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Special Charity Tribute to Sharon Wyllie



The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network has been selected as the charity for the 2012 Chicago Gathering. Our efforts are made in memory of Sharon Wyllie, who lost her battle with this ugly disease in January of 2010 after nearly a year and a half. Throughout the battle, she remained strong and even attended the Gathering in San Antonio in late summer of 2009. It was there that she and her husband, Richard, were named National Collectors of the Year by Department 56.

Many of you knew her, although the name might not be familiar. As the Dept. 56 manager at a gift store, she became acquainted with all of the villages and was very willing to share her knowledge with customers at a moment's notice. She never met someone she didn't like or who didn't like her.

Read more: <http://chicagogathering.tripod.com/special-signing-event.html>

Seminars

The list of seminars and presenters continues to grow. Here are some of the highlights to look forward to:

Melinda Seegers - Department 56, Consumer Services

Barbara Lund - Department 56, Designer and Artist

Pat and John Ehrenreich - *Make It Easy and Gotta Shop Around*

Will Holt - Trains

Joe Meyers, Jeff McCann and Linda Roberts - *Make Something Happen in Your Village*

John Michael Sanders - *Lights-Action-Camera*

Stephen Pepin - *Enhancing Villages with Special Effects*

Jill Schlung - Foam Carving & Displays

Mike Wood and Thomas Taylor - Landscaping

Jeopardy Game

Get your think caps on and study up on your village trivia for Jeopardy. More details to follow.

What's New?

- Jeopardy
- Seminars
- Trivia



Trivia Question #2

What is the real name of the sculpture that Chicagoans' call the "bean"?

Tours

Don't forget to sign up for the Chicago Sightseeing Tours or the House Tours. They are filling up fast, so be sure to reserve your seats.