
June 2025

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

Summer is here! I have made some head way on a few UFOs during a "spring clean" of my miniature collection. I hope to keep the momentum going despite it being the busy season for gardeners. Thankfully, some of my projects involve mini gardens so I hope to take inspiration from life.

In this newsletter I am introducing a new section for reader participation. It is called "Pass It On." I hope you will consider contributing. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Meredith Hink
Newsletter Editor
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PS: Our next newsletter will be published in September so please send me your updates anytime throughout the summer.

Regional Coordinator Notes

Greetings,

As I write this message, the weather is finally beginning to show signs of approaching summer. No coat weather, I love it.

Have you read your latest Gazette? It is wonderful. We have a new editor, and I was extremely impressed with her work. There were so many pictures, I spent over an hour looking at them. I am always amassed at the talent we have in our organization. So many wonderful creations.

I was not aware of the two deaths written up in this issue, and was saddened to hear Bruce Steinke and Shawn Betterly had passed away. I feel privileged to have known them both and had the opportunity to work on some of their kits. I will treasure those projects. My thoughts and prayers go to both families.



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The Gazette also has the updated by-laws available for review. The By-Laws committee has worked extremely hard to clean up the language and make them more understandable. If you have any comments or questions, please pass them along to your friends who will be attending the business meeting in Cincinnati or feel free to send me your questions or comments and I will take them to Cincinnati. I will include responses in my next newsletter message.

It was great to see many of you at the Schaumburg show in April. It was busy all three days and I was excited to see many younger people in attendance. Some of them were explaining about their dollhouses to friends. I felt increased hope for our hobby. I encouraged them to join NAME.

The Gazette also had pictures of the NAME Day project for this year. For those of you who know me, I love to do garden related projects. I am excited about the project and am already planning my decorations in my head.

I want to thank those of you who sent me your club reports. I do appreciate you passing the information along to me.

I have a request. Could the member who contacted me about the Illinois State Rep position please send me your information again. I moved in September and then spent 5 months trying to get my condo ready to sell. I lost a lot of messages during that time and feel bad I did not get back to lady who contacted me. Please forgive me, I would love to talk with you.

Hope everyone has a great summer. I was talking with my family today and it looks like it is going to be even hotter this year than last year. So, stay cool, have fun, stay safe, and let visions of miniature projects swim through your head.

Lynn Jensen, A1 Regional Coordinator

Events

T&D Miniatures Shows 2025 Schedule

June 6 & 7, Kansas City Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Abdallah Shrine, 300 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park KS, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3, Classes on Friday

August 1 & 2, Minnesota Dollhouse and Miniature Show, New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th Street NW, New Brighton, MN, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3, Classes on Friday

September 5 & 6, Tennessee Dollhouse and Miniature Showcase, Patriot Hall, 320 Emberson Dr, Ringgold, GA, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3

September 12 & 13, Indianapolis Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Wyndham Hotel, 18592 Carousel Lane, Westfield, IN, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3, Classes on Friday

Oct 3 & Oct, 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 7 & 8, Chicago Autumn Showcase of Miniatures, Wyndam Garden Hotel, 1725 E Algonquin, Schaumburg IL, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3, Classes Friday, Exhibits

Want to host a NAME table at a T&D show? Contact Teresa Zwiener at tminiatures@gmail.com; 314-277-2601.

Club Information

Illinois

Midstate Minimakers of Illinois
Meets every two weeks 1:00-4:30 PM
Bloomington, IL
Contact: Sandy Staker
309-585-0384

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

The 993 Club
Meets Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.
St. John, IN
Contact: Lula Martlink
219-627-4770

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

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

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)

North Shore Miniature Society
Meets 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Sharon Zingery
773-262-7699

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

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

Minnesota

Midwest Miniature Guild**

1st or 2nd Saturdays February, May, October

Minneapolis, MN

Contact: Eva Donaghue

eva@evasetceteraetc.com

www.midwestminiatureguild.org

Missouri

Dream Builders (all scales welcome) **

3rd Wednesday of the Month – 10:30 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

Lakeshore Miniature Makers

Meets 3rd Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Sheboygan, WI

Contact: Elaine Dunisch

920-452-4798

Retreat Into Miniatures (RIM)

Meets second weekend (Friday-Sunday) October

Cedar Valley Retreat Center – West Bend, WI

Contact: Carolyn Mitchell

414-355-8492

** Non-NAME clubs

State Representatives

Iowa: Beth Grabau

greta@alumni.iastate.edu

Minnesota: Jane Sanem

janeannsanem@gmail.com

MINIS ONLY

Meets 1st Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Wentzville, Mo

Contact: Frances Gerardi

636-887-0167

Milwaukee Miniatures

Meets 1st Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Greenfield, WI

Contact: Carolyn Mitchell

414-355-8492

Mini Diversions

Meets Sundays every couple of months

Greenfield, WI

Contact: Lynn Jensen

414-235-8193

Three Rivers Miniature Club**

Meet Saturdays once a month

La Crosse, WI

Contact: Yarrow Brown

Yarrowbrown74@gmail.com

Wisconsin: Alician Pearce

ubfaep@yahoo.com

Regional Coordinator: Lynn Jensen

l2b2lylj@aol.com

WANTED: Illinois and Missouri State Representatives

The job is not time-consuming. You are requested to host a NAME table at any shows in your area and be available for clubs in your state as a resource person. You will receive annual reports from the clubs in the state of Illinois/Missouri and then are asked to compile those reports and submit a report to the Regional coordinator in May of each year. The RC then sends a report to the national RC liaison, so NAME knows what we have all been up to for the year.

Please consider taking this position and help keep NAME informed of what our members are doing. Please contact Lynn Jensen, the A1 Regional coordinator if you are interested. Contact information for Lynn, L2B2LYJ@aol.com or call 414-405-0815.

NAME Updates

Alician Pearce is looking for people that would be willing to help at the National Convention in Missouri for 2028. If interested, please contact Alician at ubfaep@yahoo.com.

Pass It On

Submitted by Meredith Hink

Only through sharing can we really enjoy our treasures. One of the things that attracted me to NAME is their motto. I am a believer in stewardship, that we are the caretakers of the things we have been blessed with, and that part of that caretaking involves finding places to pass on our treasures when they could be put to better use or enjoyed elsewhere.



A few years ago, a fellow miniaturist was cleaning her supply stash and gifted me with some colored acrylic pieces. Sadly, those pieces never found a purpose in my miniature projects. Then one fall day I ran across a *PBS Wisconsin Life* episode that featured two University of Wisconsin – La Crosse employees and their entourage of volunteers who make homemade wooden toys to give away to families who can't afford toys at Christmas. I thought of those acrylic pieces and tracked down their contact information. They gladly accepted my donation. The year I donated they were making toy blocks cut into the shapes of buildings and houses and painted with chalkboard paint so

recipients could decorate them with chalk to create the house or building of their dreams. They used the acrylic pieces as walkways and ponds. The items were donated to Afghan refugees temporarily living at that time at Ft. McCoy. I was glad my donation could be used to bring joy to others.

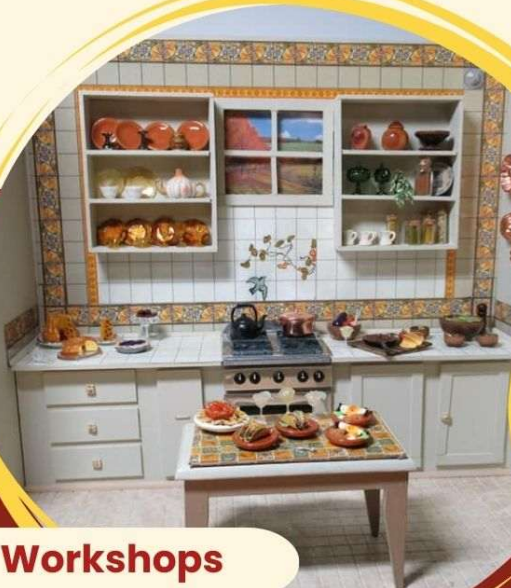
I believe giving has an infectious nature and that stories can inspire others to give. What minis have you passed on to others, be it a friend, family member, or charitable cause? Please send me your stories at zondagmd@hotmail.com.





RETREAT INTO MINIATURES

DO YOU ENJOY MAKING SCALE REPRODUCTIONS (Miniatures)?



Workshops



Social Networking



Connect with Nature

Want to spend a weekend with like-minded people and Create Miniatures?
JOIN US the 2nd weekend in October

- Affordable, on-site lodging
- 8 Cooked and Served Meals
- Door prizes, vendor tables, exhibits, guest speakers & more!
- Variety of classes in different scales to choose from!

**JOIN OUR
FACEBOOK GROUP!**



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West Bend, WI

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