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- A new returning section in the newsletter: "In the Spotlights". This month: Bambi's Field Mouse.



## First things first!

We would like to wish our readers all the best for 2006!

The new year also brings a new lay-out for our newsletter. A new returning section will be "In the Spotlights". Every month a special sculpture from the Walt Disney Classics Collection will be discussed.

Of course, this year we will also keep you informed on the WDCC with rumours and other exciting news.

Happy reading with our newest newsletter!



## Production mark 2006

Every year the Walt Disney Classics Collection uses a new production mark and 2006 is no exception.

The newest production mark will be the teacup from *Alice in Wonderland*. This Disney feature was released in 1951 and this 55th anniversary is celebrated with this production mark.

Would you like to learn more on production marks, backstamps, sculpting etc.? Take a look at our website on [these informative pages](#) concerning the Walt Disney Classics Collection.



## WDCC gossip

It looks like *The Jungle Book* will be honoured with a new figurine (probably with a hissing villain): Kaa and Mowgli will probably be the newest additions to the collection.



And ... it's not really a rumour anymore, because the Walt Disney Collectors Society-members may have read it in their *Sketches*, but the *Finding Nemo*-fans won't be disappointed. A new figurine of the turtles Crush and Squirt will be revealed next February. In February the exact release date will be announced of this limited edition figurine. It promises to be an exciting new sculpture.

Keep a close eye on our [website](#), dude!



## In the Spotlights!

The first figurine, that we will discuss in this new and monthly returning section, is the Field Mouse "Little April Shower" from *Bambi*.

The Field Mouse is the very first figurine of the Walt Disney Classics Collection: in the fall of 1991 the collection was presented to the dealers in several



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advertisements. These ads showed this small (approximately 15 cms high) mouse with the crystal dewdrop.

There were made a total of 7500 pieces and during the production process 3 different versions were created. These versions were made because of the fragility of the figurine.



The first version shows the dewdrop above the mouse's paws. However, many figurines had a broken dewdrop after transport.

The second version was created to prevent breakage: the dewdrop was placed between the

paws and now there was supporting foam added between the drop and the paws during transport.

This was not enough: still many figurines broke and so the third version was created. The dewdrop was lengthened until it hung next to the paws and it was attached with glue to at least one paw.



The title of the figurine ("Little April Shower") has been taken from the song from *Bambi* with the identical name that was written by Frank Churchill and Edward H. Plumb.

In 1992 this figurine was sold in stores for \$195,- (now approximately €170,-) and it has become one of the most expensive figurines of the entire collection. It is a very rare figurine and most of the times it cannot be bought at the dealers anymore. When it is being sold at the dealers, the prices have risen from €1000,- until €1795,-.

Every figurine has a golden backstamp in honour of the 50th anniversary of the Disney classic *Bambi*. Walt Disney's initial idea was to release *Bambi* right after *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, however, Walt was such a perfectionist and *Pinocchio* (1940), *Fantasia* (1940), *The Reluctant Dragon* (1941) and *Dumbo* (1941) were released before *Bambi*.



### Questions, wishes and remarks ...

Would you like to see a specific figurine discussed in "In the Spotlights" or do you have other remarks, wishes or questions? Please send us an e-mail: [info@getandcollect.nl](mailto:info@getandcollect.nl).