

How the Doodlebug Bazaar Began

As the Boulder City Community Club prepares for yet another Doodlebug Bazaar, I find I am being asked many questions regarding the name “Doodlebug.” Friends were perplexed by the name. They wanted to know if there was a family by the name of “Doodlebug” that the Bazaar was named after. So, I decided to do some investigating. I read up on the past Doodlebug Bazaars and could not find one clue. It was not named after a family.

I did find a small old newspaper article that stated there is a certain bug in the Tennessee hills that has a strange name. I was curious and, apparently “Doodlebug” is her name. Her father’s name is “Dan’debug” and her Mother’s name is “Ann’debug.”

The newspaper article said that Doodlebug was old enough to leave home and go to work. Her job was to fly around the United States to help people become productive with their crafts. So, off she went, flying from town to town making sure people were having fun with their projects. She noticed that many men, women, and children were busy making different crafts and then they would hold craft shows. She was happy seeing all the creative liveliness.

When Doodlebug arrived in Boulder City, in the state of Nevada, she was tired. She sat on a big rock above the city and looked it over. She thought, “What a beautiful little city.” She decided to fly around the town and was elated to see how many of the Boulder City residents were on their porches knitting, crocheting, doing needlepoint, painting, carving wood, or in their garages working on projects.



She flew around the town seeing if she could find any bulletins regarding a craft show. There was not even one! So, Doodlebug decided to use her special bug dust and sprinkled the dust over the little town of Boulder City.

Lo and behold, several ladies gathered and formed a group that decided to hold a craft show. They needed a “crafty” name, when all of a sudden a teeny tiny small piece of paper fell to the floor. When they picked it up they saw one word written on it, “Doodlebug” and there was also a picture drawn of Doodlebug.

Doodlebug watched the Bazaar getting set up for the big day. Boxes of crafts were being set on big table and the town people were laughing and talking about how excited they were. Doodlebug knew her job in the beautiful town of Boulder City was complete.

The rest is history. For decades the Boulder City Community Club has produced the delightful **DOODLEBUG CRAFT BAZAAR**. In recent years the city mayor made an official proclamation, declaring the first Saturday in each December officially Doodlebug Bazaar Day, in Boulder City. Folks come from all over the southwest to participate in this wonderful event. Everyone is welcome and that makes Doodlebug very happy!