

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

Although we still have some snow on the ground, spring is in the air. I can hear it in the songbirds that are slowly returning from their winter sojourns in the South. I can smell it in the wet grass poking through the snow. I can see it in the blue skies that are becoming more prevalent. I can also feel it in the biannual time change that takes place this weekend. Although we are "losing" an hour I look forward to longer daylight hours. While the ground is still muddy, I hope to finish a few mini projects for an upcoming show before spring fever hits and I head out to my garden. Remember to send me your UFOs! I love seeing what you finished over the winter/spring months. The next newsletter will come out in June so please send me your updates by Memorial Day.

Sincerely,

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Regional Coordinator News

By Lynn Jensen, A1 Regional Coordinator

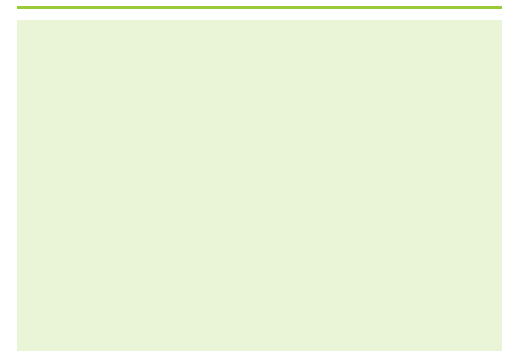
Mini Greetings to all in A1,

I hope everyone is surviving this crazy winter we have been having. I have been able to stay tucked in my house for most of the winter and am trying to get my minis organized. Some days I look at the mini room and just turn around and walk out and other days I actually try to begin cleaning it out. Would sure like to know what I really have before heading to Indianapolis. I am sure you know that feeling when you need something, don't know where you put it and can't find it so go buy another one. Have been finding a lot of that and my garage sale box for Indy is filling up fast with duplicates of many things. This should make for some treasure filled bags at the garage sale in July.



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Have any of you gotten the Winter Market Stall Makitz kit from NAME? It is a fun little kit and is so cute when done. One of the clubs I belong to is doing the Mama Ladybug's Laundry Day Makitz lit and it sure is turning out cute. I hope everyone will consider doing some of these kits from NAME as they are fun, inexpensive and really cute when done.

As I mentioned earlier, the national NAME convention is in Indianapolis this July, the 23rd to the 26th. There are lots of fun classes and activities planned so I hope you will consider coming. The theme of this year's show is Winter Wonderland. Since July is usually very hot, maybe we can think back to the recent cold snaps we have had and it will help cool you down. Indianapolis is centrally located and could be driven to from all the states in our region. Please check the NAME web site at miniatures.org for more information. This is a great opportunity to meet with old friends, make new friends and learn more about the world of miniatures.

Janet Smith has been helping our region keep up to date on shows in our area. If you are hosting a show or know of one in your area, please send your information to Janet at desertminis@gmail.co.

I hope many of you will be able to come the Three Blind Mice show in Schaumburg, IL in April. I will be sitting at the NAME Table at this show and would love to have you stop by, say hello and let me know what exciting things you and your mini clubs are up to. Remember, only by sharing can we really enjoy our treasures.

NAME BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON JANUARY 11-12, 2020 - MARRIOTT HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

- **Virtual Museum.** The Virtual Museum was updated in December with items from three more conventions/houseparties.
- **Amazon Smile.** As of November 24, NAME has received \$2206.72 since the program started in 2014.
- **NAME House.** Work continues at the NAME house. Painting is underway and new window treatments have been approved.
- **Houseparties/Conventions.** Registration opened January 24th for the convention in Indianapolis. There will be an Evening with Friends event. Information is available on the NAME web site.
- **Fundraising.** The Winter Makitz kit has been well received.

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

August 7-8, 2020 - Minneapolis Dollhouse & Miniature Show, New Brighton Community Center, New Brighton, MN

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

Club Information

Illinois

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Metro Mini Makers
Meets 2nd 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

Midwest Miniature Guild
1st Saturdays of February, May, and October
Minneapolis, MN
Contact: Rebecca Bryden
612-870-7358 or rbryden@comcast.net
www.midwestminiatureguild.org

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

Dream Builders Club**
2nd Thursday of the Month – 10 am
St. Louis Area – Creve Coeur
Contact: Darlene Carter
636-227-6104
minidar@att.net

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

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

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

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

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

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
414-235-8193

** Non-NAME clubs

State Representatives

Illinois: Veronica Forman
vfore10414@aol.com

Missouri:
POSITION OPEN**

Iowa: Colleen Arnold
DAr5827406@aol.com

Wisconsin: Alician Pearce
ubfaep@yahoo.com

Minnesota:
POSITION OPEN**

Regional Coordinator: Lynn Jensen
l2b2lylj@aol.com

** We are looking for new state representatives. Please contact Lynn Jensen if you are interested or wish to nominate someone.

MINNEAPOLIS DOLLHOUSE & MINIATURE SHOW

Mark Your Calendar! The 3rd annual Minneapolis Dollhouse & Miniature Show will be Friday, August 7 (4-8 pm) and Saturday, August 8 (9 am - 3 pm) at the New Brighton Community Center, New Brighton, MN. Workshops, vendors and all things mini! Vendor tables - contact - Teresa Zweiner, T & D Miniatures - tminiatures@sbcglobal.net - local contact - Jane Sanem - janeansanem@gmail.com. For more information check out <https://miniatureshows.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

Please make checks payable to: Elaine Dunisch

LAKESHORE MINIATURE MAKERS RETREAT

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____	Single room _____
ADDRESS _____	Double room _____
_____	Roommate's name: _____
PHONE _____	_____
EMAIL _____	Meals only _____