

# Darby Doll Dispatch

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*Darby Library American Girl  
Book and Doll Club*

## *April Meeting*

*By Miss Kay*

The April meeting of the Darby American Girl Book and Doll Club was held Friday, April 4, after school at the Darby Community Library.

The theme of our meeting was the Lewis and Clark Expedition, also known as the Corps of Discovery. The expedition started in St. Louis, MO in 1804. In November of that year, they had made it as far as North Dakota where they spent the winter.

Lewis and Clark hired Toussaint Charbonneau, husband of Sacajawea. Sacajawea was a Shoshone Indian, born near Salmon, ID and kidnapped when she was only 11 years old. Her captors sold her as a slave and she eventually met and married Mr.

Charbonneau. Lewis and Clark requested Sacajawea to join the expedition as a guide and translator.



Sacajawea, with Pompi in the cradleboard, shows Lewis and Clark the route to her people, the Shoshone.

Before the expedition set out for the West in the spring, Sacajawea gave birth to her son, Jean Baptiste, who was affectionately known as Pompi.

In August 1805, the Corps of Discovery arrived near Salmon, ID and Sacajawea was reunited with family members from her tribe. The expedition continued into the Bitterroot Valley, right down what is Main Street in present day Darby, MT.



Kaya welcomes Sacajawea, Clark and Lewis to her camp.

In September, 1805, the explorers camped at Traveler's Rest near present day Lolo. Cold, hungry and very tired, they found the Nez Perce tribe (Kaya's people) and spent the winter near them.



Two of our club members shared stories of the Lewis and Clark expedition that they had learned reading books and in school. We all learned a lot about Lewis and Clark and Sacajawea.

We dressed our dolls as pioneers, explorers and Native Americans.

We had a tie vote for best dressed. Both Kiera and Anise earned an extra point towards the stylist chair to be awarded at the May meeting. Way to go girls!

Kaya was our very special guest and the American Girl Doll of the Month. Kaya met Sacajawea and the Corps of Discovery at her teepee and welcomed all with a warm fire. Walter, the wolf, joined in the fun and pretended to be Kaya's dog pulling a travois.



Peter was dressed as Merriweather Lewis with a rifle, back pack and compass. Thank you Albert for the loan of your compass! Paul played the part of William Clark with his satchel, journal, pen and binoculars. (They didn't really have binoculars back then but Miss Kay couldn't figure out how to make a telescope).

The book of the month was *Sacajawea: the story of Bird Woman and the Lewis and Clark Expedition* by Joseph Bruchac. This book is historical fiction and is written from both Sacajawea and Clark's points of view. Each chapter begins with a Shoshone legend or an excerpt from Clark's journals. This book is available to check out from the Darby library.



Making felt satchels to carry doll-size journals.

Our craft project was to make felt satchels with doll-size journals to record

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notes and drawings of our doll's adventures. Clark would have carried a satchel to protect his journals from rain and snow.

Our next meeting is Friday, May 2, at the Library right after school. The theme of the May meeting is Cinco de Mayo, the fifth of May, which is NOT Mexico's Independence Day. Cinco de Mayo is a huge festival celebrated not only in Mexico, but all over the USA too. Josefina, who lived in New Mexico in 1824, is our American Girl Doll of the month.

For the Best Dressed contest, dress your doll or teddy bear in an Hispanic style outfit. Bright colors and shawls were very popular in Josefina's time.

## **Lewis & Clark Tee Shirts**

*By Miss Kay*

On Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, I went to the Christmas Bazaar at Corvallis to see what treasures I could find. This is where I met Lois Klement of Corvallis. Lois makes doll clothes that fit American Girl type dolls. I bought Sacajawea's dress, headband decoration and moccasins from Lois.

I told Lois about our club and how much fun we have learning about different times in history, reading books related to the time, and dressing our dolls historically. Lois loved the idea and asked if we would like doll size tee shirts for one of our meetings.

Lois made these darling Lewis and Clark tee shirts and every girl was given

one for her doll or bear. We just love the graphic with the Bitterroot blossom. Thank you very, very much Lois! We sure hope you can come to one of our meetings!



Summer modeling the Lewis and Clark tee shirt made by Lois Klement and given to each of our club members.

## **Summer's Scoop**

*By Summer Elise Flores*



I didn't get to go to the April club meeting – we all agreed that Sacajawea and Kaya were the

perfect choices for Girls of the Month. Their outfits are sure beautiful and both girls had a really good time.

But Darby and I didn't just sit around while Kaya and Sacajawea were gone. We are getting ready for a doll show!

Saturday, April 19 is the Lilac City Doll Club doll show and sale in Spokane, WA. We have been selecting and packing dolls, teddy bears, doll clothes, and furniture to take to sell.

We love doll shows – Miss Kay always finds some new treasure. We are sure she will find some really cute clothes and accessories and sometimes she even finds a new friend for us. Both Felicity and Desiree came to live with us from doll shows.

We are both going to the May club meeting. We can't wait to find out who wins the American Girl doll. Miss Kay won't tell us about her – is she an historic character or My American Girl? What color is her hair and is it straight or curly? What color are her eyes? And what will she be wearing? We are getting so excited and hope all the girls in the club can attend.

### Animal Adventures

*By Albert, the alligator*

I think everyone really liked my compass that I loaned to Peter for his Merriweather Lewis costume. He sure looked spiffy!



Walter had a really good time at the club meeting too. He looked like a real Indian dog pulling that travois.

It's still winter here. Most of the snow in the valleys is melting, but hardly any up here at Lake Como. I've been out a

couple times and Roscoe brought my heated snowsuit right to the edge of the bank so I could put it on as soon as I got out of the water.

Last week, Miss Kay took me on a trip to the Pacific Ocean in Washington. I figured it would be sunny and warm like the Atlantic coast in Florida. NOT! It got up to about 60 a couple days, but only in the afternoon. I spent most of the time in the motel room, sleeping.



Horseback riders on the Ocean Shores beach in Washington

I hope to see everyone at the May American Girl Book and Doll Club meeting. Most of us animals are going to the meeting.

### A Baker's Adventure

*An original story by Kiera, age 10*

So there I was in a creepy dark cave all alone trying to get an ancient angel food cake recipe. The recipe is said to make the lightest, fluffiest angel food cake any one has ever tasted. There are traps all around the cave so I had to be extra careful. I nearly got hit with some spikes coming out of the wall right before I spotted the recipe sitting on the ground in the corner of the cave. I ran over to grab it, when rocks started falling from the ceiling. The rocks were starting to pile up and block the entrance to the

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cave. I grabbed the recipe and started running for the entrance.

I barely made it out without being crushed, but when I got out, my arch enemy, Chef Alex, was waiting for me. He also wanted the recipe. Chef Alex is a tall brown haired man that smells of onions and is always lurking about trying to steal my best recipes.

"Hand over the recipe!" he yelled. "No, you'll have to catch me first!" I yelled back.

I whistled for my horse Violet. Violet came leaping out of the bushes. I jumped on her back and we were gone. We made it home to Bakersville with the recipe. I immediately went to my bakery to get started.

When I looked over the recipe I realized there was a secret ingredient I didn't have, golden eggs. Golden eggs are very rare and are only found in far off places deep in the jungle. I went to the library to research where I could find golden eggs. I found an old map that showed a spot in China where golden eggs had been found. I packed my bags and headed for the airport.

When I landed I hired a guide named Li to show me to the eggs using the map. We traveled all day through muggy swamps, leafy jungles, and sinking sand. That night Chef Alex snuck into our camp and captured me and Li. He forced us to lead him to the eggs by threaten to put us in a head tock. I knew there was no way we could stand the smell under his arms. I told Li to go ahead and lead him to the eggs.

When we stopped to rest, Chef Alex chained us to a tree, but he was unaware that I had a secret jungle friend, a black panther named Lucy. She had helped me on my last mission to Bear Peak in search of a super delicious cinnamon roll recipe and I asked her to help out on this mission.

I had a secret call for Lucy. First I hissed, then tapped, and last meowed. The bushes started shaking then big yellow eyes appeared in the dark night. All of a sudden Lucy came leaping out of the bushes. She bit the ropes holding Li and me and we escaped on Lucy's back.

We continued on to find the golden eggs in a mountain cave deep in the jungle. We all entered the cave and shortly found ourselves jumping over traps and swinging over holes. Finally we made it to the eggs.

I walked over to them, but right when I was about to pick up the eggs, Chef Alex swooped in and tried to grab the eggs. I threw him up against the wall and grabbed the eggs.

I turned to run when the cave rumbled and rocks started falling. The place was falling apart! Li and I jumped on Lucy and we all ran for the entrance to the cave. When we got back to Li's village I said good-bye to Li and Lucy and headed home with the golden eggs.

When I got home, I went back to my bakery and started baking the ancient angel food cake recipe. It turned out awesome! People came from all around to try it.

**Photo of the Month**

*Submitted by Kaya and Sacajawea*



All cloth canoe with Clark, York, Pompi and Sacajawea, Lewis, and a dog. Each character is removable. The Canoe is about 14" long. Loaned to the Darby American Girl Book and Doll Club for the April meeting by Alta Gibson of Hamilton. Thank you Alta!

**Calendar of Events**

Day	Date	Event – Theme	Time	Location
Friday	May 2	AG Club - Cinco de Mayo	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library

The May issue of the Darby Doll Dispatch is the last issue for this school year. If you have an article, story, poem or picture you would like published, be sure to bring it to the May 2 meeting or put it in our Florida basket in the juvenile section of the library.

The Doll Fairy presents an American Girl doll at the May 2 meeting. You **MUST** be present to win!

To add events to the calendar, call or email Miss Kay at 406-360-7214, [schrader1501@blackfoot.net](mailto:schrader1501@blackfoot.net)