
April 2022

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

I feel like the ground hog, not quite sure if we are ready for spring or not. It certainly seems like the weather can't make up its mind, sunny and warm one day, rain and sleet the next. But such are early spring days. I am certainly glad for the daylight hours. Even with specialty lighting, I still enjoy working on my miniatures in daylight. I am also busy planning for summer, including a trip to the convention in September. I hope to meet you there!

Sincerely,

Meredith Hink
Newsletter Editor
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P.S. Our next newsletter will be published the first week of June so please send me your updates and finished project pictures anytime throughout the spring.

Regional Coordinator News

Greeting fellow miniaturists,

April is almost here and that means shows will be resuming. It will be great to see our mini friends and to see all the latest items the dealers have for us this year.

I will be sitting at the NAME table at The Chicago Spring Showcase of Miniatures in Schaumburg on Friday April 29th. If you can come to the show, stop by, say hello, and check out all the goodies we have for sale. All proceeds from this sale will go towards the upcoming NAME National Convention in Indianapolis in September.

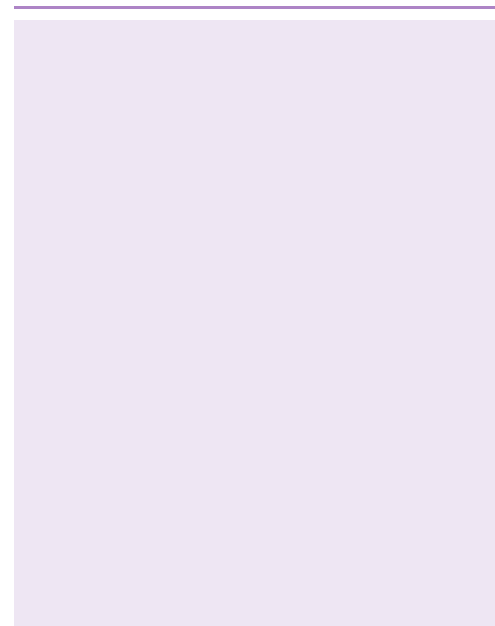
Speaking of the convention, I hope many of you have registered for this year's convention. This will be the first in person event in 3 years and the committee has been working hard to make this, the 50th Birthday celebration special.



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Not only is there going to be an incredibly special 50th celebration, but there will also be lots of other special things going on. As the Houseparty Helper chair, I promise to wow you with very cool ticket containers. See what 2+ years of staying home does for creativity! I understand there are still a few openings left so sign up today.

NAME has been offering monthly on-line auctions and there have been nice items. The next one will be in April. I am not sure of the date but log into the NAME website to when it is coming up. There continues to be lots of fun activities and workshops on-line, so I hope you can participate in some of them.

I also want to remind everyone to send in your ballots for the annual election. I realize there is only one person in each category, but I hope you will consider writing in your name or a friend's who would like to be more involved in our organization. We would love to have new people get involved and bring ideas to the table. This organization has done so much for so many people and it would be sad if it fizzles out because of a lack of interest by the membership. Remember, many hands make light work.

As the weather gets nicer, I hope you all have a nice spring and summer. Hope to see you at upcoming shows and the national convention in September.

Happy mini making, Lynn Jensen, A1 Regional Coordinator

EVENTS/UPDATES

NAME 50th Anniversary 2022!



Have you been checking out the monthly 50th Anniversary kits? These all have been designed exclusively for NAME's 50th Anniversary. Each month, a different artist has a special offering. You can find them here https://create.miniatures.org/50th_Monthly_Special Missed one of the previous ones? No worries, all the kits are available for a whole year. So you can go back and get the ones you missed out on. And all the kits are designed to go into this year's NAME Day project.

Registration is now open for the National Convention in Indianapolis September 1-4. For more information go to <https://www.miniatures.org/2022Indianapolis>.

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.

Lakeshore Miniature Retreat

June 9-12, 2022, Cedar Valley Retreat Center, West Bend, WI. For more information see the attachment.

Wisconsin NAME Day Event

Alician Pearce will be hosting a NAME Day event in Janesville, WI on October 1, 2022, at the Festival Foods store which is located at 2233 Humes Rd. Registration is required, and if you would like to register for the event, please email Alician at ubfaep@yahoo.com.

Need a Little Mini Time During the Week?

Weekly and bi-weekly Zooms are now taking place on Create. To check out upcoming classes and other Create events go to <https://create.miniatures.org/calendar>.

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 every two weeks 1:00-4:30 PM
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 (773-820-1519);
President Carla Burruss (312-404-7986)

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

The 993 Club
Meets Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.
St. John, IN
Contact: Lula Martlink
219-627-4770

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

Omaha-Council Bluffs Miniature Guild
Meets 3rd Sunday- La Vista Community Center
La Vista, Nebraska
Contact: Sheila Froendt
402-305-2989; sfroendt@cox.net

Minnesota

Midwest Miniature Guild**
1st or 2nd Saturdays February, May, October
Minneapolis, MN
Contact: Eva Donaghue
eva@evasetceteraetc.com
www.midwestminiatureguild.org

Missouri

Show-Me Mini Friends (1/4 scale group)**
Meets Monday afternoons
Springfield, Mo
Contact: Jan Bradley
417-864-5391

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

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

Metro Mini Makers
Meets 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Moline, IL
Contact: Karen Cockerill
309-797-6489

WEST
Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
Contact: Beth Grabau
Windsor Heights, IA
515-993-3240

Quarter Time (Qtr Scale Club)**
3rd Wednesday of the Month – 11 am
St. Louis Area
Contact: Elaine Levine
314-323-6193
elainebio@aol.com

MINIS ONLY

Meets 1st Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.
Wentzville, Mo
Contact: Frances Gerardi
636-887-0167

Wisconsin

Madison Area Miniature Enthusiasts (MAME)
Meets 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Madison, WI
Contact: Janice Waisman
608-770-8458

Mini Moo's
Meets 2nd Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Manitowoc, WI 54220
Contact: Kay Felde
920-686-0804

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

Micro-Maniacs
Meets 2nd Saturday
Franklin, WI
Contact: Barbara Engel
414-531-1637

State Representatives

Illinois: looking for a new rep

Iowa: Beth Grabau
greta@alumni.iastate.edu
Minnesota: Jane Sanem
janeannsanem@gmail.com

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

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

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

Missouri: Julie Stuckmeyer
julies3333@gmail.com
Wisconsin: Alician Pearce
ubfaep@yahoo.com
Regional Coordinator: Lynn Jensen
l2b2lylj@aol.com

NEEDED: ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Our current Illinois state rep, Veronica Forman is resigning her position. Thank you, Veronica, for your years of service to our region. It has been greatly appreciated. I am looking for someone who would like to get more involved with the NAME organization and help to support the miniaturists in the state of Illinois. If you are interested in the position or would like to know what's involved in the position, please contact Lynn Jensen, the A1 RC at 414-405-0815.

Lakeshore Miniature Makers is inviting you to a week-end of fun and fellowship.

But, instead of starting a new project, we plan to work on those unfinished pieces that have been around forever.

We are getting together in West Bend at Cedar Valley. Since our club is small, we have a few openings and would love to have you join us.

I have attached a registration form with more information, or just contact me with any questions.

*Elaine Dunisch 920-452-4798
elainedunisch@yahoo.com*

REGISTRATION FORM

LAKE SHORE MINIATURE MAKERS RETREAT

JUNE 9-12, 2022

What is it? A weekend get-together of 30 miniaturists, that begins on Thursday and concludes after lunch on Sunday. No classes, no gifts, and no centerpieces. This will be just a fun relaxing time to work on unfinished projects, meet old friends, and make some new ones.

Where? Cedar Valley Retreat Center, West Bend, WI (<http://cedar-valley.org/>).

Cost - per person \$375 for a single room, and \$345 for double room. This price is for all three nights and includes nine meals. Payment is due in full by 1/31/22. Rooms will be assigned when payment is received. ~~Just complete this form with a \$50.00 deposit to reserve your spot.~~ Food only is also available. ~~(Call me for daily rates)~~ (Thurs. \$35, Fri \$60, Sat \$60, Sun \$40) or \$195.00

Silent Auction We will again be conducting a silent auction. You keep the proceeds. It will conclude on Saturday evening after dinner about 7 pm. All items must be registered and a bid sheet attached. I will take care of this when you arrive. If there are missing pieces, it must be noted on the bid sheet. Bring cash, no checks or credit cards to make purchases. You may bring ten items for the auction.

Free Table There will be a free table, but be sure the item has some value. DO NOT BRING JUNK!!!

Contact Person: Elaine Dunisch, 2809 Wilgus Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081,
elainedunisch@yahoo.com 920-452-4798

Please make checks payable to: Elaine Dunisch

LAKE SHORE MINIATURE MAKERS RETREAT

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Single room _____

Double room _____

Roommate's name: _____

Meals only _____