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# A-1 Region Newsletter

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Greetings,

I am hoping that warmer days will be ahead now that we are leaving the winter months. I can't wait to see the first flowers in bloom. There are several upcoming shows, a new scholarship announcement, and highlights from a recent 4H workshop. Enjoy!

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.

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## Regional Coordinator News

Greetings Mini Friends,

This past several months have been quiet, and I have little to report this newsletter.

The monthly NAME auctions continue to be a big success. The auction has offered items for all scales and all tastes. It has been fun trying to get my favorite item. Unfortunately, I have been out bid. I have been taking pictures of some of the items so I can maybe recreate it on my own.

I have been informed by the Regional Liaison that there is a new scholarship available to all NAME members. This scholarship will cover the cost of a one-year NAME membership, registrations to the national convention and some extra money for workshops at the convention. The form to fill out and apply for the scholarship is on the NAME website.

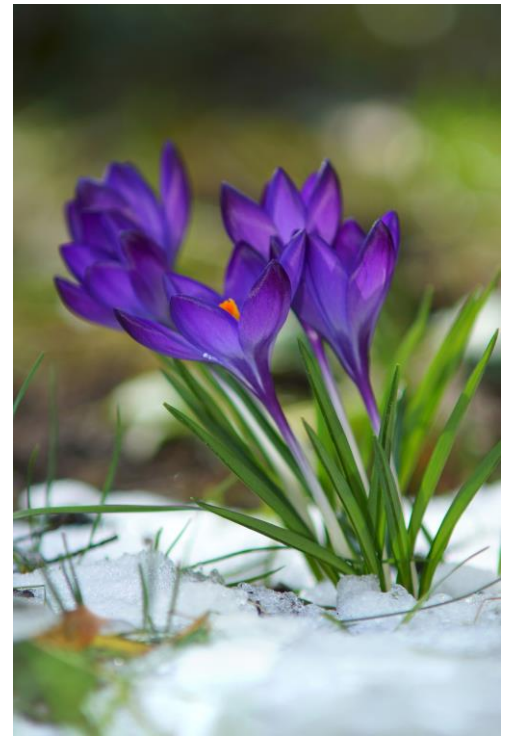
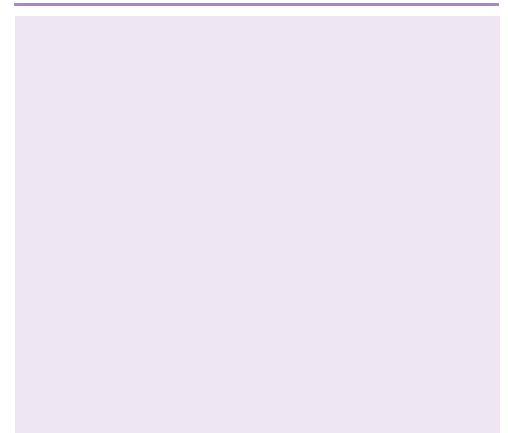


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Below is the information about the scholarship. Consider applying for this scholarship as attending a convention is a great adventure and a chance to meet other NAME members from all over the country and even the world.

Are you someone who makes miniatures and would love to join NAME members at their annual convention to share in a week of workshops and social activities but think it's only a dream? Let NAME help make your dream come true. The JFS Scholarship is valued up to \$1,000 and is intended to cover the cost of one year of NAME Membership (\$50) and Event Registration fee of \$265 with the remainder (\$685) available to help with Workshop fees and hotel reimbursement costs.

The weather reporter reminded us recently that meteorological spring starts on March first. I hope that means the weather will calm down and warm up. So happy spring everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Jensen, Region A1 Coordinator

## Events

### **Lakeshore Miniature Retreat June 8-11, 2023 (see page 7 for registration form)**

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, please contact Laura Graney at [Laura9326@charter.net](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://miniatureshows.com) or contact Teresa Zwiener at [tminiatures@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **Tom Bishop Show**

April 24-30, Marriott Chicago O'Hare, 8535 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631, for show hours and workshop information see [www.bishopshow.com](http://www.bishopshow.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](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 every two weeks 1:00-4:30 PM  
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 (773-820-1519);  
President Carla Burruss (312-404-7986)

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

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

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

## **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

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

## **Minnesota**

Midwest Miniature Guild\*\*  
1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays February, May, October  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact: Eva Donaghue  
eva@evasetceteraetc.com  
[www.midwestminiatureguild.org](http://www.midwestminiatureguild.org)

## **Missouri**

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)

## **Wisconsin**

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

Mini Moo's  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## **WEST**

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

## **MINIS ONLY**

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

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

Lakeshore Miniature Makers  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

\*\* Non-NAME clubs

## State Representatives

Illinois: looking for a new rep

Iowa: Beth Grabau  
[greta@alumni.iastate.edu](mailto:greta@alumni.iastate.edu)

Minnesota: Jane Sanem  
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Regional Coordinator: Lynn Jensen  
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## NAME Updates

Registration is filling fast for the August 17-20, 2023, National Convention in Hyannis, Cape Cod, MA. For more information go to <https://miniatures.org/2023CapeCod>

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](mailto:ubfaep@yahoo.com).

## 4H Class Highlights

Submitted by: Meredith Hink

Recently I was invited to conduct a miniature workshop with a local 4H group. In the winter I love pouring hours over seed catalogs and books on gardening. I recently finished reading *Indestructible Houseplants* by Tovah Martin and decided to give a workshop on creating a terrarium. I started by having the group create the base by lining the bottom of a miniature display box with black foam for dirt, "moss," and tiny rocks. Then we had fun creating African violets, nerve plants, ferns, and snake plants out of paper cut-outs, plastic plants, and twist ties. The participants especially loved working with the snake plants because they got to choose their colors. Some chose the two-tone traditional green while others chose purple, pink, and even silver. I was highly impressed by their hard work and the fact that they finished their terrariums in under an hour. It was great fun for the participants and teacher. I can't wait to see these pieces at the next county fair.



**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://uccci.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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_