

A-1 Region Newsletter

Greetings,

Since we recently observed Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to show my gratitude. I am grateful to our State Reps and Regional Coordinator who keep us informed on upcoming miniature events. I am grateful for my local miniature "tribe," friends who understand my lifelong fascination with all things small. Finally, I am grateful to you, the many members of NAME. I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and a happy 2024!

Sincerely,

Meredith Hink
Newsletter Editor
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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.

Regional Coordinator News

Greeting mini friends,

I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and didn't stuff yourself too much.

I know this is a busy time of year and most people are thinking more about all the events that go along with the holidays. I have been thinking about my minis too.

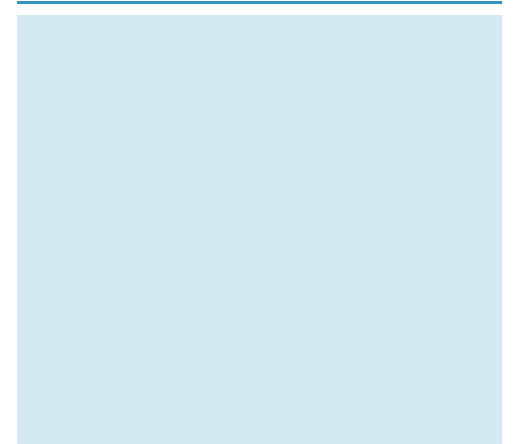
I have a house I started many years ago and came up with a great idea to finish it. Since the theme of next year's national convention is Bed and Breakfast, I am going to make that house into a bed and breakfast. Now my New Year's goal is to finish it in time to display it at the convention. I pulled it out of storage and dusted it off. Now my creative juices are working overtime. Maybe you can find an unfinished project that you really want to finish. Go for it.



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I want to inform everyone who might be thinking of registering for the convention in Franklin next year that registration will only be available through the web. No paperwork can be sent to the office. If you know friends that want to go to the convention but do not have a computer, please offer to assist them with registration. If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact me at L2B2LYLJ@aol.com. The other change to next year's convention is that there will be no tote bags. If your club wants to participate, you might consider a Houseparty Helper or an item that can be used in one of several auctions that take place during the convention. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

If you haven't checked out the Makitz project for the year, do so. There are so many possibilities for this unique mini display unit. Information is in your Gazette.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and a very happy new year. When you get too stressed out, take a few minutes to play with your minis and enjoy your creativity. Do not forget to share your minis with friends, family, and other miniaturists.

Happy Holiday to all and see you next year.

Lynn Jensen, A1 Reginal coordinator

Events

T&D 2024 Miniature Shows

April 4, 5, 6 2024 Chicago Spring Showcase of Miniatures, Wyndam Garden Hotel, 1725 E Algonquin, Schaumburg, Il, Thurs 12-8, Fri 10-8, Sat 9-4, Classes

May 10 & 11 2024 Ann Arbor Dollhouse and Miniature Show, Wyndam Garden, 2900 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor, Fri 4-8, Sat 9-3pm, Classes on Friday

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 6th & 7th 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 & Oct 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 tdminiatures@gmail.com; 314-277-2601.

Tom Bishop Show

April 1-7, 2024, Tom Bishop 2024 Chicago International Show, Marriott Chicago O'Hare, 8535 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631, Workshops April 1-5, Show Sat 10-5 & Sun 11-4; see www.bishopshow.com for workshop registration and show information

Lakeshore Miniature Makers Retreat

The Lakeshore Miniature Makers (a NAME group) are sponsoring an extended weekend (June 13-16, 2024) 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, please contact Laura Graney, at 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 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

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

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

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
Contact: Yarrow Brown
Yarrowbrown74@gmail.com

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

** Non-NAME clubs

State Representatives

Illinois: looking for a new rep

Iowa: Beth Grabau

greta@alumni.iastate.edu

Minnesota: Jane Sanem

janeannsanem@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 overly 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

Makitz



Have you ordered your Makitz yet? Cindy Hass has offered a wonderful lending library kit, with a portion of the sale price being donated to NAME. It is a 1" scale kit, but it can be adapted to other scales, such as a 1/144 "or 1/4" scale project. It is a great project to use up a few items and can be adapted to any theme. Besides books, you will lend Christmas decorations, toys, gardening supplies, food pantry, craft items, the possibilities are endless.



Kits can be ordered online through the Etsy shop TheBansheeKeen using this link: <https://etsy.me/3ozeGuX> **or using the QR code.** Questions? Please Email Cindy Hass at: TheBansheeKeen13@gmail.com.

Regional Updates

Iowa Update

Submitted by Beth Grabau

The number of entries at this year's Iowa State Fair was the biggest yet with 44 participants bringing 59 entries. Iowa club members Terry Cook, Terri Neuzil, and Lorna Whitlow were among the participants. Fairgoers that visit the Dollhouse and Miniature Room exhibits can vote on their favorite entry for a special award, The People's Choice Award. The WEST Club sponsors this award each year. This year the A-1 Region also donated a NAME membership. The People's Choice winner was Doug Ames of Marshalltown, Iowa. Congratulations and welcome Doug Ames! If you would like to see some of the wonderful exhibits, visit the WEST Miniature Club's facebook page. Member Cindy Hass does a wonderful job taking photos of all the entries.

LAKESHORE MINIATURE MAKERS RETREAT
JUNE 13 – 16, 2024

What is it? A weekend get-together of about 30 miniaturists, that begins on a Thursday afternoon and concludes after brunch on Sunday. No classes, no gifts, and no centerpieces. This will just be a fun, relaxing time to work on unfinished projects, meet old friends, and make some new ones.

Where? Cedar Valley Retreat Center, West Bend, WI -- [United Church Camps, Inc. | About Cedar Valley \(ucci.org\)](#)

Cost – per person: Based on three nights lodging, plus eight meals. (*Note: New this year: We will have brunch on Sunday, in place of breakfast and lunch).

Single Occupancy: \$475.00 Double Occupancy: \$425.00 Commuters – Meals Only: \$205.00

Full payment is due by **January 31, 2024**. Complete this form, along with a \$50.00 deposit, to reserve your spot.

Cancelled:

90 days or more prior to arrival date	100% of deposit less \$50.00 processing fee
61-89 days prior	80% of total deposit
60 days or less to arrival date	No refund

Silent Auction: We will again be conducting a silent auction. You keep the proceeds. It will conclude on Saturday evening, after dinner, around 7 PM. All items must be registered and a bid sheet attached. If there are missing pieces, it must be noted on the bid sheet. Bring cash, as no checks or credit cards, will be accepted. You may bring up to ten items.

Free Table: There will be a free table. But, be sure the item has some value. DO NOT BRING JUNK!!!

Contact Person: Laura Graney Email: Laura9326@charter.net Phone: (920) 452-9326

Please make checks payable to: Laura Graney



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LAKESHORE MINIATURE MAKERS RETREAT JUNE 13-16, 2024
REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____	Single room _____
ADDRESS: _____	Double room _____
_____	Roommate's name: _____
PHONE: _____	_____
EMAIL: _____	Meals only: _____