

DOLL, CLOTH – ALICE

OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTS

Repository: Crandall Public Library.
Folklife Center
Glens Falls, NY.

Creator: Sharon Fitzgerald

Title: Doll, Cloth - Alice

Dates: 2000

Quantity: 1 doll

Identification: Folk Art & Artifacts

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Sharon Fitzgerald's began making dolls as a girl, As a mother of five, sahe has passed this interest on to her daughters, whom she has made dolls for, co-created dolls with, and watched as they have gone on to independently produce their own dolls.

Fitzgerald also apprenticed at an early age to learn restoration techniques that would enable her to restore her own antique doll collection. Much later she worked for a small cottage industry producing cloth dolls to support her growing family. Her doll Alice was featured in the exhibit *If Only They Could Talk: Dolls, Stories & the Spirit of Dollmaking*, October – December 2000, guest curated by Nancy Scheemaker for the Folklife Center at Crandall Public Library.

INDEX TERMS

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT

Cotton jersey body dyed with walnut hulls, body is jointed and stuffed with cotton from vitamin bottles, fibre hair, embroidered face, skirt is made from daughter Ada's dress. Shirt is made from a placemat Fitzgerald used at her grandmother's Sunday meals, silk underpants made from long johns, beads donated by Ada and Irene Fitzgerald. 18 inches long.