

# Rose Percy's Fantastic Voyage

## My Souvenir Album

by Denise Buese



The very talented and capable Verdugo Hills Doll Club hosted my fifth fundraising event in the magnificent Queen's Salon on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California. Here are some fun souvenirs from the early days of the luxurious ocean liner. (Photo courtesy of David Kandel)

The Verdugo Hills Doll Club of Region 2 South is proud to announce that our Rose Percy luncheon event, held in Long Beach, CA on February 2, 2013 raised over \$32,000 to benefit our country's wounded soldiers. Veteran support organizations Semper Fi and Fisher House will share the proceeds. We hope you'll enjoy this peek into Rose's personal photograph album.



The Queen Mary (nicknamed the "Grey Ghost") was the largest and fastest troopship during World War II. Did you know that Winston Churchill signed the D-Day Declaration onboard, and that Adolph Hitler offered \$250,000 and the Iron Cross to any U-boat captain that could sink the Queen Mary? How fitting that one of my fundraising events should be held on her decks!



On Friday night complimentary dessert and beverages were served along with a marvelous program presented by my good friend, Michael Canadas, called, "H/R/H Queen Mary - Collector Extraordinaire." On Saturday Michael presented our program "Rose Percy's Fantastic Voyage," and answered the audience's many questions concerning my life and activities. (Photo by Barbra Porter Photography)



Three very happy members of the Verdugo Hills Doll Club, Barbara Hastain, Pam Kandel, and Maggi Phillips show off the beautiful Friday night table centerpieces, artfully crafted by fellow club member, Nancy Kelley. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



Now you know where I rest between fundraisers! Here, Michael Canadas prepares me for my debut in Long Beach wearing the same teal silk velvet dress I wore when I was raffled at the Metropolitan Fair in 1864. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



I have many precious accessories, but I am most proud to wear my American flag sash. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)





Two of my favorite silk dresses stand before a print of the New York Metropolitan Fair in April 1864, where I was first displayed with all my finery. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



People have been quite generous to me in support of my charitable work! I am so very grateful for such bounty. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



The Verdugo Hills Doll Club worked tirelessly on my event, and here are two of my newest friends, Faith Olson and Dene Alcott, preparing the tables for the luncheon on Saturday and having so much fun! (Photo courtesy of David Kandel)



Brilliant red, white and blue created the patriotic color scheme for the luncheon. The gorgeous floral table centerpieces were designed and created by Nancy Kelley. Table hostess and Verdugo Hills Doll Club member Margo Ingram readies her table for the next day. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



Among the dealers at the event, the beautiful mother/daughter duo, Rachel and Diane Hoffman from "Turn of the Century Antiques" came all the way from Denver to offer our attendees a memorable shopping experience. (Photo by Barbra Porter Photography)



What a goodlooking couple! Here dealers Skip and Mary Simonton stand beside their tableful of tempting wares. (Photo by Barbra Porter Photography)



Tables full of silent auction and raffle items filled the room, providing many opportunities to give not only to our chosen charities, but to bring home that little extra "something." Margo Ingram was the chairwoman extraordinaire of the silent auction and raffle item procurement and display, and did a fantastic job! (Photo by Barbra Porter Photography)







President of the Verdugo Hills Doll Club, Charlotte Semple graciously donated her mother's childhood wax doll, Penrose to the auction. This special doll received a new wardrobe sewn by Charlotte in charming 1918 style. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



The very talented Verdugo Hills Doll Club member Judy Day designed and created a most marvelous "American Freedom Quilt" for the live auction, which was covered with figures depicting legendary American men and women. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



Always a friend to me, doll costumer extraordinaire Louise Hedrick sewed and donated for auction, an eighteen piece wardrobe for a tiny Cathy Hansen doll. Isn't she a treasure?



Oh, how beautiful the Queen's Salon looked, all decorated in patriotic red, white and blue! I was so proud as I looked out over the tables full of happy people, there to support our fundraiser. (Photo by Barbra Porter Photography)



Hardworking Verdugo Hills Doll Club members Sally Doyle and Sandra Ottiger are happily ensconced behind the raffle ticket table and ready for the crowds. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



The pleased and proud new owner of little Flora, Catherine Soares, stands beside Denise Buese, the Verdugo Hills Doll Club member who created Flora's trousseau. Lucky Flora is going to a great home! (Photo by Barbra Porter Photography)



One of the live auction items, which we hoped would delight our attendees, was Flora, an English wax doll much like myself, although quite a bit smaller at only ten inches tall. The Verdugo Hills Doll Club donated Flora, and she was given everything a well-bred young woman of the 1860s should possess. The generous winning bid brought \$9,000 for our charities. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)





Our lovely emcee Janet Hollingsworth kept the whole event running smoothly from beginning to end! (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



David Robinson is one of my very best friends. He and Michael Canadas take such good care of me, and have made me so happy to be out and about in the world again doing what I do best. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



President Abraham Lincoln came to see us! He so graciously posed for photographs with our attendees, here with Verdugo Hills Doll Club member, Peggy Viskocil. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



Event chairwoman, Karen Rockwell and a very gallant Michael Canadas look beautiful in the ambiance of the Queen's Salon. Job well done, Karen! (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



A fabulous pair of Punch and Judy characters, donated to the auction by Keith Kaonis, who also carved and painted them, are delighting Nancy Kelley and Rocky Schmidt, the lucky new owner of the dolls. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



The event could not have happened without the tireless efforts of Pam and David Kandel, our intrepid reservations chairmen. I thank you both, and I am honored by your continuous support and friendship. (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)



Sunset over the Pacific Ocean. Wish you were here! (Photo courtesy of Faith Olson)