
June 2021

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

With daylight hours lengthening each day you will typically find me outside gardening on the weekends. In addition to miniatures I find therapy in growing plants both at home and at a community garden where I coordinate a children's education program. Both hobbies allow me to share what I love with others. This past winter I had the opportunity to share my love of miniatures virtually with a group of 4H students as we decorated and filled miniature cupboards with "found objects." It was wonderful to see the creativity that the kids had come alive, and I hope to see some of their completed projects at the county fair this summer. With the new "normal" starting to take shape I am glad to be able to start interacting with others in-person again. I wish all of you a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,

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

Regional Coordinator News

Greeting Mini Friends,

As I write this greeting winter has returned!! The weather report however, promises warmer weather this weekend and beyond.

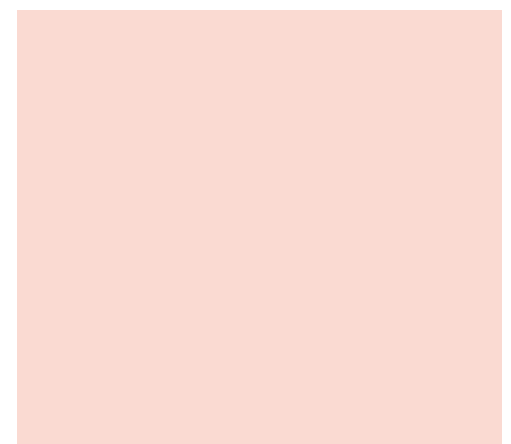
I hope everyone is hanging in there. It looks like some normalcy is returning which is a welcome relief. How have your clubs been dealing with this lock down? I hope some of you have been able to take advantage of the Zoom program through the NAME office. It may not be as good as in-person meeting but for me it has been a help just to see some of the member's faces and talk with them.



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Have you been able to participate in some of the Create Miniatures web site? I have enjoyed the offerings, especially seeing some new artist's offerings. There are so many talented members in our organization. Looking at all the offerings, my creative juices get ramped up and I am anxious to get more projects done! I have included some photos with this message to show some of the projects I have completed over this past year. It feels so good to really have FINISHED (yes, I got to use the F word) some of many projects that were collecting dust for "years."

Hops everyone has a nice and safe Memorial holiday weekend and a wonderful summer. There are no in-person conventions or Houseparty's this year but we are planning the national convention for 2022. Since it will be NAME's 50th birthday, the committee has some really exciting things planned and look forward to getting together again. It will feel so good after 2 years to see old friends, make new friends and mini, mini, mini for 4 to 6 days... I for one can't wait. More information to come over this next year, I am the Houseparty Helper chair I promise you will not want to miss my over the top surprise I have for convention goers. I'll just say it's what the pandemic did for me.

Well-being to all and have a safe, happy summer.

Lynn Jensen, A1 Regional Coordinator

EVENTS/UPDATES

Midwest Miniature Guild

Submitted by Rebecca Bryden, rbrydenmmg@gmail.com

The Midwest Miniature Guild continues to meet via Zoom twice a month to share ideas, projects, problem solving, friendship and fun! Plans are underway to demonstrate mini-making at the Minnesota State Fair 8/26-9/6.

In May, as Covid restrictions were lifted, MMG held a garage sale. It was a very happy day.

We anticipate holding our Fall 2021 meeting, October 2, at the New Brighton Community Center.

Lakeshore Miniature Makers (UPDATE)

Lakeshore Miniature Makers is inviting you to a weekend of fun and fellowship August 20-23 at Cedar Valley in West Bend, WI. Instead of starting a new project, we plan to work on those unfinished pieces that have been around forever. Since our club is small, we have a few openings and would love to have you join us. If you are interested just contact Elaine Dunisch at 920-452-4798, elainedunisch@yahoo.com

Chicago Spring Showcase of Miniatures

July 15-17-Wyndam Garden hotel 1825 E Alqoinqun Schaumburg, IL, classes and more,
www.miniatureshows.com

Minnesota Dollhouse & Miniature Show

August 6-7 - New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th St. NW, New Brighton, MN, Friday 4 pm - 8 pm and Saturday 8 am - 3 pm, Friday workshops, 314-277-2601, www.miniatureshows.com

Indianapolis Miniature Show

September 17-18 - Cambria hotel 18592 Carousel Lane, Westfield, IN, Friday 4 pm – 8 pm, Saturday 9 am – 3 pm, www.miniatureshows.com

St Louis Miniature Show

October 1-2 - Machinist Hall, 12365 St Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO, Friday 4 pm – 8 pm, Saturday 9 am – 3 pm, www.miniatureshows.com

Chicago Autumn Showcase

November 12-13 - Holiday Inn, 1000 Busse Road, Elk Grove, IL, Friday 4 pm – 8 pm, Saturday 9 am – 3 pm, www.miniatureshows.com

Minnesota NAME Day Event

November 6 - 10 am - 3 pm, For more information contact Jane Sanem, janeansanem@gmail.com

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: Cathy Sutliff
309-828-7471

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

SCALE
Meets 1st Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
Naperville, IL
Contact: Linda Bagniewski
708-361-1776

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

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

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 at 1:30 p.m.
La Vista, Nebraska
Contact: Edna Bonney
402-426-4624 or ocbmguild@gmail.com

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

Dream Builders Club**
2nd Thursday of the Month – 10 am
St. Louis Area – Creve Coeur
Contact: Darlene Carter
636-227-6104
minidar@att.net

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

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

** Non-NAME clubs

State Representatives

Illinois: Veronica Forman
vfore10414@aol.com

Missouri:
POSITION OPEN**

Iowa: Colleen Arnold
DAr5827406@aol.com

Wisconsin: Alician Pearce
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Minnesota: Jane Sanem
janeansanem@gmail.com

Regional Coordinator: Lynn Jensen
l2b2lylj@aol.com

** We are looking for new state representatives. Please contact Lynn Jensen if you are interested or wish to nominate someone.

UFOs (UnFinished Objects) have Landed

Congratulations to those who have finished projects that seem to “float” their way into the back of closets and bottoms of drawers. Thank you, Lynn Jensen, for sharing several of your UFO sightings. If you have landed a UFO lately, please send pictures (and stories) to Meredith Hink at zondagmd@hotmail.com.



Thursday evening project for the 2022 convention.



The Makit'z kit from last year by Susanne Karatjas, the birdhouse was a group of on-line rounds tables from spring 2020 and the porch scene was from a club project several years ago.

