



NANCY
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2009 ANNUAL
NEWSLETTER

SLEUTHS,

Happy Drew Year! The countdown

to 2010 begins! 2010 will be the 80th anniversary of Nancy Drew! Never fear, I've been pestering licensees and the publishers about creating and promoting the anniversary! So, hopefully that will result in new merchandise, anniversary publicity, and lots of fun surprises in store. Stay tuned...

To begin this year's annual newsletter, I want to note a few reminders. Over the last year we've had some members with address changes and e-mail address changes and we don't like to be the last to know! Receiving a piece of mail returned as unable to forward is a "Grrr!" moment! So **please update our records** when you make major changes to your contact information—keeps us organized and more importantly keeps you in the loop in a timely manner!

Does anyone have either a **Nancy Drew or a Hardy Boys watch** from the **1970s TV show**? I'm looking for someone who purchased it originally around 1977—if you have one, where did you purchase it? A Nancy Drew watch recently came to light on eBay - you can check out the posts about it on my Blog for images. I'm trying to find out where it was originally sold, so if any of you can shed light on it, contact me! <http://nancydrewsleuths.blogspot.com>.

For those of you receiving this newsletter via regular mail, as you can see we have a lot going on at our website and other sites on the Internet! If you have a chance to access the internet, send me your e-mail address, and I'll get you set up for the members-only section with a password and other info. **Some of you receiving this, your e-mail no longer works, so you need to send me your new e-mail ASAP. Thanks!**

—Jenn

How Do You Plan to Celebrate Nancy Drew's 80th Anniversary?

NANCY DREW SLEUTHS is planning a huge celebration for our 2010 convention! Not only is it Nancy's 80th, it's our 10th anniversary! We're planning a week long array of events including a couple of days around Fort Lauderdale/Cape Canaveral paired with a **4 day cruise to the Bahamas!** Themes: *Mystery at the Moss-Covered Mansion*, *The Mystery of the Brass-Bound Trunk*, *The Quest of the Missing Map*, & *The Broken Anchor*. There will be an array of speakers, someone famous in the Drew history world, a great role-playing mystery game on the cruise, book hunting ventures, and lots of great 80th anniversary activities. If you have any interest in participating/speaking/etc., start contacting me! It's about a year-and-a-half way but this event requires much advance planning—especially the cruise activities.

If you plan on attending our event that year to be held April 2010, we'd appreciate your input. This is essential to our planning! E-mail me: sleuths@ndsleuths.com if you plan on attending this event and I'll add you to our e-mail list. Also, if you have any ideas or suggestions, I'd love to hear them! I am working with the niece of Mildred Wirt Benson, Linda Nowotny, to plan this event as well as Sleuth Todd. Linda will be making cruise reservations and handling the cruise booking details as she works in the travel industry!

SLEUTHS ON THE WEB:

Sleuths Blog:

Don't forget our Sleuths Blog! Each month the E-News & Clues is posted there as well as updates on conventions, *The Sleuth*, and more! <http://ndsleuths.blogspot.com>.

Sleuths Website:

www.ndsleuths.com

Don't forget, our **website has a section just for members** where you can find news and clues to the Sleuths, our projects, activities, and conventions. A map of member locations by state! Pictures and a report of our 2008 convention in PA can be found there. 2009 Convention Info is up as well!

Sleuths on Myspace & Facebook:

Many of you have been suggesting it and we're finally there! We have set up a Nancy Drew Sleuths page at Myspace and at Facebook. The Facebook is the most popular, as we have a lot of members on that website. It's also a bit more user friendly and a great way to stay in touch with Sleuth friends, share pictures and collection photos. We also have a discussion group set up at both websites for you to post and discuss Nancy online.

<http://www.myspace.com/nancydrewsleuths>

<http://groups.myspace.com/nancydrewsleuthsclub>

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=logo#/profile.php?id=1383288274&ref=name>

You can always e-mail us your profile link and we can add you in—but we're easy to find, just do a search for "Nancy Drew Sleuths."

Sleuths Zine - *The Sleuth*:

Check out the popular zine of our group, *The Sleuth*! Published 6 times per year with gorgeous color covers, we've got a slew of neat and original Nancy Drew contributions and some focus on other series as well!

To celebrate Nancy Drew and 2009, I'm offering a special for those of you who haven't subscribed to *The Sleuth*, our Nancy Drew/series book zine! Check out back issues at our website:

www.ndsleuths.com/thesleuth.html

We have 14 issues in print! Normal subscription rate is 38.00 per

year for US subscribers. **Special: 33.00 by Feb 28!** Outside the US: take off 5.00 of the non-US subscriber rates listed at our website!

And for back issues, they're normally 3/20.00 but I can offer a rate of **5.00 each x 14=70.00 for all 14 back issues.**

You can send a check or money order or purchase directly at our website, all the details can be found at the above link! To send via mail: Jennifer Fisher, P.O. Box 128, Higley, AZ 85236-0128.

2009 SLEUTH CONVENTION:

This year we are in Las Vegas, NV for a *Forgotten City*, *Phantom of Venice*, and *CSI: ND* theme! Dates: Sept. 30 - Oct. 4, 2009. Highlights include: Wed. Sept. 30 Meet & Greet 70s Style Nancy Drew party at ESPN Zone/NY NY Hotel, *Forgotten City* Sleuth Survivor Day, CSI: ND scavenger hunt with "killer miniatures!", *Phantom of Venice* fun, and Nancy Drew convention day with speakers/activities/charity raffle. Sat. Evening highlight: Nancy Drew Mystery Party/Dinner. Nancy Drew crafty gift exchange.

Hotel Info:

Excalibur Hotel: www.excalibur.com

Call: 800-937-7777 Use: GROUP CODE: XNANCY. (**DO NOT BOOK ONLINE OR YOU WON'T GET THE GROUP RATE.**)

RATES: Wed. Sept. 30/Thurs. Oct. 1: 64.00 per night. Fri. Oct. 3, Sat. Oct. 4: 104.00 per night. For 20.00 more per night, you can upgrade to the newly remodeled tower/flat screen TV rooms.

Full itinerary/registration info at our website:
www.ndsleuths.com/ndsconventions.html

Registration Info:

DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2009. NON-REFUNDABLE. Pay by January 31, 2009 and receive a free convention T-Shirt! Tee will be given out at convention. Sizes: S-XXXL available.

ATTENDING ALL OF CONVENTION--RATE: Sleuth Members: \$250.00. Non-Members: \$275.00.

ATTENDING ONLY THE WEEKEND--RATE: Sleuth Members: \$200.00. Non-Members: \$225.00

Registration Fee INCLUDES: Wed. night meet and greet dinner/party, Thurs. bus transportation/survivor sleuth activity in Valley of Fire/Lost City Museum entry, Sat: all day convention and mystery dinner & party activities in evening. PLUS: Goody Bag, Convention DVD/Shipping.

You may pay by check or money order: Payable to Jennifer Fisher, P.O. Box 128, Higley, AZ 85236-0128. Or you may pay via Pay Pal. Our Pay Pal id is: nancydrewsleuth@aol.com.

Also this year to register besides paying, you will have a 2 page form to fill out. Registration will be due by May 15, 2009. The link to the forms can be found at the website or you can access it directly at this link: www.ndsleuths.com/09SleuthREG.pdf

2009 NANCY DREW HIGHLIGHTS:

Nancy Drew Articles:

The February 2009 issue of **Collectors News** will feature an article/interview on my Nancy Drew collection and Nancy Drew collecting, along with photos:

<http://collectors-news.com>

Check out the above website to order.

Nancy Drew Website Projects:

Sleuth Vicki and several other Sleuths and collectors got together and submitted photos to me of lobby cards from the 4 1930s Nancy Drew movies - 8 for each movie. I have created a page on my website to showcase these lobby cards located within the Nancy Drew Collectibles section and the Movie Collectibles sub-section of that page: www.nancydrewsleuth.com/1930moviecards.html

Nancy Drew Book Collecting News:

Move over eBay! There's a new collecting hot spot in town! It's called Bonanzle! With all the new restrictions, regulations, and higher fees, quite a few of your fellow Sleuths have moved over to Bonanzle to buy and sell Nancy Drew and other series books. It's growing but has that old-time eBay feel in that it's fun and new! **No listing fees!**

Check it out: www.bonanzle.com

I've got a booth I'm setting up as we speak! I hope to see more of you join!

Anyone interested in sales list of boys' and girls' series, can contact Phyllis Butters for her sales lists: pbutters@verizon.net.

She is currently selling a 3rd printing Old Clock with dust jacket for sale and has the FAO Schwartz Boxed Applewood set for sale.

Nancy Drew News & Scoops:

Her Interactive News:

The July computer game release - *Ransom of the Seven Ships* - from Her Interactive is based upon the Wanderer Nancy Drew book #70, *The Broken Anchor* set in the Bahamas. This will be a feature of the Nancy Drew Sleuths' 2010 Florida/Sea Cruise to Bahamas convention.

Check out their new Dossier Series: Nancy Drew Dossier: Lights, Camera, Curses! The White Wolf of Icicle Creek was just released on the Nintendo Wii as well.

UClick: Go Comics:

<http://www.gocomics.com/comicbooks>

Read Nancy Drew/Hardy Boys graphic novels on your cell phone!



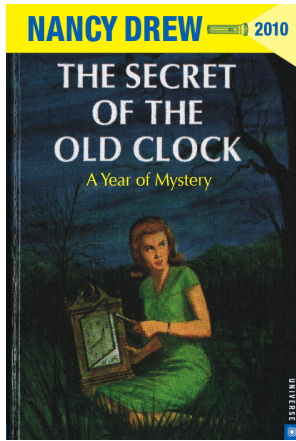
Popcorn Posters:

A new licensee of Nancy Drew/Hardy Boys - Popcorn Posters - is selling really cool 11 x 17 posters and magnet sets featuring Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys book covers! I got a box of samples of the Nancy Drew in and they all look fabulous. The posters come in a heavy plastic protector--which you can remove to have the poster framed, they're just slipped in there to protect them. The magnets are cute--you can see the actual book's spine--rather

than just featuring the cover only, so they are neat. The posters are shipped flat--not rolled up!

I'll be a retailer of these products and you can order them at The Sleuth Shop! Remember, official Sleuth members get 15% discounts! So, you can e-mail me an order and I'll get a total to you and you can then pay via Pay Pal or send a check. OR, you can also purchase at the website and I can credit you back the 15%-- whichever is easier for you. View the posters/magnets here:

www.nancydrewsleuth.com/sscbooks.html
www.nancydrewsleuth.com/thesleuthshop.html



2010 Engagement Calendar: A Year of Mystery.

Universe Publishing, a division of Rizzoli International Publications will be publishing a 2010 Nancy Drew engagement calendar. This licensed calendar will be chock full of full-color classic covers and art featuring Nancy Drew, her friends Bess and George, and their many adventures. The calendar will be published in August 2009 and available for purchase online and at retailers nationwide.

Upcoming Merchandise: Check out my website and my Blog for scoops that will be posted throughout the year as new items come out that weren't available at publication time:

www.nancydrewsleuth.com/cmerch.html
nancydrewsleuths.blogspot.com

WHAT TO SLEUTH FOR LIST:

At publishing time, the following are expected Nancy Drew book and collectible releases for 2009:

January 2009:

Nancy Drew: Girl Detective - *Identify Theft*
 Nancy Drew & The Clue Crew - *Parade Problems*

February 2009:

Papercutz Graphic Novels - *What Goes Up*

March 2009:

Nancy Drew: Girl Detective - *Identity Revealed*
 Nancy Drew & The Clue Crew - *April Fool's Day*

April 2009:

No Clues for This Month!

May 2009:

Nancy Drew & The Clue Crew - *Treasure Trouble*
 Papercutz Graphic Novels - *Night of the Living Chatchke*

June 2009:

Nancy Drew: Girl Detective - *Model Crime*

July 2009:

Nancy Drew & The Clue Crew - *Double Take*
 Her Interactive Game: *Ransom of the Seven Ships*

August 2009:

Nancy Drew: Girl Detective - *Model Menace*
 Nancy Drew Engagement Calendar - *A Year of Mystery*
 Papercutz Graphic Novels - *City Under the Basement*

September 2009:

Nancy Drew & The Clue Crew - *Unicorn Uproar*

October 2009:

Nancy Drew: Girl Detective - *Model Suspect*

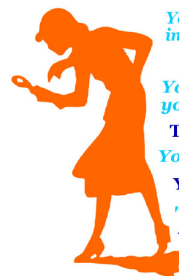
November 2009:

Nancy Drew & The Clue Crew - *Babysitting Bandit*
 Papercutz Graphic Novels - *Cliffhanger*

December 2009:

Nancy Drew: Girl Detective - *Green-Eyed Monster*

You Know You're A Nancy Drew Fan When...



- You drive a blue convertible**
- You always carry an overnight bag in your trunk in case of sudden adventures!*
- Your motto is WWNDD?**
- You carry lipstick everywhere in case you need to write an emergency "S.O.S."*
- To you, everyone is a suspicious character!**
- You refer to your girlfriends as "chums"*
- You carry a magnifying glass in your purse**
- "Blue tweed" is not a fashion statement*
- You exclaim, "Hypers!" instead of "Wow!"**
- To you, a "No Trespassing" sign is a red flag that a property is being used for nefarious purposes!*

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