

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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AUGUST MEETING

Our August meeting will be held Wednesday, August 9, 2006, at 7 30.m. We will be working on totebag favors for the 2007 National in Orlando, so you will need to bring scissors, glue, and tweezers, nimble fingers, and a smile. Hopefully we can get enough done that I can take them to the August 26 steering committee meeting ...

The Munch Bunch will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at the Pizza Hut in the shopping center near Walmart. It's right behind Taco Bell as you turn onto the road to go to Walmart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2007 Presidents' Retreat. The folks who are going to work on the 1/2" scale cottage for the 2007 Presidents' Retreat will be meeting at Debbie Love's Tuesday August 8 at about noon and possibly on Wednesday, as well. Those who indicated that they would do the cottage are (besides Debbie): Rachel, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Jones (?), Susan Matson, and Ginny Newell.

Bunco Party. Debbie Love is hosting a Bunco Party at PJ's (5818 Highway 74 West Indian Trail, NC 28079 Thursday, August 17, 2007, at 7 p.m. to raise money for the 2008 Region E-3 Small Scales Houseparty in Greenville. The cost is \$5.00, and you are also asked to bring three items in any scale for a mini exchange. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend., RSVP to Debbie at PJ's (704-821-9144), at home (704-599-1244), or on her cell phone (704-277-0805).

Centerpieces for 2007 NAME National Convention. The decision was made at the May meeting to make the centerpiece for the 2007 National a scene from Cinderella, probably the pumpkin scene after the ball, when the coach has reverted. Work dates will be established in our hectic and chaotic schedule!

Totebag Favors for 2007 National Convention. We discussed a number of different things to do for our totebag favors and came up with several possibilities, both of which we will do in small numbers (remember they want them in "lots" of 100 each): feather/fur boas on hangers and Chinese take-out containers with chopsticks and menus.

Web Sites to Check 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. Check them out!. If you have anything you want on the web page, send the information to Susan at smatson@carolina.rr.com.

E-3 Get Away Weekend. "A Low Country Bed and Breakfast." Registration is on-going for the

Get-Away Weekend September 15-16 in Greenville South Carolina. The project is an elegant bed and breakfast, complete with a spa, and the cost is \$50.00, which includes dinner and breakfast.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the AmeriSuites in Greenville for those needing overnight accommodations. The activities begin Friday evening with a simple dinner and games at John Knox Presbyterian Church,. Weekend activities include two fashion shows, a "Coffee Cup Fashion Show" -- where you bring your favorite coffee cup down their "liquid highway runway." and a "Bedroom Slipper Fashion Show." with prizes awarded in several categories. Other party activities include a gift exchange and shoe box sales.

2006 Enchanted Village. The forms have gone out for the 2006 Enchanted Village and are due back in by Sept. 15. If you were at the Presidents' Retreat, State Day, or any of a number of workshops, remember that those make good exhibits and that the more we have the better off we are. I'll have additional forms at the August meeting, and they are also available on the PCNG website.

The special contest for this year's Village is Christmas songs, sacred or secular, any scale (miniature, of course!), maximum size 12" square. That leaves you a lot of leeway and lots of choices.

Set-up of the area is, as usual, Sunday, November 5, beginning about 1 p.m. Exhibits come in on Tuesday, November 7, and, as usual, we need monitors. Talk to Debbie about that. Our location is just about where it was last year.

2008 State Day. In relation to our 50s diner state day theme, Jan found this web site that has pictures of diners (and other things related to the 50s). Look in the section marked 1950's. Jan says it's supposed to be a free wallpaper site, but the extras are great!
<http://www.kawarthalakesminis.com/printablehomepage/html>.

In reference to our State Day, Jeff Love has ordered and received the souvenirs that we discussed at the July meeting. Because of the cost involved, we need to have our members pay their registration fees (\$45) ahead of time. If you could pay at least \$25 at the August meeting (though we'll gladly take the full amount!) and the balance (\$20) in December, we'll be able to reimburse Jeff his costs in getting the souvenirs for us at a special price. Many thanks.

SHOW BUSINESS

Sept. 28-Oct. 1. Atlanta Miniature Show.

CALENDAR

Aug. 17, 2006. Bunco Party to raise money for the 2008 E-3 Small Scales Houseparty, PJ's Miniatures, 5818 Highway 74 West, Indian Trail, NC 28079, 704-821-9144, 7 p.m. Cost \$5.

Sept. 15-17, 2006. E-3 Weekend Getaway, Greenville SC. Elegant contemporary master suite in a Low Country B & B in 1/4" scale.

Oct. 19-22, 2006. "Trick or Treat in Tennessee," Fourth annual fall/Halloween weekend sponsored by the East Tennessee Mini Makers, DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN.

Oct. 28, 2006. South Carolina State Day, SC Society of Miniature Collectors, Columbia. Theme: "Rendezvous on the Veranda." Registration opens in August, 2006. The main project is a revision of the Charleston houseparty centerpiece in either 1/2" or 1" scale.

Nov. 9-19, 2006. Southern Christmas Show, Enchanted Village, Charlotte Merchandise Mart, Charlotte.

Dec. 2, 2006. Christmas party at PJ's, beginning at 10 a.m. will include a workshop to make a lycopodium Christmas tree and roundtables to make ornaments for your tree. A light lunch will be included., an optional mini gift exchange, and a cookie swap will take place in the afternoon.

Jan. 19-20, 2007. E-3 Presidents' Retreat, Atlanta, GA.

Mar. 3, 2007. Garden Party, Augusta Area Miniature Enthusiasts, Augusta, GA.

April/May, 2007. North Carolina State Day, hosts, Theme: "Once Upon a Fairytale," Raleigh Miniatures Guild.

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"

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: "Way Back Home (in Indiana!)."

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Sept. 13, 2006 Dinner at Cafe Italy; Diner.

Oct. 11, 2006 Dinner at the Little Spaghetti House; Diner.

Nov. 1, 2006 Dinner at the Golden Corral; Diner.

Dec. 13, 2006. Christmas Party

CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJ'S

August 14-16, 2006. Kitchen, Ray Whitledge and Scott Burgess. \$695.00.

August 17, 2006. Curtains, Ray Whitledge and Scott Burgess, \$100.00.

Sept. 2006. the Guys from Texas.

Sept. 17, 2006. 1/4" Continental breakfast to go with the 1/4" Bed and Breakfast from the September Mini Weekend and 1/2" scale food trays and baking items for the kitchen of the Presidents' Retreat 1/2" Scale cottage, taught by Jan McCandliss (Jan Be Nimble), \$25.00 for each class. The 1/2" scale class will be taught Sunday morning, the 1/4" continental breakfast class Sunday afternoon.

December 1, 2, 2006. Santa Claus workshop taught by Cat Wingle. Sculpt and dress your doll. Cost: \$100.

December 3, 2006. Santa's elf doll. Dress a 1" scale porcelain doll as Santa's elf, taught by Rachel Bonney. Cost: \$50.00.

January/February, _____ 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.

November 2007. Rick Pierce will be returning to teach another class. Details will be available in the fall.

MEMBER NEWS

Happy August birthday to Jan McCandliss, whose birthday is August 16.

Congratulations to Amy Rauch, who received the Region E-3 Ambassador award at the NAME National Convention in Anaheim in July. Amy will be recognized as E-3's Ambassador at the National Convention in Orlando in 2007, well-deserved recognition. Congratulations, Amy!