

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be held Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mooresville Artist Guild Depot on Main Street. We will be working on both the booths and the stools for our State Day diner. For the stools you will need to bring glue -- other supplies will be provided. Basic tool kits probably would help, though. For the booths, bring what you were working on last month and whatever supplies you were using then.

The Munch Bunch will meet at 6 p.m. at the Roadhouse, which is immediately behind Bob Evns, Taco Bell, etc., off NC 150. Turn at the light as though you are going to Walmart (or Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Wendy's, Staples, etc.). The Roadhouse is on your right.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2007 NAME National Convention. Again let me remind you that if you haven't already signed up for the NAME National Convention, please consider attending this year. It's in our region, close enough to drive in one day, and there are lots of great activities planned for you, including a Walk of Name, Floats on Parade (and anyone can participate in either of these), lots of great workshops and theme luncheons, good dealers, a very nice hotel. Let's support our organization and our region. We still have openings, so come on, gang, let's GO!

Chris Ernst is co-chairman for the Doorprize committee and has sent out a request for everyone to participate in the Convention by at least sending a doorprize, even if you don't come to the convention itself. You can help support your organization and region by doing so -- you can check for souvenirs, purchases you've decided you don't really need, or clean out all those excess tote bag kits, and maybe you'll find something that would make a good door prize. (I've found a bunch already!)

Web Sites to Check Out. Don't forget to check out our various web sites -- Susan will be adding pictures from State Day and the Presidents' Retreat (as soon as I get them to her!), so you might want to check them out. The Mini Reflections web site is www.minireflections.org, Enchanted Village web site is <http://piedmontcarolinasname.org>, and the NC State web site is 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.

Also check out the E-3 web page (go to the NAME web page - www.miniatures.org, check onto regional information, then click on E-3).

2007 State Day. Thanks to the folks from the Raleigh Miniatures Guild for a wonderful State Day

March 24. Most of us got our cottages assembled, interiors finished, leaving the exteriors to be completed -- and thanks for the wonderful chimney, fireplace, etc., that were part of our souvenir. We had a great time -- now we need to finish the fairy cottages (or whatever they are going to be) and get on with our own state day plans!

2008 State Day. We're planning to spend the next year working on our state day projects, tote bag favors, etc.

We now have a date and location -- Saturday, April 19, 2008, Charles Mack Citizens Center on Main Street in Mooresville (same place we held it in 1995 and 2001). We can't get in the building until 8 a.m., so be prepared for about 30 minutes of controlled (hopefully) chaos while we try to get tables set up for the workshop, registration, totebag distribution, etc.

To remind you of the state day assignments, here's the list made up a year ago:

Chairperson - Lynn Frank
Centerpieces - Debbie Love
Exhibits, Mini Mart - Donna Deal?
Hospitality (meals and snacks) - Ann Bejcek
Door Prizes - Amy Rauch
Local Arrangements - Rachel Bonney
Raffle - Donna Blair
Registration - Rachel Bonney
Roundtables - Marilyn Jones
Souvenirs, Souvenir Book - Jan McCandliss
Tote Bags- Susan Matson
Workshop teacher - Lynn Frank

We'll need to discuss some of the plans at the April meeting -- menu, centerpieces, totebag favors, etc., so be prepared with lots of brilliant ideas!

Fourth E-3 Swap. Don't forget to let Donna Eckel know if you are going to participate in the fourth E-3 swap, "Things You'd Find in Your Yard." The details were in the February NC Newsletter, so you can refer to that if you forgot and now have decided you want to participate. If you do, you need to let Donna know at RAGGEDYDS@aol.com. Type E-3 Swap in your subject line, and when she receives your email, she will acknowledge your registration and email you her mailing address. It sounds like a fun theme, so let's support her. She works hard on this.

SHOW BUSINESS

CALENDAR

May 19, 2007. Mini Flea Market, Picnic, and Workshops, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail, 10 a.m.- noon; class from 1-4 or 5 p.m.

July 19-22, 2007. NAME National Convention Houseparty, Orlando, Florida. Theme: "That's Entertainment."

September 7-9 2007 . Region E-1 Regional Houseparty. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1800 Presidents St., Reston Town Center, Reston, Virginia 22090. (Washington DC suburbs, near Dulles Airport.) Theme: "Faraway Places"

October 18-21, 2007. "Trick or Treat in Tennessee." Fifth annual fall/Halloween weekend sponsored by the East Tennessee Mini Makers, DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN.

Dec. 1, 2007. 2nd Annual Christmas Party, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail, NC.

April, 2008. NC State Day, Mooresville, NC. Theme: Fifties' Diner.

July 24-27, 2008. NAME National Convention/Houseparty, Nashua, NH. Theme: "Castles and Cottages."

September 18-21, 2008. Region E-3 Small Scales Houseparty, Greenville, SC. Theme: "Hail to the Chief."

July/August, 2009. NAME National Convention/Houseparty, Indianapolis, IN. Theme: "Family Reunion"

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May 9, 2007 Dinner at Showmanrs; State Day
June 13, 2007 Annual Birthday Party/Picnic, location TBA
July 11, 2007 Dinner at Lew's; State Day
Aug. 8, 2007 Dinner at Applebees; State Day
Sept. 12, 2007 Dinner at the Lone Star Steakhouse; State Day
Oct. 10, 2007 Dinner at I. Bambini; State Day
Nov. 14, 2007 Dinner at Cracker Barrel; State Day
Dec. 12, 2007 Christmas Party and Great Gift Exchange
Jan. 9, 2008 Dinner at Japanese rest.; State Day
Feb. 13, 2008 Dinner at the Lotus; State Day

CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJ'S

April 21 AND 28, 2007. Short-order cook/baker/chef porcelain doll class taught by Rachel Bonney. Although the class is designed as a short and chubby short-order cook for the 2008 North Carolina state day project, students can dress the doll as a baker or chef or whatever else they might choose, providing the instructor is notified sufficiently in advance. Cost \$65.00.

May 19, 2007. Morning glory workshop by Chris Ernst at PJ's Flea Market, afternoon. Cost is \$10; bring your own container.

May 20, 2007. Wheelbarrow (already assembled) full of flowers, Chris Ernst, PJ's, all day, cost \$90.00.

June 9, 2007. The Venetian, 1/4" scale house (companion piece to the Villa) workshop by Suzanne and Andrew. Lunch is included in the price of \$130.

November 2007. Rik Pierce will be returning to teach another class. Details will be available later.

MEMBER NEWS

No April birthdays to celebrate.

We wish Marilyn McCarthy the very best in her new home in Ohio. It was great to have a going-away party for her at our March meeting. Her new address information: 626 Gronlund Place, Sidney, Ohio 45365

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