
June 2023

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

How quickly time flies as the weather warms up. Despite the long daylight hours I can't seem to find enough time or energy to get everything done. There are many exciting mini events coming up – keep reading for more information!

Sincerely,

Meredith Hink
Newsletter Editor
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P.S. Our next newsletter will be published the first week of September so please send me your updates and finished project pictures anytime throughout the summer.

Regional Coordinator News

Greetings A1 miniaturists,

I hope everyone had a nice Memorial Day weekend and are enjoying the much-awaited summer like weather.

It was great to see many of you at the miniature show in Schaumburg last month. I enjoyed the show and a chance to see some new dealers. I did not make it to the Bishop show, as I worked the NAME table at the TD Miniatures show, but from the chatter, it sounded like it was a good show. After the events of the past three years, it felt great to have some normalcy and see old friends again. I also appreciate the opportunity to stimulate my creativity again.

In case you missed it, the latest Gazette now has a list of people who are cutting kits for the NAME Day project for October. I had the opportunity to see the project put together and it is cute. There are so many possibilities to create a display. I hope your clubs will consider working on this project, or if there is going to be a NAME Day event in your area, you will attend it. If you don't have people to get together with, you can order a kit from one of the cutters listed in the Gazette and work on it yourself. There are also samples

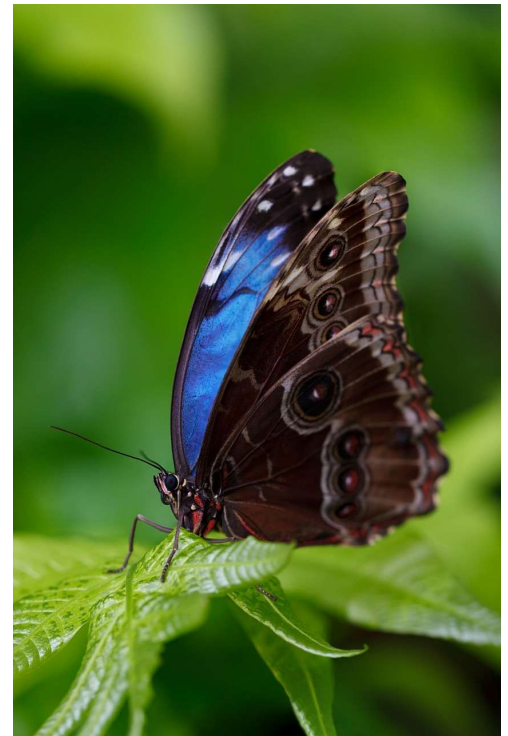
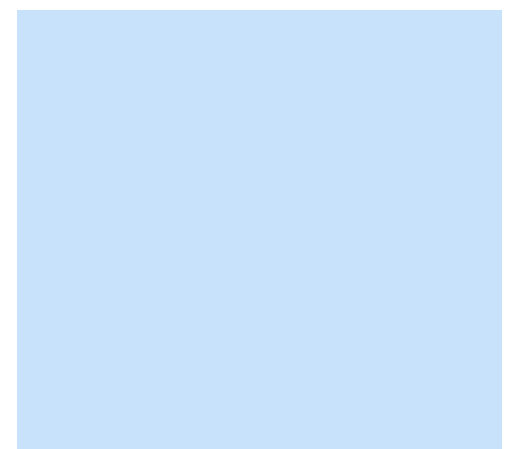


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of completed projects in the Gazette. If you do the project, send Meredith a picture so we can share it with other Region A1 members.

The annual business meeting will be held at the convention in Cape Cod in August. There will be discussions relating to updating several of the by-laws. Please review the information in the Gazette and if you are unable to attend the meeting, make arrangements to get your proxy vote to a board member. As members of NAME, it is everyone's responsibility to be part of the governing process.

I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer. Until next time,

Lynn Jensen, A1 regional Coordinator

Events

Lakeshore Miniature Retreat June 8-11, 2023

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 or would like a registration form for this event, please contact Laura Graney, at Laura9326@charter.net.

T&D 2022-2023 Miniature Shows

~~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 cancelled per show organizer.~~

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 10th 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 or contact Teresa Zwiener at 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.

When you know of an upcoming miniature related event in your area, please send a description of the event to zondagmd@hotmail.com.

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: Dee Dee Whipple
224-723-5521

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

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

Mini Moo's
Meets 2nd Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Manitowoc, WI 54220
Contact: Kay Felde
920-686-0804

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 or Winona, MN
Contact: Yarrow Brown
Yarrowbrown74@gmail.com
** Non-NAME clubs

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

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

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

NAME Updates

Camp Make-A-Mini will be held in July.

NAME will be having Quick Minis available again in July 2023 for Camp Make-A-Mini. Do you make small kits with the cost up to \$15?? Then you can apply to sell Quick Minis! For Camp, our project is a Shepard's hut and they will be available in 1/2" scale and 1/4" scale. Although it is nice to have kits and projects that are theme related, it is not necessary.

If you would like to offer some Quick minis, please go to the Create website to download the application, or you can email me at ubfaep@yahoo.com.

Deadline to submit your application is June 30, 2023. No applications will be accepted after that deadline.

Regional Updates

Iowa Update

Submitted by Beth Grabau

Iowa's miniature clubs met for its annual Combined Day on March 18th, Each year this day is held at the public library in Coralville, Iowa. This year's event was hosted by Metro Minimakers complete with a project that was designed by the late Patty Johnson. The project was a Christmas shadow box completed with a shelf and table to hold the items. Metro's members included small kits to complete the project. Exhibits, door prizes, exchanges and a potluck rounded out the day. Plans are already in the works for next year's event.

Wisconsin Update

Submitted by Alician Pearce

Wisconsin is hosting a National NAME Day event!! All NAME members are welcome. We will be doing a three-sided vignette. The event will be held at Festival Foods in Janesville, Wisconsin, on October 7th this year. The address is 2233 Humes Rd, Janesville, WI 53545. The community room is upstairs, and they do have an elevator. Space is limited though, so it is first come first served. Festival does have a wonderful deli. The event will run from 10 – 2pm. We will also be offering Roundtable kits again this year. And can be any kind of a kit up to \$15 each. Please fill out the form on the following page and mail it back to Alician Pearce, with a small deposit, by August 15, 2023.



Wisconsin National NAME Day

Registration form

Your Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Workshop cost is \$35. You will need to bring a glue jig, your toolbox, wallpaper paste and any papers that you might want to use. I will have some, but not a lot of variety.

Additional kits will be available this year.

1" scale \$18 each additional

½" scale \$15 each additional

¼" scale \$12 each additional

I would like to make roundtable kits to sell yes no

This year we are again having tote bag favors. I am looking for donations for the totes. If you would like to donate totes, please have them to me by Sept 19, 2023. I am limiting the group to 20, but groups of 10 would be appreciated.

Donating totes? ____yes _____no

Houseparty Helpers*

We will once again have House party helpers. These are items that will be raffled off to help with the cost of the event and to give back to NAME. These items should be at least \$15 in value. Please have all items to me by Sept 15, 2023.

Donate a houseparty helper? _____yes

Please send the above forms with your name and address, and a \$10.00 deposit for each workshop, balance due Oct. 7, 2023

Alician Pearce
605 Wexford Rd
Janesville, WI 53546

Confirmations will be sent via email, so check your email address! Those without email, will be sent via snail mail.