

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

It still feels like summer outside, but fall is just around the corner! If you are like me, you might use your fall time as a transition from outdoor work to indoor work. If you don't have outdoor work, you might use it as a time to prepare for the fall and winter holiday season. Like me, you also might feel a twinge of sadness as the daylight hours start to wain during this season. But I hope you also will find joy and inspiration as we witness the fall foliage show when the leaves take on their "true color" just before they carpet the ground. Happy fall!

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

Greetings mini friends,

Summer is ending and hopefully the heat will leave too! I for one am not a heat person and so this past month has been difficult. I hope you have all stayed safe and cool over this summer.

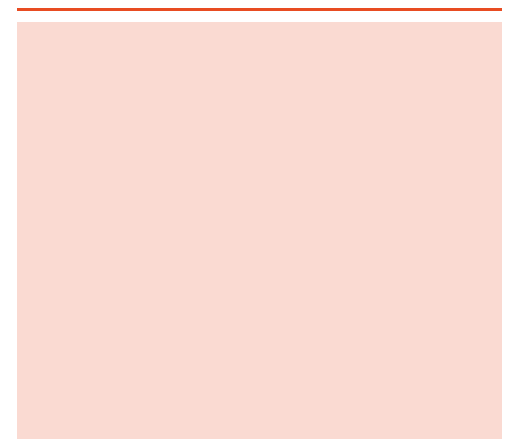
Weather aside, I have had a busy summer with several miniature related events. In June, the Lakeshore Miniature Makers of Sheboygan hosted their annual retreat at Cedar Valley Retreat center just outside of West Bend, WI. It is a 3-day retreat when registrants can get away from their day-to-day grind, sit back, work on minis and relax in a very peaceful Wisconsin country atmosphere. There are no classes, no sales tables and no meetings, just simple relaxation and a chance to work on some of your unfinished projects. The meals are good too. There is a lot of



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comradery and catching up with friends. If you are interested in joining our weekend, send me an email and I'll provide you with more information.

In August, I attended the NAME National Convention in Franklin, TN. It was a great convention, and the schedule kept everyone busy. For only having 2 years to pull together this convention, Chairs Lynn Montgomery and Marion Harrel and their committee did an excellent job with the convention. The hotel was nice and the weather in Franklin was hot but nice.

I want to thank all those members of region A1 who attended the regional meeting. We learned about some exciting events coming up from Nancye Claypool, the regional coordinator liaison, and met some very nice members of region A2. Since there were only 2 A2 members at the convention, we combined our meeting.

The NAME board presented an informative annual meeting. The discussion of the revised by-laws was tabled due to no parliamentarian being present at the meeting. There may be some changes to the by-laws before next year, so if you have any input on those presented to us earlier this year in the Gazette, please contact myself or a member of the by-laws committee to provide your input. The Create site continues to be very active and I understand there will be lots of new projects coming. Be sure to check the NAME bi-monthly newsletter for exciting new projects and ideas. There are also going to be changes in the NAME website over the next few months, so keep watching for updates.

A1 is still looking for an Illinois State representative, so if you would be interested, please contact me and I am happy to tell you about the position.

As the current A1 Regional Coordinator, I have been serving in this position for about 6 years. The rules state the RC position is for 2 years and may continue for an additional 2 years. That being said, I am way over my time as RC. If you would be interested in learning more about this position and are interested in taking over for me, please contact me. I would love to talk with you.

I hope you all have a nice and safe fall. Time to get those minis out and work on completing them.

Lynn Jensen, A1 regional Coordinator

Events

September 6 & 7 2024 Tennessee Dollhouse and Miniature Showcase Patriot Hall, 320 Emberson Dr, Ringgold, GA, Fri 4-8pm, Sat 9am-3pm

September 13 & 14 2024 Indianapolis Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Wyndham Hotel, 18592 Carousel Lane, Westfield, IN, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3pm, Classes on Friday

Oct 4 & 5 2024 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 8 & 9 2024 Chicago Autumn Showcase of Miniatures, Wyndam Garden Hotel, 1725 E. Algonquin Rd., 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.

Retreat into Miniatures

Retreat into Miniatures is a weekend of fun, fellowship, and workshops October 11-13th at the beautiful Cedar Valley Retreat Center in West Bend, WI. Registration is required. If you would like more information, please contact Barbara Engel, at retreatintominis@yahoo.com. 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 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

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

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

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
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

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

NAME Day

This year all the past NAME Day kits are being re-offered. Approved cutters were listed in the Gazette. If you would like more information go to the 2024 NAME Day General Information tab located on the NAME Day page on the miniatures.org website.

Are you planning an event for NAME Day? Don't forget to register it, a registration form can also be found on the NAME Day website.

NAME Convention 2025 and 2028 Updates

Workshop, Theme Luncheon, and dealer applications are due Nov. 1, 2025, for the 2025 National Convention in Cincinnati [2025 Cincinnati, OH National Convention | National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts](#)

The NAME Roundtables will be on the Create site soon. Miniatures | Create.Miniatures.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.

A-1 Region Updates

2024 Iowa State Fair

Submitted by Beth Grabau

This year's fair included almost 70 exhibits, some of which were from Iowa NAME members. Iowa exhibitors included: Terry Cook, Terri Neuzil, Lauren Koehler, Tia Eggers, and Beth Grabau. All of these exhibitors placed at least 3rd in their respective classes. Cindy Hass of the WEST Miniature Club did an outstanding job taking photos of all the entries. These photos can be seen on the WEST Miniatures

Club of Central Iowa Facebook page. Below are just a few examples from all the wonderful photos posted on Facebook. Please take the time to check them out and leave some well-deserved positive feedback!



Lakeshore Miniature Makers Display at Mead Public Library

Submitted by Laura Graney

The Lakeshore Miniature Makers have been keeping busy. They recently put together a display of their miniature treasures at the Mead Public Library in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Most miniatures are either 1" or 1/4" in scale. A1 members will probably recognize the barns, from a project that was taught at the Small Scale Houseparty in Madison, WI, in 2015.

The miniatures illustrate the wide range of talents within our members. Some projects are homemade, some are from kits. Some are gifts received from fellow miniature enthusiasts.

The pictures also illustrate the concept of utilizing various "containers" to make "fine art" miniature masterpieces. Hopefully, this will encourage others to "think outside of the box". Not all miniatures need to be a "dollhouse". It is OK, to think "small". As we all know, the best things come in "small packages!"

Members of our 2024 Lakeshore Miniature Makers are: Bob Mueller, Elaine Dunisch, Lynn Jensen, Jo Ellen Sweet, Michelle Goking, Elinor Czarnecki and myself (Laura Graney).

What a great way to promote miniatures in their community. If your club has recently displayed their miniatures share the word by sending photos and information to Meredith Hink at zondagmd@hotmail.com.



Lakeshore Miniature Makers Retreat – June 13-16, 2024

Submitted by Laura Graney

What can be done at a “Miniature Retreat?”



You can complete UFOs! Do you recognize this barn? It was one of the projects taught at the 2015 Madison (WI) Small Scale Houseparty. Now, it is no longer a UFO. It is a completed “fine art” masterpiece!

You can start a new project, where you go from “concept” to “realization”!

Or, you don’t have to work on a miniature project at all. You can tap into any craft where you can demonstrate your artistic talent!

The most important thing is to have F-U-N! And that is not hard to do, when you are among fellow miniaturists or other artists that are as passionate about their hobby, as you are!

Come, join in the fun! Our next Lakeshore Miniature Makers Retreat will be held from June 12-15, 2025, at the Cedar Valley Retreat Center, in West Bend, WI.

For more information, contact Laura Graney, at Laura9326@charter.net, or (920) 452-9326.

RETREAT INTO MINIATURES

Social Time with Friends and Workshops All Weekend

October 11- 13, 2024

Join a weekend get-together with 45 people who love miniatures. The weekend starts on Friday with a continental breakfast and concludes with lunch on Sunday. We meet at Cedar Valley Retreat Center, West Bend. Some participants share rooms in the main lodge and log cabin. Meals are served buffet style. Registration, which includes meals and lodging, is \$425.

Workshops are offered Friday through Sunday morning. Past workshops have varied from \$25 to \$75.

Many on-site attendees come on Thursday evening, at an additional cost, to enjoy social time with friends.

For more information contact:

Barbara Engel, email: retreatintominis@yahoo.com, phone: 414-531-1637

IT IS A GREAT WEEKEND FOR SOCIAL TIME WITH FRIENDS AND GREAT WORKSHOPS. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US.

