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## A-1 Region Newsletter

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Greetings,

I can't believe it's fall already! Where did our beautiful, long summer evenings go? My miniatures have been sorely neglected this summer due to some large garden projects I have been involved in. Now that I am almost done for the season, I can't wait to spend my days inside (where it's warmer) working on more UFOs. I am proud to say that I did finish at least one UFO - a Dios de Los Muertos display box, just in time for this newsletter. Check it out on page 6. Remember to send me photos of your finished objects to share.

Sincerely,

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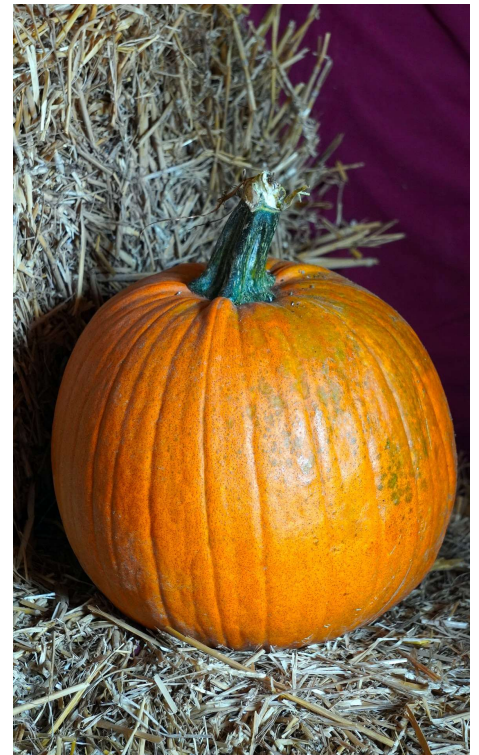
### Regional Coordinator News

By Lynn Jensen, A1 Regional Coordinator

Fall Greetings. As I write this column, the calendar says the first day of fall but the weather outside feels more like mid-summer. I even noticed some trees beginning to turn colors as I drove to Janesville recently.

With October here that means NAME Day. I hope many of you were able to participate in this fun project, whether with a group or on your own. Be sure to take some pictures of your finished project and submit it to Meredith, our Newsletter Editor. We would love to see how you completed your project.

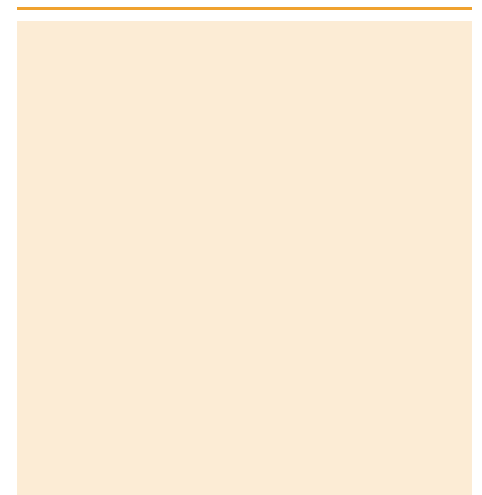
Before I continue, I would like to tell you a little bit about me as your new Regional Coordinator. I have been involved in miniatures since 1980 and a member of NAME since 1981. I attended my first convention in Seattle, Washington and was hooked. I once told my dad this was my addiction. I like to think it is cheaper than drugs and/or alcohol but sometimes I'm not sure. At least it is more fun and better for my health!



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I was State Rep for Western Washington for many years (can't remember exactly how many) and then was the Wisconsin Rep for about four years at which time I became the Regional Coordinator for A1. I did that for four years and then had to step aside as the rules only allow a person to serve one two-year term with one extension. So for the past two years I have been helping with conventions and Houseparties as well as being very involved with four clubs I belong to (three in Wisconsin and one in Seattle). I have served as chair for many different national convention and regional Houseparties. I have enjoyed being part of the planning process for these events to help make them a success for everyone attending and NAME as an organization.

I want to say a big thank you to Dolores Kelly for her service over the past two years as our A1 Regional Coordinator. We all appreciate your service and hard work during these past two years.

Miniatures have provided me with many hours of pleasure and learning opportunities to try new crafts. This is the only hobby I know of where you can incorporate all other crafts while being creative. I have always had a big imagination and this hobby allows me to explore a variety of ways to create what is in my head.

The other aspect of this hobby (and the most important) is that I have made friends from around the United States and the world. These friendships just get stronger each year and mean everything to me. Sharing miniatures with my friends is a great feeling and gives me great pleasure.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me and I will do everything I can to help resolve your problem or direct you to someone who can help you. I love to share my talents and vast experiences with anyone who asks so send me an e-mail, call/text on the phone or write me a note and I'll try to help. Hope you all have a wonderful and creative fall.

## Upcoming Events

November 8-9, 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Wee 'c' Club's "Whimsical Wonderland" Show and Sale, Holiday Inn, 1000 Busse Rd. Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007

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

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

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

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  
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

Dream Builders Club\*\*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month – 2 pm  
St. Louis Area – Creve Coeur  
Contact: Darlene Carter  
636-227-6104  
[minidar@att.net](mailto:minidar@att.net)

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

### **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](mailto:Yarrowbrown74@gmail.com)

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](mailto:vfore10414@aol.com)

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

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

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

## UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NASHVILLE

- NAME is implementing new computer software to improve the overall functioning of the organization. Phase 1 was begun after the Nashville convention and other changes will come during the next year. If you have any problems with the NAME website, contact the NAME office.
- Regional A1 was well represented in the winner's circle of awards. Veronica Forman (IL State Rep) was inducted into the Academy of Honor. Nancy Flanagan received the A1 Regional Ambassador Award and was also selected to receive the President's award. Congratulations ladies, we are very proud of you both.
- There were no changes in the Bylaws this year. If you have a bylaw you would like reviewed, you may contact the NAME office or the Regional Coordinator. If you would like to be part of the bylaws committee (or any other NAME committee, please contact the Regional Coordinator).
- Next year's national convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana. Hope to see a lot of members from our region present.

### **FROM THE NAME BOARD CLUB LIAISON:**

Our new Club liaison, Sarah Westenberg, would like to know if clubs would like a central recourse for club project ideas. The idea is that clubs would be able to go to this location to get ideas for projects their clubs could do and a place clubs can send ideas to for other clubs to use as projects. Although she did not say, my guess is this would be alike an on-line library for ideas/projects. If more detailed information is needed, references would be made available as needed.

Sarah was also wondering if clubs and other members would be interested in an actual central library of reference material would be of interest to members. It would contain books with information relating to miniatures and members could check the books out for review. There used to be a library of videos available for members but I am not sure of the status of this service.

Please share your comments with the Regional Coordinator and they will be passed along to the Club Liaison. Thank you.

### **FROM THE NAME BOARD REGIONAL COORDINATOR LIAISON:**

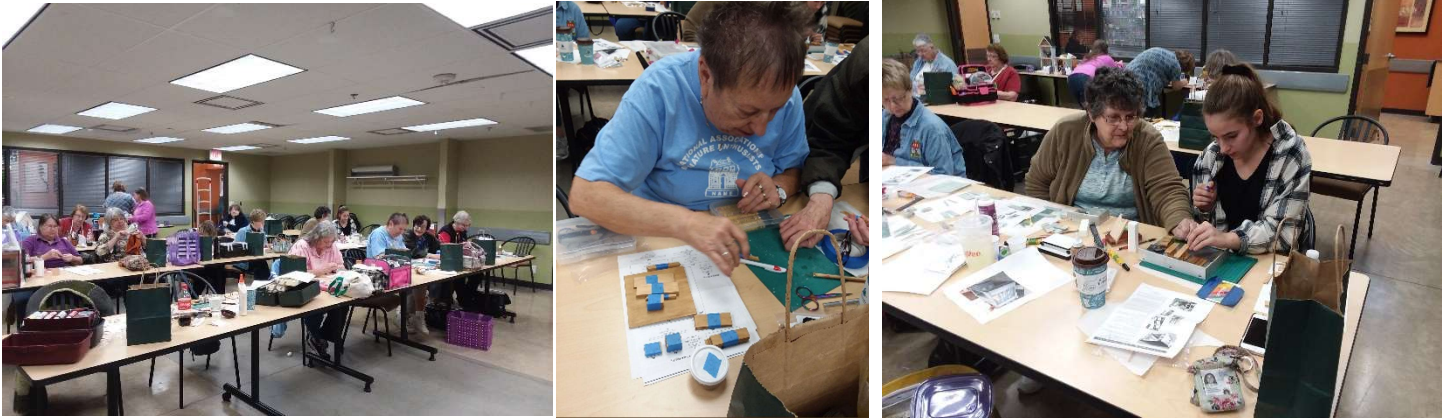
The NAME museum, which is located in the NAME House in Carmel, IN, is in desperate need of care. Several clubs in the area have taken it upon themselves to begin cleaning up the museum area so that it will be ready to show off next year during the national convention. The work is being done by volunteers but there are some expenses involved to improve appearance. A request was made for donations from each region. Region A1 will be donating \$1000 from regional funds to support this momentous task. This money comes from sales at NAME tables at shows and we should be proud of our ability to help NAME out this way. We still have plenty of money available in our fund for future needs as they arise. A special thank you to all who have grab bags and magazines to sell at show tables.

## Club News

### Madison Area Miniature Enthusiasts NAME Day

By: Alician Pearce

Madison Area Miniature Enthusiasts held their annual NAME day on October 5, 2019. There were 19 in attendance. There were tote bag favors, souvenirs, the NAME day kit and of course raffles! All in all a fun day was had by all that attended. Here are some photos from that event.



### Three Rivers Miniature Club

Looking for a new place to do a miniature display? Why not try a hospital! I recently discovered that one of our local hospitals, Gundersen, has a "Healing Arts" display case that they change out on a monthly basis. I contacted the person in charge, and they were happy to have our club display for a month this past spring. We were so popular that I had people contact us after we took the display down to find out when we would be back. I am happy to announce that our second showing will be next month in November.



## UFO Sightings

By: Meredith Hink

I have always been in love with Halloween but lately I have equally fallen in love with Dios de Los Muertos, especially after having traveled to Texas and Arizona. On my trips I picked up a few token items in order to put together a "display." It took me awhile to find just the right display box, but I am happy to say I am pleased with the results and look forward to showing it off at our hospital display in November.

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).