

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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AUGUST MEETING

Our August meeting will be held Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at our usual meeting place, the Depot in downtown Mooresville. We will be working on club totebag favors for our state day, but if you know what your individual favor(s) will be, please bring that information so that we can indicate that those items are already taken care of when we send out the list of favors to clubs and potential registrants. We have one diner completed (Lynn's), but the rest of us need to continue working on our own diners so that we have something to display on our tables in April.

The Munch Bunch will be meeting for dinner at 6 p.m. at Applebee's in Mooresville -- right off I-77, turn on the road leading to Walmart; Applebee's is on the left, just past Staples.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Dues. If you haven't paid your \$10 Mini Reflections dues yet, please bring a check for \$10 payable to Mini Reflections to the August meeting. Thanks much.

Bylaws. The revision of the club bylaws were voted on and accepted at the July meeting. If you don't have a copy of them, please let me know, and I'll get them to you.

Web Sites to Check Out. Don't forget to check out our various web sites -- Susan has added pictures from State Day, the Presidents' Retreat, and the Flea Market, as well as the Charlotte Observer article on Ginny and registration and class information about Trick or Treat in Tennessee (Monteagle) in November (classes, etc.), so check them out. I'll be giving her pictures from the National Convention to put on the web pages, too, so check out what you missed if you weren't there! She has also started the Photo Album that was suggested, so if you haven't sent her something to be included in that, send her something from State Day, the Christmas Show, or whatever. The Mini Reflections web site is www.minireflections.org, 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).

2008 State Day Registrations. If you are planning on attending our State Day next April and have or want your kit but haven't registered yet, could you please bring a check for \$45 (full amount), payable to Mini Reflections Miniature Club, to the August meeting? Many

thanks. Those who are paid in full are Ann Bejcek, Donna Blair, Rachel Bonney, Chris Ernst, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Jones, Pat Mantione, Susan Matson, Jan McCandliss, Ginny Newell, Amy Rauch -- and our Regional Coordinator, Judi Smith.

2008 State Day. This is probably an unnecessary reminder, but our state day will take place Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Charles Mack Citizens Center on Main Street in Mooresville. Boxes for the diners will be assembled for our guests, courtesy of Jeff Love of PJ's Miniatures, so our guests can start decorating as they see fit.

Ginny has patterns for 50s-style diner aprons and caps that she will be making for each of us to wear at State Day -- black and white check, cost \$6 per person, your expense. If you haven't paid her yet, you need to do so.

Bring those oval Blue Bunny ice cream containers for Donna Blair to be used for the raffle tickets for each item donated.

Registration packets will be sent out to clubs in late December; individual mailings will go out January 3, 2008. Lynn and Jan have the form done, but it will need to be copied so it can be sent out. It will also be available on our club and state web pages. The postmark date for returning the registration forms is February 3, 2008, for North Carolina club members, February 10 for those from outside the state. Packets will be mailed out as the registrations come in. The logo has to be added to the tear sheets before they can be reproduced. The deadline for returning tear sheets to designated persons is March 1; April 1 is the deadline for getting tote bag favors to Susan Matson. Information is already on the NAME web page.

What are we doing about table exchange gifts? Do we substitute door prizes for them? I need this information for the invitation and for the letter that goes in the packets after the registrations have been received.. I'm assuming we'll still do the table favors.

State Day assignments:

Chairperson - Lynn Frank
Centerpieces -
Exhibits, Mini Mart - Donna Deal
Hospitality (meals and snacks) - Ann Bejcek, assisted by Ginny Newell. This team is getting prices on food for lunch, snacks, etc.
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

2007 Christmas Show. Forms for the 2007 Christmas Show were sent out in late June via email and snail mail to some), and they are also available on the Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group web page (piedmontcarolinas-name.org) if you need additional forms. Dates for the Christmas Show are November 7-18, with Sunday set-up on November 4 (because the Wednesday night preview is on the first Wednesday in November this year and not the second, we'll have our November meeting at our usual time, on the second Wednesday -- the 14th). Incidentally, the first exhibit form has come in -- where are yours?

Exhibits are to be brought in on November 6. The special contest this year is Holiday Celebrations Around the World, and our Guest Artists will be NC/SC and GA NAME clubs. We will also be having a 1/4" scale village with an O gauge model railroad running through it, possibly the Polar Express, courtesy of Albert Post (Gingerbread House) and Ed Brasefield (circus exhibit last year), so if you have 1/4" scale houses that would fit, be sure to include them in your entries.

As usual, we'll need people to help set up the exhibit area on Sunday and possibly some on Tuesday (check with Lynn on that), and monitors for the run of the show. Monitor times can be indicated on the entry forms you send in.

SC Mini Playday. Mini GAME (Greenville) and a new SC club are sponsoring a one-day playday in Greenville September 22, 2007, to make a corner workstation that can be anything your imagination creates. Cost is \$50 and includes the wood parts to assemble the station, flooring, stool, and a dust cover, as well as your lunch. There will be additional goodies given out. Registration is limited to 50 people. For more information contact Donna Brewington (djbrew@bellsouth.net) or Janet Chase (flomachughes.net).

Visitor at our July Meeting. We would like to welcome Jay Dunn, a visitor at our July meeting. We were glad to have you spend the evening with us and hope that you'll be back.

CALENDAR

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"

September 22, 2007. SC Mini Playday. 1" Scale Corner Workstation. Greenville, SC.

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.

Nov. 7-18 2007. Enchanted Village, Southern Christmas Show, Charlotte Merchandise Mart.

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

March 13-16, 2008. First Annual Round TuIt Weekend, DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, Tennessee.

April 19, 2008. NC State Day, Charles Mack Citizens Center, 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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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

Sept. 22, 2007. Doll Workshop, 50's car hop or diner waitress. Cost \$65.00. Rachel Bonney.

Oct. 13, 2007. Doll workshops, soda jerk, cost \$60.00. Rachel Bonney.

November 11-15, 2007. Witch's hut, Rik Pierce. Cost \$700. You can view the hut on his web site, <http://www.frogmorton.com>.

November 2007. Jim Pounder will be coming to teach a workshop on soldering and LED lighting. The date and cost have not been determined yet.

MEMBER NEWS

We have one August birthday baby, Jan McCandliss, on August 16. Many happy returns, Jan!

A special welcome to Jan Sylsberry, who has decided she wants to be part of our group, even though she won't be able to make it to all of our meetings. Jan moved to Pinnacle, NC, from New Bern, where she was president of Coastal Miniatures and also organized and coordinated the NC Round Table Day hosted by Coastal Miniatures. Welcome, Jan!