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# A-1 Region Newsletter

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Greetings,

With the chill of winter in the air it's time to pull out your favorite hot beverage recipe. For me it's a good homemade chai. I love sharing a pot of my chai with my miniature friends or just curling up with a good cup while I am working on a project or two on a snowy day. Wishing you a safe and cozy holiday season!

Sincerely,

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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 winter.

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## Regional Coordinator New

Greeting Mini Friends,

Winter has reared its head and now is the time to dig into my minis. I recently moved and I have missed just sitting at my worktable and working on mini projects. As I was packing, I filled several boxes with projects and mini supplies to take to the national convention in Cincinnati next summer for the garage sale. I hope many of you can attend next year's convention.

I attended the national convention in Franklin, TN, this past August and had a wonderful time. The events and projects were great, and everyone appeared to be having a great time. On this trip I had time to visit the Franklin area, and it was beautiful. It is a very quaint old town and the shops were fun.

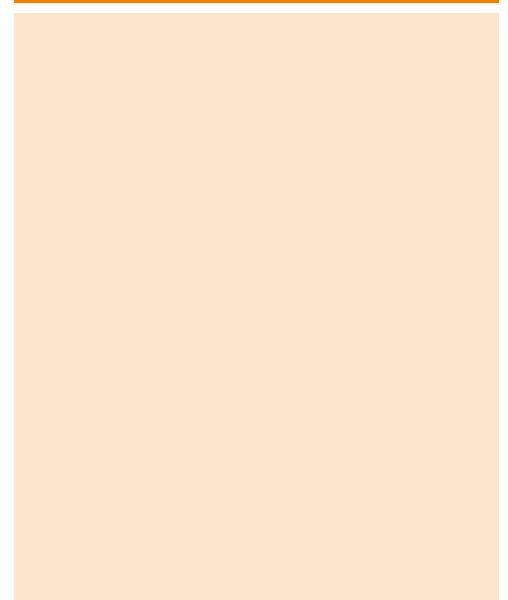
The NAME Create site has had some great projects in the past several months. The auctions have been full of lots of wonderful items too. I look forward to the newsletters each month for new



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ideas and opportunities to make new items. So many exciting projects and never enough time!

I am still looking for an Illinois State representative. If you are, or someone you know is interested in being more involved with NAME, please contact me and I will be happy to let you know what the position involves.

Wishing you all a safe and fun holiday season and may all your mini wishes come true this season.

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tminiatures@gmail.com); 314-277-2601.

### **Lakeshore Miniature Makers**

Lakeshore Miniature Makers hold a get-together June 12-15<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Cedar Valley Retreat Center in West Bend, WI. Registration is required. If you would like more information, please contact Laura Graney, at [laura9326@charter.net](mailto:laura9326@charter.net). See last page for registration form.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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)

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)

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

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

### WEST

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

## **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)

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

## **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

Milwaukee Miniatures  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Greenfield, WI  
Contact: Carolyn Mitchell  
414-355-8492

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

Lakeshore Miniature Makers  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
Contact: Yarrow Brown  
Yarrowbrown74@gmail.com

Mini Diversions  
Meets Sundays every couple 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: Barbara Engel  
retreatintominis@yahoo.com

\*\* 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  
[janeansanem@gmail.com](mailto:janeansanem@gmail.com)

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



*NAME Address Reminder!*

The PO Box for NAME is officially closed!!  
Please remember going forward to mail everything to the street address.

**130 North Rangeline Road  
Carmel, IN 46032**

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## NAME Convention 2025 and 2028 Updates

The NAME Roundtables will be on the Create site soon. [Miniatures | Create.Miniatures.org](https://www.createminiatures.org)

Alician Pearce is looking for people that would be willing to help at a National Convention in Missouri for 2028. If interested, please contact Alician at [ubfaep@yahoo.com](mailto:ubfaep@yahoo.com).



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