

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

It was an exciting week of Furies, fire alarms, Frozen characteries, fuzzy snowball fights, and lots and lots of mini fun! There was so much to celebrate this year, our first in-person convention after two years of cancellations, the 50th Anniversary, and A-1's own Alician Pearce stepping into her role as President. We had many first timers as well as celebrated major milestones for several A-1 members. A ballroom was packed with two years' worth of minis to unload for the garage sale. Despite promising my husband that my car would not return as full as when I left (I had four Houseparty Helpers to donate), I admit that I came home with my fair share of treasures. Check out pages 7-8 for highlights from the 2022 Winter Wonderland Convention.

Sincerely,

Meredith Hink
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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.

Regional Coordinator News

Hello mini folks. Fall is only two days away as I write this and I for one will be glad for cooler weather.

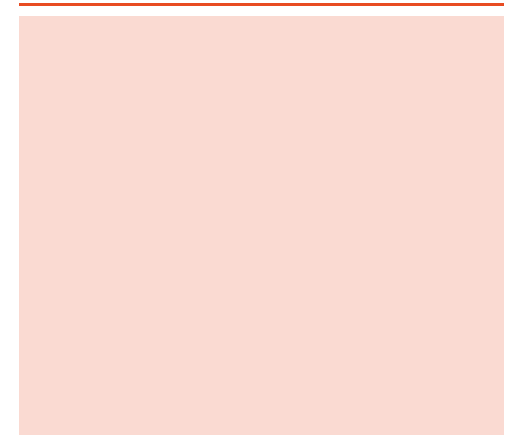
I am going to report on the recent NAME national convention, held in Indianapolis, IN. This is the first in-person event in three years, and everyone was happy and excited to be back with friends after the long hiatus. The convention committee did a wonderful job with decorations to make us feel like we were really in a Winter Wonderland. I never did find the snow piles I could have used to cool off! I was probably the only attendee who would have dived headfirst into a big pile of real, cold snow. I know I am crazy, but the heat and humidity were a bit too much for me.



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The workshops, home improvement seminars, the 50th Anniversary celebration, roundtables, garage sale, sales room, silent and live auctions were lots of fun. The garage sale was packed with wonderful treasures, and everyone came away with their bags full of new goodies. There was so much stuff at the garage sale that after it was over, remaining items were put out for anyone to take for free. I even found one item I can use!

The NAME house was open for touring on Wednesday before the convention opened. There had been a lot of work done by NAME Members to clean it up and get it ready to show off. I understand from those who were able to get to the house, it was beautiful. A special thank you to those members in the Indiana area who helped with the project.

Regional meetings and the Annual Business meeting were held on Saturday morning. Thanks to all who attended the regional meeting. Everyone received a small gift from myself for attending. The business meeting was relatively short, and we passed several by-law amendments. New officers were installed and congratulations to Alician Pearce, from A1, is our new president. We are happy and proud of you Alician and look forward to your reign as our leader.

A report from our on-line auction chair, Rhonda Keefe, was extremely exciting. She stated that we have made over \$53,000.00 from these auctions in the past year. That was wonderful news and so I encourage you to keep participating in the monthly on-line auction. There are a lot of wonderful minis, and the bidding wars are fun too.

Congratulations to Meredith Hink for winning the crossword puzzle game in the Gazette last winter. Her prize was \$10.00 worth of Houseparty Helper tickets. I never did hear if she won anything with one of those tickets, but I am sure she had fun dropping them in a container. Congratulations again Meredith.

I was chair of the Houseparty Helper committee, and it was a momentous job. After two years of no in-person events, the donations were overwhelming. We had 152 helpers and only one did not have a ticket in the container. We were able to draw the winners and distribute the helpers to the winners in an hour. Everyone appeared to be happy with their winnings and I was glad. I only had one item to find a home for at the end of the evening.

When the convention was postponed in 2020, I set my imagination to work and got sucked into the YouTube hole. In the Winter Wonderland Highlights section are pictures of some of my final creations for ticket containers for the Houseparty Helpers. I had so much fun making the containers and once they were put out with the helpers, the room looked so bright and cheerful. It was fun to see people's faces when they saw the room set up and to hear their comments. Thanks to everyone who shared your comments with me. I appreciated hearing from you.

I also want to say thank you to everyone who donated Houseparty Helpers. I am attempting to get out thank you notes but do not have names to go with many of the items. So, thank you very much, your donations are appreciated.

We did have some other excitement totally unrelated to the convention. On Friday night, about 11:30 PM, the fire alarm went off and we all had to evacuate the hotel. Of course, we could not use the elevators, so we all piled onto the stairwells and worked our way down to the ground level. We then waited about 15 minutes until the firetrucks came. As we all waved to them, they drove around the parking lot and left, without stopping. Someone yelled that it was a false alarm and we then

headed back to our rooms. I heard later that someone saw a man running through the lobby just after the alarms started but there was no confirmation of what exactly happened. Fortunately, we were all safe and there did not appear to be a real fire.

The NAME national convention will be in Cape Cod next summer. It sounds like they have lots of fun events planned for the attendees and the location is supposed to be beautiful. Rumor has it, the hotel is excited to welcome us to the area. Let us hope we do not have any unforeseen deterrents and those who cannot wait to attend will be able to go.

I hope many of you can resume meeting with your clubs in person. It is a renewing feeling to get together in person to share our hobby.

Happy Mini making, Lynn Jensen, A1 Regional Coordinator

Events

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. A list of this year's cutters

can be found at <https://miniatures.org/NAMEDay2022>

Club Liaison Lynne Hoffman is organizing club get togethers. If your club is interested in meeting with a club in another state or region, contact Lynne and she will set up a zoom to make it happen. You can email Lynne at lynnehoffmanca@gmail.com for more details.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

Iowa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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: looking for a new rep

Minnesota: Jane Sanem
janeannsanem@gmail.com

Missouri: Julie Stuckmeyer
julies3333@gmail.com

Wisconsin: Alician Pearce
ubfaep@yahoo.com

Regional Coordinator: Lynn Jensen
l2b2lylj@aol.com

Veronica Foremen, our Illinois State Rep has officially completed her service as of last month. Thank you, Veronica, for all your work and dedication to NAME as our Illinois State Rep. Anyone who is interested in considering taking over this role, please contact Lynn Jensen. You can also go the NAME website to look up the duties of the State Rep.

NAME Needs You

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.

Milestones

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a milestone NAME anniversary (note: some of these are LONG overdue as these may be for 2020, 2021, or 2022!) If you have not received your milestone pin, please contact the NAME office – kim@miniatures.org.

45 YEARS: Joann McCracken, Barbara Warner

40 YEARS: Marjorie Dickmeyer, Tammy Sutherland, Lynn Jensen, Teresa Callender, Elaine Levine

30 YEARS: Sandra Whipple, Beth Grabau, Marilyn Walls, Vera Sullivan, Donna Boyd, Stan Boyd

25 YEARS: Meredith Hink, Janice Waisman, Lynn Yaeger, Laura Graney

20 YEARS: Tammy Whithaus, Jenny Case, Joann Purcell, Becky Maganuco, Betty Hammel

15 YEARS: Frank Berman, Jane Sanem

10 YEARS: Julie Stuckmeyer, Bradley Meinke, Julia Techau

5 YEARS: Joellen Kerwin, Toni Cochran, Yarrow Brown, Linda Hiller

Winter Wonderland Highlights



Houseparty Helper Ticket Boxes



Winter Wonderland Saturday Banquet Attendees



Congratulations Julie Stuckmeyer – A-1 Ambassador Award Recipient
and Barbara Warner – 45-year member

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: _____