

Doll Conservation Resources

Resources at the Minnesota History Society

The Definitive Book on the Care and Preservation of Vinyl Dolls and Action Figures By Nicholas J. Hill, , ISBN 0-967-8495-0-0. This book is now available at www.twinpines.com or www.dollsparts.com (under “Doll Repair and Supplies”). However, I must caution that some of the things recommended in this book I do not recommend, and some of the products endorsed in the book can be harmful to artifacts if they are used inappropriately.

The Wonderful World of Toys, Games, & Dolls 1860-1930, edited by Joseph J. Schroeder, Jr., Follett Publishing, Chicago, 1972, pp. 1-256.

Blue Book Dolls and Values, By Jan Foulke, Hobby House Press, Grantsville, MD, (updated regularly, our most recent copy is 2001). (Last edition that Jan wrote was the 16th edition.)

Modern Collectible Dolls, Identification & Value Guide, Volume IV, by Patsy Moyer, Collector Books (a Division of Schroeder publishing), Paducah, KY, 2000, pp. 1-304.

The Marriage of Diamonds and Dolls, including the history of American Bridal Customs, By Mary E. Lewis in collaboration with Dorothy Dignam, H. L. Lindquist Publications, NYC, 1947, pp. 1-194.

Your Vintage Keepsake: A CSA Guide to Costume Storage and Display by Margaret Ordonez, 1999, ISBN 0-936260-71-8

Preserving Textiles: A Guide for the Non-specialist by Harold Mailand

MHS has several old catalogs in our in our curatorial (non-circulating) library, that are very useful, and also probably quite difficult to find today:

Catalogs from the Kimport Foreign Folk Dolls company, of Independence, Missouri, 1939-1944

Dolls and Doll Houses, Victoria and Albert Museum, 1950, pp. 1-28

Catalog from “A showing of paper dolls on other cut-out toys, from the collection of Wilbur Macey Stone”, the Newark Museum, Newark, N.J., 1931, pp. 1-28.

American Made Dolls & Figurines catalog from The Doll Collectors of America, Inc., Boston, Mass, 1940, pp. 1-43.

Dolls catalog from The Doll Collectors of America, Inc., Boston, Mass, Limited Edition photolithograph by Spaulding-Moss CO., 1946, pp. 1-73.

Additional Print Resources

The Handbook of Doll Repair and Restoration by Marty Westfall, Crown Publishers, 1979, ISBN 0-517-538423 (this text is likely out of print, but maybe available on the secondary market)

Care of Favorite Dolls: Antique Bisque Conservation by Mary Caruso, Hobby House Press, 1999. ISBN: 0-87588-545-4

Caring For Your Collections. The National Committee to Save America's Cultural Collections. Published by Harry N. Abram, Inc., 1992. ISBN: 0-8109-3174-5.

Doll Values: Antique to Modern, 11th Edition by Linda Edwards. Published by Collector Books. 2011. ISBN: 978-1-57432-691-8.

There are many other books on dolls that cover values, specific manufacturers, mediums and more. Many are available by researching the web.

Supply Outlets

Dollspart at www.dollspart.com
Repair Supplies and books, wigs, eyes, and other doll related merchandise.

Gaylord's at www.gaylord.com
Archival repair and storage products.

Light Impressions at www.lightimpressionsdirect.com
Archival and presentation supplies.

Talas at <http://www.talasonline.com/>
Conservation, restoration and preservation supplies.

Museum Services Corporation at
<http://stores.homestead.com/conservemp/Categories.bok?category=Conservation+Supplies>

Twin Pines of Maine, Inc. at <http://www.twinpines.com/>
Supplies for doll and collectible care