

Japanese dolls arrive once a year

BY GLEN HOFFMAN
Back in Christmas of

1961, Betty Meeker went to her mailbox and found

that Santa Claus had been there the night before.

Unwrapping a package she found a beautifully

detailed doll-like statuette from Yamaha, the Japanese company that manufactures motorcycles.

Every year since then she has been receiving these greetings, a token of appreciation from the company to Mrs. Meeker and her husband Daniel, dealers for Yamaha and operators of Kunkle Motors, Kunkle.

"Since the first doll appeared in 1961, we have received one every year and I suppose they will keep coming," said Mrs. Meeker. The dolls, or statuettes, depict all that is traditionally considered Japanese, especially to the Western eye. There are Geisha, Samuri, Shogun and even a New Year doll, a human body with a horse's head which symbolizes the Japanese New Year.

Over the years, Mrs. Meeker discovered that each of the splendidly detailed dolls has a meaning

of its own, rooted in the history of Japan.

"The doll on the far left of the picture is the famous Shogun. Shogun symbolizes generals or military governors, made famous in a TV movie and a book last year," said Mrs. Meeker.

"On the far right of the picture, a doll with a horse's head symbolizes the coming of the new year," said Mrs. Meeker. "The doll of a colorful bride symbolizes a wealthy family, while a doll with less color depicts a poorer background."

The unique dolls have hands and faces made not of plastic but of clay. "It is really amazing the way they stuff the very small fingers," commented the proud owner of the highly detailed souvenirs.

The folk singer doll holds a guitar-like instrument which has tone adjustable strings. Also, the drummer doll carries a tone adjustable musical instrument.

"I have been saving these dolls because I like their beauty and they are unusual," said Mrs. Meeker. "You can not buy them in stores around here. However, I believe that you can buy them at the United Nations Building in New York City."



Betty Meeker of Kunkle displays her Japanese doll collection, which have been given to her one at a time for

the last 20 years as Christmas gifts.

(Photo by Paul Strasser)



SHEER ELEGANCE—Pictured above is Kristel Poynton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Poynton, Dallas, during a modeling session at the Woodlands in Wilkes-Barre. Kristel, a senior at Dallas, also is a student at the In Vogue modeling school in Wilkes-Barre. Kristel has appeared at numerous fashion shows in the Wyoming Valley. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Friends of Library 'over the top'

BY NANCY KOZEM-CHAK

Congratulations!!! to the library and to you, our supporters. Thanks to the generous people and their genuine concern, our 'Friends of the Library' campaign for 1981 has reached \$3,183 and we are pleased to say we've gone 'over the top'.

It seems a good time to say thank you to all our willing volunteers and loyal supporters and hope that 1982 brings good

health, happy times, enjoyment of friends, fulfillment of wishes, peace and contentment to everyone.

We have a collection of baskets in our display case for the month of January loaned to us by Alberta Cook of Shavertown. She has been collecting baskets for about ten years and now owns about 80 of them. She adds to her collection when on vacation and wherever they travel.

Many have been given to her as gifts. Two special Christmas ones were given to her by her mother. We have about 40 of these baskets here. There is one from Florida made with shells, an Easter egg which opens up, a candle with lid of flowers, one made out of soap with flowers, a special one made out of a sea shell from Cape Cod, a miniature china one, dried straw flowers in basket, one cut from a peach pit including handle with dried bread dough flowers, one holds two candles, a wooden one from Hawaii, a pretty blue glass basket, a gold plated one from Gettysburg, a blue berry basket from Maine.

The baskets are made from shells, glass, ceramic and wicker. Alberta is a member of the Collectors Group which meets at the library once a month.

The Book Club will hold its first meeting of the new year on Monday, January 18 at 1:30 at St. Paul's Church in Shavertown. Mrs. Florence Crump will preside at the business meeting.

New books at the

library: "The Blazing Air" by Oswald Wynd is a dramatic and powerful novel. It is Malaya in the 1940s. All very gracious. And all very graciously confident. They talk about the far-away war in Europe. The phone rings; the message, 'We're on war alert'. An immediate heart-wrenching experience. By a master storyteller who knows about what he's writing.

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66th Farm Show opens Jan. 10

Pennsylvania's 66th annual Farm Show will be held Sunday through Friday, January 10-15 with the theme, "Pennsylvania Agriculture--We're Growing Better," according to State Agriculture Penrose Hallowell.

This year's Farm Show will offer the public a taste of Pennsylvania through commodity sales and samples and through the Pennsylvania Farm Marketplace. From the opening ceremonies at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 10 to the close of doors at 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15, the best of Pennsylvania agriculture will be on display.

Hallowell said the theme was chosen to recognize the "incredible record of production and contributions to the economy of Pennsylvania's family farms and agri-business industries." He noted that about

900,000 Pennsylvanians are employed in agriculture-related jobs, with annual sales of over \$25 billion.

"Pennsylvania is the agricultural leader in the northeast," he said. "Last year, for the first time, Pennsylvania's farmers topped the \$3 billion mark in gross farm receipts. And our agri-business industries which are responsible for processing, packing, transporting, wholesaling and retailing foods are meeting the market needs of the northeast as well as a significant portion of the midwest and south."

The Farm Show will be open from 1-6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 10 and from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Jan. 11-14. The show closes Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. after the traditional auction of junior market lambs, swine and beef cattle.

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Spring - 1982

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DATE	EVENT	TIME(S)
JANUARY		
10-Feb. 7	ART EXHIBIT: "Invisible Light: Photographs." Sordoni Art Gallery	
20	CONCERT & LECTURE SERIES: Alice Artzt, Guitarist (CPA)	8 p.m.
22	FILM: Psycho (SLC) Room 1	7:30 p.m.
24	FILM: The Rose (\$.25) (CPA)	7 & 9 p.m.
29	FILM: Jazz Singer (\$.25) (CPA)	7 & 9 p.m.
FEBRUARY		
5	FILM: (To be announced) (SLC) Room 1	7:30 p.m.
8	MUSIC: Wind Ensemble Concert (CPA)	8:15 p.m.
9	ROSENN LECTURE SERIES: Anthony Lewis, Columnist for the New York Times (CPA)	7:45 p.m.
12	FILM: Potemkin (SLC) Room 1	7:30 p.m.
13	FILM: Murder by Death (\$.25) (SLC) Room 101	7 & 9 p.m.
14-Mar. 7	ART EXHIBIT: Scholastic Art Competition. Sordoni Art Gallery	
19	FILM: Brubaker (\$.25) (CPA)	7 & 9 p.m.
26	FILM: Citizen Kane (SLC) Room 1	7:30 p.m.
26-28	THEATRE: "110° in the Shade" A musical. (CPA)	
28	FILM: Once in Paris (SLC) Room 101	9 p.m.
MARCH		
2	CONCERT & LECTURE SERIES: Smithsonian Jazz Ensemble (CPA)	8 p.m.
16	MUSIC: Sonata Concert (CPA)	8:15 p.m.
18	CONCERT & LECTURE SERIES: The Temple Trio (CPA)	8 p.m.
19	FILM: The Big Sleep (SLC) Room 1	7:30 p.m.
21	CONCERT & LECTURE SERIES: McCarter Theatre in Shaw's "Arms and the Man"	7:30 p.m.
21-Apr. 18	ART EXHIBIT: Berenice D'Vorzon: Paintings. Sordoni Art Gallery	
26	FILM: Breathless (SLC) Room 1	7:30 p.m.
27	FILM: Electric Horseman (\$.25) (SLC) Room 101	7 & 9 p.m.
28	MUSIC: Alumni Concert (CPA)	3:30 p.m.
29	CONCERT & LECTURE SERIES: Carol Teitel, "The Faces of Love" (CPA)	8 p.m.
APRIL		
2	FILM: Godspell (SLC) Room 101	7 & 9 p.m.
16	FILM: The Man Who Loved Women (SLC) Room 1	7:30 p.m.
21	MUSIC: Cap and Bell Singers. Gies Hall	8:15 p.m.
22-24	THEATRE: "Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead"	
23	FILM: Last Year at Marienbad (SLC) Room 1	7:30 p.m.
25-May 23	ART EXHIBIT: "David Armstrong: Paintings"	
27	MUSIC: College Choir & Wind Ensemble (CPA)	8:15 p.m.
MAY		
4	MUSIC: Chamber Orchestra (CPA)	8:15 p.m.
30	ART EXHIBIT: Summer Show Sordoni Art Gallery	

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