



Pre-Convention Workshops



July 24 – 26, 2017
Monday (July 24), Tuesday (July 25), & Wednesday (July 26)
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Monday, & Tuesday (2-Day Workshops)

MT1 – Circus Vignette by *Angelika Oeckl*

Class Fee: \$164

In the class you will assemble the stand-alone shelf with counter, a trapeze, three Elephant stools, circus wagons, toys, games, a monkey and a Clown. The figures and the complicated cutouts will be already pre-cut for you. Angelika will show you how to decorate a scene with many different size items. This workshop can be a stand-alone circus themed scene. 8.5" wide x 9" high x 2." deep.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

1" scale

MT2 – Half Scale Cottage by *Ann Pennypacker*

Class Fee: \$109

This 2 room cottage could be home on the beach or in the mountains. Features include a wrap around porch and white tile paper flooring for both the upstairs and downstairs. Day one of this two day class will be painting. Day two will be applying siding, shingles and trim on this pre-assembled shell.

Minimum Skill Level: All Skills

1/2" scale

Monday Workshops

M1 – Old World Peddlers Cart by *Carl Bronsdon*

Class Fee: \$109

Welcome to Old World Europe! This delightful peddlers cart is inspired by antique peddler's carts of Europe. Constructed of wood with lots of delightful detailing, it would look wonderful as a pastry or candy cart, Christmas or Halloween peddler's wagon, or filled with beautiful French flowers. It is shown in red and gold but would look equally as good in cream, forest green or bright yellow. Several options of colors will be provided. The interior display shelf can be placed in a variety of ways depending on the builder. Students will learn tricks for working with laser cut wood, board, and gold paper Dresden trim.

Minimum Skill Level: Intermediate

1" scale

M2 – Concession Stand Machines by *Carolyn Eiche*

Class Fee: \$114

Join Carolyn in constructing all the various snack and concession stand items you'd want for your circus display. These machines can also be used for a diner, snack stand, theatre, etc. There will be minimal FIMO work in this class; we will be concentrating on making the machines. They include: a barrel of root beer and soda machine, dispensers for ketchup/mustard/relish/onions, a deep fryer, grills for burgers and hot dogs, cone dispenser and machines for popcorn, nachos, pretzels, cotton candy and snow cones.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

1" scale

Tuesday Workshops

T1 – Giggle Water by *Marti Icenogle and Cindy McDaniel*

Class Fee: \$59

The Roaring 20s always bring to mind speakeasies. However, not everyone went out to party, some people partied at home consuming the liquor they purchased from bootleggers or made themselves from recipes, such as the ones found in the book *Giggle Water*. And, it is the book *Giggle Water* we will build from laser cut pieces of wood and a paper cover to house a home bar. Of course, we will also need to do a little bit of painting and lay our parquet floor before we can apply the paper book cover. Since our residents have a lovely new apartment with a fabulous view of the city, the decorative French door that they just purchased must also be installed. Then, their black mirrored-bar and black Art Deco style chair trimmed in silver need to be assembled. Next we will install the faux glass shelves above the bar and hang their Art Deco mirror. Last we will color our acrylic bottles to look like liquor or wine and apply the tiny liquor labels. Now, we have a lovely home bar where the residents can sip their wine and drinks, and maybe even dance a Charleston or two. 3" x 3" x 3" This project fits perfectly in a baseball cube which will be provided for you to display your finished scene.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1/4" scale

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Tuesday Workshops Continued

T2 – William & Mary Display Cabinet by Shannon Moore

Class Fee: **\$109**

This display cabinet was inspired by a William & Mary piece made in England in 1700. The size of the piece, about 2-14"W x 1-1/4"D x 4-3/4"H, lends itself to many scenes. Other than the drawer front which is made from maple burl, the remainder of the piece is made from cherry. Features include: a working drawer, turned legs, a display area with two shelves behind a "glassed" working door, and curved stretchers. The parts are precut, and we'll work on assembly in class.

Minimum Skill Level: Intermediate

1" scale

T3 – A Gentleman in Formal Tails by Rachele Spiegel

Class Fee: **\$119**

Originally worn by English country gentlemen to make horseback riding easier, the tailcoat was first popularized for daywear and then, by the 1860's was used more commonly for evening wear. The suit is appropriate for any time between the Regency period and modern times; and, with black tie, was also the late Victorian butler's uniform. When made in bright colors, the look can be adapted as a Circus Ringmaster's costume. Students will learn miniature tailoring and fitting techniques, how to reduce bulk for a natural and realistic look when costuming in layers (shirt, vest, jacket) and will use a combination of gluing and hand sewing. We will also wig the doll in a basic style. Please bring small sharp scissors, pointed tweezers and magnification, if needed.

Minimum Skill Level: Intermediate

1" scale

T4 – Elephant Circus Cake by Ruth Stewart

Class Fee: **\$86**

Come and join the Circus! We will learn how to use polymer clay, the facts about baking clay and so many more tips. You will get step by step instructions on how to sculpt an elephant too! Class comes with many tools and you will go home with color directions and photos so you don't forget anything.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" & 1/4" scale

Tuesday & Wednesday Workshops

TW1 – Christmas Trimmings by Carl Bronsdon

Class Fee: **\$179**

In this two-day class the students will learn how to create a variety of holiday accessories suitable for use in a peddler's cart, shop, or in a holiday scene. Using a variety of materials from Fimo clay to paper and Dresden trims students will create: a selection of Fimo candies-including candy canes and sticks, boxed glass ornaments filled stockings, gingerbread cookies, on trays and individually wrapped, treat cones, boxes of bright Christmas apples and oranges, and a selection of wrapped packages – all with an Old World feel. You will learn tricks with working with Fimo clay, fabric and paper, miniature piping with a piping bag, and several different ways of tying silk ribbon bows. Happy Holidays!

Minimum Skill Level: Intermediate

1" scale

TW2 – 1/4" Beatrix Potter's Village by Sue Herber

Class Fee: **\$209**

This reimagined project has been laser cut with timbering now done in easy to use full sheets attached to the main walls. There are 3 fully independent shops – Peter Rabbit's Shop, Mr. McGregor's Garden Shop, and Tiggy's Corner – that represent unique aspects of Beatrix Potter's most famous characters. Each shop includes all materials to make the exteriors, windows, doors, signs, timbering, flooring, wallpapers, ivy vines, window box and cobblestone base. Sufficient prep work will be done to help students finish within the allocated time. 9-3/8"L x 4-1/2"D x 5-3/4"H

Minimum Skill Level: Intermediate

1/4" scale

Wednesday Workshops

W1 – Jane's Dressing Table by Pete Boorum

Class Fee: **\$114**

This is a 1" scale replica of Pam's moth by an antique when she bought it in East Tennessee in the 1940's. We will use fine in miniature. The turned legs and drawer pulls will be supplied, but you will use the dressing table itself. You will use the table saw to make the drawers and apply the custom turned drawer pulls.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" scale

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Wednesday Workshops Continued (continued)

W2 – Backstage at the Circus by *Ginger Landon-Siegel*

Class Fee: **\$99**

The circus is in town! Oh, the excitement that brings. Backstage the performers prepare to thrill the audiences that will soon arrive, applying their makeup, costumes and practicing routines. Bring to life the backstage magic by creating these two wardrobe trunks that you will fill with the large assortment of pictured items and more. You will learn how to make faux leather to cover your trunks, use findings to create the pulls and latches, adding more detail with travel stickers, as well as copper and leather strips. You will create the coat rack, stool and makeup table adding travel stickers to the top. You will be given assorted beads and findings to create makeup bottles and a filigree finding base for the mirror. Juggling balls, plates and bands as well as sequins, rhinestones, laces and trims galore are provided to create the various costume pieces and accessories.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" scale

W3 – Cirque Candies by *Sheila LeQuia*

Class Fee: **\$74**

Cirque Candies is a lovely candy shop display made inside of a bubble gum machine. Students will be making all kinds of goodies including caramel apples, cotton candy, candies in a box, popcorn and candy bars. You will be decorating the bubble gum machine with lots of circus décor including a mask, clown hat, clown and some lovely accents. This is going to be a fun class so be ready for a good time! 5" x 5" x 10"

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" scale

W4 – Prairie Spindle Loveseat by *Shannon Moore*

Class Fee: **\$99**

The prairie spindle style was made popular during the Arts & Crafts period. This loveseat, made from cherry, features a low slung back, spindles on both ends and back, and wide arms. Its size, about 5-1/8"L x 2-1/2"D x 2-1/2"H, make it appropriate for many different scenes. The wood pieces will be precut, and we'll work on assembly and simple upholstery of the seat and back cushions. Green, red or black fabric will be among the choices for the cushions. The original piece would have been made around 1900.

Minimum Skill Level: Intermediate

1" scale

W5 – Hot Diggity Dogs! by *Connie Reagan*

Class Fee: **\$124**

This hot dog cart would be perfect at any circus venue. The wooden cart is painted with a metallic finish and then the features on the top of the cart are added with thin aluminum and brass rods. The name on the umbrella can be customized if you want to change it, but you must notify the instructor in advance. The doll is included, but may vary from the picture if that one (Vernon sitting) is no longer available.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" scale

W6 – Victorian Unmentionables by *Rachelle Spiegel*

Class Fee: **\$109**

Create a late Victorian camisole, drawers, petticoats, cushion bustle, corset, garters and stockings in one inch scale to display in your miniature setting. Students will learn to accurately cut out scale patterns, assemble miniature garments while keeping hems and seams in scale and to glue and drape fabric for a natural and realistic look. You will also ruche ribbons, make tiny bows, and work with lace. A porcelain mannequin will be included. Please bring small sharp scissors, pointed tweezers, extra light with extension cord and magnifiers if needed.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" scale

W7 – 1:12 Gingerbread Village by *Ruth Stewart*

Class Fee: **\$140**

Christmas is the most magical time of year. Gingerbread houses, hot cocoa, Christmas trees and Christmas carols are things that make me think of my favorite holiday. Now is your chance to bring that all to life in miniature. This class will come with 5 silicone molds to complete your Gingerbread village and you will have a blast! I'll teach you how to use the molds with polymer clay, decorate with frosting and assemble and decorate your display table. It's so easy you will want to do more! Oh and you can! The molds and tools included in class are yours to keep! You will have multiple colors of paints and trims/ribbons so you can make this little holiday scene yours! Very detailed directions and lots of photos are included so you won't forget anything. Your village has a church, house, schoolhouse with a bell, barn, fence for barn, trees, horses, sheep, kitties and even figure skaters for your pond! 5" x 2-1/2" x 4-1/2"

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" scale

Wednesday Workshops Continued

W8 – Magic of the Drill Press (Beginners) by *Tom Walden*

Class Fee: \$150

Emphasis is on drill press techniques, but students will also cut/shape wood for a project. You will learn to cut perfect circles, molding, dados, rabbets, inlays, mortise and tenons. You will also learn pin routing techniques never thought possible.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

All scales

W9 –The Circus is Coming by *Dan Zerkel & Bob Dusing*

Class Fee: \$125

Children of all ages, come build a Circus Train Layout. We will be building: a cherry train table with track and a field ready for the circus to be set up on, a wooden train with cars for circus wagons, animals and performers and a great set of paper circus tents, wagons and animals. Come build your circus! 6"L x 4"W x 4-1/2"H Paint for the train will not be included because of the schedule.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" scale