

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

Winter arrived yesterday with a lovely snowfall. My garden days are over for the season so most of my activities are centered indoors for now. I am finishing up on my first Create class project – a shop class taught by Alician Pearce. Although my first foray into paper clay wasn't as successful as I had hoped I did use this opportunity to use up some odds and ends supplies, a practice I hope to repeat with more projects over the next year. If you complete any projects over the winter, please send them to me for the Spring newsletter. Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

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

Regional Coordinator News

Greetings Mini Friends,

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and I am sure you are now preparing for your Christmas, Kwanzaa, or Hanukkah celebrations. Many of you are probably also planning for your mini club holiday celebrations. I wish you all a fun time together.

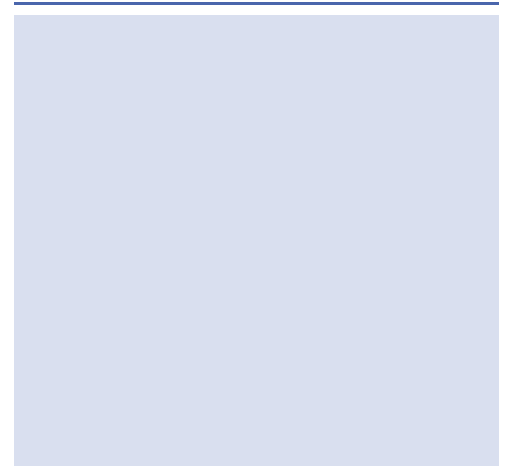
I just finished reading the latest NAME Newsletter online and have been bitten by the mint tin project. I did the library mint tin project that was in the Gazette several years ago and had a great time with it. Since then, every time I look through my magazines, I am looking for pictures that would make good background scenes. My mind is swimming with ideas.



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Several years ago I heard a rumor that Altoid was going to discontinue those great tins. Well, of course I had to run to the store to buy a bunch of them so I would have them when I came up with an idea. Now I have lots of the tins, and lots of ideas.

I would like to challenge everyone to get a mint tin and come up with a project to submit to the Create Site. Let's show everyone that Region A1 can step up to the challenge. Pictures of completed tins will be posted on the Create Site. You have until January 31, 2023, to submit your picture and a very short description of the project. See the Create Site for more information. Remember, only through sharing can we enjoy our treasures.

It is now December, and we are coming to the end of NAME's 50th Anniversary yearlong celebration. It has been a fun year with all the contributions to the celebration, and in a couple weeks, we will begin the next 50 years of making miniatures. So many wonderful things have developed over the past 50 years, I can't wait to see what the next 50 years have in store for us.

So folks, put on your creative caps and let's make the future come alive with our miniature creations. Don't be afraid to try new projects and share your creativity with others. Let's show our love of miniatures to the rest of the world and stimulate other creative people to join us in our little world.

I send my good wishes for a fun, safe and creative holiday season and a happy and prosperous 2023.

Blessing to all, Lynn Jensen

Your A1 Regional Coordinator

Events

Lakeshore Miniature Retreat June 8-11, 2023

The Lakeshore Miniature Makers (a NAME group) are sponsoring an extended weekend (June 8-11, 2023) for miniature enthusiasts to "get away from it all" and engage in Food, Fellowship and F-U-N! No workshops, sales or centerpieces. Just an opportunity to finish some of those unfinished miniature projects (UFOs) that you have in your stash. This event will be held at the beautiful Cedar Valley Retreat Center in West Bend, WI. Registration is required. If you would like more information, including pricing for lodging and meals or would like a registration form for this event, please contact Laura Graney, at Laura9326@charter.net.

T&D 2022-2023 Miniature Shows

April 27-29 2023, Chicago Spring Showcase of Miniatures Wyndam Garden Hotel, 1725 E Algonquin, IL, Thurs 12-8 Fri 10-8 Sat 9-4, Classes

May 12-13 2023, Ann Arbor Dollhouse and Miniature Show Wyndam Garden, 2900 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3, Classes on Friday

May 19-20 2023, Cleveland Dollhouse and Miniature Show, TBD, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3

June 2-3, 2023, Wisconsin Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Waukesha Expo Center, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3, Classes on Friday

June 9-10, 2023, Kansas City Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Abdallah Shrine, 5300 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3, Classes on Friday

Aug 4-5, 2023, Minnesota Dollhouse and Miniature Show, New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th Street, New Brighton, MN, Fri 5-8, Sat 9-3, Classes on Friday

Sept 15-16, 2023, Indianapolis Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Wyndam Hotel, 18592 Carousel Lane, Westfield, IN, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3, Classes on Friday

Oct 6-7, 2023, 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 10-11, 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. Like to host a NAME table at a show. Teresa is looking for NAME volunteers to host a table at all the shows. This is a fun and easy way to help NAME.

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

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.
St. John, IN
Contact: Lula Martlink
219-627-4770

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

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

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

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

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

MINIS ONLY

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

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

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

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
janeansanem@gmail.com

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

NAME Updates

NAME is a mostly VOLUNTEER run organization. Have you enjoyed attending the 2022 convention or taken a class on CREATE – this is in large part thanks to volunteers. Every person counts and the more volunteers we have the lighter the load is. Please review, complete, and return the attached volunteer form to Alician Pearce at ubfaep@yahoo.com.

Makits are back! If you have a project that you would like to make available to the members, please send a photo and all the information to Beth Grabau at beth648@yahoo.com.

NAME has a whole month of shopping going on through its "Biz"arre on Create. You can find the shopping at <https://create.miniatures.org/HolidayBizarreDirectory>

Do you know someone that loves miniatures?? Why not give them the gift of a membership this holiday? Just call Kim Ash at kim@miniatures.org to get a gift membership.



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UFO Landed

CREATE Class Creation

Submitted by: Meredith Hink

This past fall I finally signed up for my first CREATE class taught by Alician Pearce. Despite having everything set up for the class, my internet went down 30 minutes before class and stayed down the entire afternoon. Thankfully the CREATE team recorded the class so I had the opportunity to at least watch what I missed. I was excited to try the paper clay technique that Alician demonstrated but unfortunately found after two walls that it wasn't working for me. Thankfully I had plenty of stone and grout leftover from an old project. I am currently working on finishing the interior which will be an imagined scene at the candy shop from Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory featuring all the main child characters along with Willie and LOTS of candy. I hope to have this piece completed by our local spring show.



Winter Wonderland Convention Inspiration

Submitted by: Yarrow Brown



Inspired by the mini workshops that she took and the wonderful displays that she viewed at the Winter Wonderland convention Yarrow Brown completed a quarter scale trailer project, adding several of the treasures she obtained throughout the Convention to her display.



Happy New Year!

Lakeshore Miniature Makers Retreat

June 8 – 11, 2023

Nestled within the Kettle Moraine State Forest in Southeastern Wisconsin is the quaint little community of West Bend. Where city meets country, there is a haven for miniaturists known as the Cedar Valley Retreat Center. This is “a little piece of heaven on earth” that begs us to relax and focus on the important things in life, like minis and friends.

What is a miniature retreat? An extended weekend get together for up to 30 miniaturists. The retreat begins at approximately 2 PM on Thursday and concludes after lunch on Sunday. No classes, no gifts and no centerpieces. No need to bring a hair dryer, curling iron, make up or fancy clothes. This is meant to be a time to “get away from it all”, and focus on completing some unfinished objects (UFOs). Do you have any of those in your stash? Most importantly, it is meant to be a time of food, fellowship and F-U-N! The Lakeshore Miniature Makers (a NAME club) is sponsoring this event.

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

Cost – per person: \$455.00 for a single room and \$425.00 for a double room. This price is for all three nights and includes nine meals. A deposit of \$50.00, along with this registration form is due by December 1, 2022. Final payment is due by **February 1, 2023**. Rooms will be assigned when full payment is received. If you live in the area, and would like to commute to attend this event, your fee to cover the meals and some of the administrative fees is \$195.00.

Silent Auction: We plan on conducting a silent auction. You keep the proceeds. It will conclude on Saturday evening after dinner (approximately 7 PM). All items must be registered and a bid sheet filled out and attached. A member of our planning committee will take care of this upon your arrival. If there are missing pieces, it must be noted on the bid sheet. *Note: Bring cash to make purchases. No checks or credit cards will be accepted. You may bring up to 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: Laura Graney, 3622 Superior Avenue, Apt. J7, Sheboygan, WI 53081; Phone: (920) 452-9326; Email: laura9326@charter.net.

Please make checks payable to: **Laura Graney**

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LAKESHORE MINIATURE MAKERS RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

June 8-11, 2023

NAME: _____

Single Room: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Double Room: _____

Roommate's Name: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Meals only: _____