



National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

N-3 Spring, 2025 Newsletter



Regional Coordinator Message

Spring in our Pacific Northwest is here. It is so tempting to put aside our miniatures to take care of the needed outside work. But why? There is always early mornings when it is too wet and cold. By the afternoon it is too late to get started or too hot. If you are like me there is always an excuse not to do the house or yard work. I always want to do what I enjoy most, and that is working on my miniatures.

March was a busy month for our miniature hobby. We started with the Seattle Miniature Show. A number of new vendors attended the show. The displays were amazing, and the Mini Acres was the normal success. Our fall show is still looking for a venue. If you have any knowledge of a good location in the Portland area contact Pat at PatBennett@NWMiniatureShow.com.

The show was followed at the end of the month with our first annual Region N-3 Retreat. It was a great success. It might be a consideration to have a fall retreat which would be held in the Washington area. If you know of a location I would be happy to look into the possibility. It would be a great time to work on the NAME Day projects. The Aldersgate facility is a beautiful location with the convenience of being able to stay on campus for the entire weekend. The price was reasonable and everyone enjoyed the time together. They are ready to see us next year with another weekend of fun.

If you haven't yet signed up for the national convention, "It's A Small World", it is shaping up to be a great time. The committee has worked hard to provide some super classes, and the Thursday night project looks fun. The Wednesday night Gala with the help of our Region is heading from Cincinnati to visit the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center's Miniature Collection.

As always I would appreciate input for this newsletter. What is everyone doing? Is your group working on any projects? Please email me anything and everything. Even small instructional plans are a great addition.

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2024 Achievement in Miniatures

Annually NAME recognizes those members that are active in our community. The challenge is to keep track of your crafting projects, NAME participation and service. The forms are available in the November/December issue of the Gazette for the upcoming year. Our region is proud to have the following members get the award for the 2024 calendar year.

Mary Johnson
Lynn Miller
Carole Paquin
Rosemary Shipman
Dolly Wyttenberg



The 2025 N-3 Regional Retreat

The above images reflect some of the many projects that were shared throughout our weekend gathering.

On Friday, March 28th we gathered for a weekend of work and fun. How can we share the feeling of being able to be with new and old friends sharing in the hobby that we love so much. An additional bonus is that we did not have to worry about cooking or even going to bed.

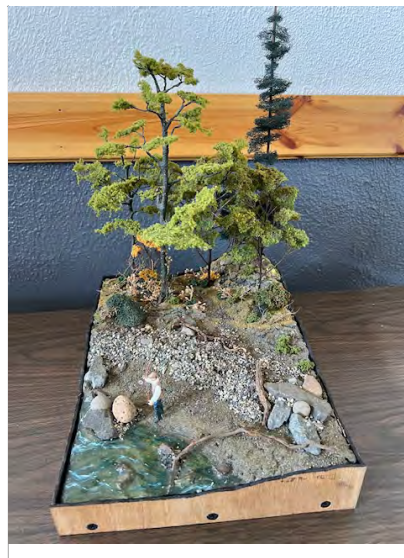
Friday evening we started with a garage sale. Many minis were exchanged. Some of us were able to share projects and kits that we knew someone was going to enjoy. Then there were others that managed to get themselves into a new dream or two.

Saturday was spent enjoying the demonstrations and seminars. The talent that we have in our Region needs to be shared. The biggest complaint was that there was not enough time. Fortunately next year we will be able to gather earlier and work later. The date for next year will be March 27th through the 29th. We will start setting up at 10 am on Friday and will need to be out by 5:00 pm on Sunday.

Peggy Zorn started Saturday with a discussion about electrical. Miniaturists are often afraid to use lights but they really add life to our projects.



Joanne Snyder shared her knowledge of using water in landscaping. Along with her husband and sister-in-law they had a business called Moments in Time. Their skills are seen in several museum dioramas throughout the west coast and even one in the east.





Diane Scott is an expert in miniature needle work. Her love of fabric shows in her amazing quilts. Her most impressive skill is her design and construction of French Knot rugs. If you ever have the opportunity to see her art you will be awestruck.

The morning was complete with a discussion by Dolly Wyttenberg. Dolly has worked teaching our young people about miniatures. She taught day camps for years but is best know as Grandma Dolly at the Portland and Seattle Miniatures Shows. She has the patience of a saint. She shared with us her many projects that she has created to share with the children. She stressed the skill of keeping it simple and using found items. Teaching the classes at the shows she has gained the knowledge of working with children of all ages in the same learning environment. Thank you Dolly for sharing our love of miniatures with the next generations.



Kathy Moore shared her dolls. She has dressed a series of dolls based on the characters in Downton Abbey. Her skills are impeccable. The diversity of the costuming was impressive.



Keran Weber with the help of Cindy Bottasso taught us how to use real flowers in our flower arrangements. Keran spent time with Carole Paquin learning her dried flower techniques in order to share them with us. Everyone enjoyed painting their own flowers to take home.

To finish the day on Saturday Connie Roberts shared her adventures in casting miniatures with UV resin. This product is something that is easy to use. Most of the molds that she uses are found on the internet. Often we see Ruth Stewart sharing this skill and selling her many molds. It is always interesting how our hobby changes with all the new techniques and products available to us.

Sunday gave us a morning for some to continue their work and for others to pack up and say goodbye. Hopefully it will not be a whole year, before we have a chance to see our friends again.

SAVE THE DATE !!!
2026 Region N-3 Retreat
March 27th through the 29th



Remember to check out the NAME websites
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&
create.miniatures.org

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