



Santons de France USA Newsletter for 2018

Wow! What a beautiful summer we have experienced here in Maine.

It afforded us the opportunity to spend lots of time on the boat exploring our many islands. My favorite pastime is winding our way up and down scenic rivers full of interesting twists and turns that take us to small towns and cozy harbors.

All that has suddenly ended and we are in fall mode for a couple of months. The leaves have started to turn and there are Fall Festivals everywhere. If you have a chance to visit Maine, this is the season we would recommend. It would also offer you the opportunity to visit the santons here in our small Woolwich town on the great Kennebec River.



This year's order of figures, buildings, and accessories, created by the Carbonel Workshop in Marseille France, arrived here in Maine in the middle of May. They all arrived safely and the pieces are spending time together in various little blue bins here at 127 River Road. They are anxiously waiting to be delivered to your homes throughout the USA and Canada.

New for 2018

The new figure for 2018 is the Pharmacist (Apothicaire), available only in the #2 Elite size. He is dressed in clothes of gray & brown and his hands clasp a medicine bottle at his waist. Perched above his long gray hair is a small black cap. He is ready to help cure all the villagers ills!



The Blindman and his Son

A Santon Legend



A popular figure around Provence, the blind man, always accompanied by his dog, travels to the manger with his young son to thank the blessed mother for consoling the sick and afflicted.

Although blind, he never questions his affliction. He feels the light of the world is within him. Even though he can not see, he feels everything must be beautiful because God made it so. He prays, not for sight in this world, but for vision when he reaches heaven. He believes in Paradise and Angels and he wants to see them.

Being an old man he knows that time is not far away.

He stands in the stable, with his strong faith and inner vision, leaning on his young son's shoulder. As he imagines the scene before him, his sight is restored! In his excitement of all he sees before him, he recognizes an older son "Chicoulet", who had been stolen from him by the "Brigand" many years before.



Blind Man & his Son Cricket #1 \$38.00 Elite #2 \$47.00 Grande #3 \$57.00

There before his very eyes is his own long lost son and the Son of God!



Dog (Chein) Cricket #1 \$10.00 Elite #2 \$10.50 Grande #3 \$13.50



Chicoulet the lost son Elite #2 \$27.00 Grande #3 \$34.00



Brigand (Robber) Cricket #1 \$18.00 Elite #2 \$27.00 Grande #3 \$34.00