

Preconvention Workshops

July 27 - 29, 2015 Monday (July 27), Tuesday (July 28), & Wednesday (July 29) 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday (3-Day Classes)







MTW1 – The Fulton Street Embassy

by Sue Herber Class Fee: **\$264**

The San Francisco Painted Lady is inspired by the former Russian Embassy of the 1920's. The exterior and interior are both elaborate with a great amount of gingerbread, stained glass transom and windows, decorative roofing shingles, classic urns at the steps, fancy wallpapers and trims, marble topped fireplaces and a rooftop terrace with a wall fountain on the chimney. This is an opportunity to work with a variety of skills: paint techniques, aging, marbling, making windows and doors, wallpapering variations, mitering and shingling.

Minimum Skill Level: Advanced 1/4" Scale

Monday & Tuesday (2-Day Classes)



MT1 – French Pastry Table by Carl Bronsdon Class Fee: \$197

Students will use polymer clay to create a fabulous array of French inspired pastries and then construct a table to display them on, perfect for a kitchen or miniature pastry shop. Students will create a cream puff tower, pastry swans, chocolate dipped strawberries, a decadent chocolate cake with a chocolate choux top, a pink and yellow battenburg cake, croissants, and an array of individual pastries, you will even make a pastry bag. Techniques taught will include: texturing, color mixing, sculpting, adding color and texture after baking through paint, piping.



MT2 – You CAN Build a 1/144th Scale Tudor House by Ron Chase Class Fee: \$107

Students will learn how to remove laser cut wood pieces and prepare the interior walls and floors prior to assembly. The instructor will lead you through assembling and artistically decorating the exterior to create a realistic Tudor Home. You'll learn how easy and fun 1/144th scale can be while creating an old English style home. Students will need to bring their basic tool kit for class.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner 1/144" Scale



MT3 – "Pottery from Start to Finish" by Craig Roberts Class Fee: \$399

In this workshop, everyone succeeds, often making 50 or 60 pieces! We start with marble-size balls of clay and turn them (literally!) into finished, glazed masterpieces. We use mini electric wheels to "throw" pots, and other tools to hand-build pieces (napkins holders/wall masks, etc). We will also cover trimming, glazing, handles and kiln use. There's LOTS of hands-on practice and NUMEROUS daily demos. Returning students will be challenged to refine skills (making lids, teapots and sculptural wall pieces). This class is often described as "FUN" and "SO AMAZING" (student evaluations rate it a 9 or 10). Wheels, tools, and kilns provided for class use only. Primarily 1" scale but ½ or ¼ may be possible for some.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner All Scales



MT4 – 1/4" Cupcake Emporium by Ruth Stewart Class Fee: \$132

Ever wanted to learn how to make tiny perfect ¼" goodies? Now's your chance! A perfect little shop to put your pastry perfections in! First you will learn how to put all your little furniture kits together. Then using a cupcake, sucker & chocolate mold, you will make as many confections as our heart desires. Class includes 3 silicone bakable molds, all the frostings and tiny accessories to decorate them, plates, doilies, pans, cupcake boxes and so much more. You will finish in class a Perfect "Cupcake Emporium".

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner 1/4" Scale

Monday Classes



M1 – Mad Hatter Cakes by Donna Eckel Class Fee: \$72

Spend a day having fun making Mad Hatter cakes. We will be making three 1" scale cakes. A Stars and Dots Cake, Mad Hatter Cake Pops displayed in a porcelain pitcher and a Tea Cup Cake. All 3 are easy and fun to do. You will also receive several colorful cake doilies and paper plates.

Minimum Skill Level: All 1" Scale





M2 – Quarter Scale Scene in a Measuring Cup by Sally Manwell Class Fee: \$92

Every cook needs measuring cups and here is an extra set with miniatures. The cup from the set is cut to display the miniature scene. It includes table and chairs, flowers, accessories and a light (not electrified but it could be). Students will make a room to fit the container with walls and floor and install a window with a scene behind it. Then learn techniques to make cording for the chair cushions, apply decals, work with paper to make flowers, make cupcakes and paint or use decals on the quarter scale teapot and cups. Please bring: scissors, tweezers, fine paint brush-20/0, cutting board, x-acto or kraft knife. Work light and magnifier optional.



M3 – Crown Roast Dinner by Carolyn McVicker Class Fee: \$87

Students will make a delicious stuffed crown roast, garnished with roasted potatoes and greens around the base, and adorned with pearl onions on top of the stuffing with roasted mushroom caps on the tips of the bones, green beans with pimentos, tossed salad with cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, onion and carrot slices, basket of warm rolls right out of the oven and finished with a cherry cheesecake.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner ½" Scale



M4 – Hoosier Cabinet by Shannon Moore Class Fee: \$102

What a wonderful way to celebrate "What's Cookin" in Indiana than making a miniature Hoosier Cabinet. These cabinets were meant to house the then modern kitchen. Our version made of cherry, features an upper area consisting of 2 "glass" fronted doors and a small paneled door atop 2 additional paneled doors. The upper fits above a "tin" work surface with door and 3 drawers below. The wood will be precut and we'll work on assembly in class. This piece measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{4}$ " deep x $5\frac{1}{4}$ ' high.

Tuesday Classes



T1 – Curio Clock in 1" Scale by Charlotte Atcher Class Fee: \$95

A shabby chic non-working floor clock that stands six inches tall, will be constructed, distressed and wallpapered in class. Supplies for 30+ accessories are included. Books, framed prints, hankies, folded envelopes, Valentine "box", Eiffel tower, Claddagh and butterfly charms, perfume bottles, gazing ball, Ivy in a pot and paper roses are some of the beautiful mini projects. The day will conclude with artfully arranging the abundant mini treasures on the clock shelves. Basic mini tool kit is needed.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner 1" Scale



T2 – Breakfast for Two by Carolyn Eiche Class Fee: \$92

What's Cookin? How about a filling breakfast to start your day off right. Join Carolyn to make a table full of breakfast favorites. Plates of pancakes, eggs, sausage, toast, muffins, jam, maple syrup, butter and pitcher & glasses of orange juice, cups of coffee, sugar bowl, bottle of milk, toast and salt & pepper shakers with napkins, silverware and placemats all on a white kitchen table with two chairs. A great way to start your morning.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner/intermediate 1" Scale



T3 – Morris Chair by Shannon Moore Class Fee: \$92

The Morris chair is a classic Arts & Crafts piece. Our adaptation, made from cherry features those same classic lines along with what is called a bent arm. The parts will be precut but we'll work at assembling and doing some simple upholstery, shown here with a mock black leather.

Wednesday Classes



W1 – Beyond Basic Boxes by Pam Boorum Class Fee: \$112

Who doesn't love boxes? For all kinds of reasons, we need to contain our "stuff" – for sewing, jewelry, produce, important papers.... Boxes can be decorative, utilitarian and often fascinating. Using the table saw, you will construct three boxes. To explore the option of joinery, one will be rabbeted, one mitered and one finger joined. The mitered box has a paneled lid with flush hinges, the rabbeted shaker seed box has dividers and wire hinges and the finger joined keepsake box has a press fit lit. No special skills are needed. We'll focus on techniques and you will do any desired painting or finishing at home.

Minimum Skill Level: All levels 1" Scale



W2 – Fancy Tea Pastries
by Carl Bronsdon
Class Fee: \$102

Students will use polymer clay to create an array of fancy pastries, suitable for a High Tea, pastry shop, or a romantic tea for two. Included will be salmon and cucumber sandwiches, pastel petite fours, pastry swans, chocolate dipped strawberries, chocolate decadence cake, madeline cookies, and almond St. Honore pastries, all displayed on a hand blown English glass three tiered plate. Technique taught include color mixing, adding and creating texture, using molds and liquid polymer clay. Students will also receive two glasses of pink champagne to accompany their delicious creations.



W3 – Gypsy Wagon in ¼" Scale by Ron Chase Class Fee: \$97

The student will learn how to remove laser cut wood parts from a kit. Students will learn how to paint and assemble the Gypsy Wagon kit. The students should have the basic wagon completed, but if not, will have learned the skills to complete at home. Students will need to bring their basic tool box that should include cutting board, cutting knives and choice of paint.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner 1/4 " Scale



W4 – "Miniate of the kitchen"

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Running out of space to show off your miniatures? Need a place to store four books? Dollhouse book ends is the answer. Make the et of illuminated 2 room book ends to keep your councers, andy and also have a convenient battery operate initial that on your counter. Attendees will electrify such of the two pre-assembled units, add shingles to the pressembled pof with real wood shingle strips, cover the faux poks, and landscaping and even add wallpaper and flooring of the 4 rooms. All paint, glue and electrical supplies will be provided except the 4 AAA batteries.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner/intermediate 1/4" Scale



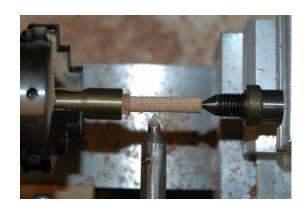
W5 – Going to Grandma's for Sunday Dinner by Winifred Holloway

Class Fee: \$97

You will be dressing a 3 ½" doll using cotton fabric (you will have several colors for her dress to choose from), making leather shoes for her tiny feet, constructing a hat from straw and wigging.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner 1" Scale





W6 – Magic of the Lathe Duplicator - Extended by Tom Walden
Class Fee: \$150

Like my prior drill press workshops, this will be a true tips & techniques workshop. You will switch from lathe to lathe learning a different technique on each one, thus turning a different type of item on each lathe setup (6-8). You will also learn how to customize turned items using Dremel moto-tools, drill chucks, files and turning tools. You will also learn to add very fine details and finish the items while still on the lathes. Then in the afternoon, you will make your own duplicator templates and use them on a lathe. All lathes and supplies will be provided. All you need is eye protection and a camera.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner/intermediate 1"Scale (but applicable to all scales)





W7 – A Vintage Backyard BBQ by Debbie Young Class Fee: \$137

Tucked inside an 8" Weber BBQ is an adorable ¼" Backyard scene. Decorated with vintage style (and of course, a fabulous ¼" scale Weber BBQ), this is a party you are going to want to attend. Students will build the furniture and experiment with aging techniques. All of the accessories shown and landscaping are included.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner/intermediate 1/4" Scale