

## A-1 Region Newsletter

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Greetings,

As I write this the weather is trying to decide if it wants to rain or snow. Either way it is a great time to be inside with a cup of hot cocoa and my miniatures. The holidays can be a busy season, but I hope to find a few quiet moments to myself to work on my latest project – a beautiful display of my favorite ballet – *The Nutcracker*. Sadly it isn't finished to the point where I can post photos, but I do enjoy hearing from our region members and receiving your photos and stories so keep them coming. Happy Holidays everyone. We'll post the next newsletter in March 2020 so please send your submissions by end of February.

Sincerely,

Meredith Hink  
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### Regional Coordinator News

By Lynn Jensen, A1 Regional Coordinator

Season's Greeting Everyone,

It has been a quiet several months, but I am sure everyone will be getting busy with holiday preparations and gift making in miniatures for club exchanges and maybe even family gifts. Good luck to all of you who are trying to get those special little treasures completed.

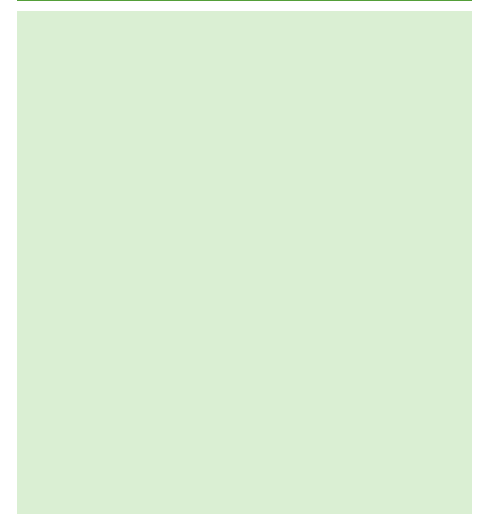
It has been busy for NAME this past couple months. Those I have talked who attended the Pittsburgh Houseparty in September reported having a great time. Next up is the Portland Houseparty in April 2020. The registration is full, but I understand there is only a short waiting list so if you want to attend, get your registration in and maybe you will be able to attend.

Planning is well underway for the 2020 National Convention in Indianapolis. The theme is Winter Wonderland and there are lots of fun activities being planned. If the temperature outside is hot, we will be plenty cool inside enjoying a Winter Wonderland. Registration



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opens January 24, 2020. I hope many members from Region A1 will be able to come to Indianapolis to enjoy the fun.

The Makitz project in this current Gazette is a winter themed market stall designed by Suzanne Larson-Tamburo. It would be fun to see clubs do this as a project and then display the completed stalls in the exhibit room in Indianapolis. Displays like that are very motivating for other clubs do a project together.

I want to wish each and every one of you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a great 2020. Dream about all the exciting projects you want to do next year and go for it.

Happy Holidays.

## Upcoming Events

April 3—5, 2020, Portland, OR, Come Fly with Me, Registration opened August 2.

June 18-21, 2020, West Bend, WI, Lakeshore Miniature Retreat

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).

## 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

Wee "C" Miniature Club  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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

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

Town Hall Minis  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 12:30 p.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

## **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 – 10 am  
St. Louis Area – Creve Coeur  
Contact: Darlene Carter  
636-227-6104  
[minidar@att.net](mailto:minidar@att.net)

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)

## 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  
1st Saturdays of February, May, and October  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact: Rebecca Bryden  
612-870-7358 or [rbryden@comcast.net](mailto:rbryden@comcast.net)  
[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 am  
St. Louis Area  
Contact: Elaine Levine  
314-323-6193  
[elainebio@aol.com](mailto:elainebio@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

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

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

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

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

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

\*\* Non-NAME clubs

## State Representatives

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

Missouri:  
TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

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

Minnesota: Kathy Goettsch  
[Kgetch@gmail.com](mailto:Kgetch@gmail.com)

Regional Coordinator: Lynn Jensen  
[l2b2lylj@aol.com](mailto:l2b2lylj@aol.com)



## LAKESHORE MINIATURE MAKERS RETREAT

Each year in June, the Lakeshore Miniature Makers in Sheboygan Falls, WI host a retreat weekend. The weekend begins Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday after lunch. There are no classes or sales tables. It is just a time you can bring your finished projects and work on them at a leisure pace. It is a stress-free weekend. We enjoy an opportunity to visit with friends and hopefully finish a mini project.

The retreat is held at Cedar Valley retreat center just outside West Bend, WI. It is peaceful and quiet. There are some walking trails and a lovely outdoor patio to enjoy nature and quiet time if you desire. The registration form is below as well as costs. Registration is limited to 30 people staying at the Center but you may stay at a motel in West Bend or if you live close enough, you can commute and just pay for food.

You can come for 1, 2, 3 or all 4 days (3 nights.) There are single and double rooms available, but the single rooms are limited. The meals are provided but Cedar Valley and the food is really good. They will try to accommodate special dietary needs but each registrant is responsible to contact the retreat center at least 2 weeks prior to the weekend with his/her requests and if any additional costs are incurred because of the special dietary needs, that registrant is required to pay Cedar Valley prior to the weekend. We bring our own snacks; many bring items to share. You will need to bring your own beverages except water, milk and coffee or tea which is provided with meals by Cedar Valley.

There is a free table if you have items you would like to get rid of, you are welcome to bring them along. Please make sure if you put kits on the free table that are missing pieces/parts, you label them appropriately. We also have a silent auction. For more information about this or any other questions, contact Elaine Dunisch at the number listed below. We would love to see more mini friends to share our weekend with us.



# REGISTRATION FORM

## LAKESHORE MINIATURE MAKERS RETREAT

### June 18-21, 2020

What is it? A weekend get together of 30 miniaturists, that begins on Thursday and concludes after lunch on Sunday. No classes, no gifts, and no centerpieces. This will be just a fun relaxing time to work on unfinished projects, meet old friends, and make some new ones.

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

Cost – per person RATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME, BUT SHOULD BE ABOUT THE SAME AS THIS YEAR. Rooms will be assigned when payment is received. Food only is also available. (call me for daily rates)

Silent Auction We will again be conducting a silent auction. You keep the proceeds. It will conclude on Saturday evening after dinner about 7 pm. All items must be registered and a bid sheet attached. I will take care of this when you arrive. If there are missing pieces, it must be noted on the bid sheet. (Bring cash, no checks or credit cards to make purchases) You may bring ten items for the auction.

Free Table There will be a free table, but be sure the item has some value. DO NOT BRING JUNK!!!

Contact Person: Elaine Dunisch, 2809 Wilgus Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081, 920-452-4798  
[elainedunisch@yahoo.com](mailto:elainedunisch@yahoo.com)

Please make checks payable to: Elaine Dunisch

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## LAKESHORE MINIATURE MAKERS RETREAT

### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Single room \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Double room \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate's name: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Meals only \_\_\_\_\_

## Club News

October is National Dollhouse and Miniatures Month.  
Fittingly, the  
**Manhattan Township Historical Society Museum**  
will open a new exhibit:  
**"TIME-SICLES:  
small frozen moments in time"**

The display is courtesy of the Townhall Miniatures Club.  
This free exhibit will run through December.

Other exhibits in the Museum highlight  
Manhattan history and a salute to local Veterans.

VISIT AND HELP CELEBRATE THE MUSEUM'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY!

Oct. 5 and  
Oct. 19  
10 am-2 pm  
255 S. State St.  
Manhattan, IL

ManhattanHistorical@yahoo.com  
Facebook.com/ManhattanHistoricalSociety



### Time-Sicle Exhibit

By: Susan Carlton

The Townhall Miniature Club will be contributing a display October through December at the Manhattan Township Historical Society in Manhattan, Illinois.

### Three Rivers Miniature Club

The Three Rivers Miniature Club made a repeat appearance at Gundersen Hospital for a Fall/Winter display.

Notice the little snowman on the second shelf. It was a gift from Lynn Jensen.

This display has been a great way to generate interest in our craft and is appreciated by visitors to the hospital.



## UFO Sightings



By: Barbara Anderson

It's the first NAME Makitz fundraiser kit designed by Robin Betterley. I added a few extra ladybugs to add a bit more dimension.

By: Susan Carlton. I did the class for the structure for Town Hall Miniature Club about 22 years ago. Gathered and made things for it, but it just refused to come together...until our club agreed to do the exhibit for The Manhattan Township Historical Society. Finally, it all meshed in my mind, and I finished it.

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).

