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# September 2021

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## A-1 Region Newsletter

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Greetings,

Where did the summer go? That is the typical question I hear around the house these days as my kids head back to school. I will admit that most of my summertime, outside of work, was spent outdoors, gardening and taking care of the endless outdoor to-do list. Dare I hope to have some time to work on my UFO's after the outdoor clean-up is done for the year? Stay tuned for the next newsletter to find out!

Sincerely,

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

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### Regional Coordinator News

Greetings everyone,

As I write this letter to you, the weather reporter is stating we are now in meteorological fall, so I am looking forward to cooler weather. The heat and humidity have made it hard to get motivated to work on minis (or anything else!!)

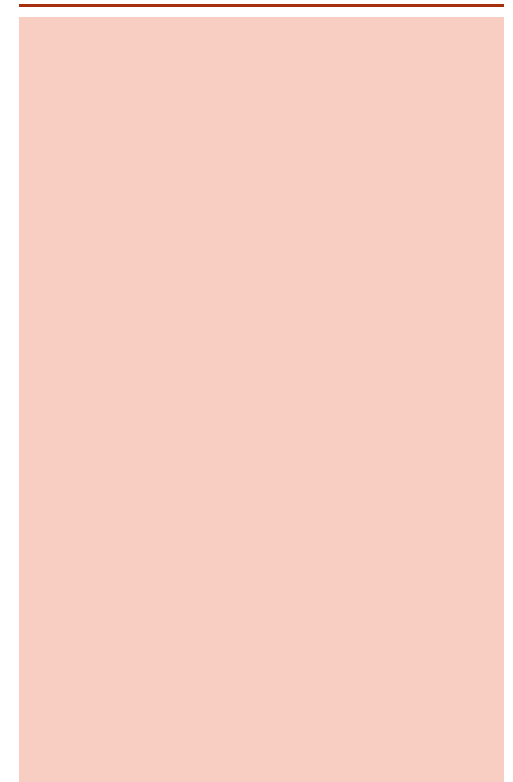
Of course, now that it is early September, that means NAME day is about 4 weeks away. I hope many of you will participate in this event, whether with a group such as your club or a sponsored event or order a kit to work on your own. I just love this project and can't wait to begin working it. The whole theme is reminiscent of a peaceful and relaxing day away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Imagine sitting by a beach with a Mai Tai or Pina Colada with the soft breeze of the ocean blowing all your troubles away, at least for a day. Remember to send pictures of your completed Tiki Bar to our newsletter editor so we can all see your bar.



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At the end of July, I had the pleasure of attending the Iowa Combined Day in Iowa City. We made a potting bench and I had so much fun. I have my bench on a little base and am now working on making flowers for around the bench. Since I am not done yet, you will have to wait for a picture, I encourage those of you who attended the event to post pictures of your completed benches. I would love to see what others have done.

In this letter is also a brief report from NAME's general meeting held in July. The good news is that we are financially sound. This is due in part to all of you who are supporting the Create site and auctions. I have had fun with the auctions and look forward to future ones. If you haven't checked it, be sure to go to [createminis.org](http://createminis.org) and you will be able to see everything going on. This is a good place to learn new techniques and participate in other events. This is a great way to keep in touch and be part of NAME during these trying times.

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy, looking forward to hearing from members about their NAME Day project and any other goings on as we move into fall and the holiday season.

Lynn Jensen, A1 Regional Coordinator

## EVENTS/UPDATES

### **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](http://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](http://www.miniatureshows.com)

### **Minnesota NAME Day Event**

November 6 - 10 am - 3 pm, For more information contact Jane Sanem, [janeansanem@gmail.com](mailto:janeansanem@gmail.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](http://www.miniatureshows.com)

### **NAME Annual Business Meeting**

- Thank you to all our NAME members for your generous support this past year. The good news is that NAME is financially sound, has an exciting new online presence at the Create site and NAME will be turning 50 in 2022 and we will be celebrating all year long!! Events, projects and so much more for our members. Watch for coming announcements as we get ready to celebrate our Mini Golden Memories.
- There are three videos up on the Create site that complement the NAME Day Tiki Bar and make good club projects in connection with NAME Day or just on their own.
- There is a banana plant, bananas, and a flower to go with the banana plant and a flower garland. They are all taught by Yuko Yasunaga who also has a Palm Tree tutorial in the September/October Gazette.
- Registration for the Splintered Fairytales Online Houseparty opens Friday, September 3rd after 3PM (EDT) and you can see the Workshops, Theme Luncheons, Thursday Night Project and dealers on [Create.miniatures.org](http://Create.miniatures.org) (the link is on the Home page.)

## 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Bloomington, IL  
Contact: Sandy Staker  
309-585-0384

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

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

North Shore Miniature Society  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.  
New Lenox, IL  
Contact: Karen Dierks  
815-462-9527

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

Metro Mini Makers  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Moline, IL  
Contact: Patty Johnson  
309-912-0392

### Iowa

Miniature Club of Cedar Rapids  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9:30 a.m.  
Contact: Linda Freeland  
Marion, IA  
319-373-1993

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

The Sunday Bunch\*\*  
Meets last Saturday at 1:00 p.m.  
Bettendorf, IA  
Contact: Charlotte Ingogly  
563-508-2762

### **Minnesota**

Tiny Treasure Makers  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 1:30 p.m.  
Mankato, MN  
Contact: Vivian Siemen  
507-387-4906

### **Missouri**

Crazy About the Small Stuff  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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\*\*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month – 10 am  
St. Louis Area – Creve Coeur  
Contact: Darlene Carter  
636-227-6104  
[minidar@att.net](mailto:minidar@att.net)

Alton Miniature Club\*\*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month – 2 pm  
Alton, IL Area  
Contact: Barb Pizzini  
618-656-3603  
[pizzinifam@charter.net](mailto:pizzinifam@charter.net)

### **Wisconsin**

Madison Area Miniature Enthusiasts (MAME)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
Madison, WI  
Contact: Lori Johnson  
608-837-9092

Omaha-Council Bluffs Miniature Guild  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 1:30 p.m.  
La Vista, Nebraska  
Contact: Edna Bonney  
402-426-4624 or [ocbmguild@gmail.com](mailto:ocbmguild@gmail.com)

Midwest Miniature Guild  
1st Saturdays of February, May, and October  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact: Rebecca Bryden  
[rgbrydenmmg@gmail.com](mailto:rgbrydenmmg@gmail.com)  
[www.midwestminiatureguild.org](http://www.midwestminiatureguild.org)

St. Louis Miniature Guild  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 11:30 a.m.  
Chesterfield, Mo  
Contact: Judith Harward  
636-530-4586

MINIS ONLY  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.  
Wentzville, Mo  
Contact: Frances Geraradi  
636-887-0167

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

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

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

Lakeshore Miniature Makers  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:vfore10414@aol.com)

Iowa: Colleen Arnold  
[DAr5827406@aol.com](mailto:DAr5827406@aol.com)

Minnesota: Jane Sanem  
[janeannsanem@gmail.com](mailto:janeannsanem@gmail.com)

Missouri:  
POSITION OPEN\*\*

Wisconsin: Alician Pearce  
[ubfaep@yahoo.com](mailto:ubfaep@yahoo.com)

Regional Coordinator: Lynn Jensen  
[l2b2lylj@aol.com](mailto: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, Yarrow Brown, for sharing your wreath shop photos. If you have landed a UFO lately, please send pictures (and stories) to Meredith Hink at [zondagmd@hotmail.com](mailto:zondagmd@hotmail.com).



Before and after pictures of Quarter Scale Wreath Shop. This is a kit from Luci Hanson introduced through the NAME Cyber Club. It was originally a potting shed but Yarrow decided to make it into a dried flower and wreath shop. Yarrow said the workshop was a lot of fun and Luci worked hard to make it



easy. It included lighting which Yarrow had not tried before. All of the dried flowers were made with Flower Soft®.