

International Doll Convention 2026

Supported by Doll Artisan Guild

"A Walk in the Garden"
April 29– May 2, 2026
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Knoxville, Tennessee



Step Into the Garden of Imagination... what do you see?

Children playing. Families laughing over picnics.

Delicate tea tables set beneath blooming trellises.

Garden fairies flitting from flower to flower.

And of course, mischievous little gnomes darting behind the roses.

Welcome to the International Doll Convention 2026!

Let your imagination blossom as we gather for a truly enchanting celebration of doll artistry. Whether you're a seasoned dollmaker, a devoted sewing enthusiast, or simply inspired by the beauty of handmade creations, this event promises a joyful mix of creativity, learning, and lasting friendships. This is your chance to grow your skills, share your passion, and delight in the magic of dolls in a setting as charming as a garden tea party.

Let your creativity bloom in 2026. We can't wait to welcome you!

What Awaits You in the Garden:

- Welcome Party, Silent Auction, Souvenir Presentation
- Make & Takes, Mini Workshop fun
- Inspiring Workshops led by renowned artists
- DAG Qualified Competition with Top Awards
- Tribute to Dollmaking Showcase by Delegates
- D.A.G School of Dollmaking Graduation & Dinner
- Competition Awards Ceremony & Keynote Speaker

- Sales Room packed with dolly treasures
- Gala Theme Party, Dinner & Costume Parade
- Special Themed Luncheon
- Pre-convention seminar
- Post Convention seminar
- Camaraderie with fellow creators from around the world

Early registration discounts. Booking will be accepted at our Convention website www.dollyfun.com

Hosts/Convention Directors:

Sue Mitchell Heather Campbell suelmitchell6@aol.com Heathercampbellstudio@gmail.com



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Tentative Schedule



Knoxville, Tennessee



Extend your stay to explore the sights around historic Knoxville, known as the birthplace of Tennessee and the gateway to the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. You will not want to miss the Knoxville Museum of Art.

Then you will want to check out the pedestrian-friendly Market Square, where local and tourists have been shopping working, and engaging in general merriment since the 1860s. Restaurants & shopping across from the hotel near by the University

of Tennessee campus, the Tennessee River, and the Great Smoky Mountains. There are Historic home tours, riverboat tours. Lots to see and do!

CHECK IT OUT YOURSELF AT www.visitknoxville.com



Market Square

Smokey Mountains



Crowne Plaza Knoxville 401 W. Summit Hill Drive Knoxville, TN 37902

A 2024 Award winning Hotel

This is a non –smoking hotel leader of the best Knoxville attractions and within walking distance of great shopping and restaurants. The guest rooms offer complimentary Wi-Fi, coffeemaker, hair dryer, and an iron with ironing board. Parking fee is \$15/a day. The hotel also offers a fitness center, pool, gift shop, ATM and restaurant. Must use bellman if luggage cart is required. Some rooms are Pet Friendly

SPECIAL CONVENTION RATE

The special convention rate is \$159.00 per night, plus tax, single or double. (King request is \$15.00 more) No extra charges for more than two persons. If you wish to extend your stay, this special room rate may also be available following the convention, subject to availability at the time of registration.

After you have registered for the event, you will receive a confirmation email with hotel contact information and special group name for making reservations. You must use the group name to receive the special rate. Space is limited, so sign up now to stay at the hotel where the convention is being held. Cutoff day for making reservation is **Sunday March 29, 2026.**

For more information about the hotel: www.crowneknox.com

Doll Competition 2026

Experience the thrill and showcase your dolls in the esteemed global competition for porcelain doll makers. Have your work professional evaluated, where your artistry will be celebrated with well-earned ribbons, coveted rosettes, and prestigious awards.

Our Special Theme category for this event: A Walk through the Garden and what do you see?

Top honors will include the prestigious **Millie** (Best Reproduction of an Antique Doll), the **Magge** (Best Reproduction of a Modern Doll). a Best Costuming Award and so many more including People's Choice and Best of Show.

Be sure to enter one of your past favorites in the **Tribute to Dollmaking** section. *Everyone should bring a doll for this fun category!! Let's fill the room with your talent!*

Watch for upcoming competition Information and sign-up details.

Learn from the Top Dollmaking Experts

Throughout the convention experience a first—class educational program of workshops. Lectures and demonstration provided by top doll experts from around the globe. Create fabulous doll projects in the hands on and mini workshops. All workshops are reserved for full convention participants and family members.

A Walk In The Garden



Join the fun festivities and a delicious meal on Saturday night! We will celebrate "A Walk in the Garden" Theme. Will there be a few Gnomes, a fairy or two, children playing with the pets, and some ladies just admiring the flowers? We can't wait to see what you will do! The festivities will be topped off with special prizes award-

ed to the winners of the parade. Start planning your costume now!

Special Luncheon

Our 2026 Luncheon will feature a well known D.A.G. artist who will be creating a special keepsake doll for those who sign up for the luncheon.
Once the details are announced you will be able to sign up on the



Seating will be limited, so sign up early.



International Sales Room

You are sure to find the dolly treasures you have been looking for in the fabulous sales room on May 1-2. Stock up on these beautiful fabrics, ribbons, trims, accessories,

hard to find tools, molds and other dollmaking products offered by vendors from around the world. Salesroom will be open to the general public on Saturday May 2.



Pre and Post DAG Seminars

Come early and/or stay late and participate in the D.A.G. seminars. If you have come this far, but have never attended a D.A.G. seminar in the past, this is your chance. Immerse yourself in the expertise of the D.A.G. Instructors. We are planning a painting seminar as the Pre Seminar and a costuming seminar for the Post Seminar. These seminars will be on the 2026 Souvenir Doll. The details of the souvenir stay top secret, adding an air of anticipation. The Costuming will be taught by Heather Campbell and Sue Mitchell. The painting will be taught by Lesley Bradley and Annamaria Joubert, D.A.G. Instructors, South Africa.

More information for the upcoming seminar information, including registration details. Space will be limited. As a bonus, you will earn DAGSD credit upon completion of the seminars. Remember to inquire about the special convention room rate when making your hotel reservation.

Secure your spot early!

Registration Information

Deadline	Full Participant	Family Member
Sept. 15, 2025	\$480.00	\$240.00
Dec. 31, 2025	\$495.00	\$255.00
From Jan 1, 2026	\$525.00	\$265.00

Full Participant Registration: Includes Lectures and demonstrations, Welcome Party with snacks, Souvenir Presentation, Silent Auction, Friday Dinner and Awards Ceremony with Keynote Speaker, Saturday Dinner and Costume Party, Top Secret Souvenir Gifts and unlimited access to Salesroom, Competition. Note: Workshops, Competition entry, Special Luncheon have additional fees. Non Members, please add one year membership fee. Membership must be current to attend the event. See sign up form.

Family Member Registration: Includes Wednesday night

Welcome Party and snacks, Silent Auction, Friday Dinner and Awards Ceremony, Saturday Dinner and Costume Party and Unlimited access to Sales Room, Competition and other exhibits. Family members may also register for workshops. Family members limited to spouses, parents, sibling and children (ages 15-21) of full participants.



How to Sign-Up

It is easy!

1. Sign up on our website: www.dollyfun.com or

Complete the sign-up form and choose:

Fax it to 607-441-1040 Mail it to: Sue L. Mitchell

1204 Bakers Bridge Rd Douglasville, GA 30134

2. Scan it/take a picture and email the attachment to:

SUELMITCHELL6@aol.com

3. Call host Sue Mitchell 678-773-5236

PayPal, Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover accepted

Upon receipt of your registration and payment, you will receive: Email confirmation. Please print and bring to convention. This email will also includes your hotel reservation code and contact information.

Information and sign-up forms for DAG Competition, Workshops and more will be available at www.dollyfun.com

Please note: If you do not provide an email address for Confirmation please add \$15.00 for printed receipts, Tickets, brochures and postage

Registrations are <u>non-refundable and non-transferrable</u>. Cancellations received on or before December 31. 2025 will be refunded less \$100.00 administrative fee. No refunds will be issued after January 1, 2026 but souvenir gifts will be sent to you.

Looking for Table Hostesses, Center pieces, and Donations for Helpers and Auction!

Your donations of Convention Helpers and Auction items are very much appreciated! We are also looking for table hostesses and center pieces for Saturday night. Your support and assistance will help make the Convention a great success. Please contact Heather Campbell, host, to donate a helper or auction item or for more information about volunteering as a table hostess:

heathercampbellstudio@gmail.com

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Qualified Competition

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SIGN UP FORM

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MAIL with payment to:

Sue Mitchell Attn: International Doll Convention 2026 1204 Bakers Bridge Road Douglasville, GA 30134 USA

SCAN and email to: dollyfun.info@gmail.com

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☐ Family Participant Registration Fee: Before Sep 15, 2025 Dec 31, 2025	\$240.00 \$255.00		\$
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