
March 2024

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

I think the ground hog was correct and we are now enjoying an early spring. The robins have returned, and my backyard is a symphony of bird song. We will see if this mild weather lasts. I am grateful for my monthly miniature meeting as it is my only time to work on miniatures amid garden preparation for an early growing season. We have lots of exciting updates regarding the 2024 national convention in Franklin, Tennessee. Enjoy.

Sincerely,

Meredith Hink
Newsletter Editor
zondagmd@hotmail.com

P.S. Our next newsletter will be published the first week of June so please send me your updates and finished project pictures anytime throughout the spring.

Regional Coordinator News

Greetings A1 Miniaturists,

I hope everyone has enjoyed this mild winter. I enjoyed it, as has my dog. She loves to roam the back yard and because it is not freezing, she will keep me outside for a long time. I hope March is not going to make up for the mildness of the past several months, and dump lots of snow and wintry weather!

There are a lot of exciting things going on through NAME. Be sure to check out all the offerings in the latest newsletter and Create site. I am so happy to see that instead of a new project this year, we can request previous kits. The one I am anxious to get is the booth table and bench seats. I used my first one in a kitchen scene and loved it. You can find pictures of all previous kits in the March Newsletter. I was going to share last year's three-sided display with you but when I took it out of the bag to take pictures, part of it came apart. I will fix it and show you all my FINISHED project next time.

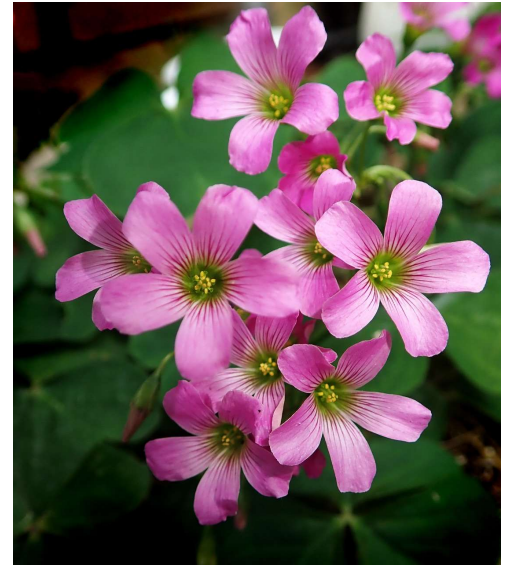
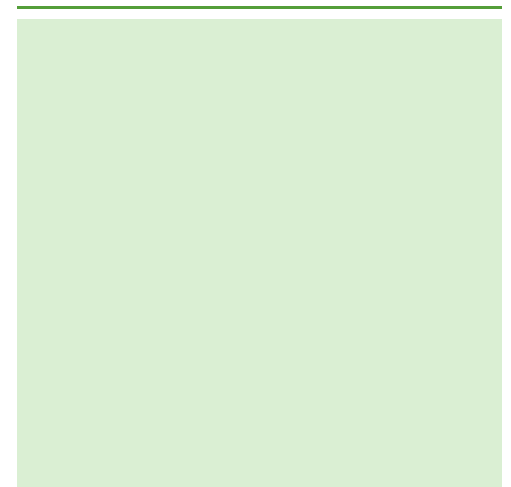


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It is almost show time. The Tom Bishop show, and TD Miniatures show will be in the Chicago area in a month. I will be at the NAME table at Teresa's show in Schaumburg. Stop by and say "Hello." I love getting to know other miniaturists, especially from our region. You have a month to get your shopping list ready.

Our national convention is coming up quickly. There will be opportunities to come and participate in some of the activities during the convention, even if you are not registered. Please check the last Gazette for information. I am excited about a new dealer that will be selling her creations. Cheryl Hubbard, from Winnipeg, Canada, will be showing and selling her work. She makes hand crafted wicker pieces, and they are gorgeous. I first met Cheryl last fall and broke my piggy bank to get a few pieces. I have been saving up since then, as I know I will find more items I love.

Enjoy spring and keep making wonderful miniatures.

Lynn Jensen, A1 Regional Coordinator

Events

T&D 2024 Miniature Shows

April 4-6 2024 Chicago Spring Showcase of Miniatures, Wyndam Garden Hotel, 1725 E Algonquin, Schaumburg, Il, Thurs 12-8, Fri 10-8, Sat 9-4, Classes

May 10 & 11 2024 Ann Arbor Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Wyndam Garden, 2900 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3pm, Classes on Friday

June 7 & 8 2024 Kansas City Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Abdallah Shrine, 5300 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS, 66202, Fri 4-8pm, Sat 9am-3pm, Classes on Friday

August 16 & 17 2024 Minnesota Dollhouse and Miniature Show, New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th Street NW, New Brighton, MN, Fri 4-8pm, Sat 9am-3pm, Classes on Friday

September 6 & 7 2024 Tennessee Dollhouse and Miniature Showcase Patriot Hall, 320 Emberson Dr, Ringgold, GA, Fri 4-8pm, Sat 9am-3pm

September 13 & 14 2024 Indianapolis Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Wyndham Hotel, 18592 Carousel Lane, Westfield, IN, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3pm, Classes on Friday

Oct 4 & 5 2024 St Louis Dollhouse and Miniature Show Machinist Hall, 12365 St Charles Rock Rd, Bridgeton, Mo, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3, Classes Friday, Exhibits

Nov 8 & 9 2024 Chicago Autumn Showcase of Miniatures Holiday Inn, 1000 Busse Rd, Elk Grove, Il, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3, Classes Friday, Exhibits

Want to host a NAME table at a T&D show? Contact Teresa Zwiener at tdminiatures@gmail.com; 314-277-2601.

Tom Bishop Show

April 1-7 2024, Tom Bishop 2024 Chicago International Show, Marriott Chicago O'Hare, 8535 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631, Workshops April 1-5, Show Sat 10-5 & Sun 11-4; see www.bishopshow.com for workshop registration and show information.

Retreat into Miniatures

Retreat into Miniatures is a weekend of fun, fellowship, and workshops October 11-13th at the beautiful Cedar Valley Retreat Center in West Bend, WI. Registration is required. If you would like more information, please contact Barbara Engel, at retreatintominis@yahoo.com. See last page for registration form.

NAME Convention 2024 Updates

Workshops for full registrants for Franklin will begin on March 23rd at 10 AM Eastern daylight time. Day passes for Franklin and workshop signups for day pass holders will begin April 23rd at 10 AM Eastern daylight time.

The souvenir books for Franklin include two opportunities to advertise your miniature business, recognize clubs, give a special message to your friends, or thank the committee for their hard work. Many attendees save their souvenir books, not only to save memories but also to use as a resource guide to dealers and supporters. For more information see the ad forms on pages 7-8.

Club Information

Illinois

Midstate Minimakers of Illinois
Meets every two weeks 1:00-4:30 PM
Bloomington, IL
Contact: Sandy Staker
309-585-0384

Wee "C" Miniature Club
Meets 4th Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Oakbrook Terrace, IL
Contact: Monica Bernard
773-251-5180

The 993 Club
Meets Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.
St. John, IN
Contact: Lula Martlink
219-627-4770

Metro Mini Makers
Meets 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Moline, IL
Contact: Karen Cockerill
309-797-6489

Mini Wonders in Chicago
Meets 2nd Saturday at 3:00 p.m.
Chicago, IL
Contact: Delia Gray (773-820-1519)
President Carla Burruss (312-404-7986)

North Shore Miniature Society
Meets 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Dee Dee Whipple
224-723-5521

Town Hall Minis
Meets 3rd Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.
New Lenox, IL
Contact: Karen Dircks
815-462-9527

Iowa

Miniature Club of Cedar Rapids
Meets 2nd Saturday at 9:30 a.m.
Contact: Linda Freeland
Marion, IA
319-373-1993

Omaha-Council Bluffs Miniature Guild
Meets 3rd Sunday- La Vista Community Center
La Vista, Nebraska
Contact: Sheila Froendt
402-305-2989; sfroendt@cox.net

Minnesota

Midwest Miniature Guild**
1st or 2nd Saturdays February, May, October
Minneapolis, MN
Contact: Eva Donaghue
eva@evasetceteraetc.com
www.midwestminiatureguild.org

Missouri

Quarter Time (Qtr Scale Club)**
3rd Wednesday of the Month – 11 am
St. Louis Area
Contact: Elaine Levine
314-323-6193
elainebio@aol.com

Wisconsin

Madison Area Miniature Enthusiasts (MAME)
Meets 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Madison, WI
Contact: Janice Waisman
608-770-8458

Micro-Maniacs
Meets 2nd Saturday
Franklin, WI
Contact: Barbara Engel
414-531-1637

Three Rivers Miniature Club**
Meet Sundays once a month
La Crosse, WI
Contact: Yarrow Brown
Yarrowbrown74@gmail.com

WEST

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
Contact: Beth Grabau
Windsor Heights, IA
515-993-3240

MINIS ONLY

Meets 1st Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.
Wentzville, Mo
Contact: Frances Gerardi
636-887-0167

Milwaukee Miniatures
Meets 1st Tuesday
Greenfield, WI
Contact: Carolyn Mitchell
414-355-8492

Lakeshore Miniature Makers
Meets 3rd Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
Sheboygan, WI
Contact: Elaine Dunisch
920-452-4798

Mini Diversions
Meets Sundays every couple months
Greenfield, WI
Contact: Lynn Jensen
414-235-8193

Retreat Into Miniatures (RIM)
Meets second weekend (Friday-Sunday) October
Cedar Valley Retreat Center – West Bend, WI
Contact: Barbara Engel
retreatintominis@yahoo.com
** Non-NAME clubs

State Representatives

Illinois: looking for a new rep

Iowa: Beth Grabau
greta@alumni.iastate.edu

Minnesota: Jane Sanem
janeansanem@gmail.com

Missouri: Julie Stuckmeyer
julies3333@gmail.com

Wisconsin: Alician Pearce
ubfaep@yahoo.com

Regional Coordinator: Lynn Jensen
l2b2lylj@aol.com

WANTED: Illinois State Representative

The job is not time-consuming. You are requested to host a NAME table at any shows in your area and be available for clubs in your state as a resource person. You will receive annual reports from the clubs in the state of Illinois and then are asked to compile those reports and submit a report to the Regional coordinator in May of each year. The RC then sends a report to the national RC liaison so NAME knows what we have all been up to for the year.

Please consider taking this position and help keep NAME informed of what our members are doing. Please contact Lynn Jensen, the A1 Regional coordinator if you are interested. Contact information for Lynn, L2B2LYJ@aol.com or call 414-405-0815.

NAME Updates

Makitz



Have you ordered your Makitz yet? Cindy Hass has offered a wonderful lending library kit, with a portion of the sale price being donated to NAME. It is a 1" scale kit, but it can be adapted to other scales, such as a 1/144 "or 1/4" scale project. It is a great project to use up a few items and can be adapted to any theme. Besides books, you will lend Christmas decorations, toys, gardening supplies, food pantry, craft items, the possibilities are endless. Kits can be ordered online through the Etsy shop TheBansheeKeen using this link: <https://etsy.me/3ozeGuX> or using the QR code. Questions? Please Email



Cindy Hass at: TheBansheeKeen13@gmail.com.

NAME Day

This year all the past NAME Day kits are being re-offered. Ordering can be done after the approved cutters have been announced, if you would like more information go to the 2024 NAME Day General Information tab located on the NAME Day page on the miniatures.org website.

Are you planning an event for NAME Day? Don't forget to register it, a registration form can also be found on the NAME Day website.

Elections

Elections are this year. They will be electronic only! Everyone that has an email listed with the office will get 1 ballot. Voting will be between April 15 and May 1.

Also, the new revised set of bylaws will be on the website in mid-March for all members to review. NAME membership will be voting on the new set of Bylaws at the Annual Business meeting in Franklin. Any questions can be sent to me at ubfaep@yahoo.com

Regional Updates

Iowa Update

Submitted by Beth Grabau

Iowa Combined Day is scheduled for April 13, 2024, at the Coralville Library. This year the project features a scarecrow in a lantern with other fall decor. This scarecrow's head is two sided which turns to feature a scarecrow face or a pumpkin face, so that it can be used all fall. If you are interested in registering or would like more information, please contact Beth Grabau at greta@alumni.iastate.edu.

Mini Sleuthing

One of our newest members, Heather Hershey, is trying to find out who made a plate that came into her possession. It has initials "KE" and "91" on the back. If you have any information, please email Heather at chhershey@protonmail.com.

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Souvenir Book Special



Each year the souvenir book features a different graphic or graphics that generally go along with the theme of the convention. For a contribution of \$5.00 per item you can add your own name, the name of that someone special, or the name of your club to one of these graphics. Since this year's theme is Old Southern Charm, we've chosen various graphics to represent the theme. It's always a lot of fun to find what graphic has been randomly assigned to your special name along with helping raise money to support the souvenir book.



Mail payment & form by May 31, 2024 to:
Shannon Moore
2179 Amesbury Circle
Wellington, FL 33414

If you have questions, you may contact Shannon by email at shanroy@bellsouth.net

..... Please **DO NOT** return this form to the NAME Office. Send to address above.

2024 SOUVENIR BOOK SPECIAL

\$5 per item. If you have more than 3, use back of form.
Please print clearly. One name per item please.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check Money Order (payable to NAME 2024 National Convention)

Name to be placed on item 1 _____

Name to be placed on item 2 _____

Name to be placed on item 3 _____

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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Souvenir Book



An ad in the 2024 Name Convention Souvenir Book is a wonderful opportunity to advertise your business, recognize your club, or give a special message to someone. The souvenir book will reach all of the registrants at the 2024 NAME Convention which will be held in Franklin, TN. Many attendees save their books for use after the convention, not only to savor memories, but also as a resource guide to dealers and supporters.

AD RATES AND SIZES

(the first dimension is width, the second is height):

Full Page 7 1/4" x 9 5/8" or 7.125" x 9.625"	\$70
Half Page 7 1/4" x 4 5/8" or 7.125" x 4.625"	\$40
Quarter Page 3 1/2" x 4 5/8" or 3.5" x 4.625"	\$30
Business Card 3 1/2" x 2" or 3.5" x 2"	\$20

- Ad must be camera ready; preferably black and white.
- If you are sending the hard copy ad, do not fold, staple or paper clip ad.
- Digital format should be in at least 300dpi jpg, png, press-quality pdf, or tiff. *(Other formats ask)*
- Prices are for black and white ads.
- Ad must be received by **May 31, 2024**.

Feel free to contact Shannon at 561-422-2189

with questions. *To reserve your space, send ad, payment, and contract to:*

Shannon Moore
2179 Amesbury Circle
Wellington, FL 33414

Ad may be submitted in digital format to
shanroy@bellsouth.net

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2024 SOUVENIR BOOK ADVERTISING CONTRACT

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check Money Order (payable to NAME 2024 National Convention)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please indicate ad size: Full Page \$70 Half Page \$40 Quarter Page \$30 Business Card \$20

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RETREAT INTO MINIATURES

Social Time with Friends and Workshops All Weekend

October 11- 13, 2024

Join a weekend get-together with 45 people who love miniatures. The weekend starts on Friday with a continental breakfast and concludes with lunch on Sunday. We meet at Cedar Valley Retreat Center, West Bend. Some participants share rooms in the main lodge and log cabin. Meals are served buffet style. Registration, which includes meals and lodging, is \$425.

Workshops are offered Friday through Sunday morning. Past workshops have varied from \$25 to \$75.

Many on-site attendees come on Thursday evening, at an additional cost, to enjoy social time with friends.

For more information contact:

Barbara Engel, email: retreatintominis@yahoo.com, phone: 414-531-1637

IT IS A GREAT WEEKEND FOR SOCIAL TIME WITH FRIENDS AND GREAT WORKSHOPS. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US.

