

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

I can't believe that another year has nearly come and gone! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this quarter's newsletter. Our next newsletter will be coming out in March. As always, everyone is welcome to share pictures and stories about their latest projects. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

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Regional Coordinator News

It is two days after Thanksgiving as I write this and, recalling the spirit of the day, I am thankful for the part miniatures and NAME have played in my life. Since the purchase of a cabinet-style dollhouse on a whim, miniatures have brought art, travel, history, crafting, new friendships and much more into my life. I have become addicted to houseparties and conventions. Where else can you find people so alike in their interests and so many potential lifelong friends?

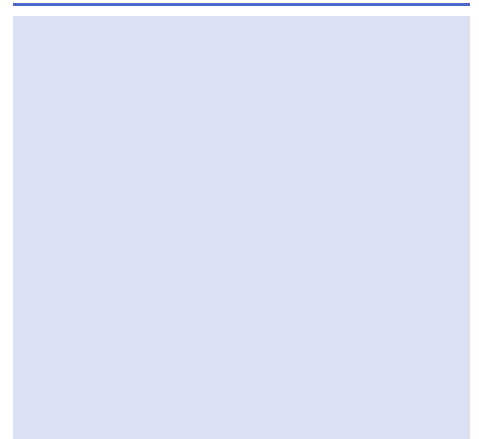
Since the last newsletter, I was able to attend the Scranton houseparty, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, which also included a good dose of Halloween, one of my favorite holidays, and autumn in general. Many thanks to our Wisconsin state rep Alician Pearce and Debbie Columbo, the chairs for this event. It was a fun houseparty with great workshops, dealers and exhibits. At the Thursday night workshop, an open book tableau designed by Ruth Stewart, I was fortunate to have Cathy Kalte as my teacher (friend, fellow club member, A-1 member).

Shortly after Scranton, I attended the Wisconsin NAME day in Madison, WI. I have been to a few of these events and knew I was in for a good time, whether or not I finished the project. We had swaps, roundtables, houseparty helpers, renewed friendships, and of course the NAME project. I was happy to see a young attendee there, the grandchild of a club member. She was very involved in



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the project and not attached to an electronic device! We should be encouraging their attendance at mini shows and NAME events. Ideas about how to do this are welcome!

Looking forward to the Charleston National Convention. Although Louisville, and the Jockeys and Juleps houseparty, is a lot closer to our area, another commitment prevents my attendance. If you haven't ever attended a houseparty, this one might be a good one because it is drivable, and you will save the price of airfare. I guarantee that you will have a good time.

Enough about me and on to the state reps. First, we are still looking for an Iowa state rep and, second, an introduction to two of our A-1 state reps—Alician and Veronica.

Veronica Foreman (on the right) is the Illinois state rep. If you have been to any show in Illinois in the last few years, you've probably seen her at the NAME table. Veronica is a retired Chicago school teacher and mom who has been a miniaturist and NAME member for many years. She is a dedicated one-inch scale lover, who does not want to be converted to smaller scales. Her work is usually on display at her table. (She actually finishes projects.) You might also know her from the many houseparties she has attended.



Alician Pearce (on the left) is the Wisconsin state rep as well as a NAME Board member. She is a co-owner with her husband of two small businesses and mother of two boys. Alician is active in four miniature clubs (not counting online clubs), the past workshop chair and always involved member of the Retreat into Miniatures, and future and past chair of NAME houseparties. That doesn't even cover all the committee work she's done. Where does she find the time and energy?

In the next newsletter, the Minnesota and Missouri reps, Kathy Goettsch and Marilyn Walls respectively, will be introduced (maybe even the new Iowa rep). Meanwhile, enjoy your minis and the holidays.

Upcoming Events

April 7, St. Louis, MO, Miniature Museum Garage Sale, 4746 Gravois Ave., St. Louis.

April 26-28, Schaumburg, IL, 3 Blind Mice Spring Show, Wyndham Garden Hotel, 1725 E. Algonquin Rd., Schaumburg. Classes April 25.

April 26-28, Schaumburg, IL, The Miniature Show, A Celebration of Artisans of Miniatures, Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg. Classes April 23—25.

April 27-29, Chicago, IL, Tom Bishop Chicago International Show, Marriott Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 8535 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago. Classes April 23—26.

May 18-19, Waukesha, WI, Milwaukee Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Waukesha County Expo Centre, 1000 Northview Rd., Waukesha.

June 8-9, Lees Summit, Mo. Kansas City Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Summit Lodge no.263, 2409 M-291 Hwy, Lees Summit, Mo.

August 3-4, Minneapolis, MN. Minneapolis Dollhouse Show, Doubletree Hotel North, 2200 Freeway Blvd., Minneapolis.

Oct 5-6, Bridgeton, MO. St. Louis Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044

NAME EVENTS

May 18-20, Louisville, KY, Jockeys and Juleps All Scales houseparty. Openings still available.

August 23-26, Charleston, SC, Sweet Tea & Sunshine, a Southern Celebration, 2018 National Convention. Registration opens February 23.

If you know of an upcoming miniature related event in your area, please send a description of the event and location information to zondagmd@hotmail.com.

Did You Know?

- NAME now has PODs, as well as clubs. Check out the NAME website for more information.
- The Achievement in Miniatures (AIM) award is due January 31, 2018. See the November/December issue of the Gazette for the form.
- Zazzle.com has all kinds of printies—labels, photos, posters, paintings—and they are easy to print out.
- The small stuff pages (smallstuff-digest.com/tips) have mini tips by category. Old but still good!
- The Chicago Botanic Gardens has a train layout with a mini downtown Chicago backdrop during the Christmas season.

Club Information

Illinois

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

Windy City Miniature Club
Meets 4th Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
Wheeling, IL
Contact: Dolores Kelley
847-808-0235

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

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

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

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

SCALE

Meets 1st Saturday at 12:00 p.m.
Oak Lawn, IL
Contact: Linda Bagniewski
708-361-1776

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

Iowa

Miniature Club of Cedar Rapids
Meets 2nd 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 2nd Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Mankato, MN
Contact: Vivian Siemen
507-387-4906

Missouri

Crazy About the Small Stuff
Meets 2nd 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

Metro Mini Makers

Meets 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Moline, IL
Contact: Patty Johnson
309-912-0392

WEST

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

Omaha-Council Bluffs Miniature Guild
Meets 3rd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
La Vista, Nebraska
Contact: Edna Bonney
402-426-4624 or ocbmguild@gmail.com

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

MINIS ONLY

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

Dream Builders Club**
2nd Thursday of the Month – 2 pm
St. Louis Area – Creve Coeur
Contact: Darlene Carter
636-227-6104
minidar@att.net

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

KetchUp Club**
2nd Monday of the Month – 10 am
Miniature Museum of Greater St. Louis
Contact: Fay Zerbolio
314-261-7439
FZerb@aol.com

Alton Miniature Club**
3rd Tuesday of the Month – 2 pm
Alton, IL Area
Contact: Barb Pizzini
618-656-3603
pizzinifam@charter.net

Wisconsin

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

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

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

Lakeshore Miniature Makers
Meets 3rd 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

** Non-NAME clubs

State Representatives

Illinois: Veronica Forman
vfore10414@aol.com

Missouri: Marilyn Walls
mwalls@pmestl.com

Iowa: vacant
TBD

Wisconsin: Alician Pearce
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Minnesota: Kathy Goettsch
Kgetch4gmail.com

Regional Coordinator: Dolores Kelley
Dolores-kelley@sbcglobal.net

Club News

Lakeshore Miniature Makers

We have a few openings left for the weekend get together which is being sponsored by LAKESHORE MINIATURE MAKERS of Sheboygan, WI.

WHEN? June 21-24, 2018

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: \$329 for a single room, and \$299 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 February 1, 2018. 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 Phone or email for a registration form.

Wee "C" Club Update

The last quarter of the year is always a busy and extra fun time for the Wee "C" Club.

Our September meeting is our Club garage sale, where we sell any unneeded miniature items/supplies to one another. It was a big success and lots of amazing bargains!

In October, after members had completed their individual Club projects, we did our unveilings to share with one-another. Our project this year was a Market Stall. And oh what fun!!! You name an item and at least one of our market stalls offered it! To name a few, themes included Christmas, Halloween, autumn fruits & vegetables (including scrumptious looking taffy apples & pies), a patriotic July 4th stall, a women's specialty stall, a beach hut (with toys & surf boards among its many items) a vintage toy stall and a fortune teller. It's always fun to see how much combined talent exists within our Club. Sue Jehnke surprised and thrilled us all by completing three market stalls! Congratulations to all! And a special congratulations to Florence Cabay, who was awarded the Mary Carraher Award for her Halloween Market Stall. (See Florence's winning stall in first picture. Additional market stalls have also been included).





In November we hosted the Club's miniature show, titled "Whimsical Wonderland". This was our 43rd consecutive year of hosting a sales floor with many dealers represented, as well as an exhibit room with wonderfully completed rooms on display. We offered four thirty-minute demo tables, where show attendees could stop to learn new techniques. We ask our dealers to vote on our Donna Cantwell Best of Show Award. Congratulations to Donna & Stan Boyd for their Tea Room – it was beautiful! Don't miss all the teapots and scrumptious deserts. Due to receiving generous donations from our members and show attendees, we were once again able to make a monetary donation to a charitable organization selected by the Club. (See picture to the right of the winning room, plus another entry below.)



Our final gathering for the year will be in December for our holiday luncheon to celebrate our friendships and shared passion for miniatures. Busy "elf like" members have volunteered to make centerpieces for each table at the luncheon. We all look forward to our elves unveiling their works of art for the Club raffle. This luncheon is also where we name our "Miniaturist of the Year". And yes, Crown and all! Look for the name in our next newsletter.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. And we look forward to 2018 bringing health and happiness to all.

NAME Day Recap

Wisconsin- The Madison Area Miniature Enthusiasts hosted NAME day again this year in Madison. They had tote bags, swaps, roundtable kits for sale, and even had raffles! They raised \$215 for NAME. There were even souvenirs given out. The event was well attended. We hope to see you all again next year!



Legend of Sleepy Hollow Recap

The Small Scale Houseparty, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, was a huge success! The houseparty raised over \$17,000 for NAME. There was trick or treating, Door decorating contest, lots of house party helpers, tons of items in the silent auction, and almost everyone dressed up for the banquet Saturday night. There were lots of laughs, smiles and all



around good times had by all. The workshops were full of very satisfied attendees. The next regional houseparty will be held in Louisville, KY May 18 - 20. There are still openings and it is an all scales houseparty. Workshops are online as well as the registration form. Hope to see you all there!



Call to Action - 2018 Charleston SC National Houseparty

Door prizes are needed for the 2018 Charleston South Carolina National Houseparty. The values for the donations should range from \$10-\$50. They should be mailed to Veronica Foreman at 8215 South Chappel Ave, Chicago, Illinois, 60617 with a door prize form by May 1, 2018, to be recognized in the souvenir book. If you are planning on attending the houseparty you may also drop them off at the houseparty; however, you will still need to submit a donation form to Veronica ahead of time. For more information contact Veronica at yfore10414@aol.com.