

The Quinlan May Extravaganza

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What do you say when an event features over 120 world class exhibitors? What do you say when an event has so many educational and creative workshops and presentations that it is almost impossible to choose what to do next? What do you say when an event provides you with three scrumptious banquets, two buffet breakfasts and a delicious lunch buffet? What do you say when an event offers you three days of camaraderie, shopping, and a great opportunity to reunite with old friends and an opportunity to make new ones? In my opinion, the only thing you *can* say is, "Wow! The Quinlan May Doll and Teddy Bear Show was another fantastic, unforgettable event!"

It is absolutely amazing that Susan and Terry Quinlan can organize their stellar event in Philadelphia when they live on the west coast. They leave not a stone unturned, no, not even a pebble, when it comes to making sure that each detail is carefully planned and executed!

Our GBW Executive Board was thrilled when the Quinlans offered us the opportunity to share a presentation on Traveling Teddies with the convention

guests. Our power point featured all four official GBW traveling teddies, including Walter, who we had just auctioned the month before during IDEX. No traveling teddy presentation would be complete without mentioning our own traveling teddy companions and, of course, the Boosters. Sandy Humanski (and Marshall), Elizabeth Taylor (and Jacob), Pat Snyder (and Bailey), and myself (and Wisdom) were all proud to introduce our teddies to the audience and tell a little about their adventures while spreading our Good Bear word. It was fun that many of the guests had their special bears in tow! Diligent and enthusiastic Pat and Bailey recruited several new Booster members at the event - way to go!

Our seminar also featured a very special surprise for Susan Quinlan. (Remember I mentioned leaving no stone unturned?) Terry commissioned teddy bear artist extraordinaire, Martha Burch, to create a Susan Quinlan character bear to be Susan's special traveling bear. Our over achieving Martha actually created *two* character bears for Susan, one to travel and one to stay at the Museum. Susan calls the wonderful

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bears “Mini Me” and “Me-Too” and they certainly are! You will be able to see the amazing resemblance in the pictures.

Friday afternoon offered an early shopping opportunity for the convention guests and there was eight hours of whirlwind shopping on Saturday. Thanks to all of the donations from our generous

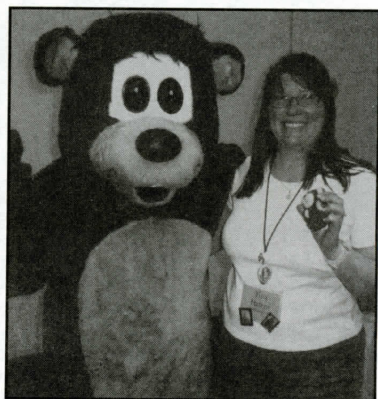
members, our table was a nonstop bevy of activity the entire time!

For those who were not able to attend the 2013 event, be sure to mark your calendars for next year. Let’s meet for an in person hug and tons of teddy camaraderie! See you there!

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(Above Left to Right) Bearos Terrie Stong, Mary Beckman Housman and Pat Snyder, in front of the GBW sales table.



(Above) A friendly big brown bear (AKA Bearo Elizabeth Taylor) came around for lots of hugs. Bev White (left) and Tina Hatem had a fun time!