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# A-1 Region Newsletter

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Greetings,

I'm starting to feel that nip in the morning air and have noticed some of the trees starting to turn their autumnal hues. You know what that means? It's pumpkin spice season! It also means that my outdoor hours as a gardener will start to shorten so I will have more time soon to spend inside with my minis, perhaps planting a "mini" garden to remind me of this past summer. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

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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.

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## Regional Coordinator News

Greetings miniature friends,

As I write this letter, the National NAME convention is just concluding. I have looked at some of the photos from the convention and it looks like everyone was having fun. There were some wonderful looking auction items, and I heard the food was very Northeast. Next stop is Tennessee in August 2014.

I hope everyone is surviving the heat and crazy weather this summer. I have been able to stay in the house and work on minis. I have been working on tote bag favors for our upcoming NAME Day event. As always, I am really looking forward to this event. It is a chance to get together with mini friends and work on the same project as a group. Check with your club president or state rep to see if there are any events going on in your area for NAME Day. The NAME website and Gazette also has listings of events.

There has been a lot of discussion about ways to increase our memberships. One suggestion I would like to make is if you have

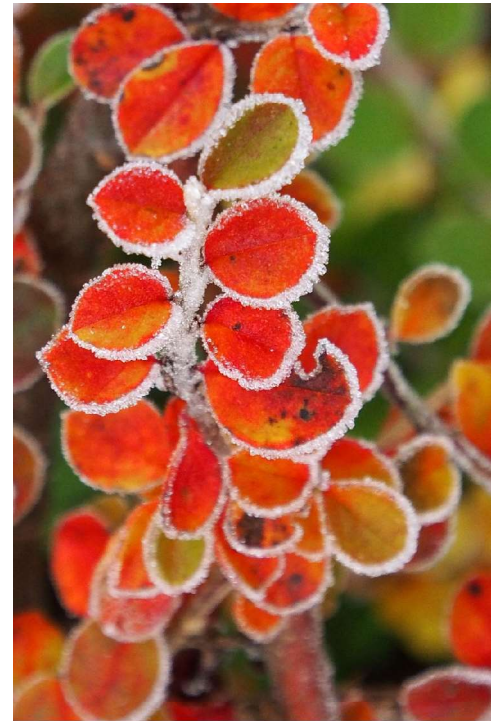
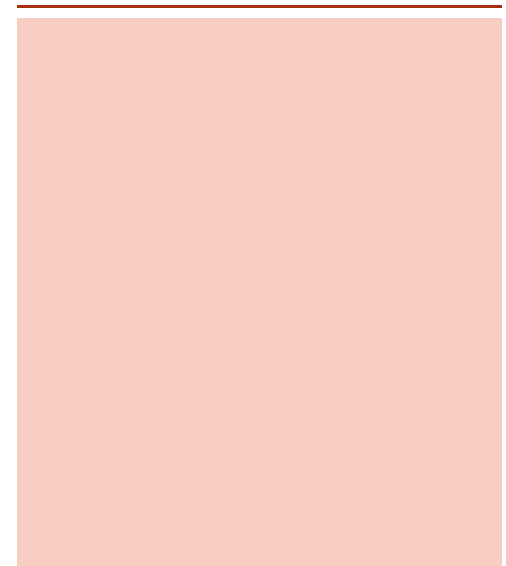


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local county or state fairs, find out if there is a category for miniatures, and enter some of your completed projects. I used to do that when I lived in Washington state, and it was so much fun. Our fair also had demonstration booths and I would sign up to work a couple times during the fair. I would take a project and sit there working on it while fairgoers walked by. I would explain what miniatures are about and what I was doing. I loved to explain how I used recycled items to make a miniature project. Exhibits were judged by a well-known miniaturist and exhibitors were always excited when they won a ribbon.

If your local fairs don't have miniature exhibits, contact the fair administration to see if you can start an exhibit program. It might take a couple years but keep at it. It could open a whole new world for fairgoers and possibly bring in new members.

With fall right around the corner, I hope clubs will resume their regularly scheduled meetings. I know many have missed contact with fellow miniaturists. We all need contact with our friends and so get your shots to prevent illnesses and get together to have fun. Let Meredith know what your clubs have been doing and include pictures to share with us all.

Just a quick update, I still need a state representative for Illinois. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact me.

Please stay safe and cool and keep creating wonderful minis.

Lynn Jensen, A1 Regional Coordinator

## Events

### **T&D 2022-2023 Miniature Shows**

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](http://miniatureshows.com) or contact Teresa Zwiener at [tminiatures@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 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: Dee Dee Whipple  
224-723-5521

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> Tuesday  
Greenfield, WI  
Contact: Carolyn Mitchell  
414-355-8492

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

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 or Winona, MN  
Contact: Yarrow Brown  
[Yarrowbrown74@gmail.com](mailto:Yarrowbrown74@gmail.com)  
\*\* Non-NAME clubs

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

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

## **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)

## Regional Updates

### Wisconsin Update

Submitted by Meredith Hink

The Three Rivers Miniature Club recently did a summer display at the La Crosse County Main Branch Library. The librarians said we received a lot of interest from patrons of all ages, especially children.

Also, I am happy to report that several of the 4H students I mentioned in the March edition submitted their terrariums to the La Crosse County fair and were rewarded for their creativity with ribbons. I was so proud to see their work on display. As Lynn said, working with local groups like 4H that display at county fairs is a great way to generate interest in miniatures. Interested in adding miniatures to your 4H curriculum? Feel free to contact me at [zondagmd@hotmail.com](mailto:zondagmd@hotmail.com).

