
June 2024

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

Wow, where did the first five months of 2024 go! Summer is here and I am up to my waist literally and figuratively in planting. Right now, I am enjoying the blossoms in my garden, in particular my peonies. I hope to re-create them in miniature sometime for my mini garden. So many exciting events coming up this summer – make sure you read on for details!

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 fellow miniaturists,

I hope everyone is doing well. I have been thinking about those of you in Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri. I pray you have made it through the awful storms safely.

I was happy to see many of you at the miniature show in April. It was a great show, and I am so excited about the new members we recruited. I welcome you all and look forward to your getting involved in our organization. There are so many great people in NAME, wonderful friends, and exciting new ideas to come our way.

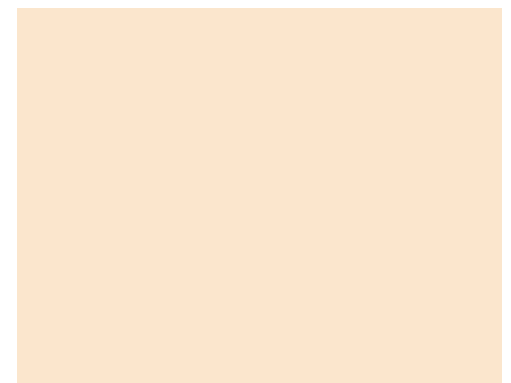
I hope many of you are coming to the national convention in Franklin, Tennessee in July/August. There are a lot of fun and exciting events planned, old friends to catch up with, and new things to learn. Just a minor warning, if you have never been to the Nashville area in summer, chances are it will be very hot and humid. Even the rain was hot, so be prepared. And, as usual, the hotel did get very cold sometimes, so bring a sweater!



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Please be sure to review the new bylaws before the annual business meeting and we will be voting to accept them.

I am still looking for an Illinois state representative. Please consider volunteering for this position. I will be available to help you but would really like to have someone in the state to help. The state reps in the other states in our region are very seasoned and are also valuable resource people.

Have a wonderful summer, stay cool and safe. Be on the lookout for special miniature treasures so you will have something to work on during the cold snowy months of winter.

Lynn Jensen, A1 Regional Coordinator

Events

June 7 & 8 2024 Kansas City Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Abdallah Shrine, 5300 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS, 66202, Fri 4-8pm, Sat 9am-3pm, Classes on Friday

August 16 & 17 2024 Minnesota Dollhouse and Miniature Show, New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th Street NW, New Brighton, MN, Fri 4-8pm, Sat 9am-3pm, Classes on Friday

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 Holiday Inn, 1000 Busse Rd, Elk Grove, 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

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

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. Ordering can be done after the approved cutters have been announced, 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 2024, 2025, and 2028 Updates

Day passes are still available for Franklin, and the TNP for Franklin is still available for those that can't make it via Zoom.

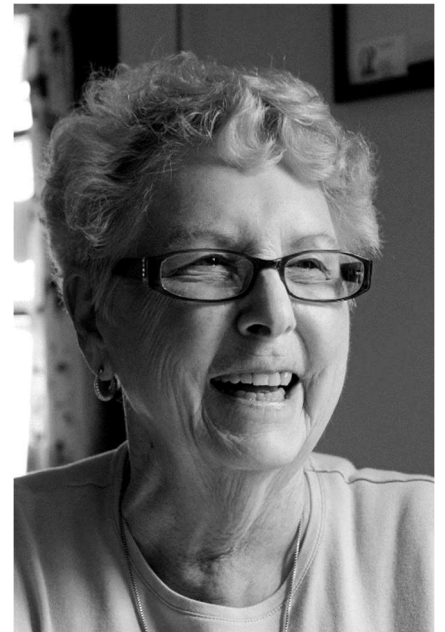
NAME is now accepting workshops, dealer apps, and Theme luncheon apps for Cincinnati next year.

Alician Peare 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.

In Memoriam: Joanne Martin – 1938-2023

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As a young girl, Joanne Urspruch Martin was ambitious and creative, knowing she could make the world a more beautiful place, and not be content to stay in the background. As a young woman she worked for a seamstress sewing curtains, and then started her own wedding business, making dresses, cakes, and flower arrangements. She was a volunteer teacher at the juvenile detention center. She was a Girl Scout herself, and then became a troop leader for many years, continuing long after her own girls had moved on. In the 1980s she joined with other miniaturist friends who wanted a permanent home for their art, and they incorporated in 1989 as the Miniature Museum of Greater St. Louis. Joanne was elected President in June, 1992 and became a driving force in the purchase, preservation and maintenance of exhibits and in 2001 opened the current Museum building. In 2014, they doubled the size of the Museum, adding a second level of exhibits. Joanne continued as President of the Miniature Museum until her death on November 2, 2023, three days after celebrating her 85th birthday.



One of her many miniature specialties was crafting amazing tiny flowers, most notably, roses. She generously shared her skills through classes, and gifted bouquets to friends, the Museum gift shop and even to nurses at doctor appointments. Her basement workshop included hundreds of various paper punches, to create them – all meticulously catalogued.

She was also known at Christmas for her labors baking 2-3 dozen TYPES of cookies, which she would share with neighbors, friends, and, gratefully, her miniature family at the Museum.

Her niece, Stephanie Lewis summed up Joanne well – “Joanne was a brilliant mind, a creative spirit, a quick wit, a fighter, a defender of underdogs, a friend to the friendless. The world was fortunate to be graced with her presence for the blink of time we had her around.”

We couldn't agree more.



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.

