

March 2025

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

March arrived quicker than I expected this year. Although I haven't had time to work on minis, I did get an opportunity to display five previously finished pieces at a local heritage dinner featuring German cuisine. The theme of the dinner was "gingerbread and nutcrackers." Attendees were invited to bring in beer steins and nutcrackers. My father brought in the tallest stein, a decorative piece that held about 2 quarts of beer, and I brought in the smallest which held less than an 1/8 of an ounce! In addition, I was able to display my recently completed Hansel and Gretel house, a German beer garden cart, a scene from the Nutcracker, Godfather Drosselmeyer's nutcracker workshop, and a Christkindl market stall. It was a memorable evening and a great way for me to share my love of miniatures and German cuisine with others.

Sincerely,

Meredith Hink
Newsletter Editor
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P.S. Our next newsletter will be published in the first week of June so please send me your updates anytime throughout the spring.

Regional Coordinator Notes

Greetings fellow miniaturists,

I cannot believe it is March already. The days just seem to fly by. Pretty soon it will be time for the annual NAME convention in Cincinnati. I am looking forward to all the neat events planned for the convention. I hope many of you will be able to attend the convention.

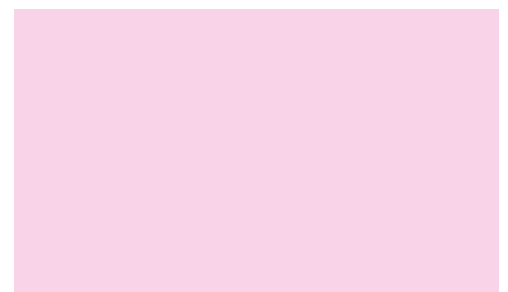
I would like to let you know that region A1 has donated money to the national convention to help defray expenses. I have heard via the grapevine that the souvenirs are great.



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For those of you coming to the shows in Chicago in April, please stop by the NAME table at the TD miniature show in Schaumburg and say hello. I will be hosting the NAME table and would love to meet all the wonderful region A1 members who come to the show. NAME representatives will also be hosting a NAME table at the Bishop show, so please stop by and say hello. Help support this wonderful organization.

Have you checked out the Create site? I have found several projects that look cute and am going to try several out. Since my move is all over, I am getting anxious to do some miniature projects.

Since I have not had time to do many minis, that is about all I have this newsletter. I hope that warmer weather will come soon.

Lynn Jensen, A1 regional coordinator

Events

T&D Miniatures Shows 2025 Schedule

April 24-26, Chicago Spring Showcase of Miniatures, Wyndam Garden Hotel, 1725 E Algonquin, Schaumburg Il, Thurs 12-8 Fri 10-8, Sat 9-4, Classes

May 9 & 10, Ann Arbor Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Wyndam Garden, 2900 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor, MI, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3, Classes on Friday

May 16 & 17, Cleveland Miniature Show, Don Umerley Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River, OH, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3, Classes on Friday

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 tdminiatures@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

Minnesota

Midwest Miniature Guild**
1st or 2nd Saturdays February, May, October
Minneapolis, MN
Contact: Eva Donaghue
eva@evasetceteraetc.com
www.midwestminiatureguild.org

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

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

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 Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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

Mini Diversions
Meets Sundays every couple of months
Greenfield, WI
Contact: Lynn Jensen
414-235-8193

Retreat Into Miniatures (RIM)
Meets second weekend (Friday-Sunday) October
Cedar Valley Retreat Center – West Bend, WI
Contact: Carolyn Mitchell
414-355-8492

Three Rivers Miniature Club**
Meet Saturdays once a month
La Crosse, WI
Contact: Yarrow Brown
Yarrowbrown74@gmail.com

** Non-NAME clubs

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

WANTED: Illinois State Representative

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 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.

Petit Point Online Course

Contributed by Natalia Frank

Unleash your creativity and indulge in the enchanting world of Petit Point with our specialized online course, "Christmas Joy: Petit Point Christmas Stockings." Perfect for both beginners and seasoned crafters, this course is your gateway to crafting timeless, miniature holiday treasures that will add a touch of charm to any festive décor in the miniature setting.



www.artofpetitpoint.thinkific.com

ON-LINE COURSE

Christmas Joy

LAKESHORE MINIATURE MAKERS RETREAT JUNE 12 – 15, 2025

What is it? A weekend get-together of up to 30 miniaturists, that begins on a Thursday afternoon and concludes after lunch on Sunday. No classes, no gifts, and no centerpieces. This will just be a fun, relaxing time to work on unfinished miniature projects or other artistic endeavors, meet old friends, and make some new ones.

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

Cost – per person: Based on three nights lodging, plus nine meals. Please note the minimal increase that was incorporated into the fees for next year's retreat. This is due to the generosity of an "angel" that donated money to cover a large portion of the cost of renting the Assembly Room for three days.

Single Occupancy: \$485.00 Double Occupancy: \$435.00 Commuters – Meals Only: \$215.00

Full payment is due by **January 31, 2025**. Complete this form, along with a \$50.00 deposit (unless you have already paid the deposit at the 2024 retreat), to reserve your spot.

Cancellations:

90 days or more prior to arrival date	100% of deposit less \$50.00 processing fee
61-89 days prior	80% of total deposit
60 days or less to arrival date	No refund

Silent Auction: We will again be conducting a silent auction. You keep the proceeds. It will conclude on Saturday evening, after dinner, around 7 PM. All items must be registered and a bid sheet attached. If there are missing pieces, it must be noted on the bid sheet. Bring cash, as no checks or credit cards, will be accepted. You may bring up to ten items.

Free Table: There will be a free table. But, be sure the item has some value. DO NOT BRING JUNK!!!

Contact Person: Laura Graney Email: Laura9326@charter.net Phone: (920) 452-9326

Please make checks payable to: Laura Graney



LAKESHORE MINIATURE MAKERS RETREAT JUNE 12-15, 2025

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ Single room _____
ADDRESS: _____ Double room _____

Roommate's name: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____ Meals only: _____



RETREAT INTO MINIATURES

DO YOU ENJOY MAKING SCALE REPRODUCTIONS (Miniatures)?

Social Networking

Workshops

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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