



REGION A3 SPRING CONVERSATIONS

A3 Spring Newsletter

Hello A3,

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during this crazy time! Thank goodness we have a wonderful hobby and I am sure all of you have plenty of unfinished projects to work on. I know I do! So many events have been canceled which has made me very sad. My husband and I had planned on going to Portland for the NAME Houseparty. We were not going to Chicago for the shows but had plans to meet my daughter and grandchildren in Hilton Head, SC and of course that was canceled also. But on the brighter side we will have shows in the future and will be so glad to be going and buying more miniatures! NAME had some great round tables and you could participate online to help make them. I ordered guardian angel kits from Karen Benson and kits from Kim Carlson for my miniature workroom. If you missed this opportunity you might be able to contact the dealer directly.

The NAME 2020 Convention, "Winter Wonderland", has been rescheduled for July 2022.

The Board believes this was the best decision at this time to keep members safe.

Please take care, stay safe and I hope to see many of you soon!

Stay safe and Happy Miniaturing!

Nancye Claypool

A3 Regional Coordinator

"Kathy Price and Mary Barrett will be taking over the A3 newsletter from Brian "Tig" Hughes Brian has taken on a lot more responsibilities with their business plus doing the promoting of Chicago International Bishop Show and trying to get caught up on some miniature projects He has loved doing the newsletter for over 3 years and glad to see it being started back. He will still be around in NAME so don't be a stranger. He will be a hard act to follow. Thanks Brian!!



Hi from Ohio ,

I hope everyone has had plenty of unfinished projects to keep you busy during quarantine. If you have finished some you should check out ohiostatefair.com/arts-crafts-fashion .

Once again, the Columbus Miniature Society is sponsoring the miniature division of arts and crafts at the fair. Entry is very inexpensive and there are ribbons and cash prizes to be won. This year's theme is Back to Wonderland .

For those clubs that have not been able to meet but would like to meet online and need assistance contact Marcia Hudspeth on NAME groups io . She is willing to help you get started with on line meetings or chats.

Heather Denniss from the Toledo Blade wrote a great article about miniatures for the Blade and interviewed members of the Toledo Area Miniature Enthusiasts. If you didn't see it on Facebook you can find it on the Columbus Miniature Society page on Facebook or on Ohio NAME News. If you're not on Facebook you can google it "It's a small world: miniaturists create a universe unto themselves "Toledo Blade 3 /8 / 2020.

Mary Barrett and I are doing the newsletter for the first time. If you have things you would like to contribute please send them to us. The same goes for the Facebook pages. They are your newsletter and your pages to participate in.

Stay safe and make minis!

Kathy Price

Future deadlines

Summer Issue July 1 articles due June 24

Fall Issue September 1 articles due Aug 24

Winter Issue December 1 articles due November 24

Well I hope this finds everyone safe and healthy. It certainly has not been the Spring I was looking forward to. But we will push on.

mary barrett

I have been working with my grandchildren to cultivate the next generation of miniaturists. The down side of this, I am starting to enjoy glitter paint!!



WIN \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE!

Visit the MINI MANSIONS website (www.minimansions.com) weekly, to sign up for a \$100 Gift Certificate to be given away by random drawing at the end of each month. Search for the "GIVEAWAY" button hidden somewhere on the site as you enjoy the new website. The winner will be notified and may shop from the website, phone order, shows or at Mini Mansions (by appointment when able). You can enter your information once a week for more chances to win. Bonus entry for each friend you refer who visits the site and enters as well! Having been to market last year, many new items are available. You may make your selection from any in-stock merchandise.

If you are doing projects and need some supplies, I am still able to mail orders to customers. Can message pictures to you for making your selection. Lots of wallpaper, wood trims, accessories, furniture & more as many of you have experienced when you have visited in the past.

Please stay safe and let me know if I can help in any way. Praying for all.

Ruth Blakeman

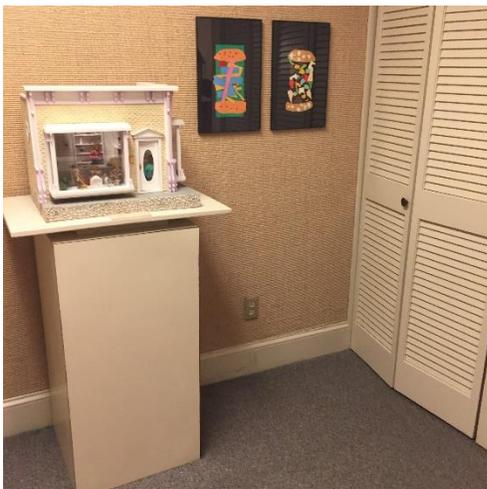
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Congratulations to Jennifer Hilliard of Kentucky for winning the April \$100 Gift Certificate to Mini Mansions! You are encouraged to enter each week (www.minimansions.com) or Facebook to win the next drawing at the end of May! Continue each month until the end of 2020. Remember 1 per family per week! Refer a friend to help get the word out!

Mini Mansions is open for orders and by appointment to shop in a safe environment when able or wanting to travel! Be Safe! Hope to see you soon!
Ruth

The Owensboro Miniature Society has had a display of approximately 25 vignettes or small shops at the Holiday Forest celebration at the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art from the end of November until January. We thank our vice president, Laurel Fant, for her commitment to this display and to those members who brought their displays. Although the club was planning to make wreaths at our February meeting, a serious fall by our teacher (member Ann Parker), we just spent the time visiting, sharing Gazettes & enjoying the miniatures of our hostess, Pat Eidson. The club was looking into doing tote bag favors for the Name Convention in Indy - but as the virus is keeping us from meeting now, we will need to try working on them from home.





Dates, Cancellations and Postponements

Talk about a crazy time....so may shows have been cancelled for the year, others moved to later in the year. **BE SURE** and check with any of the shows, before you make plans!!!!

Louisville Miniature Club News Spring 2020

Our club sure is missing being together in the last few weeks. Although one of our members set us up with Zoom meetings and it has been great seeing what minis everyone is working on! I guess none of us realized how important these get togethers were for us.

Our club had planned a retreat to Clifty Falls (IN) in March but had to reschedule for May and now we are rescheduling for October and we hope that will happen!

The Louisville Miniature Club show is on for October 10 and we are so excited! Hopefully that will take place! There have been so many shows canceled. October will be a busy month with NAME Day the first weekend, our show the next and then our retreat. It may sound crazy but by then we will all be so excited to be together after this Pandemic.

Nancye Claypool

President Louisville Miniature Club

Midwest miniature Showcase

After another great event in 2019 we began planning our 2020 show. We picked a new, very nice venue, solicited vendors and began building our customer list. We lined up an exceptionally nice dollhouse exhibit by a very talented miniaturist. And then our world changed. We've been social distancing; enjoying our miniatures at home and online. Many incomplete projects have been finished or made significant progress. But we are still in uncertain times with the Governor cautiously restarting the economy. We don't yet know when larger groups of people may gather. We are taking it one month at a time but feel we will be able to make a decision about the show in early June. When we do, we will post it so everyone is aware. As much as we love our miniatures, we love our miniaturists more. Be safe everyone.

Helen & Ginny

MINIATURES ARE MY CUP OF TEA

A good friend of mine, who isn't a miniaturist but knows I am, sent me a story on Facebook that originally appeared on BoredPanda.com. It was a story about miniature scenes in teacups and other similarly small containers. She asked that I make one for her so I thought perhaps this could be something others might enjoy doing as well. I'll send a picture of my creation so it can be published in the next newsletter. If you, too, make a teacup scene **please send a picture** so it can be included in the next issue also. I'm looking forward to this!

Ginny Stuckey



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