

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! Now that the weather has turned colder and my garden has gone to bed for the winter (until it's time for pruning) my thoughts turn to indoor projects and the many UFOs I have left unfinished during the long summer evenings and weekends. I am proud to say that I have been able to finish a few minor projects already and even taught a two-hour workshop with a local 4H group this fall. For pictures from this event, keep reading. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Meredith Hink
Newsletter Editor
zondagmd@hotmail.com

P.S. Our next newsletter will be published the first week of April so please send me your updates and finished project pictures anytime throughout the winter.

Regional Coordinator News

Greeting and Happy Thanksgiving to all,

Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and are not still stuffed with too much turkey! As I get older, I find I am eating smaller portions and don't have that stuffed/bloated feeling and it feels better.

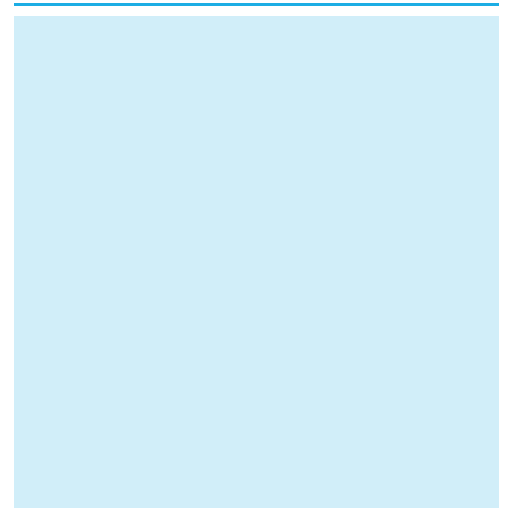
If any of you are meeting in person with your clubs, we would love to hear how it is going. One of the clubs I belong to has been meeting at a member's church and it has been nice. Since we are a small club, we have been able to social distant while still enjoying each other's company. This month was our Holiday party, so I have been diligently working over the past several months to complete my exchange gift; not leaving a lot of time for much else. I have included a picture of the completed gift. I took inspiration from an auction item on the NAME action site several months ago. It sure was a lot of fun making all those veggies.



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The last auction for 2021 was this week. Hope many of you were able to view the site and have fun bidding on your favorite piece. I have a couple pieces I am eyeing but will have to see if I get them.

I received an e-mail from the Tom Bishop show and hopefully the show will go on as planned in the spring. It would be nice to be able to resume some of our traditional events and be able see dealers and friends again

The 2022 NAME National convention is ramping up to put on a great event. 2022 will be NAME's 50th Birthday and I hope you will consider attending this event. We have some great events planned. I am really looking forward to convention.

A reminder to all, send your stories of club events or personal creations to Meredith, our newsletter editor so we can all share in your joy and see what others are doing.

Hope you all have a safe and fun holiday and that 2022 will begin to look more like life as we used to know and that we can reconnect with our mini family and friends. Be safe and stay healthy.

Lynn Jensen, A1 Reginal Coordinator

EVENTS/UPDATES

NAME 50th Anniversary 2022!

Let's get ready to celebrate all year long!

Make sure you watch for announcements and other 50th activities in the Miniature Gazette, NAME's newsletters, and NAME's Create site.

To get started, 50th Anniversary Pins are available. Order yours today or they will be available at the NAME table in both Portland and Indianapolis as supplies last. See attachment with this newsletter for more details.

T&D 2022 Miniature Shows

April 28, 29, 30 2022, Chicago Spring Showcase of Miniatures Wyndam Garden Hotel 1725 E Algonquin, Schaumburg Il Thurs 12-8 Fri 10-8 Sat 9-4 Classes

May 6 & 7 2022, Ann Arbor Dollhouse and Miniature Show Wyndam Garden 2900 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor Fri 4-8 Sat 9-3pm Classes on Friday

May 20 & 21 2022, Cleveland Dollhouse and Miniature Show Holiday Inn 780 Beta Dr Mayfield village Oh Fri 4-8pm Sat 9am-3pm

Jun 3 & 4 2022, Wisconsin Dollhouse and Miniature Show Waukesha Expo Center 1000 Northview road, Waukesha WI Fri 4-8pm Sat 9am-3pm Classes on Friday

June 10 & 11 2022, Kansas City Dollhouse and Miniature Show Abdallah Shrine 5300 Metcalf Ave Overland Park KS 66202 Fri 4-8pm Sat 9am-3pm Classes on Friday

August 5 & 6 2022, Minnesota Dollhouse and Miniature Show New Brighton Community Center 400 10th Street NW New Brighton MN Fri 4-8pm Sat 9am-3pm Classes on Friday

September 16 & 17 2022, Indianapolis Dollhouse and Miniature Show Cambria Hotel 18592 Carousel Lane Westfield IN Fri 4-8 Sat 9-3pm Classes on Friday

Sept 30 & Oct 1 2022, St Louis Dollhouse and Miniature Show Machinist Hall, 12365 St Charles Rock Rd, Bridgeton Mo Fri 4-8 Sat 9-3 Classes Friday, Exhibits Nov 11 & 12 2022 Chicago Autumn Showcase of Miniatures Holiday Inn 1000 Busse Rd Elk Grove Il fri 4-8 sat 9-3 classes Friday, Exhibits

For more information go to miniatureshows.com or contact Teresa Zwiener at tminiatures@gmail.com; 314-277-2601.

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS

- Consider highlighting one of your members in the newsletter. Submit your story to Meredith Hink.
- You are encouraged to submit information about your clubs to the Gazette. You can send your information to our Club Liaison, Sarah Westenberg. Her contact information is in the Gazette. Be sure to include pictures and do not be afraid to "brag" about what you are doing.
- Zoom meetings are available through the NAME office. This is a great way to stay connected while maintaining social distancing.

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

Club Information

Note: Due to ongoing precautions and complications with COVID-19, dates/times listed may differ from those listed. For current information, please reach out to the club contact.

Illinois

Midstate Minimakers of Illinois
Meets 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Bloomington, IL
Contact: Sandy Staker
309-585-0384

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

Wee "C" Miniature Club
Meets 4th Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Oakbrook Terrace, IL
Contact: Monica Bernard
773-251-5180

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

The 993 Club
Meets Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.
Crete, IL
Contact: Art Martlink
708-672-9045

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

SCALE

Meets 1st Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
Naperville, IL
Contact: Judy Ward
815-469-8838

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

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

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- La Vista Community Center
La Vista, Nebraska
Contact: Sheila Froendt
402-305-2989; sfroendt@cox.net

Midwest Miniature Guild

1st Saturdays of February, May, and October
Minneapolis, MN
Contact: Rebecca Bryden
rgbrydenmmg@gmail.com
www.midwestminiatureguild.org

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

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

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

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

Lakeshore Miniature Makers
Meets 3rd Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
Sheboygan Falls, WI
Contact: Elaine Dunisch
920-452-4798

Three Rivers Miniature Club**
Meet Sundays once a month
La Crosse, WI or Winona, MN
Contact: Yarrow Brown
Yarrowbrown74@gmail.com
** Non-NAME clubs

Mini Diversions
Meets Sundays every couple months
Greenfield, WI
Contact: Lynn Jensen
414-235-8193

State Representatives

Illinois: Veronica Forman
vfore10414@aol.com
Iowa: Colleen Arnold
DAr5827406@aol.com
Minnesota: Jane Sanem
janeannsanem@gmail.com

Missouri:
POSITION OPEN**
Wisconsin: Alician Pearce
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Regional Coordinator: Lynn Jensen
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** We are looking for new state representatives. Please contact Lynn Jensen if you are interested or wish to nominate someone.

Fall 4H Workshop

Submitted by: Meredith Hink

What do you get when you challenge 14 4H members of varying ages with making their own mini "sheds" out of Dollar Tree birdhouses? You get 14 unique projects. On November 21st my daughter and I conducted a workshop we called "He Shed, She Shed, We All Want Our Own Shed." We started the workshop by talking about miniatures and how they are used by some professionals in their jobs. We showed off my daughter's previous 4H miniature projects. Then we walked the members through painting, papering, and adding decorative details to their own quarter-scale

sheds. The result was magical – in two hours the members transformed their plain birdhouses into fairy houses, tool sheds, and whimsical creations anyone would delight in relaxing in. Although we provided some basic decorations, we encouraged the members to really make the shed their own creation. I can't wait to see some of these sheds displayed at our next county fair.



V8 Stand

Submitted by: Lynn Jensen

Ever wonder what to do with leftover cans? Don't put them in the recycling bin – upcycle them into a stand. Lynn made this V8 stand as a Christmas exchange gift for one of her clubs. Great job Lynn! I bet that was one happy recipient.



50th Anniversary Pin Order Form

Commemorate NAME's Golden Anniversary with this 50th pin. Based on availability, these pins will be available at the NAME table during the Portland Houseparty and the Convention in Indianapolis. But if you can't wait, order one or more today!



Cost: \$6.50 per pin
Shipping: \$5.00 shipping for 1-9 pins
\$8.00 shipping for 10 or more pins

Please request shipping rates for orders outside the U.S.

To Order: Complete the form below with payment (check or credit card information) and mail to:

50th Anniversary Pin
NAME
PO Box 69
Carmel, IN 46082

PHONE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
DO NOT call the NAME Office to order these pins.

For questions email Beth Grabau at greta@alumni.iastate.edu

50th ANNIVERSARY PIN ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ EMAIL: _____

of Pins _____ X \$6.50/each = \$ _____

Plus Shipping: \$5.00 or \$8.00 (see above) = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Make checks payable to NAME. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

VISA MC Name on Card _____

Account Number _____ Expiration _____

Signature _____