

"I'm late, I'm late, for a very important date!"

That's what I thought as I stood in front of my looking glass, adjusting the big crimson bow on my Alice-inspired dress! It was going to be a very special afternoon, as I was attending a Tea at a local doll museum with all of my doll friends! My sleek dress and billowing sleeves added just the perfect amount of whimsy to my ensemble. I turned this way and that, smiling at the thought of a cute (but fashionably late) bunny with a dapper bowtie and holding a pocket watch. I had read "Alice in Wonderland" to my friends Dolly and Billy just the other night, so all of the whimsical imagery was still fresh in my head, and I couldn't help but draw parallels between my current situation and the classic tale. I grabbed my playful Wonderland purse with the playing card theme, and off I went!

When I arrived at the doll museum, it occurred to me that I had, in a sense, "gone down a rabbit hole" into a festive, lovely Tea Time with good friends. We were surrounded by wonderful antique dolls, wise-looking mohair bears, and other plush animals that captured my imagination-- and yes, there was even a mohair bunny! One doll friend presented a program about Alice in Wonderland dolls, and I thought, "Well, this was surely meant to be!"

Many doll collectors love the classic story of Alice in Wonderland, and as you enjoy this month's fanciful theme, I hope you'll be inspired to dream new dreams, tell new stories, and let your imagination soar! After all, dolls AND people ask the same question that Alice did: "Who in the world am I? Ah, that's the great puzzle!" And now it's time for us to PLAY and answer that question for today!

I always love enjoying a
Wonderland of dolls, adventure,
and fashion with you!

xxxxo
Grace

