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# A-1 Region Newsletter

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Greetings,

As I write this article, we are receiving yet another snowfall. I am anxiously anticipating the start of spring and the snow melt. As I wait, and shovel myself out for the umpteenth time, I guess I can use my time to finish one of my MIPs, a spring prairie scene I hope to display at an upcoming miniature show in the La Crosse area. I am excited to share other projects that several of you have been busily working on over the past few months. Please know that, even though we only publish this newsletter quarterly, you are always welcome to share your latest projects at any time by emailing me at the address below.

Sincerely,

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## Regional Coordinator News

By Dolores Kelley

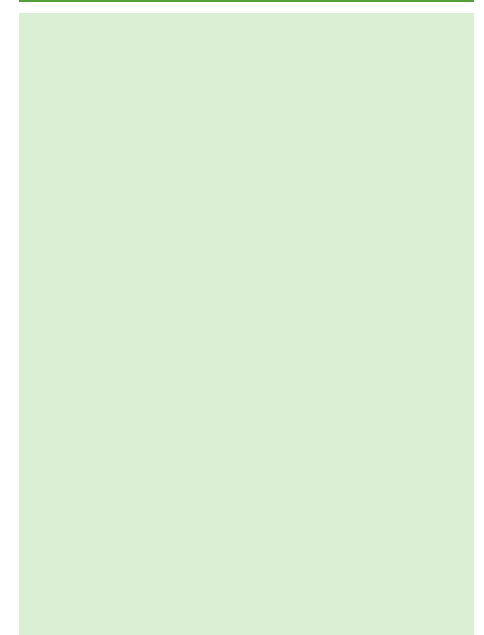
Unless you are lucky enough to be a snowbird, you have been living through a record amount of snow and cold this winter. I've been stuck in the house so much you would think that I would have no UFOs left. However, no such luck. I have more than 20 years' worth of projects, and I am not even close to finishing all of them. Of course, I have already registered for the online houseparty and Nashville, so I can add to my stockpile. Maybe I will live to be a 100 and still have good eyesight!

Are you planning for a NAME event next year? We have three coming up. The Online Houseparty will be bigger than originally planned. You can still register and get a workshop. If you can't afford the time or money to travel, this houseparty is for you. You can sit at home in comfy clothes and still do a workshop, buy minis from great dealers, buy more roundtable kits, participate in a houseparty helper raffle or an auction, get souvenirs and lots more. After that, there is the National Convention in Nashville to be held in July and the small scales houseparty in Pittsburgh in late September.



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Check the Gazette for all the details. Of course, each year in October, there is NAME Day and a special project.

We are still looking for ideas for an A-1 state day—project, location or both—as well as a committee to run it. I would also love to have a few short articles and pictures for this Newsletter. They could be about a club, a project, an individual, whatever. If it is mini related, we welcome it.

Don't forget the April shows in Chicago. Stop by one or all the NAME tables and say hi.

## Upcoming Events

March 16-17, Onalaska, WI, La Crosse Three Rivers Model Railroad and Miniature Show, Onalaska OMNI Center, 255 Riders Club Road,

April 25-27, Schaumburg, IL, 3 Blind Mice Spring Show, Wyndham Garden Hotel, 1725 E. Algonquin Rd., Schaumburg.

April 25-27, Schaumburg, IL, The Miniature Show, A Celebration of Artisans of Miniatures, Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg.

April 26-28, Chicago, IL, Tom Bishop Chicago International Show, Marriott Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 8535 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago. Classes April 22—25.

May 15—20, Online Houseparty, Around the World in 8 Days. Registration opens January 4.

May 17-18, Waukesha, WI, Milwaukee Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Waukesha County Expo Centre, 1000 Northview Rd., Waukesha.

June 7-8, Kansas City Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Abdallah Shrine, 5300 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS

July 18--21, Nashville TN, A Little Bit of Country – Shabby or Chic, 2019 National Convention. Registration opens February 25.

August 2-3, Minneapolis, MN, Minneapolis Dollhouse Show, New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th St., New Brighton.

September 27—29, Pittsburgh, PA, Small Scales Houseparty, All About the Neighborhood. Registration opens April 12.

October 4 & 5, Bridgeton, MO, Machinists Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgeton

November 9-10, 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Wee 'c' Club's "Whimsical Wonderland" Show and Sale, Holiday Inn, 1000 Busse Rd. Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007

## NAME EVENTS

### 2019 Online Houseparty, Around the World in 8 Days – May 15-19, 2019

By Alician Pearce

The online houseparty, Around the World in 8 days is still looking for donations for the auction, garage sale, and houseparty helpers. If you wish to donate, you can contact me at ubfaep@yahoo.com, or mail the items to me at

Alician Pearce  
1727 Newport ave  
Janesville, WI 53545

The online houseparty is still taking registrations. And we have talked with the workshop instructors, and they all have agreed to take on more students. Sooooo, go and sign up!! also you can sign up for as many as you want! You are not limited to just one or two.... The Thursday Night Project, the hotel lobby, would be a great project for clubs! It is a quarter scale scene that is electrified and can be finished in just a few hours. Hope to see you all on our trip Around the World!

<https://miniatures.org/sites/new.miniatures.org/files/2019OHP/TNPOLHP2019vs3part1.pdf>

### Lakeshore Miniature Makers

This weekend event is sponsored by LAKESHORE MINIATURE MAKERS of Sheboygan, WI, and is a registered event. Check with contact below for openings.

WHEN? June 20-23, 2019

WHAT IS IT? A weekend get-together of 30 miniaturists, that begins on Thursday afternoon and concludes after lunch on Sunday. No classes, no gifts, no door prizes, and no centerpieces. This is just a fun relaxing time to work on some of those unfinished projects, see old friends, and hopefully meet some new friends.

WHERE? Cedar Valley Retreat Center, West Bend, WI (<http://cedar-valley.org/>)

COST? per person: \$350 for a single room, and \$320 for a double room. This price is for all three nights and includes all meals and snacks. You can pay on installments of \$50.00, but the total must be paid by January 1, 2019. Rooms will not be assigned until the full amount is received.

Silent Auction There will be a silent auction. All proceeds will go to the seller. All items must be registered with a bid sheet attached. (Bring cash, no checks or credit cards).

Contact person: Elaine Dunisch, 2809 Wilgus Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081, 920-452-4798  
[elainedunisch@yahoo.com](mailto:elainedunisch@yahoo.com) Phone or email for a registration form.

July 18--21, Nashville TN, A Little Bit of Country – Shabby or Chic, 2019 National Convention  
Registration opens February 25

2019 Small Scales Houseparty - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania "All About the Neighborhood"  
By Patricia Diefenbach

Neighborhood. What does that conjure in your mind? Maybe the street where you grew up or where you live now. Maybe it's your favorite fantasy neighborhood from books or television. Maybe it's a neighborhood of make believe from your childhood. We all have our version of the ideal neighborhood.

Please join us in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for "All About the Neighborhood" Small Scales Houseparty, hosted by NAME Region M-1 (September 27-29, 2019). We will celebrate all those places and people that make our neighborhoods special.

Are you downsizing your collection or stash? Please consider donating Door Prizes which are items valued between \$10 and \$50 or a Houseparty Helper which are items valued at \$150 or more. Door Prize Chair is Rosemarie Mullineaux at [unitedbore@aol.com](mailto:unitedbore@aol.com) and Houseparty Helper Chair is Donna Brewington at [djbrewington52@gmail.com](mailto:djbrewington52@gmail.com).

## NOTICE OF EVENTS

If you know of an upcoming miniature related event in your area, please send a description of the event to [zondagmd@hotmail.com](mailto:zondagmd@hotmail.com) and [dolores\\_kelley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dolores_kelley@sbcglobal.net).

## Did You Know?

- The St. Louis Museum is having a garage sale on April 13 at 4271 and 4273 Delor at the museum. Admission is free, tables are \$20.
- There are four miniature museums on the way to the Nashville Convention. Two in Indiana—NAME's museum and a few blocks away the Museum of Miniature Houses—and two in Kentucky in Danville and Maysville
- There is a kewpie doll museum in Springfield, Missouri, the Rose O'Neill Museum, named for its creator.
- Janet Smith offers tutorials on making food on her website, [desertminis.com](http://desertminis.com).
- The Miniature Gazette is always looking for stories and projects, especially those that coincide with upcoming themes. The July/August theme will be Shabby or Chic theme - to match the Nashville Convention. The next issue after that is devoted to small scales to be in keeping with Pittsburgh's small scale houseparty. Submissions should be sent to [gazette@miniatures.org](mailto:gazette@miniatures.org).

## Club Information

### **Illinois**

Midstate Minimakers of Illinois  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Bloomington, IL  
Contact: Cathy Sutliff  
309-828-7471

Mini Wonders in Chicago  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 3:00 p.m.  
Chicago, IL  
Contact: Delia Gray  
773-643-0431

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

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

The 993 Club  
Meets Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.  
Crete, IL  
Contact: Art Martlink  
708-672-9045

SCALE  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 1:00 p.m.  
Naperville, IL  
Contact: Linda Bagniewski  
708-361-1776

### **Iowa**

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

The Sunday Bunch\*\*  
Meets last Saturday at 1:00 p.m.  
Bettendorf, IA  
Contact: Charlotte Ingogly  
563-508-2762

### **Minnesota**

Tiny Treasure Makers  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 1:30 p.m.  
Mankato, MN  
Contact: Vivian Siemen  
507-387-4906

### **Missouri**

Crazy About the Small Stuff  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Raytown, Mo  
Contact: Debbie Baker  
816-739-5796

Show-Me Mini Friends  
Meets Monday afternoons  
Springfield, Mo  
Contact: Jan Bradley  
417-864-5391

Dream Builders Club\*\*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month – 2 pm  
St. Louis Area – Creve Coeur

Town Hall Minis  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 12:30 a.m.  
New Lenox, IL  
Contact: Karen Dierks  
815-462-9527

Metro Mini Makers  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Moline, IL  
Contact: Patty Johnson  
309-912-0392

### **WEST**

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

Omaha-Council Bluffs Miniature Guild  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 1:30 p.m.  
La Vista, Nebraska  
Contact: Edna Bonney  
402-426-4624 or [ocbmguild@gmail.com](mailto:ocbmguild@gmail.com)

Midwest Miniature Guild  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays of February, May, and October  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact: Jane Sanem  
612-822-3738 or [janeansanem@gmail.com](mailto:janeansanem@gmail.com)  
[www.midwestminiatureguild.org](http://www.midwestminiatureguild.org)

St. Louis Miniature Guild  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 11:30 a.m.  
Chesterfield, Mo  
Contact: Judith Harward  
636-530-4586

MINIS ONLY  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.  
Wentzville, Mo  
Contact: Frances Geraradi  
636-887-0167

Quarter Time (Qtr Scale Club)\*\*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month – 11 pm  
St. Louis Area

Contact: Darlene Carter  
636-227-6104  
[minidar@att.net](mailto:minidar@att.net)

KetchUp Club\*\*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month – 10 am  
Miniature Museum of Greater St. Louis  
Contact: Fay Zerbolio  
314-261-7439  
[FZerb@aol.com](mailto:FZerb@aol.com)

### **Wisconsin**

Madison Area Miniature Enthusiasts (MAME)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
Madison, WI  
Contact: Lori Johnson  
608-837-9092

Mini Moo's  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 9:00 a.m.  
2014 Columbus St  
Manitowoc, WI 54220  
Contact: Kay Felde

3 Rivers Miniature Club\*\*  
Meet Sundays once a month  
La Crosse, WI or Winona, MN  
Contact: Yarrow Brown  
[Yarrowbrown74@gmail.com](mailto:Yarrowbrown74@gmail.com)

\*\* Non-NAME clubs

## State Representatives

Illinois: Veronica Forman  
[vfore10414@aol.com](mailto:vfore10414@aol.com)

Iowa: Colleen Arnold  
[DAr5827406@aol.com](mailto:DAr5827406@aol.com)

Minnesota: Kathy Goettsch  
[Kgetch4gmail.com](mailto:Kgetch4gmail.com)

Contact: Elaine Levine  
314-323-6193  
[elainebio@aol.com](mailto:elainebio@aol.com)

Alton Miniature Club\*\*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month – 2 pm  
Alton, IL Area  
Contact: Barb Pizzini  
618-656-3603  
[pizzinifam@charter.net](mailto:pizzinifam@charter.net)

Milwaukee Miniatures  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
Wauwatosa, WI  
Contact: Carolyn Mitchell  
414-355-8492

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

Mini Diversions  
Meets Sundays every couple months  
Greenfield, WI  
Contact: Lynn Jensen  
414-763-4195

Missouri:  
TO BE ANNOUNCED

Wisconsin: Alician Pearce  
[ubfaep@yahoo.com](mailto:ubfaep@yahoo.com)

Regional Coordinator: Dolores Kelley  
[Dolores-kelley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Dolores-kelley@sbcglobal.net)

## Club News

### Wee "c" Club

Article by Monica Bernard

### **Save The Date**

The Wee 'c' Club's 45th annual miniature show will be held Friday & Saturday, November 8 & 9, 2019. Location is the Holiday Inn in Elk Grove Village, IL, a suburb not far from O'Hare Airport. Sales floor will be open Friday evening and Saturday. Friday workshops will be posted on our website a couple months prior to the show. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

### **The Story of a Dream Dollhouse Finding Its Second Chance**



Sometimes life brings us serendipitous opportunities and we have one such occasion to share with you here. Wee 'c' member, Jackie Deiber, was given a half-scale dollhouse which had sat for many years unfinished. It was a fully constructed shell which had never been completed beyond its raw wood exterior and interior.

Club President, Donna Boyd asked members if anyone would like to be part of a

team to complete the house for our Grand Prize raffle item at our annual miniature show, scheduled for 6 months later. Six brave members volunteered... and the rest is miniature history!

Participating members included: Faye Machala, Hilde Geisy, Kathy Wohrstein, Jackie Deiber, Sharon Zingery and Monica Bernard.

We all recognized the house had "good bones" with tremendous potential. We were excited about transforming the house to the beauty it was years ago intended to become. Our first meeting

was memorable, as we each enthusiastically arrived with our individual team spirit, ideas, suggestions, supplies, and furniture to contribute to the cause. We discussed our many color options for the exterior. Should the house be yellow & white, grey and

white, etc.? We finally agreed on medium blue, with cranberry trim. And we're so glad we did.



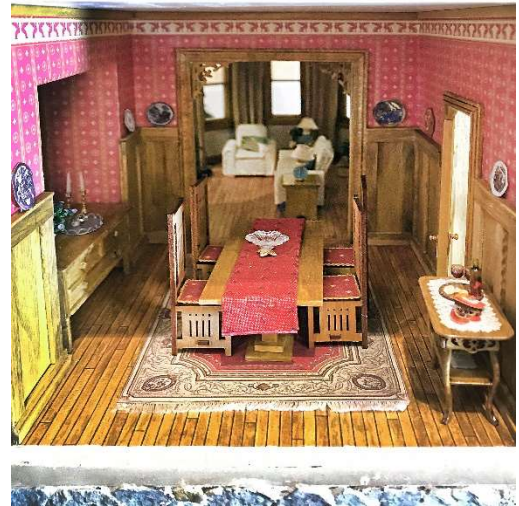
In the interest of time, we agreed to a "divide and conquer" approach by determining which of us would be responsible for each room. We welcomed and encouraged input from one another, yet found designated rooms would keep us more focused as we each hung wallpaper, laid flooring, made draperies and bedspreads, furnished rooms, etc.

There were so many outstanding contributions by team members. Highlights included the interior staircase which was a 3-story



architectural work of art. The kitchen was a perfect retro home eatery. Each of the charming three bedrooms allowed the whole family to sleep peacefully and in style. The fire-places in the LR & Master BR warmed the rooms lovingly. The wood-paneled Mission Style dining room served to gather the family for special occasions while building happy memories. I can easily continue with many more highlights!

Then, of course, there was the entire exterior of the house involving siding, trim, front porch, shingles, windows and shutters, stained-glass windows, stone foundation and chimney and landscaping. In summary, the house is a Master Craftsman work of art.



As a member of the team and a less experienced miniaturist than most of the others, I was in awe of the talent and creativity I saw within our group. Additionally, I was impressed with the generosity of each of the experienced team members who shared their knowledge with all, allowing others to learn from the overall project. The project was an expression of our passions for miniatures. We could not have reached completion without the dedication and hard work exhibited by all. I thank you all and am so grateful for the opportunity to have been part of the team. And the entire Wee 'c' Club thanks you and is proud of each of you.

If you have made it this far in this article, you may be asking who won the raffle and brought the house home???. The very lucky recipient was Wee 'c' member, Maritza Sivak. Both she and her husband were thrilled. And all of us on the team felt the house was going to a good home.

### **Wee 'c' Club's Miniaturist of the Year**



Karen Wilson was named our Miniaturist of the Year at our holiday luncheon. She has been an active, contributing member of Wee 'c' since 2009. She facilitates our annual holiday luncheon plans and coordinates our center piece projects. We all benefit when she regularly shares her knowledgeable techniques with Club members. Additionally, Karen shares her many completed rooms with us and frequently has something on our "Show & Tell" table at meetings. Importantly, Karen also donates her time to the Club as the Club Vice President. Congratulations, Karen



## UFO Sightings

### Dolores Kelley



Garden scene  
(from kit by Karen Marsh)



St. Patrick's Day Duo  
(from kits by D'Ann Ruff and Suzanne Larson-Tamburo)



### Meredith Hink



Little House on the Prairie Scene

Who will be next to sight a UFO – could it be you? If so, send pictures of your UFO sightings to [zondagmd@hotmail.com](mailto:zondagmd@hotmail.com).