

Hello E-3 NAME Members!

I'm going to delay the Zoom class of Snow White's wishing well. I am on several committees for 2024, National NAME Convention, and Franklin, TN this Summer, and have been so busy getting everything ready. I have every intention of doing this as soon as the Convention is over. I am still committed to keeping our region connected through newsletters and Zoom classes.

**Correction to February's Newsletter:** I stated that the Convention committee authorized the addition of 50 more attendees when it was, in fact, the board's decision. I stand corrected and apologize if this caused any confusion.

Here's a calendar of upcoming events:

- Saturday, April 13th 2024: **Carolinas State Day**, hosted by Raleigh Miniature Guild and the S.A.M.E. Club of Cary. "At Home in Holland". Hemingway Hall, [6609 Crown Parkway Durham, NC 27703](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6609+Crown+Parkway,+Durham,+NC+27703). Cost is \$75, registration opens up January 19th 2024. Contact Kim Major-Walker at [kmw2616@gmail.com](mailto:kmw2616@gmail.com) With this newsletter you will also find a form from Mini-Mart. If there is a dealer who would like to sell at State Day, they can do so without registering as a State Day participant. They can register as a Dealer Only and pay for the lunch and refreshments for the day, plus table fee. (Attached is registration and mini-mart form for this event.)

- Friday & Saturday, April 26th & 27th 2024: **The Chattanooga Miniature Society's FunDay** - it's their 40th year! Lee Highway behind Innovative Miniature Shop. Classes both days and sales table. 3 meals included. You can contact Winifred Holloway at [winifred16@gmail.com](mailto:winifred16@gmail.com) (Attached is the schedule and registration for this event.)

- Friday - Sunday, May 31st - June 2nd, 2024: **Lakeland Miniature Guild 39th Miniature Show** - Springhill Suites by Marriott, 511 W. Lime St. Lakeland, FL 33815. Visit [www.lakelandminiatureguild.com](http://www.lakelandminiatureguild.com) for more information.

- Saturday, June 13th 2024: **Mooreville Miniature Show and Sale**, 9am - 3pm. Hampton Inn, Mooreville NC. If you're interested in a table contact Maria Cannizzaro at 704-230-0569.

- Thursday - Sunday, August 1st - 4th 2024: **NAME's National Convention**. This convention sold out in two hours! The committee decided to open it up to 50 more members. If you put yourself on a waiting list for this event, Kim will reach out to when space is available. For the first time, if you did not make the registration, you can purchase a **Day Pass**. They will be available beginning April 23rd, 2024. At the same time, workshops that are still open will be available for sign up. You must have a day Pass in order to take a class or themed luncheon. Your Day Pass will also get you into hospitality and a spin at the wheel. Remember, pre-convention workshops begin March 23rd, 2024, 10am EDT. Registration begins March 23rd, 2pm EDT. Themed luncheons, gala, and Thursday night project registration begins March 24th, 2024 10am EDT. If you would like a video on YouTube that explains how Day Passes work: [https://youtu.be/IBHH\\_WwWgWw](https://youtu.be/IBHH_WwWgWw). You can also go to the NAME website for this information.

- The **Atlanta Miniature Society** is planning a fun retreat for this October! For the weekend of October 18th through the 20th, located at Woodland Christian Camp and Retreat in Temple, GA. It is located just past Six Flags over Georgia, off of I-20, west of Atlanta. They are looking for teachers to do classes and vendors. If you are interested, please reach out to Dia Crissey-Baum, she can be reached at: [dia@tailgatefarms.com](mailto:dia@tailgatefarms.com). I'm very excited about this event, it kinda helps replace Trick-or-Treat in TN.

- **Upcoming State Days:**

- 2025: Merry Mini Makers of the Triad

- 2026: Mini Reflections

That's all the events I have for right now but I'm planning on more and I'm sure more events will become available as the year develops and I'll be sure to include them in future newsletters. If you have an event coming up and want to include it in the newsletter, please reach out to me at [rahlove3@yahoo.com](mailto:rahlove3@yahoo.com) or at 704-277-0805.

I would like to take this time to share a wonderful experience I had. The **Miniature Design's 2nd Annual Dollhouse Show and Sale** - this event was located at the Hilton-Atlanta Hotel which was a wonderful venue. Bev and her team put on a wonderful event, they hosted a variety of classes on Friday with a wonderful preview show that evening, and then the sales on Saturday. They had a very good exhibit room with a lot of inspiring projects and a great variety of vendors for the sales floor. Every two hours they had door prizes with wonderful gifts, of which one was a one-year online gazette NAME membership.

Lastly, E-3 is looking for State Reps! Tennessee's new State Rep is Becky Lipscomb. Her email is [realmag1945@gmail.com](mailto:realmag1945@gmail.com). North Florida's new State Rep is Patty Trauthwein. Her email is [markpt826@att.net](mailto:markpt826@att.net). Donna Brewington will be staying on as South Carolina's State Rep through the end of the summer. Her email is [djbrewington52@gmail.com](mailto:djbrewington52@gmail.com). Johnnie Somerville is North Carolina's State Rep. Her email is [jaranda682@hotmail.com](mailto:jaranda682@hotmail.com). I am looking for a State Rep for Georgia, Alabama, and South Florida. If you are interested please call or email me.

In closing, again, I'm very excited to have this opportunity and am looking forward to helping the members of region E-3 in any way possible. I will be hosting a **NAME** table at **Carolina's State Day** and **Chattanooga Fun Day**. I'd love to meet you, so please stop by the table and say hello!

Best regards,

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