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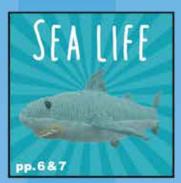
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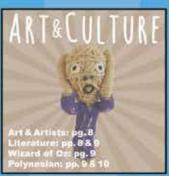


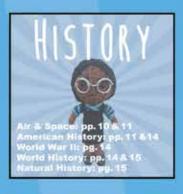






















ring Handmade in Thailand

String Dolls: \$5.50 each Size: 2"- 3" plus 2" keyring and lobster

Min. Order: 40 pieces assorted, no min. per style Min. Reorder: 30 pieces

#### **HOW TO ORDER:**

- make a wholesale account here: kamibashi.com/account/register
- Order on FAIRE, use this direct link: https://kamibashi.faire.com
- Email your own PO to sales@kamibashi.com
- Email a list with the doll's name and/or item number to sales@kamibashi.com
- Call us at (828) 333-5166

**POP Display Spinners:** 

Kamibashi offers a pegboard counter display (pictured)and floor display. Jumbo, foot-tall string dolls also make great display pieces! See pg. 23



#### Hercules Beetle gives you the strength to carry a heavier load than you thought possible. sd1339 Firefly gives you the power to shine bright, even at night! sd1336

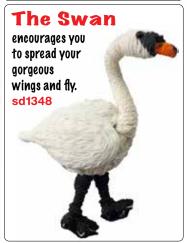






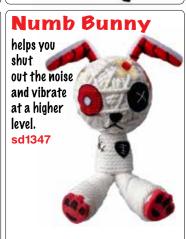


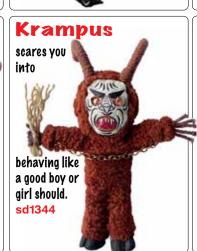






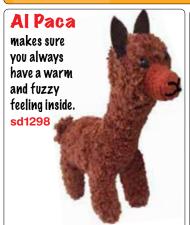


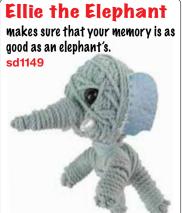






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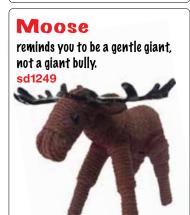










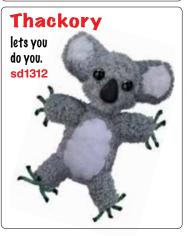








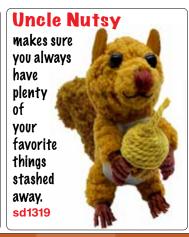




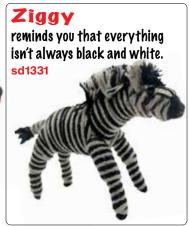




# Tyson the Bison encourages us all to be unified and resilient. sd1274



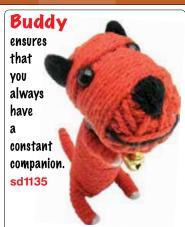




## DOGS

Bulldozer























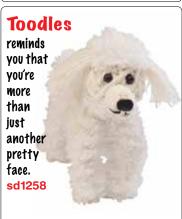










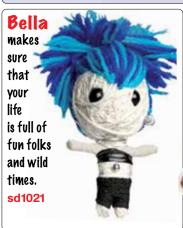




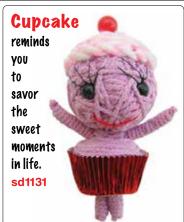


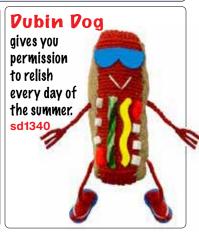


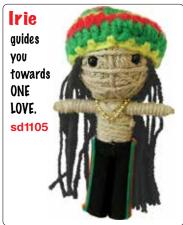
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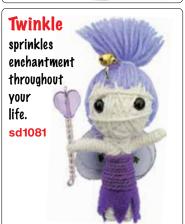








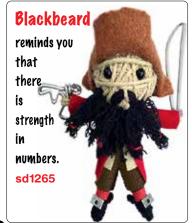








## SEA LIFE

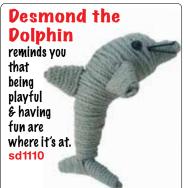


















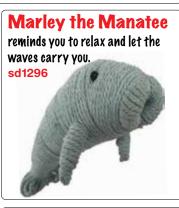




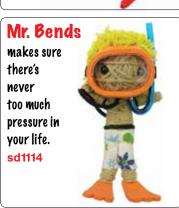






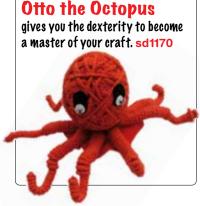












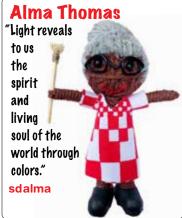






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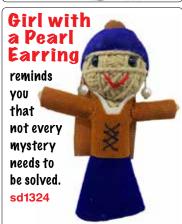














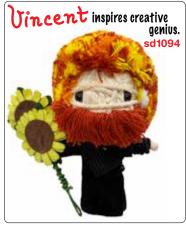


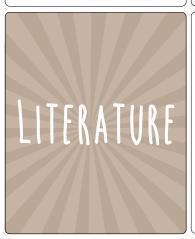






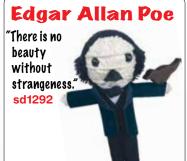


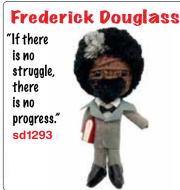




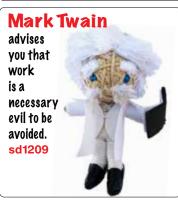


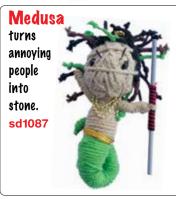




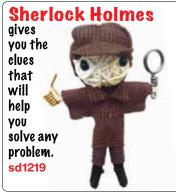






























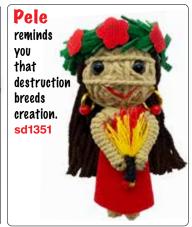




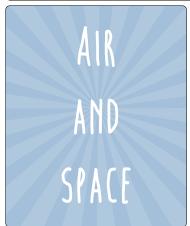




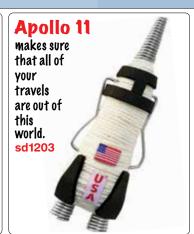




## HISTORY









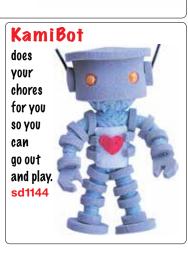






## Ham the Astrochimp makes sure you are welltrained and up to the task. sd1229

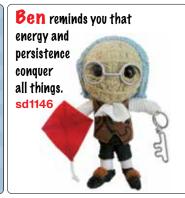












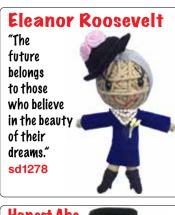


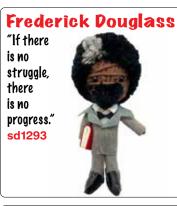


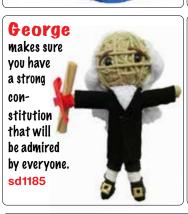


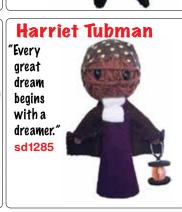


















#### **International Fund for Animal Welfare**



International Fund for Animal Welfare



all unique individuals

who deserve respect.

sd1108





the Giant Panda reminds you not to squander our precious natural resources. sd1109



reminds you that being playful & having fun are where it's at.

sd1110

The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) has representation in 16 countries and carries out its animal welfare work in more than 40. IFAW and its 1.2 million supporters work passionately to save animals in crisis around the world.

www. ifaw.org/united-states



#### **Pretty** in Pink **Foundation**





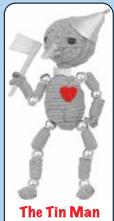
gives you the strength and courage to fight like hell! sd1099

The Pretty In Pink Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Raleigh, North Carolina that provides financial resources for uninsured and underinsured people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer and have limited financial means. www.

prettyinpinkfoundation.

#### **Heart Disease** Research Fund





reminds you to live lightheartedly. sd1184

In 2012, we received an e-mail from Heather, a woman who was born with heart disease. She suggested that we create a string doll to benefit people with heart conditions and we thought it was a great idea. We worked together with her to develop a doll that is the most well-known heart recipient in fiction.

## Kamibas

### ETTE

AT KAMIBASHI we care — about the satisfaction of our customers, the quality of our products, and the well-being of the artists we work with and their families.

We also care about the state of the world around us, and so in 2010, our fifth year in business we proudly started to introduce a special new group of dolls that, while cute and lovable in their own right, are also performing a valuable philanthropic purpose: for every "Kamibashi CARES" doll that we sell, Kamibashi® donates \$.50 or \$1.00 to fifteen different charities that we have chosen to work with.

Many thanks to you, our customers, for not only giving support to Kamibashi, but to the world around us too.

#### The Amazon **Conservation** Team





makes sure all your flights

are smooth and trouble-

free. sd1112

www. amazonteam.org

#### **Dive Pirates Foundation**



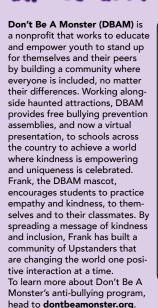


demolishes barriers so people of all abilities can enjoy scuba!

sd1101 www.divepirates.org

#### **Two Haunted Attractions**

**Bullying Prevention** 





Frank spreads kindness and celebrates our uniqueness. sd1333

## hi CARES

#### **Amounts Donated as of April 1, 2022**

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Dive Pirates	1,108.68
Prevention Plus	501.00
Suicide Prevention	412.00
Don't Be A Monster	919.50
Schools for Hope	1,698.00
Whale and Dolphin Conservation	3,690.00
Heart Disease Research	5,735.00
Disaster Relief Aid	7,475.00
Pretty In Pink Foundation	8,482.00
Orangutan Outreach	1,828.00
Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund	11,369.00
The Amazon Conservation Team	2,509.50
Int'l Fund for Animal Welfare	22,583.00
National Marine Life Center	1,048.00
LymeCares	568.00
MANNA Food Bank North Carolina	4,346.98

In addition to donating quarterly to the fifteen charitable organizations above, each year Kamibashi also donates a percentage of our website sales between Thanksgiving and Christmas to local children in need and to MANNA

Foodbank of Western North Carolina. Follow the updated results and donated totals online:

https://kamibashi.com/pages/kc-ii

#### Who Are Paying It Forward

Kamibashi CARES donated Total

#### Suicide **Prevention**



\$74,274.63



Lunatik

wants you to know that you're not alone, you belong, and you are loved like CrAzY! sd1341

Under his mask, the real person who plays the Lunatik character is a gentle giant who came across a band of spooky clowns at Scream Hollow Wicked Halloween Park in Smithville, TX many years ago. He was not only accepted into the fold, but he found his true place to belong. Lunatik, who will eventually have his own suicide nonprofit, wants you to remember that you are loved too, and that people love

Call 1-800-273-8255 if you are having negative or suicidal thoughts. Until Lunatik's nonprofit becomes reality, Kamibashi will give \$1.00 for every Lunatik we sell to a nonprofit that helps to prevent suicide.

#### **Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund**





Lt. Ryder ensures you hit the ground running and complete your mission safely. sd1143

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund is a leader in supporting the men and women of the armed forces and their families. The Fund has provided support for the families of military personnel lost in service and for severely wounded service members and veterans.

www. fallenheroesfund.org

**National** 

**Marine Life** 

Center

Harvey the Harbor Seal

will help you find the

perfect spot to haul

out to and relax.

sd1245

www. nmlc.org NATIONAL

MARINE

LIFE

CENTER

#### **Disaster Relief Aid**





#### **Florence**

reminds you that everyone deserves our compassion and aid. sd1182

For over 10 years, Kamibashi has partnered with a prominent aid charity that provides help to families and communities who are facing a host of emergencies that include fire. hurricanes, and other natural and manmade disasters. All of this is made possible by the generous donations by many groups and individuals of their time, money, and/or experience.

#### Whale and Dolphin Conservation



#### Moby

reminds you to surface sd1211

#### **Schools** for Hope





Schools for Hope, a curriculum project developed by the charity iFred, is based on the following idea: Hope is Teachable. If we can teach our kids how to find pathways to hope, ultimately we can prevent suicides in youth and maintain hope during the most trying of times. www.ifred.org

BOV

sd1230b

#### **LymeCares**





LymeCares is dedicated to spreading hope to members of the Lyme community while raising awareness and educating companies about Lyme Disease. The products these businesses donate to LymeCares get distributed to people with this life-altering disease. facebook.com/LymeCares/

every once in a while and take a deep breath.

us.whales.org

#### **Prevention** Prevention Plus





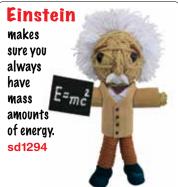






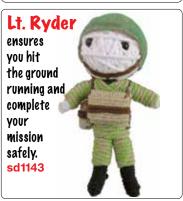












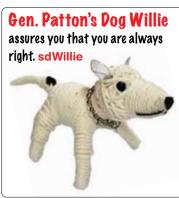


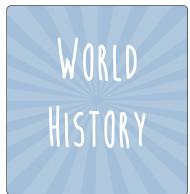




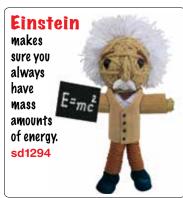






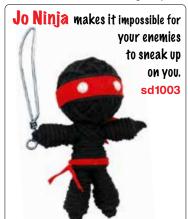


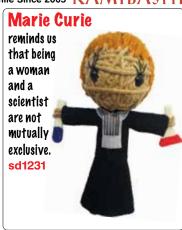




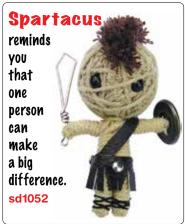


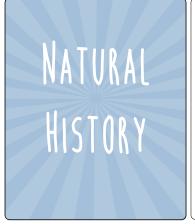


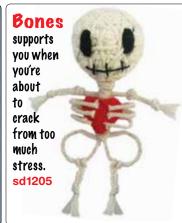
















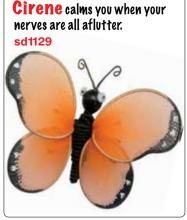




## PARKS & GARDENS





























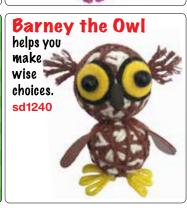
















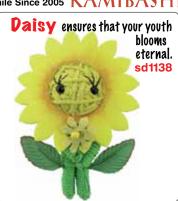
















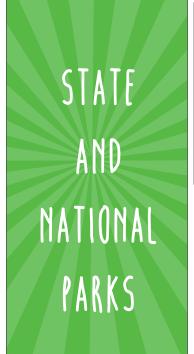




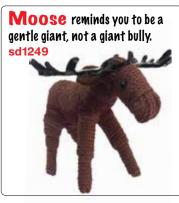










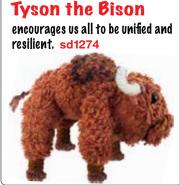


Parker Boy
teaches us the importance of
preserving and protecting our
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Parker Girl
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## THINGS PEOPLE DO



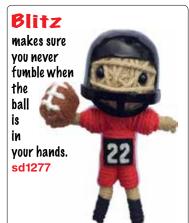


















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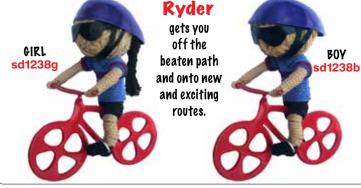
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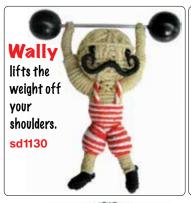




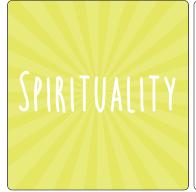










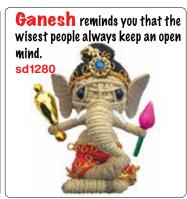


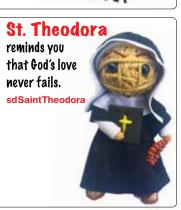








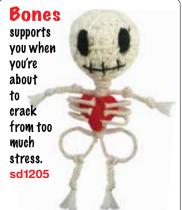




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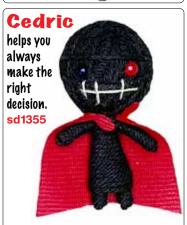




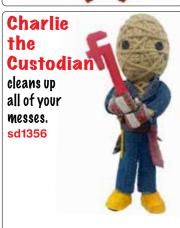








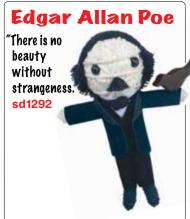






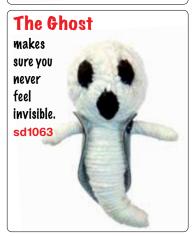


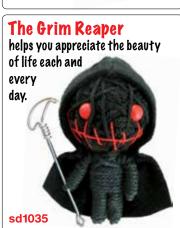
















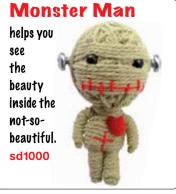














































#### Make Your Iconic Character Into A String Doll!

Ever wanted to see how a string doll comes to life? It's super cool, especially when we are making a custom character that already exists out there in the world, whether it be from a haunt, a museum, or your very own business! The whole process takes about 3 to 4 months from start to finish, and can include your own custom tag and product card too! E-mail Kristen for more information (kristen@kamibashi.com) including min. quantities and all else.

Please note that we can only make a few custom dolls each year, and unless you are buying a very large quantity, we will also want to offer your character to our other customers too, with a small incentive to you if the character is not in the public domain already. Kristen will tell you all about how this works too. Let's make it happen!

Brighten up your fridge, locker, or work space with a String **Doll Gang** magnet! Just like their keychain counterparts, these mini string dolls are made using only string and even tinier accessories.



Shelly sdm1862

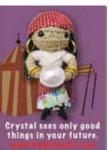
String Doll Gang® Magnets: \$3.25 each Size: 1.5" - 2"

Min.Order: 12 pcs. asst., no min. per style

Min. Reorder: 6 pieces

HOW TO ORDER: Order by character.

Each magnet comes packaged inside a clear gift bag with a decorative card that has the doll's special power and a background designed specifically for that character. Look for more magnet dolls on our website!



Crystal sdm1863





Irie sdm1852



**Twinkle** sdm1859





Frida sdm1851



AstroNeil sdm1850



I LOVE CHICKEN MAGNETS Who doesn't love chickens? They're cute - especially these chicken magnets! Handmade with love in Northern Thailand.

I Love Chickens Magnets: \$25.00 for 10

Size: .5" x .5"

Min. Order: 1 pack of 10 asst. colors



#### STRING DOLL GANG PRODUCT DISPLAYS\*



#### Floor Spinner Display

#### **Dimensions:**

5' 5" tall, 13.5" wide, 15" deep

Price: \$250 including shipping Offset: 10 dolls of your choice

Holds: 240 dolls (6 each of 40

characters)

#### **Minimum Opening Order:**

200 dolls, min. 5 per character

Stores who have the Kamibashi floor display LOVE it! We have found that stores who invest in this display order more frequently and sell more dolls than stores who do not have it, which we ALL love.

Each side of the display fits 5 rows of 4 dolls, with 5 or 6 dolls to a peg for a grand total of 200 - 240. To fill it up, choose from our best seller list (which we will happily send you) or have us pick a "best of" assortment for you. Either way, if you find that some dolls just aren't moving, we encourage you to send them back to swap them out for something new at no cost to you apart from the return shipping label.

What makes this display a winner is that the dolls come on product cards which have the doll's name and good-luck "power" written on the front of the card, and each character's unique UPC code on the back of the card. As always, each doll also comes with a fabric name tag which remains attached to the doll's keychain after the doll is removed from the card.

#### **Product Cards**

String Doll Gang® product cards have been proven to help the dolls sell faster and are available to all stores upon request. There is no cost for the cards, but we ask that you order at least 3 of each character when your dolls come on product cards.

SIZE OF CARDS: 7.5" x 2.5"



The old adage "The more you have the more you sell" is certainly true for the String Doll Gang®! To make it easy to display all those dolls, we offer an affordable pegboard Spinning Floor Display for dolls on product cards, and a Spinning Counter Display that can be used with or without product cards. Choose from black or white pegboards, and customize the headers with your favorite dolls!



Price: \$50.00 (including shipping) Offset: 4 dolls of your choice

Our POP Counter Display comes in either black or white and is a reasonably priced pegboard spinner that has a small footprint and fits perfectly on the counter next to the cash register! Choose to receive your string dolls on product cards so that your customers can clearly see that each doll has a name and special power written on their fabric tag, or order them without their product cards to fit even more dolls on the display. A fun topic of conversation that is sure to draw smiles and laughter, the String Doll Gang® is the perfect impulse buy and you'll find that it won't be long before your customers are back for more!

#### **Jumbo String Doll (one foot tall)**

**Price:** \$75.00 **RRP:** \$150 Min. Order: | doll

Just like their 3-inch counterparts, these FOOT TALL handmade pieces of fine art are made using one piece of string with nothing underneath. Any member of the Gang can be made into a jumbo doll in just 4-6 weeks! Each one comes with a stand so that you can put it wherever you choose — perhaps with some smaller String Doll

friends in your shop window, or next to your String Doll Gang® display. Guaranteed to make anyone smile, these jumbo dolls can also be sold, at which point all you need to do is order another one!





#### **Free POS String Doll Posters**

Contains: One II" x I4" poster

What better way to let people know you are selling the coolest product out there than to put a String Doll Gang® poster in your store or your shop window?! Choose your favorite character from our top sellers and we'll send you an II"  $\times$  17" print for FREE in the mail.



KAMIBASHI was founded by husband and wife team Chris & Kristen Daniels while they were English teachers in Japan. The company is now 17 years old and operates out of what we lovingly call the 'String Doll House' in Asheville, North Carolina. If you are ever in the area, please visit us!

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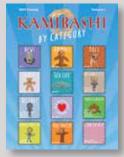
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#### Please Keep This 2022 Catalog Handy For A Few Years!

Welcome to Kamibashi's first complete catalog since 2018! Please recycle your copy of that one, along with any annual supplemental line sheets that you may have received.



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In the meantime, you can always find the latest characters on the **NEW! page** of our website at <a href="https://kamibashi.com/collections/just-in">https://kamibashi.com/collections/just-in</a>. Just use the **Sort By** menu to put the dolls in order from **New to Old** to see which new cuties are the babies of the gang!

#### Kamibashi Takes a Brief Look Back on the Past Few Years

To say it has been a remarkable several years, in both positive and negative ways, would of course be an understatement. Here is how the last few years have looked for Kamibashi:

Dec. 2018: Our best sales year EVER! Sweet!! A big Thank You to ALL!

Dec. 2019: Sales were 10% higher than at the end of 2018 – String Dolls are on a roll!

**Jan. 2020:** Kristen and Chris returned from our annual trip to Thailand to visit our artisans on Jan. 17th. It was a great trip! By the time we returned home, we were aware that COVID was starting in China. When we connected to a flight in Hong Kong, the officials there were beginning to take the temperatures of passengers, but in a very random and unorganized way. We had witnessed this years earlier, around 2003, when SARS was a problem. We were living in Japan and traveling in Asia, and every time we connected to a flight in another country, all passengers and crew were required to have their temperature taken. But just as SARS never arrived in the US (or Japan, although some Asian countries were severely affected), we assumed it would be the same for COVID.

**Feb. 2020:** Kristen went to Las Vegas for 3 days during the winter market to attend an in-person Museum Store Association Board Meeting. What she and the rest of that particular board didn't know was that it would be their last in-person meeting ever. Our annual conference just a few months later in Cleveland was cancelled, and it was the start of a whole lot of Zoom meetings to come.

**Mid-March 2020:** Well, you all know what that looked like!! Life changed starting in mid-March for everyone, and an incomprehensible amount of people all over the world died. May we remember fondly those friends, family, colleagues, and strangers who are no longer here because of COVID.

**Summer 2020:** One of the big positives of the extra time we had during COVID was that we finally had the opportunity to reach out to more "Haunted Attractions," a market that we were working with on a very small scale but that we knew could become much bigger. Our cold-call emails resulted in about 5 new accounts (one with nearly 10 locations!), and even though haunted attractions and their stores were very toned down during the 2020 season (if they were open at all), string dolls were a hit for our haunt customers that went ahead with business *not-quite* as usual.

**2021:** Despite string doll sales being well under average for the first quarter of 2021, we ended the year with almost the same amount of sales that we had in 2019 (our best year EVER, don't forget) – what a nice surprise!

**Jan. 2022:** After holding our string doll price steady at a cool \$5.00 for 17 years straight, which we were able to do by increasing sales numbers each year to cover our rising costs, we were forced to bite the bullet and announce a price hike. We really hated to do it, especially at the same time that so many other vendors were announcing price increases. We thank you for your understanding – we were hoping to hit the 20-year mark for our \$5.00 price!

**March 2022:** Kamibashi joined the Haunted Attractions Association and Kristen and Chris attended TransWorld, a yearly conference and trade show for Haunted Attractions that takes place in St. Louis. Not only were we able to personally meet all of the kind people who we had already been working with, but we also got to meet a whole lot more! This is a very creative community filled with people who love everything Halloween and spooky. They are kind to each other and to strangers, supportive of one another, and FUN! We couldn't be more excited to have found another fabulous group of people who have the perfect market for string dolls!

May 2022: Our 2022 catalog complete, we are now looking forward to seeing all of our Museum Store Association friends in Boston in just a few short weeks! It kind of feels like we have come full circle, and we hope more than anything that the future is kind to us all. Stay healthy, happy, and enjoy every minute of the life we are all so lucky to have!