

# A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

Happy 2017! I thought we might have an early spring this year but Mother Nature had other plans. Oh well, I guess it's just another good excuse to stay inside and work on a miniature project. Thank you Yarrow Brown for sharing one of your mini projects for our "Show and Tell" section. Please feel free to share pictures of projects you are currently working on and we'll put them in the next newsletter in June.

Sincerely,

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## Did Someone Say Free Membership?

We have two free offers of membership for 2017.

Barb Anderson is currently the Regional Coordinator for the A-1 Region. She would like to sponsor a NEW NAME member in the A-1 Region. She will pay for a one-year membership, so if anyone knows of a non-NAME member who would like to join but is "on the fence" please send their name, mailing address, email and phone number to [barb-a2110@hotmail.com](mailto:barb-a2110@hotmail.com) as soon as possible.

Alician Pearce is the state rep for Wisconsin and has also offered to sponsor a new NAME member for one year. This person needs to be from Wisconsin. She is looking for names of new NAME members, or better yet, someone that is new to miniatures or has never been a NAME member before. If you know someone that would like to be a part of NAME, but just can't swing it, or is afraid to try us out, please email her at [ubfaep@yahoo.com](mailto:ubfaep@yahoo.com) with that person's name by April 1<sup>st</sup> and she will have a drawing on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to keep with the membership idea, Alician has a few NAME house bank kits that Barbara Thornton-Hill made. If you know of someone that would like a bank to help save for their membership please let me know. The idea with the bank is, four



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quarters a week will pay for your yearly membership with enough left over to spend on minis. Also, if you have ever thought of becoming a Life member, this is the year to finally do it. The Board voted to increase the Life member cost to \$975 starting Jan 1, 2018, so don't delay!

## Upcoming Events

### **La Crosse & Three Rivers Model Railroad & Dollhouse Show, March 18-19, La Crosse, WI**

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual show will be held at the La Crosse Center North Hall at 300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, WI. Show runs Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-4. Admission is \$7 for one day, \$6.50 with non-perishable food donation, or \$10 for a two-day button. Children 11 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

### **Metro Mini Makers Show & Sale, May 19-20, Davenport, IA**

Metro Mini Makers 33rd Annual Show & Sale "Miniatures from the Heart of the Country" will be at the River Center, 136 E. 3rd Street, Davenport, IA. The show will have a large exhibit room showing dollhouses, room boxes and other scenes in all scales. The sales room will have dealers with all kinds of scale miniatures perfect for fairy gardens and miniature scenes. Saturday from 11-2 will be a free kid's workshop. Adult workshops available 9-3 on Friday with pre-registration (Jo @ 309/738-9564). Raffle prizes to benefit the women and children of Winnie's Place Women's Shelter. The show will be open Friday May 19th from 4 - 8 pm and Saturday, May 20th from 10 am - 4 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults and children under 10 free. For show/dealer information, call Karen at 309/797-6489 or email [c1234jack@msn.com](mailto:c1234jack@msn.com)  
<http://metrominimakers.homestead.com/home.html>

### **Come to the Circus, July 27-30, 2017, Alexandria, Virginia**

Alexandria still has openings for the Come to the Circus Convention in July. There are a lot of exciting workshops and events planned. The Evening with Friends will be at the hotel this year. And the hotel has a free shuttle to the metro station which will take you to any of the local attractions. The metro stops at Arlington Cemetery, makes several stops for the Smithsonian Museum, and to the Capital. It is very easy to get around DC. One of the highlights of the convention will be the Circus Midway. It will be a night of fun and laughter, as attendees pay to play midway games to win miniatures. For Alexandria's Circus Midway night, Alician Pearce is looking for donations for prizes for ALL scales, and ALL price ranges (kits are welcome). This is a great way to get your spring cleaning started. Please mail donations to Alician Pearce at 605 Wexford Road, Janesville, WI 53546 before June 15.

### **Legend of Sleepy Hollow, September 21-24, 2017, Scranton, Pennsylvania**

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow Small Scale Houseparty is getting ready for opening day of registration. Registration opens April 14. The houseparty has been putting teasers on Facebook about the classes that will be held. The first two have been posted are a Debbie Young wall hanging house, and a Joanne Roberts witch doll that you can put a 1/4" scene inside her skirt, Along with the fabulous classes, there will be trick or treating for miniatures. You will have to find committee members that have a special pin on them, and then tell them trick or treat. There will also be a hotel room door decorating contest, and many surprises in the hospitality room as well. So mark you calendars for April 14th!

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](mailto:zondagmd@hotmail.com).

## 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

Windy City Miniature Club  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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

### 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

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

Town Hall Minis  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.  
New Lenox, IL  
Contact: Karen Dircks  
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)

## **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  
Contact: Debbie Baker  
Raytown, Mo  
816-739-5796

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

## **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.  
Contact: Kay Felde  
2014 Columbus St  
Manitowoc, WI 54220

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

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

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

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

## State Representatives

Barb Anderson is currently the Regional Coordinator for the A-1 Region. She has announced that her term as Regional Coordinator will end July 2017 at the National Convention. If you would be interested in this position, please contact Barb at the email address listed below. Also, George Held has resigned as state rep for Iowa. If you live in Iowa and would be interested in the position, please email Barb Anderson. Finally, it's time for Regional Ambassador Award nominations. Please send any nominations to Barb as soon as possible. Forms and deadline are on the NAME website.

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

Missouri: Marilyn Walls  
[mwalls@pmestl.com](mailto:mwalls@pmestl.com)

Iowa: vacant  
TBD

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

Minnesota: Jane Sanem  
[janeansanem@gmail.com](mailto:janeansanem@gmail.com)

Regional Coordinator: Barb Anderson  
[barb-a2110@hotmail.com](mailto:barb-a2110@hotmail.com)

## Online News

### NAME Special Events Webpage

There is a special events web page on the NAME website. Jane Sanem, Minnesota State Representative, recently posted a new project on "Alcohol Inks" in the special events section. The newest project includes a discount at Factory Direct Craft (good through May 21, 2017) and a give-a-way (good through March 20, 2017).

### NAME Chatroom

Do you enjoy discussing miniatures but don't have any clubs nearby? NAME hosts a chatroom each Sunday from 2 -4 PM Central Time Zone. This chatroom is for NAME members only. It is used for discussing projects as well as special events such as auctions and games. The chatroom is located at [www.chatzy.com/39042633672127](http://www.chatzy.com/39042633672127). The password is NAME2015. You will need to enter a username. The suggested format is YourLastName/YourStateInitials (IA, WI, IL, MN, MO)/NAME Region (A1).

### Estate Donations

Need to downsize your beloved miniature collection? Need some help with your mini estate planning? Contact Jenn Swager with the NAME Estate Committee at [estates@miniatures.org](mailto:estates@miniatures.org).

### A-1 Facebook Group

The A1 regional group has set up a Facebook group. Look us up under NAME A1 regional group. This is a place where all clubs, groups, people can share their projects, workshops, and other events with the region. I am hoping that we can get events listed and stay connected with the region, and expand NAME and all events here. You do not need to be a NAME member to be a

part of the Facebook group. ALL are welcome so please spread the word! The link to the group is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1072244659495035/>. NAME also has a Facebook page under [www.facebook.com/nameminis](http://www.facebook.com/nameminis).

## PINTEREST

NAME has an active PINTEREST page at [www.pinterest.com/nameminis](http://www.pinterest.com/nameminis). There are several boards including the Ebay Auction Board, NAME Etsy Board, and Regional and Convention Boards.

## Miniature Gazettes Archives Going Digital

NAME is in the process of digitally archiving all past *Miniature Gazettes*. These will be available in the member's only section of the NAME website.

## Mini Show and Tell

In the last newsletter I challenged members to send me their "winter projects." Yarrow Brown sent some lovely photos of a Debbie Young kitchen set that she retrofitted to suit her mini needs. Yarrow explains her "modifications" below.



I had two counters and I changed one to be a stove. All I did was to turn the direction of the cupboard door to the side, add little strips of the flash for the oven door and the back of the stove and glue on some tiny hardware I had in my stash. I used the tiny knobs in the kit as the oven and burner controls. then I made a fridge to add to the kitchen by gluing two pieces of wood together and adding more flash for the door handles.

If you have a project you are working on or have recently finished please send them to me at [zondagmd@hotmail.com](mailto:zondagmd@hotmail.com).

