

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

We have a few new faces or at least “names” for our region this fall. I will be continuing in my role as newsletter editor. I have been a member of name since 1995 and have served as the State Representative for Wyoming as well as the Welcome Chair for the A1 Region in the past. I work in all scales and love doing scenes. My current project is a produce cart. I work as a registered dietitian nutritionist and will be donating the cart for a silent auction for my professional organization at its 100th anniversary celebration in October. I live with my family in Holmen, Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Meredith Hink
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New A1 Team

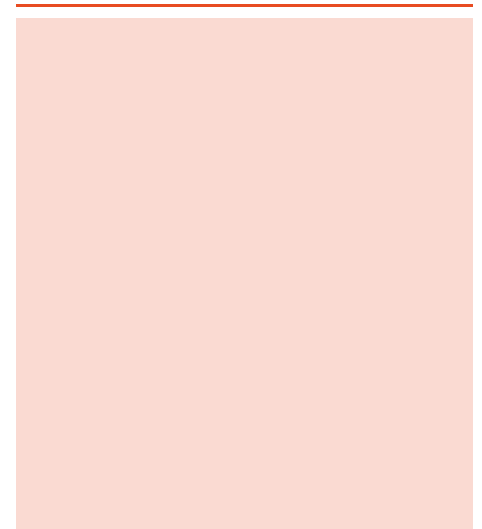
My name is Dolores Kelley and I am the new A1 Regional Coordinator. I have been a NAME member for more than 35 years. I can't even tell you how many houseparties I've attended, but I do know that I have a lot of pins. In the past, I was a state rep for Illinois with my friend Karen Notaro for six years, and currently I belong to two NAME Clubs—Windy City Miniatures in Illinois and Mini Diversions in Wisconsin. I work primarily in quarter scales, although, like many of you, I started this hobby with one inch scale minis. Since I am now retired and living in an overcrowded (mostly minis) townhouse, I am officially in the downsizing mode, hence the quarter inch. I have lots of other interests--books, movies, gardening, senior center activities, theater, cooking and baking, antiques—but none has lasted as long (or cost as much in both time and money) as miniatures.

Last year's state reps, except for the Iowa rep who has resigned, will continue in their jobs. They are Kathy Goettsch from Minnesota, Marilyn Walls from Missouri, Alician Pearce from Wisconsin and Veronica Foreman from Illinois. Our newsletter editor, Meredith Hink, will also continue, and Barb Anderson will be the Welcome Chair. I



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have spoken to someone about the Iowa job, but have not had a definite answer yet. Suggestions are welcome. So that's the team. More info on the players will be in the next Newsletter.

Now on to the future, some things I'd like to see happen are a state day or two, the start of plans for a regional houseparty, more news in the newsletter, a *Gazette* feature on an A1 club or individual, weekend events, and of course increased membership. Ideas and volunteers are welcome. Since this job is new to me, I hope to learn more from and about all of you. Do not hesitate to contact me with your NAME questions and wishes, regional or otherwise, and I promise to get back to you as soon as possible. My phone number and email address are in the *Gazette*.

Upcoming Events (includes model railroad shows – great for supplies)

Miniature Masterworks Show and Sale, September 15 & 16, Kansas City MO

Grand re-opening event for the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures, 5235 Oak St., Kansas City.

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 opened 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.

St. Louis Dollhouse and Miniature Shows, October 6-7, 2017, St. Louis, Mo.

Show is being held at Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd on Friday 4-8 and Saturday 9-4. Admission is \$5.00. More information and class info to be posted at miniatureshows.com. For more information contact tminiatures@sbcglobal.net or call 314-277-2601.

Model Train Show and Swap, October 8, West Bend, WI

Washington Co. Fair Park, 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd., West Bend

Shakopee, MN, Great Train Show, November 4 & 5, Shakopee, MN

Canterbury Park, 100 Canterbury Rd. South, Shakopee

Sedalia Rails Train and Toy Show, November 4, Sedalia, MO

Liberty Park Convention Hall, Sedalia

Wee C. Miniature Show, November 10 & 11, Elk Grove Village, IL

Holiday Inn, 1000 Busse Rd., Elk Grove Village

Northern IL Model Train Fair & Farm Toy Show, November 11, Princeton, IL

811 W. Peru St., Princeton

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.

NAME Day 2017

NAME Day is October 7 this year and it is coming up soon. The project is an armoire designed to go with last year's bunk bed or it can stand alone. Have you signed up for an event? Is your club planning to devote a meeting to the project? Are you going to work alone or with a cyber group on the project? All of these are possibilities. In our region, only two events have been publicized: Metro Minimakers in the Quad Cities area and the Wisconsin day in Madison. Contact Patty Johnson (pattyj@yahoo.com) for Metro Minimakers or Alician Pearce (ubfaep@yahoo.com) for Wisconsin. If there are other events scheduled, please post the information to the NAME online region or on the Region A1 Facebook page.

If you're going it alone, instructions for the project are in the July/August 2017 *Miniature Gazette*, beginning on page 28. If you would rather buy a kit, NAME Day cutters are listed on page 40. No matter which method you choose, don't miss out on this inexpensive and attractive piece of furniture.

Did You Know?

- NAME has an online mini club, a Pinterest page, and a Facebook page.
- Our region has a Facebook page too.
- There are projects written up by Jane Sanem (A1 and Minnesota) available on the NAME website.
- A new show is planned for May 2018 and it will be in Waukesha, Wisconsin.
- *Gazettes* going back to 2011 are available on the NAME website (no more hoarding necessary).
- A1 has two great miniatures museums, one in St. Louis, MO and one in Kansas City, MO, as well as major exhibits in the Art Institute of Chicago and the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.
- Joanne Roberts (A1 and Missouri) is the "star" of a movie short feature and YouTube clips.

Alexandria Convention Recap

Submitted by: Alician Pearce, Wisconsin State Representative



The NAME National convention was held in Alexandria, VA this year. The theme was "Come to the Circus". The committee did a wonderful job showcasing the theme throughout the week with many workshops, round tables, and luncheons all circus themed. The Evening with Friends was a murder mystery this year that was held at the hotel. It was a ton of fun, and the acting company enlisted several of our NAME members to be key characters. The costumes at the banquet were awesome as ever! The Convention also had a midway night which featured fresh popped popcorn, made while you wait cotton candy, candy bar, and of

course silly midway games. The attendees played games like plinko, duck pond, wheel of fortune, and a variety of shooting games to win tickets, so they could turn them in at the prize counter for miniatures. Also during the convention, exhibits were on view from NAME members in attendance, and lots



and lots of Houseparty Helpers were donated. The souvenirs from the convention were also very nice, and all theme related, a circus wagon toy box, a circus book, a clown toy, and a giraffe coat tree. The centerpieces were circus wagons done in all three scales. The sales room had lots of wonderful dealers, some new to me, but also had the good old standbys. The next NAME event is The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, which will be September 21-24. There are still a few openings for this Houseparty, won't you join me?

Club Information

Illinois

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

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

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

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.
Crete, IL
Contact: Art Martlink
708-672-9045

Town Hall Minis
Meets 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.
New Lenox, IL
Contact: Karen Dircks
815-462-9527

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

** Non-NAME clubs

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

State Representatives

Illinois: Veronica Forman
vfore10414@aol.com

Missouri: Marilyn Walls
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Iowa: vacant
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Wisconsin: Alician Pearce
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Minnesota: Kathy Goettsch
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