

# MINI REFLECTIONS

## Newsletter

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### DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting is our annual Christmas party, held Wednesday, December 9, at 6 p.m., at Terri Correll's home in China Grove, address 790 Lake Wright Road, phone number 704-856-8055 in case anyone needs to call for further instructions to her house. Here are her directions to her house: coming from Mooresville, take Hwy 152 East. The road will split off, the right going to Landis, the left to China Grove. Stay left. There is a sign for China Grove 4 miles, then an EMS station on the right. The next road to the left is Lake Wright Rd. Turn left into the Warrior golf course. We are the 10th house on the left, facing the road.

From Statesville, Mapquest, directions say to take I77 south, take the Mooresville/Lincolnton exit, NC-150. Then bear right onto 152E. Then the rest is the same as the Mooresville directions.

From Charlotte/Concord on I85 north: I85 N, take China Grove exit, turn left at top of ramp. 2nd. right after the bridge to 152W. Turn right at Hardees, Cross railroad tracks, Go thru two lights. Lake Wright Rd will be about 1-1/2 miles after 2nd light. You'll see a lighted Grand Oaks sign, the next right is Lake Wright (some times the Warrior light is on, some times it isn't). If you get to the EMS, on left, you've gone too far. 10th house on left facing road. Terri asks that everyone remove their shoes when they come in the house. You may want to bring house slippers to wear during the party ...

We have a total of 12 gifts that we will need for the Great Gift Exchange.

The meal is covered dish, and the menu is as follows

Ann Bejcek – apple-spinach salad

Donna Blair – rolls

Rachel Bonney – scalloped potatoes

Maria Cannizzaro - Beverages

Terri Correll – cooks the ham; dinnerware

Donna Deal – corn pudding

Lynn Frank – dessert

Marianne Jokubaitis – dessert

Marilyn Jones – Veggies

Susan Matson – bean casserole

Jan McCandliss -

Ginny Newell – sweet potatoes

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Web Sites to Check Out.** The Mini Reflections web site is [www.minireflections.org](http://www.minireflections.org), The Enchanted Village web site is <http://piedmontcarolinas-name.org>, and the NC State web site is [www.ncname.org](http://www.ncname.org). Don't forget that if you have anything you want on the web page, PLEASE send the information to Susan at [smatson@carolina.rr.com](mailto:smatson@carolina.rr.com).

Send Susan pictures of your completed projects, show and tell goodies, etc. Let's let people see what we're doing as a club!

**Club Projects.** At the November meeting we discussed what projects to work on over the next few months, and it was agreed that we would spend all spring working on "Round Tuit" projects at our club meetings, although we'll do tote bag favors for State Day at the January meeting. Those who don't want to work on ivy plants can bring a Round Tuit. For those of you who don't know what "Round Tuits" are, they're all those kits and projects that you have stashed away in boxes, closets, cabinets, etc., saying one of these days you'll get around to it. Now is your opportunity. Instead of accumulating more Round Tuits, we're going to try to get rid of some, so bring them to the meetings, following the schedule below, to be encouraged (or challenged) to get them done.

We are also talking about having a Round Tuit weekend – or longer, if it works out – for the club members who would like to take a break at the beach (whatever season works out). Maria Cannizzaro has most graciously offered us the use of her beach house at Carolina Beach that sleeps 12, so we're trying to come up with a date that will work for that. Think about when you could get away for a few days to play with minis at the beach – sounds really great!

Also at the November meeting we discussed doing the tiny candy shop in a candy tin that Amy Rauch has offered to teach us. Those present at the meeting preferred to do it on a single Saturday rather than stringing it out over several months, figuring that way they have a better chance of completing it. After talking to Amy, it looks as though March 13 is the date that works best for most people, including Amy. So mark that date and save it to do the little candy shop. We aren't sure yet just where it will be, but we have plenty of possible places to hold the workshop – locally.

**Christmas Show.** Another successful Christmas Show and special thanks to all our Mini Reflections members who contributed generously of their time and exhibits. We honestly could not do this show without your support! This year we had a total of 115 exhibits, and of those almost half (51) were from Mini Reflections members. Thanks, guys! And those numbers are also reflected in the number of ribbons our members (deservedly!) earned. Our members won at least one ribbon in each category – and swept the Small Scales category! Here are the results:

#### **A - Houses:**

Jan Sylsberry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Fairy Tale Cottage – Shrek  
Marianne Jokubaitis – 1<sup>st</sup> HM, Christmas House



Jan Sylsberry's Shrek House, Third Place, Houses

**B - Room Boxes:**

- Maria Cannizzaro, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, "The Sweet Shoppe"
- Rachel Bonney, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, "Doggie Digs"
- Marianne Jokubaitis, 1<sup>st</sup> HM, "Victorian Nursery"



Marianne Jokubaitis' "Victorian Nursery," 1<sup>st</sup> HM, Room Boxes

**C-Small Scales**

- Amy Rauch, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, "Storybook Cottage in 1/4" Scale"
- Lynn Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, "Lydia Pickett Room Box"
- Rachel Bonney, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, "Tea Rose Cottage"
- Marilyn Jones, 1<sup>st</sup> HM, "Beatrix Potter Village"
- Jan McCandliss, 2<sup>nd</sup> HM, "The Lunch Box Diner"



**D-Outdoor Scenes**

- Rachel Bonney, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, "The Secret Garden"
- Amy Rauch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 1/2" "Secret Garden"
- Amy Rauch, HM, "English Cottage in 1/4"



Rachel Bonney's "Secret Garden," 1<sup>st</sup> Place Outdoor Scenes

**E-Unusual Containers**

- Maria Cannizzaro, 1<sup>st</sup> HM, "Bakery in a Cookie Can"



**M - Miscellaneous**

- Lynn Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, "Buy Me Some Peanuts and Crackerjack"
- Maria Cannizzaro, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, "Let's Build a Dollhouse"
- Rachel Bonney, 1<sup>st</sup> HM, "Castles and Cottages"

Lynn Frank's "Buy Me Some Peanuts and Crackerjack," 2<sup>nd</sup>



Place Miscellaneous

## N – Non-Residential Structures

Rachel Bonney, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, “Bubbles and Bath Boutique”



We were also well-represented in the “Kids’ Corner” by Donna Blair’s daughters, Courtney and Hope, Rachel Bonney’s grandson Sam Perry, Marilyn Jones’ grandchildren Lily and Luke Barber, and Jan McCandliss’ grandson Nathan.



*Nathan McCandliss’ “Haunted House,” Luke Barber’s Bait Shop and Gas Station, and Lily Barber’s “Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe”*

Pictures of all the winning entries and of the Kids’ Corner entries can be seen on the Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group web page (<http://piedmontcarolinas-name.org>) and on the North Carolina web site ([www.ncname.org](http://www.ncname.org)).

**2010 NC State Day Tote Bag Favors.** As some of you remember, at the September meeting we finished about 15 tote bag favors for 2010 NC State Day, pots of ivy (TINY leaves!). Shawn Betterley has done more leaves for us, and we’ll work on the favors at the January meeting (unless you prefer to work on your Round Tuit ... see below).

**2012 NAME National Convention Fundraiser.** As you already know, the 2012 National Convention will be held in Charlotte, and we are holding raffle fundraisers to raise money to offset budget over-runs. Our first raffle started in July and will end in January at the E-3 Retreat.

This is an assortment of tools in a tool box, a Dremel tool, and two instruction books, valued at about \$200. Tickets cost \$1.00 each, six for \$5.00, and we’ll have them at the next few meetings.. We hope you’ll support our efforts to raise money to help our convention! The second raffle will begin at that time, a completed E-3 Retreat project from 2007, the tiny doll in the trunk, same prices for tickets.

**E-3 Regional Retreat.** The E-3 Regional Retreat will be held in Atlanta the weekend of January 15-16, 2010, at the Hyatt-Duluth, fairly close to Miniature Designs (shop) in Lawrenceville. This hotel has a larger work space for the workshop, and the room rate is \$59 for a double room (two beds) which also includes a sitting area with a sofa and mini kitchenette – at least a refrigerator and probably a sink. The cost of the workshop is \$50, which includes lunch on Saturday (ordered from Chik-Fil-A. The project is a 1/2” scale Secret Garden, and the kit (covered in the registration cost) includes the base, walls, doors, and materials to make a tree, bushes, and kits to make a variety of flowers, such as roses, alyssum, daisies, delphiniums, hollyhocks, hyacinths, and impatiens, for example. Mini Reflections is really involved in teaching this workshop. Lynn Frank is our main teacher, assisted by her MR Gofers, Amy Rauch, Rachel Bonney, Marilyn Jones and Jan Sylsberry. Susan Matson so far is the only MR member who plans to attend (MR will pay half the registration cost for the first two MR members to indicate that they want to go). Registration opened November 10, so if you want to attend you need to get your registration in.

**Hallmark Ornament Contest.** Don’t forget the Hallmark Ornament Contest being run by the Club Liaison and Committee. The date for completion of the project is at the March meeting, so you still have some time to get a project done.

To summarize the rules – the ornament(s) must be the focal point of the display and may **NOT** be altered. They may be from any year and represent any season you want to use.

The vignettes must be completed by the March meeting, when we will choose our entry (each club can have only one entry). Several of us in Mini Reflections are ineligible to compete in the contest (Rachel, Lynn, Jan M., and Amy), as are their family members.

**Updated Roster.** Apparently the only error in the updated roster is an omission, Maria’s birthday, which is March 2. You can go ahead and add that to your list.

**2010 NC State Day.** Registration opens for NC State Day January 12. You were sent the registration form in the last newsletter, but do NOT send it in until January 12! We’ll repeat this in January.

## **CALENDAR**

**December 5, 2009.** Christmas Party, PJ’s Miniature Shop, Albemarle, NC.

**January 15-16, 2010.** E-3 Retreat, Atlanta, GA. 1/2” Scale “Secret Garden.”

**March 13, 2010.** Tiny Candy Shop in a Tin Workshop, taught by Amy Rauch.

**April 10, 2010.** NC State Day, "My Little Corner of the World," Durham, NC, hosted by Small Wonders Miniature Club.

**April 30-May 2, 2010.** Weekend in Bavaria. Mini Weekend at Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA.

**May or June 2010.** Mini Reflections Reward Workshop.

**July 15-18, 2010.** NAME National Convention, Seattle, WA. Theme: Merry Old England, Then and Now.

**October 2, 2010.** National NAME Day.

**April/May 2011.** NC State Day. "As Time Goes By." Charlotte, NC, hosted by Charlotte Miniature Society.

**July 21-24, 2011.** NAME National Convention, Cleveland, OH. Theme: A Song in My Heart.

**July 22-29, 2012.** NAME National Convention, Charlotte, NC. Theme: NAME: 40 Years of Sharing. NAME's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**July 2013.** NAME National Convention, Tucson, AZ. Theme: A Night at the Museum.

**July 2014.** NAME National Convention, St. Louis, MO. Theme: Rollin' Down the River.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Jan. 12, 2009 NC State Day Registration opens.  
Forms are available on the NC NAME web page ([www.ncname.org](http://www.ncname.org))
- Feb. 1 2010. NAME National Convention (Seattle) Registration opens.
- March 13, 2010 Special workshop with Amy Rauch, to make a tiny candy shop in a tin. Cost will be covered by Mini Reflections.

### **MINI REFLECTIONS MEETINGS**

- Jan.13, 2010 Lancaster's; Tote Bag Favors/Round Tuits
- Feb. 10, 2010 Cracker Barrel; Round Tuits
- March 10, 2010 Lone Star Steak House, Hallmark Ornament Contest Judging; Round Tuits
- April 14, 2010
- May 12, 2010
- June 9, 2010 Annual picnic and birthday party
- July 14, 2010
- Aug. 11, 2010
- Sept. 8, 2010

### **MEMBER NEWS**

No MR members' birthdays to celebrate in December that we know of.

Congratulations to Terri Correll, who joined the Grandma Sorority on November 30 with the birth of her grandson, who weighed in at 9 lbs 7.3 oz at 9:58 p.m., complete with red hair. I'm sure she'll have pictures for us at the Christmas party! Congratulations and best wishes to the whole family. What a great Christmas present!