

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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APRIL MEETING

At our April meeting on April 9, 2008, we will be wrapping up things for State Day, including working on the name tags -- Marilyn has a laminating machine, so we will laminate the name tags by sheet, then cut them up into individual tags and attach the pins to the backs. No tools are required for this, other than Marilyn's machine.

Hopefully all tote bag favors will be in hand by the time of our meeting. Susan will bring club members' tote bags for us so that we can finish off our diners with all the neat goodies that have been coming in.

This is a last minute call for instructions, diagrams, and supply lists for doing the work area behind the counter to go in the instruction packet and/or the souvenir book. We need at least four different possible ways to finish that area to show our guests. And, judging by what we saw at the March meeting, we should have them. Again, bring your diners to show us the progress you are making, gang!

Also, to repeat, if you are creating a tote bag favor that typically would be in multiples, please provide a list of materials used with simple instructions for assembly (BRIEF so we can include them in the souvenir book).

The Munch Bunch will meet at Sousa's at 6 p.m. for dinner. Take I-77 to exit 33, go west off the interstate, and the restaurant is in the strip mall (with the Food Lion) on the right (north) side of the highway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Elections. According to our new bylaws, we need to hold our elections at our May meeting. We need to elect a new president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. "The terms of these officers shall be two years. The Vice President shall assume the office of President. Elections shall be held in May. Nominations of candidates for the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be made from the floor, and voting shall be by secret written ballot. New officers shall take office in July."

Since we don't currently have a vice-president, we'll have to take nominations for that office from the floor, too. We need to be thinking seriously about this. If you are willing to run for an office, please let Lynn or me know.

NAME Elections. The ballot for the biannual election of officers for the NAME Board is in your March April issue of the NAME Gazette, as is the slate of candidates for all the positions. Several candidates are running unopposed, but there are others where more than one candidate is on the ballot. I can't stress how important

it is for all of us to vote -- these are the people who will be running our organization for the next two years, and you want to have a voice in that selection procedure. So, PLEASE vote.

Web Sites to Check Out. Don't forget to check out our various web sites. The Mini Reflections web site is www.minireflections.org, The Enchanted Village web site is <http://piedmontcarolinas-name.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). And while you're on the NAME web page, check out the web page for the small scales houseparty in Greenville. There are pictures of the Oval Office workshop prototype there, including several different ways to furnish the room.

2008 State Day. It's almost here, folks. Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Charles Mack Citizen Center on Main Street in Mooresville. We need all our club members at the Citizen Center PROMPTLY at 8 a.m. so that we can get in and get everything set up. Mini Mart dealers can register between 8 and 8:15 a.m., set up their tables between 8:15 and 9 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:45, in the hallway outside the meeting room. Registrants can get into the meeting/workshop room at 9 a.m. and will have a half hour to shop, look at exhibits, examine tote bags, etc., before we begin officially at 9:30. The schedule is listed in the attached minutes of the March meeting.

Be sure to finish your diners -- we would like to have one completed example on each table. Right now it looks as though we will have at least eight done: Donna B., Rachel, Donna D., Lynn, Renea, Marilyn, Pat, and Susan. If anyone else will have theirs ready, please let us know.

Also, BE SURE YOU BRING YOUR APRONS AND HATS TO STATE DAY. This is how we will be recognized as hosting club members -- other than the frazzled looks and state of exhaustion of some of us!

Donna Blair reports that she has only five extra ice cream containers for raffle items and asks that folks who may still have some please bring them to State Day in case we get additional raffle items from folks who haven't sent her information about them. Thanks.

The schedule or time-line is getting really, really short:

April 9, 2008 Ten-day count-down to State Day. Club meeting, club members get their tote bags.

April 18, 2008 Last-minute scramble

April 19, 2008 THE DAY

State Day assignments: See the attached set of minutes for updates on each committee.

Chairperson - Lynn Frank

Centerpieces - Pat Mantione

Exhibits - Donna Deal

Hospitality (meals and snacks) - Ann Bejcek, assisted by Ginny Newell.

Door Prizes - Amy Rauch, Jan Sylsberry

Local Arrangements - Rachel Bonney

Mini Mart - Chris Ernst

Raffle - Donna Blair

Registration - Rachel Bonney

Roundtables - Marilyn Jones.

Souvenirs, Souvenir Book - Jan McCandliss

Tote Bags- Susan Matson

Workshop teacher - Lynn Frank

E-3 Small Scales Houseparty, "Hail to the Chief," Greenville, SC. Registration opens for "Hail to the Chief" April 25. You really don't want to miss this one, folks. Not only is it close by, the theme is timely (a tribute to the White House (and there will be lots going on. The Thursday night workshop is really special, a 1/4" replica of part of the Oval Office., (Again, go to the Houseparty web page on the NAME web page to see the finished but empty vignette as well as three ways of finishing it off. So, when April 25 rolls around, -- SOON -- be sure to send in your reservations for your visit to the SC version of the White House. And remember, we have several Mini Reflections members on the steering committee who will hold you to attending!

CALENDAR

April 19, 2008. NC State Day, Charles Mack Citizens Center, Mooresville, NC. Theme: Fifties' Diner.

April 25-26, 2008. Chattanooga Fun Day. "Someone's in the Kitchen."

May 24, 2008. Annual Flea Market/Potluck Picnic, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail.

May 30-31, 2008. Alabama Fun Day, Birmingham.

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."

October 16-19, 2008. Trick or Treat in Tennessee, DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, Tennessee. Theme: "Harvest Time/County Fair."

November 13-23, 2008. Enchanted Village, Southern Christmas Show, Charlotte Merchandise Mart.

December 6, 2008. Third Annual Carolina Christmas Party, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail.

April 18, (tentative) 2009. NC State Day, "The Wine Cellar." University Methodist Church, Charlotte. Sponsored by Indian Trail Mini Makers.

July 16-19, 2009. NAME National Convention/Houseparty, Indianapolis, IN. Theme: "Our Family Reunion"

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 25, 2008. Registration opens for Greenville, SC Small Scales Regional Houseparty

May1, 2008 Ballots for NAME officers due to the NAME office.

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May 14, 2008 Dinner at Lone Star Steak House. Regroup?

June 11, 2008 Birthday party potluck picnic. Location TBA

July 9, 2008 Dinner at Sonny's.

Aug. 13, 2008 Dinner at Shiki.

Sept. 10, 2008 Dinner at Showmar's.

Oct. 8, 2008 Dinner at O'Charley's.

Nov. 5, 2008 Dinner at Texas Steak House.

Dec. 10, 2008 Christmas Party. Dinner at Soiree's?

Jan. 2009 Dinner at Teddy's (also known as Lew's Fine Food).

Feb. 2009 Dinner at Chili's.

Mar. 2009 Dinner at Cracker Barrel.

CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJ'S

April 20, 2008 Cheese, fruit, cutting board workshop taught by Donna Eckel (Ragagedy D's), 10 a.m., cost \$35.00.

August 2008 Ray Whitledge class -

MEMBER NEWS

No April birthdays to celebrate.

Best wishes to Roger Bejcek (Ann's husband) for a speedy recovery. He suffered a heart attack while skiing in Colorado but had two stents implanted and is back to work now. Stay well, Roger!