonniebrook!

Kewpishly Yours, Susan K. Scott

From Our Members.....



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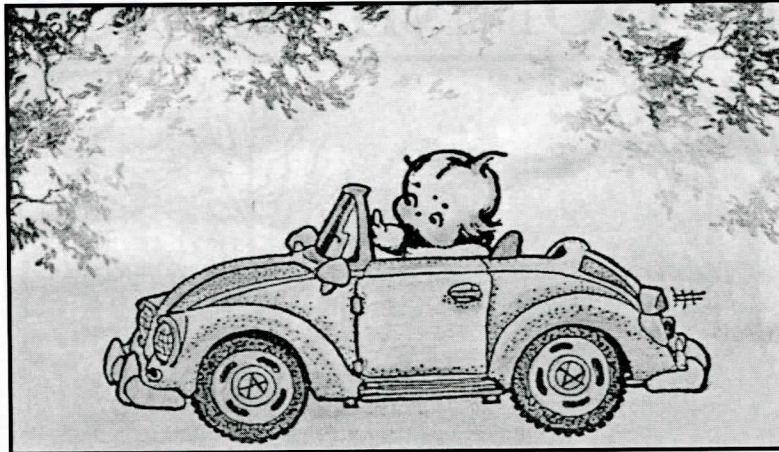
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*"Kewpie
travels to
Bonniebrook
for the
Annual
April 20,
2013 Open
House!!"*

This adorable Image was created & shared by Eleanor Waladkewics



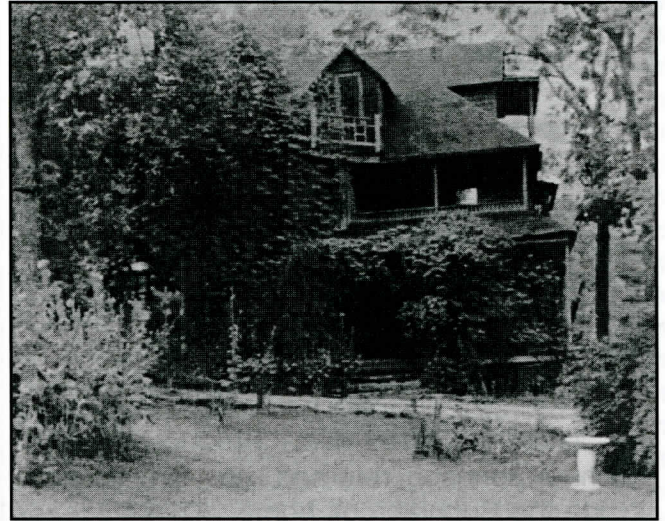
*Constance Jennings shares
her collection of patriotic
Kewpies!*



*Thanks to Betty Hove
for sharing a glimpse
into a corner of her
doll and bear room!!*

*Bonniebrook
Homestead Memories
1893-2013*

*Open House
Saturday, April 20, 2013
11:00am -4:00pm*



The Annual Bonniebrook Open House & Tea is scheduled for Saturday, April 20 11:00-4:00pm. This free admission event is open to the public.

Delicious light refreshments will be catered by "Made in the Shade."

Free tours of the house, fine art gallery and museum reveal why Rose O'Neill was one of the most notable women illustrators in the early 20th century. BHS volunteers will be available to answer questions and provide assistance throughout the event. Plan to enjoy some good ole toe tapping music reminiscent of the days when the O'Neills lived at our beautiful Bonniebrook Homestead in the Ozarks.

Schedule of Activities

11:00-4:00 Virginia Snyder and the Silvertones perform in the multi-purpose room.

11:00-4:00 Ongoing slide show and exhibits of 120 Years of "Bonniebrook Homestead Memories."

12:30-1:00 Sophia Combs, poet and freshman at Ozark High School, is the author of the poem, "Rose of Wonder." Sophia's poem, which celebrates the emotional art of Rose O'Neill, was inspired by a visit to our BHS fine art gallery last year. Immediately following the reading of "Rose of Wonder", Combs will autograph presentation copies of her poem for all attendees.

1:00-1:30 Carole & Mark Gillette present "The Kewpies that Kuddle You Back." Carole and Mark have extensively researched the history of Rose O'Neill's Kuddle Kewpie doll which is documented to be handcrafted at Bonniebrook as early as 1911. O'Neill referred to this softly stuffed Kewpie as her "Downy Hero." O'Neill collectors will be surprised with Carole & Mark's newly found Kuddle research!

1:30-2:00 Donna Davis presents "The 100th Anniversary of Bisque Kewpie Production in Germany." Last fall, Donna traveled to Germany to attend the special centennial Kewpie celebration and while there she visited factories that once made the dolls which ultimately took the world by storm! Donna will share her observation that there are no language barriers when everyone has the same love of Kewpie!

2:00-2:30 Blain Kukevitch and Jamie Donofrio—authors of a March, 2013 *Antique Doll Collector Magazine* six page article about their collection of rare bisque Kewpies will present an intriguing account of how they got started collecting these Rose O'Neill unique treasures.

Join in this historic celebration and sign the proclamation of the 120th Anniversary of the Bonniebrook Homestead. This proclamation along with photos of the event will be put into an exclusive folder which will be included in the archives of the BHS Research Library.

Bear Creek Productions Resumes Filming At Bonniebrook

As reported in the Summer 2012 Newsletter, Bear Creek Productions began filming several scenes at our Bonniebrook Homestead. The full-length feature film *BALD KNOBBER* is scheduled to be completed in 2013 with a release date to be shared in a future newsletter.

In January 2013, film Producer/Director, Michael Johnson returned to film scenes inside the Bonniebrook home. Those scenes included two actors sitting on the sofa which once belonged to Rose O'Neill. The sofa is currently positioned in the library in front of the fireplace—just as it was when the O'Neill's lived at Bonniebrook.



Actors, Betty Juneman (Ada Prather) and Keith Thurman (Alonzo Prather) prepare for a scene.



Cameraman, Richard Claar prepares for a scene.

Callie Keithley, who once worked for the O'Neill's as a cook and housekeeper, was given the sofa as a wedding present from Rose. Fortunately, Callie left detailed historic facts about the location of the sofa in the library. Several years ago, Lance and Nancy Keithley donated the sofa to our historical society along with several other O'Neill items including an iron bed which is now located in Rose O'Neill's bedroom. And lovely antique quilts donated by Margie Beadles complete the genuineness of the room.

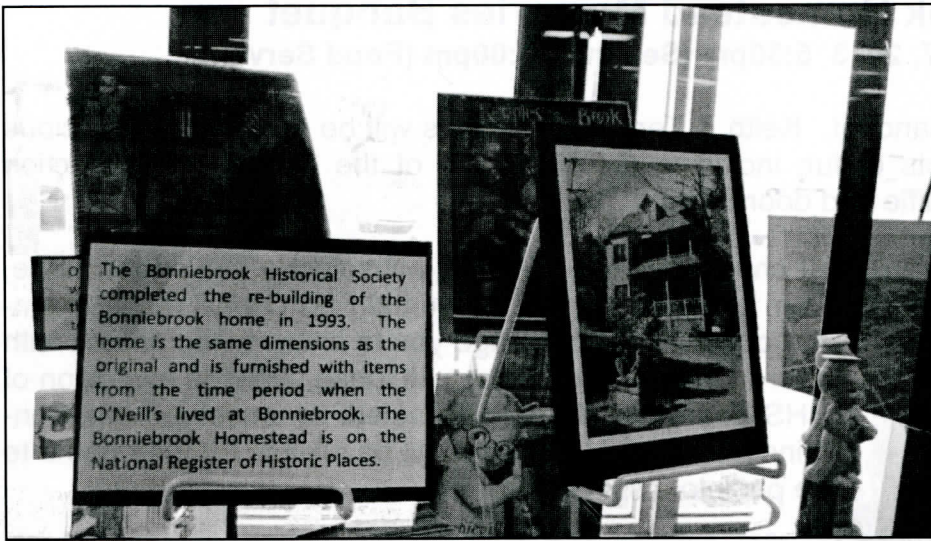
Over the years, our dedicated BHS volunteers have made improvements to the entire home in order to appear more genuine of the time period of the O'Neill's. As evidenced from the filming choice to be inside the home, it is proven that the volunteers

have done an excellent job of re-creating. For example, notice the turkey tail feathers on the wall above the book shelf. After studying the original photographs of the library, Martha Melton located and then donated this wall hanging which emulates an original display. Many of the collectible vintage books were donated by Ingrid and Chuck Taylor. As we continue to analyze photos of the original O'Neill Bonniebrook, we plan to add vintage donated items, such as these, to give the feeling and improve the appearance of authenticity to our BHS tour home.

Curtis Copeland, Richard Claar and Mike Johnson prepare set, sound & lighting.



Rose O'Neill Exhibit Brentwood Library Springfield Missouri

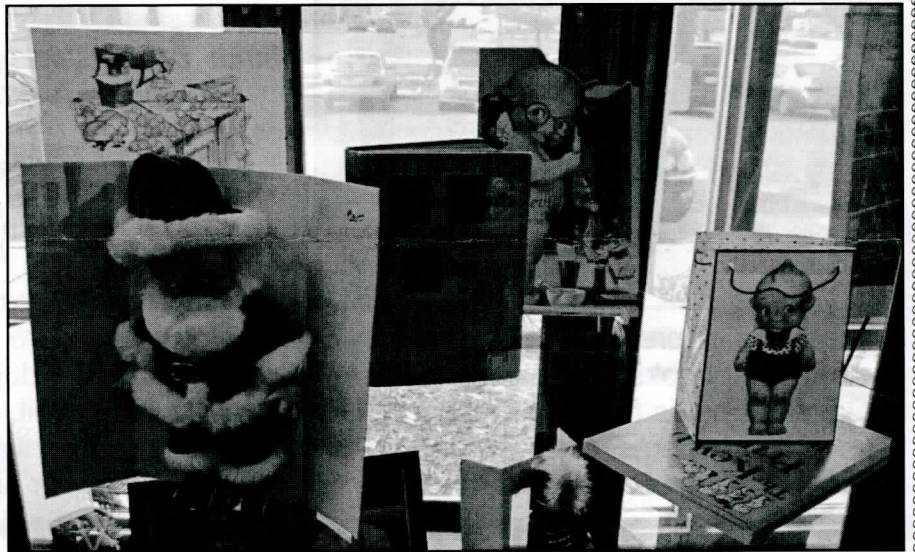


Thanks to Brentwood Branch Library, Springfield, Missouri for hosting the BHS Rose O'Neill Exhibit during the entire month of December, 2012. We appreciate the work of our volunteer, Gayle Green, in assembling and delivering this exhibit to Aleah Weltha, Reference Manager, at

Brentwood. We truly thank Aleah for initiating the contact with BHS when she expressed their interest in hosting this educational exhibit. The exhibit featured the books written and illustrated by O'Neill along with biographies written about her. Several holiday Kewpie dolls provided extra charm which assisted with catching the attention of the library patrons!

Photographs for the display included the O'Neill's Bonniebrook home, the BHS tour home, along with the well-known image of two famous Missouri artists, Thomas Hart Benton and Rose on the front porch steps of Bonniebrook. Examples of O'Neill illustrated books were of particular interest to their book collectors.

Brentwood has hosted BHS exhibits in prior years and we thank them for their continuing interest in sharing the important history of this famous Missourian, Rose Cecil O'Neill.



Bonniebrook Homestead Memories Banquet

Wednesday, April 17, 2013 5:30pm (Seating) 6:00pm (Food Served)

Please plan to attend our annual banquet. Keith & Teresa Kummings will be catering the delicious home-style meal. There will be lots of fun including the beginning of the annual Silent Auction (ending during the Open House), raffle and door prizes.



At check-in, each attendee will select a sealed envelope, from a basket, which will contain an O'Neill family member quote. We encourage you to share these quotes with your friends at your table. All those, with the exception of BHS board members, who select an envelope that contains a Rose O'Neill quote will be eligible for their name to be put into a special drawing.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the sign-up form that can be sent in with your check to reserve your place at the banquet. Starting April 1, you can also make reservations via telephone and use your MasterCard/Visa.

417-561-1509

Menu: Baked chicken, meat loaf, potatoes, green beans, green salad, cobbler, cake, tea & lemonade.

Price per person: \$18.00

Reserve your space Now!

We encourage everyone to share your favorite images or experiences of previous years visits to Bonniebrook. You are welcome to bring your Bonniebrook photos, scrapbooks, or written memories to display or share during this enjoyable banquet. Scrapbooks and photos from the Research Library will be on exhibit. We especially appreciate the donations of these items archived in the BHS Research Library which assist with the importance of commemoration of 120 years since the O'Neill's arrived at our historic Bonniebrook Homestead!

Donations!!!! Thank You!!!!

- Tom & Judy Bailey – BHS video production expenses.
- Justin Baker - Research library papers including death notices, cemetery, and funeral information for Clink O'Neill.
- Donna Davis - Research library papers.
- Dr. Bob & Glenda Galutia - Two antique quilts for the BHS tour home.
- Shellie Kirkendall - Research library papers.
- Blain Kukevitch & Jamie Donofrio -75 issues of *Antique Doll Collector Magazine* to sell in the gift shop.
- James & Martha Melton - Museum items including Kewpie ice cream mold, Flexo-Kewpie & Research library papers.
- Paula Terhune – Handmade Kewpie items for sale in the gift shop and items for garage sale.
- Betty Nelle Whitman – Research library papers.

\$\$ Cash Donations \$\$

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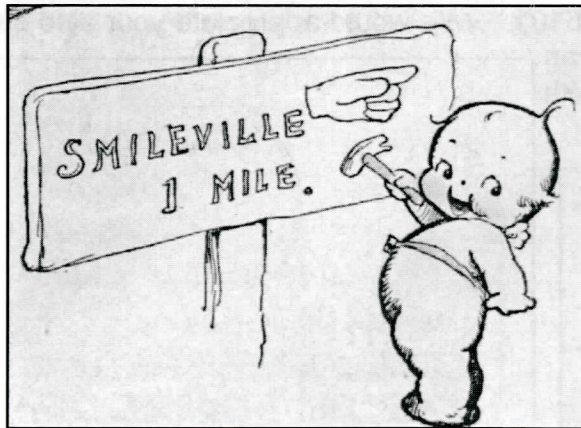
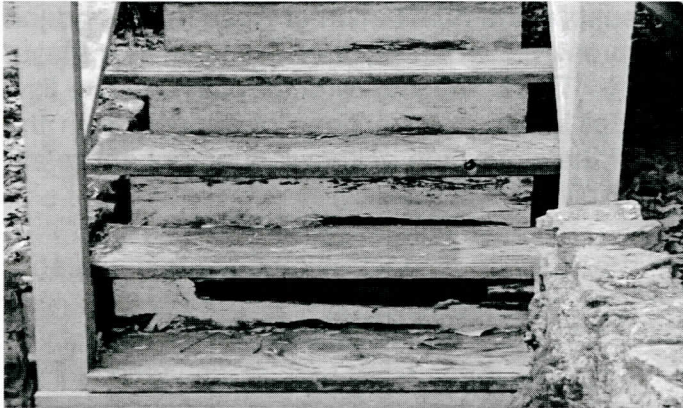
Plus Several
Anonymous Donations

Eleanor Waladkewics - In memory of
her husband, Michael.

Repairs to Tour Home - A huge thank you to our members whose generous donations have assisted with the funding of many winter repair projects. Without your support, these much needed repairs would not have been possible. And, thanks to Larry & Charlotte Palmore for their volunteer hard work in restoring the tour home (inside & out) during our off-season.

The wall and ceiling in Callista's bedroom had stains from water damage. Larry repaired and painted and the room which now looks very nice! The humidity from the creek area provides for a continuing maintenance issue for all of the wooden structures at Bonniebrook. The back boards of the stairs on the east side of the home had decayed and have now been replaced with weather treated boards and then painted to match the color of the home. The front and back porch hand rails have been replaced. The front porch boards have also been treated with weather sealant. Larry also repaired the hot water tank in the home by cleaning out the lime buildup and installing a new heating element.

As the weather allows, Larry & Charlotte plan to complete several more projects such as these so when we open in April, Bonniebrook will be sparkling!!



Rose Cecil O'Neill Nominations to the Hall of Famous Missourians

Thanks to everyone who submitted letters and petitions of support for our nomination of Rose Cecil O'Neill to be honored in the Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians in the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City!

On January 23, 2013 a huge packet of information about Rose O'Neill along with your letters and petitions of support was mailed to the Missouri Speaker of the House of Representatives, Timothy Jones. In addition, Don Phillips, Missouri House of Representatives (Districts Taney & Stone County) distributed over 200 BHS brochures to the members of the House and wrote a wonderful letter of support to Speaker Jones. Thirty-five BHS letters were also sent to House Members.

In 2009 and 2012, we submitted detailed packets to support the nomination of Rose for this honor; however, the submission this year was even more impressive. The Mayor of Branson, The Mayor of Ohdruf, Germany, The President of Drury University, The Managing Director of The White River Valley Historical Society, along with many personal letters and petitions of support from the United States, Germany, and Japan were reflective of the worldwide acknowledgement of the accomplishments of the genius of the arts, Rose Cecil O'Neill.

In upcoming newsletters, we will be sharing some more of these wonderful documents of support. If you did not already have the opportunity to sign a petition or submit a letter to BHS for inclusion in our nomination packet, it is not too late for you to get involved. A letter of your support directly to Speaker Jones would be additional confirmation of the historic importance of this nomination: Timothy Jones, Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives, Hall of Famous Missourians, 201 West Capitol Ave, Room 308, Jefferson City, MO 65101. We would appreciate your also sending a copy, of this communication, to BHS so we can include it in the Research Library archives along with these other nomination documents.

I, Isao Iwai, believe it is time for Missouri to recognize the accomplishments of one of its notable Ozarks residents, Rose Cecil O'Neill, with a nomination to the Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians.

Additional Comments:

I am sure Ms Rose Cecil O'Neill did bring
dream and happiness to all of people
around the world.

She is a wonder to young and old generations
in 20 century and will be remembered
in the future!

She will be the most valuable candidate for
the Hall of Famous Missourians.

July 24, 2012 Isao Iwai Tokyo, JAPAN
Date Name City State

8-2-12

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to show
my support for Rose O'Neill to
be nominated for the Hall
of Famous Missourians.

Throughout her career -
lifetime she created memorable
toys, artwork, stories, and
all around history.

Every young lady should
know what can be accomplished
if you set your mind to it - and
Rose lets that be known
throughout her era.

Thank You
Robin Kelly Hand
Rolla, Mo.

Nominierung von



Rose Cecil O'Neill

Künstlerin (Zeichnerin), Schriftstellerin, Verfechterin der Frauenrechte, Philanthropin (Menschenfreundin)

für die Aufnahme in die Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians

Ich, Mariou Hopf, ersuche den Sprecher des Missouri Repräsentantenhauses hochachtungsvoll, Rose Cecil O'Neill in die Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians aufzunehmen. O'Neill wurde bereits mit dem Missouri Award ausgezeichnet und in die Missouri Women's Council Hall of Fame sowie in die Greater Ozarks Hall of Fame of the College of the Ozarks und in The National Women's History Project List of Honorees aufgenommen. Die State Historical Society Missouri präsentiert O'Neills Geschichte und ihre Leistungen auf seiner Website unter den „Historic Missourians“.

O'Neill, Amerikas erste weibliche Comiczeichnerin, wurde bereits 1916 in die ausschließlich aus Männern bestehende New York Society of Illustrators aufgenommen worden und Ihre Kunstwerke sind in den Sammlungen vieler Museen in aller Welt zu sehen.

O'Neill schrieb Novellen, Gedichte und Kurzgeschichten, zeichnete Hunderte von Illustrationen und erschuf das Wesen der Kewpie in Bonniebrook, dem heimischen Anwesen der O'Neill - Familie in Taney County, Missouri. O'Neill verbrachte einen Großteil ihres Lebens in ihrem geliebten Missouri. 2012 steht für einhundert Jahre Produktion und Verkauf von Kewpie Puppen. Ich, Mariou Hopf, glaube, es ist an der Zeit für Missouri, die besonderen Leistungen von Rose Cecil O'Neill, einer seiner bemerkenswertesten Bürgerinnen mit einer Aufnahme in die Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians zu würdigen.

.....Persönliche Anmerkungen:



We owe her - Rose O'Neill - much. She created a little wonder for us, our souls and hearts. The Kewpie dolls hearty and warm character and their whimsically smile fascinates people over the whole world since more than 100 years. They are an alliance between the continents and certainly they bring hope for peace and freedom to world. I think nobody who loves these wonderful dolls with their open arms can be able to think or handle in a bad way and so I would be very happy to know her as a member of the Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians.



27.11.2012 Ort, Datum und Unterschrift (en)

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January 16, 2013

Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives
Timothy Jones
Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians
201 West Capitol Ave., Room 308
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: Rose Cecil O'Neill Nomination to Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Last year, as part of a celebration of Branson's 100th anniversary of its incorporation, the White River Valley Historical Society ("WRVHS"), City of Branson, Downtown Branson Main Street Association and Branson Chamber of Commerce formed the Branson Centennial Museum, which showcases the historic accomplishments of some of the notable men and women of our community. As a part of the anniversary celebrations, the WRVHS worked with the Bonniebrook Historical Society to present a Rose Cecil O'Neill exhibit for the Centennial Museum.

The O'Neill exhibit featured her creation of the Kewpie verse and illustrations, novels and poems, along with her wide-variety of illustration work for advertising and publishing. In the exhibit, her contributions to our area were identified along with examination of the relevance as a woman who accomplished much around the world. One of those accomplishments was identified with a school book for high school Japanese students to learn English Communications in the 2013 school year. This significant chapter reflects the continued world-wide interest in O'Neill's extraordinary accomplishments.

Rose Cecil O'Neill's art, which distinguished her as "The First Female Cartoonist in America," is not only important to Missouri, but also to America. However, she did spend much of her life at Bonniebrook, her beloved homestead located in Walnut Shade, Missouri, where her art was inspired by the rich culture of her neighbors and the robust beauty of the Ozark hills. That heritage, together with the geographical setting of twisted crags and tangled woods, once inspired Rose, a woman who had traveled the world, to comment that Bonniebrook was her "favorite place on earth."

We are very proud to support the nomination of Rose Cecil O'Neill to become another exemplary member of the prestigious Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians in the State Capitol. Based upon her vast contributions to the history of our community, state and nation, she would definitely be a complementary addition to the notable Missourians previously chosen for this honor.

With Respect,

Leslie Wyman
Managing Director

Nominate

**Rose Cecil O'Neill - Artist, Writer, Suffragist, & Philanthropist
To the Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians**

I, Susan Strauss, respectfully request the Missouri Speaker of the House of Representatives to nominate Rose Cecil O'Neill to the Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians. O'Neill has previously been honored with the Missouri Award and inducted into the Missouri Women's Council Hall of Fame, the Greater Ozarks Hall of Fame of the College of the Ozarks, and The National Women's History Project List of Honorees. The State Historical Society of Missouri includes O'Neill's history and accomplishments in the "Historic Missourians" section of their website.

O'Neill, America's first woman comic artist, was inducted into the all-male New York Society of Illustrators in 1916 and her art is included in the collections of many museums around the world.

O'Neill wrote novels, poems and short stories, drew hundreds of illustrations, and created the Kewpie character at Bonniebrook, the O'Neill family home in Taney County, Missouri. O'Neill lived much of her life in her beloved Missouri. 2012 marks the 100th Anniversary of the production and sale of the Kewpie doll.

I, Susan Strauss, believe it is time for Missouri to recognize the accomplishments of one of its notable Ozarks residents, Rose Cecil O'Neill, with a nomination to the Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians.

Additional Comments:

The only reason I came to Missouri initially was because of Rose O'Neill. I came for Kewpie at in Branson, MO, a celebration of Rose and her many accomplishments. She was an incredible woman for her time -- a woman working in a man's world, earning more than most men, and fighting for her rights as a person not just a woman. The State of Missouri should recognize this accomplished Missourian in the Hall of Fame.

Respectfully

4/19/12 Susan Strauss Greenwood Village CO
Date Name City State

Nominate

**Rose Cecil O'Neill - Artist, Writer, Suffragist, & Philanthropist
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I, James H. Emery, believe it is time for Missouri to recognize the accomplishments of one of its notable Ozarks residents, Rose Cecil O'Neill, with a nomination to the Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians.

Additional Comments:

Having lived in Japan for a couple of decades I have come to know of the fame of Rose O'Neill more and more intensely than I had ever experienced throughout America especially through Kewpie. With such international exposure especially in recent years I think it is time for Missouri to embrace her legacy more warmly and permanently by enshrining her in the Missouri Hall of Famous Missourians. Seeing it happen will be believing it.

July 28, 2012 James H. Emery OSAKA, JAPAN
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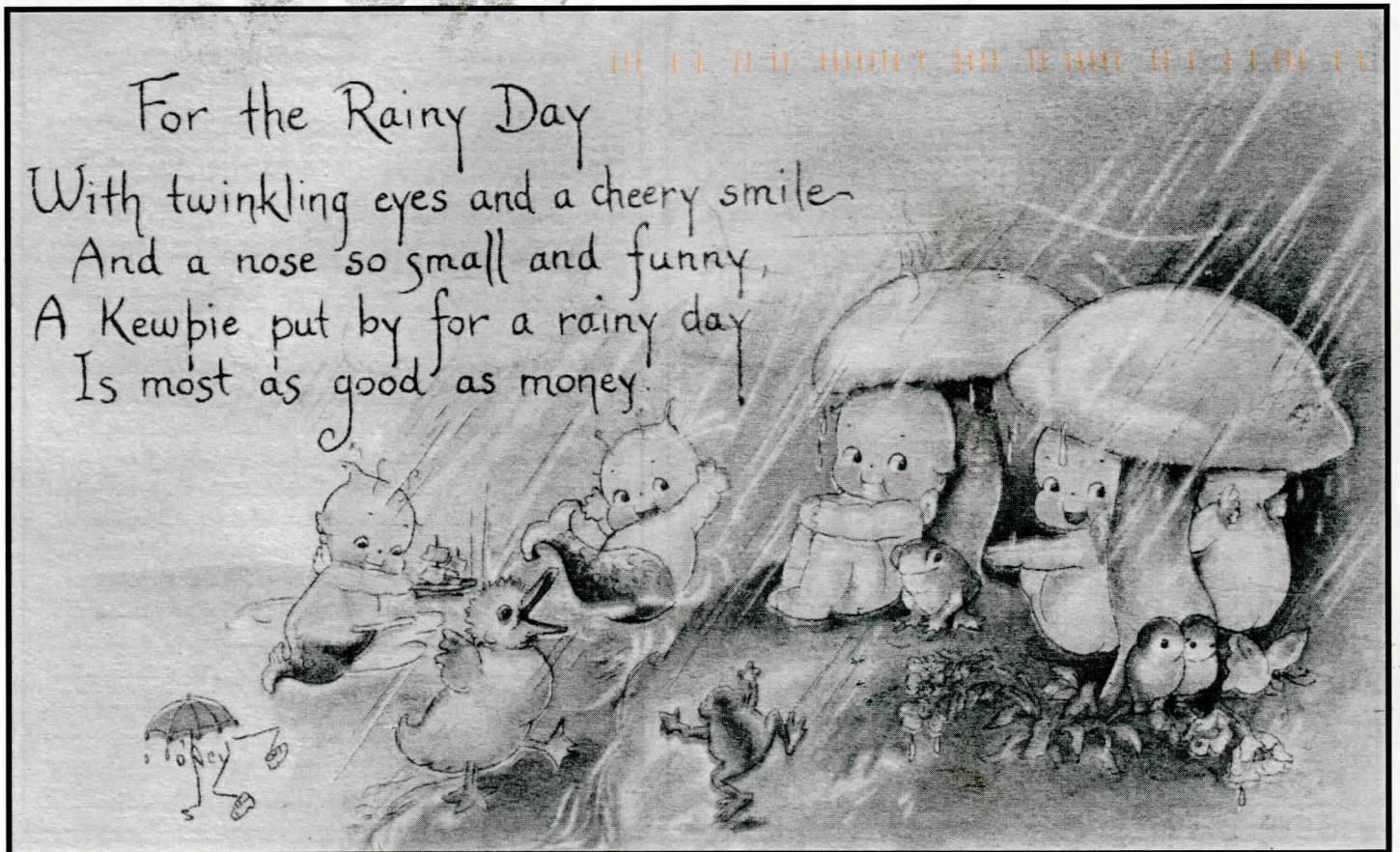
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