

Spring Tiny Tattler Notes from a Frustrated Sometimes Miniaturist:

Well Mini-Friends it is that time again! We are all looking forward to the coming miniature show and sale season in our region! It starts with the First State Mini Club of Delaware Show and Sale on Sunday, March 12, 2023, from 10am-4pm! Let's all go and support them and buy, buy, buy! I intend to go to show support by spending my little purse, and seeing any new things I can. I feel like this kicks off the spring and mini-season that runs until the Philadelphia Show in the first week of November.

Also, has everyone sent in their applications to go to the NAME National Convention from August 14-20th, 2023 if you are going to attend the pre-convention as well as the convention workshops! I am heading up to Hyannis/Cape Cod, Massachusetts on Sunday afternoon and have my reservation at the Emerald Resort already! I understand there are some issues with the website now if you have not booked a room, but the committee is working to fix this minor issue.

Yes, I am super excited. I hope you are too! It feels like it has been a long time since we have been able to really feel comfortable getting back to normal life and attending things in person. I want everyone to grab a cup of coffee, or tea, or cola, or water and make a plan to show up if possible. If not possible, maybe you could sign up to help make 10 tote bag favors through the NAME website.

I have to get busy with making my tote bag stuff, gifts for my tablemates, decide if I am donating items to the auction, door prize, garage sale, house party helper, oh no! My brain just melted down. Too many decisions and too little time. I know it feels like a long way off, but we have to make all these decisions by May 2023.

In other news, I have also signed up for a Create's Year Long Challenge. I purchased through an auction a few years ago a partially done IGMA project that has sat in the top shelf of my closet ever since due to fear (yes I am highly intimidated by this project). So far, I have gotten it out of the closet, moved it to a shelf in my craft room and started to read the booklet of instructions. That's as far as I have managed to push myself toward it. Grant me the stamina to continue. The first report on this is due March 31, 2023.

I continue to hold Zoom meetings on Fridays 11am-2pm EST for anyone to join, just ask. We mainly talk miniatures and our issues with them. Of course, we also check in with each other's health and well-being but it is mainly about minis!

Have fun and hopefully, the last vestige of winter passes us by!

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JFS Scholarship 2023 A New Tradition Develops

By Alician Pearce, President of NAME

Back in September, I got a call from Fred and Jean Scribner. They wanted to give back to the wonderful organization that they love so much, and they thought the best way to do that was by starting and funding a yearly scholarship for first-time Convention or Houseparty attendees. I LOVED the idea and got right to work on it. The team of Terry Unnold, Leanne Kirsch, Jean and Fred Scribner, and myself started working on all the details of creating a Scholarship for a first timer. After many months of hard work and back and forth emails, NAME Board has established the JFS Scholarship.

The scholarship will be for first-time Convention or Houseparty attendees. The recipient will receive up to \$1,000 for their expenses towards attending the Convention or Houseparty. The recipient does not need to be a current member of NAME, as part of the money is one-year dues to NAME. If they are a current member, it will go towards the next year of membership. They will also be guaranteed one spot in a workshop of their choice that is paid by the scholarship, the cost of the event, and part of their hotel room, all up to \$1000. The application for the scholarship is on the miniatures.org site and in this issue of the Gazette. The scholarship will start with Cape Cod, so therefore, the deadline for first one is much earlier than it will be for the future. All applications must be submitted to the NAME office by March 15, 2023.

At least one scholarship and up to two maximum each year will be given out depending on the number of applicants. If you know of a friend, artist, or miniature business that would love to join NAME but has been hesitant to, this is the perfect opportunity. They will be able to see what a wonderful group we are. NAME is hoping that our members will be as excited about this opportunity to bring in new members and Convention-goers. NAME hopes that you will think about contributing to the scholarship fund as well. We have already received several additional donations to the fund. The Board allocated part of the proceeds from all the silent auctions held at the Philadelphia Miniaturia show. NAME will also be holding other fundraising events to help fund this scholarship in the next year.

Start spreading the word about the new scholarship now! The deadline for the first application is March 15. Let everyone in your clubs know, online groups, and anywhere else that you have miniature friends. I am very excited about this new opportunity in NAME. This is the epitome of our logo "Only Through Sharing," and I am very proud of what our little committee came up with and hope you are as excited as we are.

ABOUT NAME SCHOLARSHIPS

The JFS Scholarship is valued up to \$1000 and is intended to cover the cost for one year of NAME membership (\$50), Event Registration Fee of \$265 with the remainder (\$685) available to help with workshop fees, and hotel reimbursement costs. At least one workshop seat of their choice is guaranteed. Cash will not be handed out and the recipient will be responsible for all other payments. If the recipient cancels for any reason, they will forfeit the scholarship. However, they will continue to receive their one-year NAME membership. The committee will attempt to find a replacement from that year's candidates. The scholarship recipient is encouraged to participate as an exhibitor. Applying to be an instructor in the Roundtable and Mega roundtable Events is also possible and may further assist with funding the costs not covered by the scholarship.

The initial source of funding for the Scholarship Program comes from a pledge from Jean and Fred Scribner to be supplemented with annual fundraising events which may include a special auction and callout to the Membership.

The initial scholarship will be awarded in 2023 for the National Convention in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, to one individual and may be expanded in future years to

more individuals at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

The JFS Scholarship provides an opportunity for individuals who are involved in the world of miniatures to improve, broaden and share their skills and areas of interest in the intense environment of the National Convention or Houseparty among like-minded individuals.

Through this program, a new member of the miniature community who has not had the opportunity to participate in person at workshops will have an unforgettable experience.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be at least 25 years of age.
- Applicants do not need to be a current member of NAME.
- One year membership in NAME is included in the Scholarship.
- Applicants may not be a member or family member of the NAME Board of Trustees, the Event Committee or an employee of NAME.
- Applicants must be verified first time attendees at a Convention or Houseparty.
- Applicants may only receive a NAME Scholarship once.

**NAME Scholarship Application
For National Convention or Houseparty Event**

RECOMMENDATION FORM

(due March 15, 2023 for National Convention 2023)

NAME has established a Scholarship Program to assist miniaturists who might not be able otherwise to attend a national convention or a Houseparty event in person. It is an opportunity for miniaturists who wish support the mission of the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts to promote miniatures through **education, collecting, and building friendships and skills** through the **sharing of experience and ideas**.

When applying for a scholarship each applicant must include a reference in order to be considered. It would be helpful to the scholarship committee if you as one of the references would answer the following questions.

The scholarship applicant will not be considered for a scholarship without this form.

Scholarship Applicant's Name _____

1. What is your relationship (should not be a spouse or relative) to the applicant?
2. What is your personal or professional involvement in the world of miniatures?
3. What are the applicant's main areas of interest in miniatures?
4. How do you think the applicant would benefit from attending a National Convention or Houseparty event in person?
5. How would you rate the applicant's degree of expertise and creativity?
6. Additional comments that you wish to submit that would be helpful to the candidate.

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your City/State _____ **Your email** _____

Phone _____ **Your Cell Phone** _____

Please send form either by email to Kim@miniatures.org or

by regular mail to : **NAME Scholarship Application/Reference**
P.O. Box 69
Carmel, IN 46082-0069

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Hotel Information



Emerald Resort
 (Formerly the Hyannis Resort and Conference Center)
 35 Scudder Avenue
 Hyannis, MA - 02601
 (866)-828-8259

Room rate is \$159 plus taxes and fees

Hotel amenities:

- Complimentary On-site Parking
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Indoor pool and Outdoor Pool and Fitness Room
- Beauty Salon
- 100% Non-smoking rooms
- Handicap accessible rooms

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: A block of guest rooms has been reserved **August 16 - 20, 2023** at the Group rate of **\$159** plus tax - at The Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis for the **National Association for Miniature Enthusiasts (NAME)**. We have extended the group rate starting **August 12th**, and ending **August 21st, 2023** - based on guest room availability for any pre/post stays. We encourage you to reserve early since it is a prime week on Cape Cod.

PLEASE NOTE IN ORDER TO BOOK YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE:

<http://www.capecodresortandconference.com/>

“Check Availability/Book Online”

Enter Group Code: NAME23

Or, book your room by calling the hotel at (866) 828-8259

Guests must identify their affiliation with **National Associates of Miniature Enthusiasts 2023** when making reservations.

In order to receive the group rate, please be sure to only use the above website to reserve their rooms and not a third party website such as Expedia or Orbitz etc.

All reservations must be secured by a one night deposit, plus current 14.45% Massachusetts Occupancy room tax, per room via a valid American Express, Visa or MasterCard number. The block of rooms will be held until **July 19th, 2023** at which time the unused portion will be released and rack rates will apply.

If an individual reservation is cancelled **EIGHT** days or more prior to arrival, the deposit is refunded, less \$15.00 service charge and a cancellation number is obtained. If an individual reservation is cancelled **SEVEN** days or less prior to arrival, or does not arrive on the specified dates, the reservation is cancelled for all nights and the entire deposit will be forfeited.

It is the responsibility of the guest to reserve special needs/handicap accessible rooms.

From Sea to Shining Sea • NAME 2023 Convention • Hyannis, Cape Cod, MA

REGISTRATION FORM

One person registering per form • This form may be duplicated • Registration is NOT transferable



2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION HYANNIS, CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS

From Sea to Shining Sea
August 17-20, 2023



For Office Use Only	
Region	_____
Member Year	_____
Registration #	_____

Registration Opens - January 20, 2023*
Cancellation Deadline - July 3, 2023**
Registration Fee \$265

**You may mail your registration form between January 2, 2023 and January 20, 2023 for it to be considered first day postmarked (NO EARLIER).*

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____


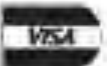
E-mail _____

Name as you would like it on your badge _____

The entire packet will be available to view and download from the NAME website: www.miniatures.org

- Will you still need a paper packet mailed to you? Yes No
- Have you ever attended a NAME Convention or Houseparty? Yes No
- Do you require vegetarian or modified meals? Yes No
 If yes, please specify here: Vegetarian Other: _____
Please include only medically necessary restrictions or modifications.
- Do you have mobility issues (for meal & workshop purposes)? Yes No
 If yes, Need wheelchair access Need stroller access Use a walker
- If under the age of 18, please list your age and accompanying adult: _____

Spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis according to valid postmark. If there are more registrations received with first day postmarks than there is room for, those with the longest length of continuous membership will be given preference. Specific information on workshops, roundtables and special events will accompany registration confirmation. Check the NAME website: www.miniatures.org for further updates!

If you wish to charge your registration you must complete the following:  

Name on Card _____

Account Number _____ Expiration _____

Signature _____

Please make checks payable to: **NAME 2023 National Convention** and send to:
NAME 2023 National Convention Registration, PO Box 69, Carmel, IN 46082-0069
****No refunds issued after July 3, 2023 • Cancellation fee: \$40 • NO TELEPHONE REGISTRATIONS**

46th Annual First State Mini Club Sunday, March 12, 2023

Brandywine Plaza (formerly
Crowne Plaza)
630 Naamans Road (off I-95)
Claymont, DE 19703

10 am – 4 pm

<https://www.firststateminiclub.org/>



Westminster Miniature Yard Sale 2023

The annual Yard sale is on!

Tentatively, April 22, 2023

Church of Ascension
23 North Court Street
Westminster, MD 21157

10 am – 3 pm

romaineeyler@comcast.net

Chicago International Dollhouse and Miniatures Show 2023

Saturday, April 29, 2023
10am-5pm

Sunday, April 30, 2023
11am-4pm

Daily Admission: Adults
\$12*; Children under 12 -
\$6* (No strollers).

Exclusive Preview Show &
Sale

Friday, April 28 ~ 10 am - 5
pm, Saturday, April 29 ~
9am - 10am

Admission: \$30.00* (PS25)
each. Pre-registered
Preview is limited to 600

Tickets will not be
available at the door.

Includes Early Buying
Privileges, 3 Day

Admission. * Cash or
check only. We do not
accept credit cards.

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Phone: 800-228-9290

[https://www.bishopshow.c
om/blank-chv5](https://www.bishopshow.com/blank-chv5)

Lancaster Miniature Dollhouse Show

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Farm and Home
Foundation of Lancaster
County

1383 Arcadia Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

10am to 4pm

[https://dollhouseminiature
show.com/](https://dollhouseminiatureshow.com/)



NAME 2023 National Convention

From Sea to Shining Sea
August 17-20, 2023

Cape Cod, MA

Registration is open.



[https://miniatures.org/20
23CapeCod](https://miniatures.org/2023CapeCod)

**New – JFS Scholarship
for new participants to
attend – DEADLINE is
March 15, 2023!**

NAME 2024 National Convention

“Old Southern Charm”

August 1-4, 2024

Franklin, TN



[https://miniatures.org/20
24Franklin](https://miniatures.org/2024Franklin)

Mini Estate Sale:

My sister and I have boxes of
miniatures from our
deceased mother, Audrey
Smith, who was a life
member of NAME (National
Association of Miniature
Enthusiasts). She lived in
Alexandria, Virginia. We think
her club was called "Small
Minded Associates."

We are in Gainesville, Virginia
and would like to find nearby
clubs or enthusiasts who
might be interested in our
mother's collection. Please
reach out to Lynn and Paula –
pleegirl@yahoo.com



DOLLHOUSES AND DELFTWARE MINIATURES



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According to the French anthropologist and ethnologist Claude Lévi-Strauss, miniature, that is to say the reproduction of an object in a reduced scale, is an artwork that changes our relationship to the world. Its small size allows us to apprehend the object as a whole, as miniatures have an “intrinsic aesthetic quality”. They change the perception we have of our environment in an entirely comprehensible experience that is graspable in its totality. In *La pensée sauvage*, Lévi-Strauss explains: “[reduction] results, it seems, by

somehow reversing the epistemological process: in order to know a real object in its totality, we tend to proceed from its parts ... on the other hand in the scale model, knowledge of the whole precedes knowledge of the parts.”

The dollhouse of Petronella Oortman, ca. 1686 – ca. 1710, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam (inv. no. BK-NM-1010)



From the fifteenth century, miniature objects were a fixed part of the curiosity cabinet (*kunstkabinet*), where they were grouped as *artificialia*, which are objects that are created or modified by man. Miniatures were also displayed on mantelpieces, shelves or as wall decoration. Like Petronella de la Court, the wife of a rich Amsterdam silk merchant, miniatures became a favorite attraction of wealthy ladies who collected and displayed them in their magnificent dollhouses. Wealthy collectors often showcased their treasures in art cabinets to curious visitors,

and this also included collectors of dollhouses. The dollhouses were seen as objects of interest and entertainment, and they have continually attracted attention.^[1]

The possession of a dollhouse was a special distinction in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Fueled by a certain spirit of competition, each room in these dollhouses was decorated with the utmost precision. Petronella de la Court's dollhouse contained more than 1600 miniature objects. According to Pijzel-Dommisse, she spent a total of 20,000 guilders, which equals the price of a real canal house in Amsterdam. Dollhouses were very rare and inventories only sporadically show cabinets or cupboards with doll's goods.^[2]

One of the most impressive and well-preserved Dutch dollhouse was owned by Petronella Oortman. Assembled by Oortman between 1686 and 1710, the large cupboard contained nine rooms, and was finely decorated with marquetry of turtle and tin. In 1718 its value was estimated at between 20,000 and 30,000 guilders. In the eighteenth century, visitors from the Netherlands and abroad would visit the house, and could even reference a catalogue published about the dollhouse.^[3]



One of the dollhouses of Sara Rothé, circa 1743-1843, Kunstmuseum, The Hague

Another exceptional dollhouse that remains today was of Sara Rothé, a childless wife of a merchant in eighteenth century Amsterdam. In 1743, when she was 44 years old, she started designing a large dollhouse in a custom made cupboard. The design process of Rothé's dollhouse is known because she recorded the construction and decoration of the house in a notebook. Moreover, it is possible to retrace the name of many talented craftsmen through her notebook. The house contained more than 180 miniatures made of silver, glass,

porcelain, textiles but also small paintings. Amongst those, some of the finest Delftware miniatures were also found. For example, nine beautiful garden vases remain and four of them were filled with plants. Also, she commissioned the production of a set of ten large plates and eight small ones in order to display them in the kitchen room. Unfortunately, it is not known which factory produced them. As a matter of fact, she did not mention anything in her notebook about the procurement of Delftware miniatures.

Blue and white miniature barber's bowl, circa 1740



During the Golden Age of Holland, miniatures were often sold at annual markets or *kermis* and were called *poppegoet* (doll's ware). Rapidly, they played an important social role amongst wealthy Europeans. Miniatures were distinguished by two different groups and uses. The larger *groot poppegoet* or large doll's wares were conceived as children's toys. The smaller miniature objects, which were called *poppegoet* or doll's wares, were intended to distract adults.^[4] As can be seen in Sara Rothé's dollhouse, these miniatures were just as the life-size objects made of several materials, such as wood, silver, copper, glass, textiles, paintings and ceramics. During the eighteenth and nineteenth



centuries, small-scale objects were presented as models to potential customers. However, most of the Dutch miniature furniture was probably made to decorate dollhouses or as children's toys.

Miniature garniture of five blue and white miniature vases, circa 1765



Some secondary sources mention that apprentices had to execute miniatures as a test to obtain the title of master. However, no documents or prints from the guild materials prove this assumption. On the contrary, it has been proven that apprentices were expected to make a life-size object with perfect dimensions.

The miniature ceramics were initially imported by the [Dutch East India Company](#) (VOC) from China, where they mostly were produced for the Western market. The miniatures were so successful that the Delft potters, seeing a great business opportunity, created their own. Delft factories gradually rejected the original Chinese influences and incorporated European decoration and design into their objects.

Pair of miniature blue and white bottle vases, circa 1700

Some of the Delftware miniatures were created by '*thuiswerkers*,' who were home-based craftsmen who fired small pieces like tea wares and doll wares in small private ovens. The most elaborate and rare miniatures were produced by the larger factories like De Vergulde Blompot (The Gilt Flowerpot) or [De Witte Ster](#) (The White Star). Similar earthenware pots and pans are found in the dollhouses of Petronella Dunois, Petronella de la Court and Maria van Egmond van de Nijenburg. The blue-painted saucers and garden vases and the white colander and bowls in Sara Rothé's dollhouse in The Hague were certainly produced in Delft. Because the plates had to fit exactly in a dish rack, they were undoubtedly produced on commission.^[5]

Decorated dollhouses and its miniatures form an important source for our knowledge of Dutch interiors in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Since only fragments of interiors have survived in recent centuries, reliance has been placed on other primary source materials such as estate inventories, floor plans, design drawings, descriptions and images of interiors. Therefore, these houses and miniatures constitute an extremely precious document. Besides the provided information about the design and display of the contemporary objects, these extraordinary objects procure a fairly reliable image of wealthy household life at that time.

Please send your group photos and projects to be included in our Tiny Tattler to miniaturesdmv@gmail.com! The deadline for submissions to be included in the next issue is 5/31/2023!

Sharing is Caring!

We want to learn from you and your mini expertise and preferences!

Please email miniaturesdmv@gmail.com your input!

1. What is your go-to tool when building mini's? (send pictures!)
2. What is your favorite glue? And why?
3. What would you tell anyone new to mini's to purchase first?
4. Show us your workshop/desk were you work! Who has the most interesting space?
5. What is your favorite mini size to build and create? 1", ½ scale, etc.



We want to hear from you!

What groups are doing the ROLIFE projects or something?

What fan groups are there for [Rolife](http://Rolife.com)?

Send your feedback to miniaturesdmv@gmail.com



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Alphastamps.net is great for miniature supplies (Altoid tins, etc).

Jennifersprintables.com will give you wallpapers and grocery products!

Look at these fun projects Amanda has been working on so far this year!



Shops, Dealers, and Artisans Maryland

Forever Friends

2105 Bishops Castle Drive
Olney, MD 20832
Open Tuesday-Saturday
by Appointment only, 301-774-3037
Closed Sunday and Monday
Email: Forever.friends@verizon.net
Website: foreverfriendsminis.com

Frizellburg Antique Shop

(Specializing in antique dollhouses, dolls & furnishings)
10909 Old Taneytown Road
Westminster, MD 21158
410-848-0664
<https://www.facebook.com/Frizellburgantiques/>

Gibby's Doll House Shop

241 East Green Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
410-840-3408 / 888-716-7493
<https://www.facebook.com/Gibbys-Dollhouse-Shoppe-813915115306164/>

Granny's Little Things

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Itsy Bitsy Mini

611 Tony Tank Lane
Salisbury MD 21801
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Stitches in Miniature

Janet Patacca
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Sue Ann Ketchum

Handcrafted Miniatures, Furniture & Accessories
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Damascus, MD 20872
301-253-5664 – Hours by Appointment
sheltielover30@hotmail.com

Virtual Dollhouse, The Store

5137 Hoffmanville Road
Millers, Maryland 21102-2234
410-239-2377 - Hours by appointment
<http://www.virtualdollhouse.net/>

Weelittlestudio - Julie

Bel Air, MD
<https://www.etsy.com/shop/weelittlestudio>

Virginia

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Dollhouse Diggs
Artisan and Vintage
Miniatures 1:12 Scale
12336 Poplar Trail

Gloucester, VA 23061
<https://dollhousediggs.com/>

Happily Ever After

Ashburn, Virginia 20147
703-777-1869
<https://www.happily-ever-after.biz/>

My Little Town – Dollhouse & Miniature Showplace

10739 Chamberlayne Road (off Rt 301)
Mechanicsville, VA 23116
804-730-4622
Jopher1958@aol.com
Limited hours: Fri 10 am – 4 pm, Sat 10 am – 6 pm

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Club Corner

– Our mini friends want to know what you and your Clubs (individually or as a group) have been working on lately! This will be a space dedicated to showing off your fun creations! Do share!

Hi again, fellow mini people!

Spring is just around the corner. Please send me your Easter and/or Spring projects to share with our next Newsletter! We would love to see what you and your Fellow Mini friends have made!

Please send me any and all things to [miniaturesdmv@gmail.com!](mailto:miniaturesdmv@gmail.com)
Be well, be safe, and have fun!
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Grace House 2022!

It's so much better to give = Happiness for all!
Mini-Misfits of Damascus Annual Christmas Giving Project

