

Exploring Small Worlds at the 2025 Friends Gala

Let's go and explore Small Worlds! This years Friends Gala is hitting the road on Wednesday, August 13, 2025. The fun begins when we hop a charter bus for an hour long trip filled with fun and games to Maysville, Kentucky. There we will visit and explore the KSB Miniature Collection at the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center.



After visiting this spectacular miniature collection, a buffet dinner will be served at the beautiful and historic Washington Opera House, just a couple steps from the museum. This Opera House is the oldest of its kind still operating in the U.S. Following dinner, a program will be given by Kaye Savage Browning, whose miniature collection the group just visited.

This roadtrip is expected to leave the hotel around 4 pm and return at roughly 10 pm. Considerations have been made for Wednesdays workshops.



This years optional souvenir is a handmade, bound, and readable book that showcases the museums exhibits. This 1" scale coffee table sized book is made by Tine Krijene from the Netherlands. Two different volumes are being offered. Participants can choose either or both volume, but both are limited in number.

The gala fee includes transportation, entry to the museum, dinner, and the presentation. Additional planned surprises are bound to make this a fun trip for everyone.

The pricing and options for this years Friends Gala are:

Gala fee:	\$98
Souvenir Volume 1:	\$40
Souvenir Volume 2:	\$40

Thank You to: The N3 Region for providing funding to supplement cost of the charter buses. Two buses will be "kneeling" to allow for better access on and off the bus.

And a very Special Thank You to Kaye Savage Browning for hosting our event and providing a reduced entrance fee to the museum and also for what is sure to be a delightful and informative presentation.

As always, if you should need to cancel your attendance to this event, you may not pass it on to anyone else.

Limited Mobility Accommodations are Available: Limited accommodations **may be** available, but are VERY limited. A limited number of scooters can be accommodated, however they must be able to be broken down/folded and placed under the bus by the scooter owner. Due to liability, bus drivers CANNOT assist. The attendee's own wheelchair use is allowed, as long as they are stored under the bus and the attendee has arranged for another Gala attendee to assist them. If you need any of these accommodations, you **MUST** contact Beth Grabau at: greta@alumni.iastate.edu **to ensure availability for your attendance before June 1, 2025.**