

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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DECEMBER MEETING - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Our December meeting will be held based on our regular meeting schedule, meeting the second Wednesday of the month, December 10. We'll meet at 6 p.m. at Soiree's Restaurant, which is on the corner of Main Street catty-corner from the Depot. Please confirm with Ginny a week ahead of time that you will be coming for dinner so that she can let the folks at the restaurant know how many of us to expect. This is the list we have right now: Ann Bejcek (she'll be coming late), Donna Blair, Rachel Bonney, Donna Deal, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Jones (everyone, remember to call and remind her!), Pat Mantione, and Ginny Newell, plus, I'm assuming Marianne Jokubaitis. Susan Matson has said she won't be there. Please let us know if you are/aren't coming to dinner.

After dinner we'll go back over to the Depot for the Great Gift Exchange and dessert, if anyone has room for dessert after eating a Soirees' dinner!

Fourteen people are participating in the Great Gift Exchange: Ann Bejcek, Donna Blair, Rachel Bonney, Terri Correll, Donna Deal, Chris Ernst, Lynn Frank, Renea Goodin, Marianne Jokubaitis, Pat Mantione, Susan Matson, Jan McCandliss, Ginny Newell, and Lianne Rowe. If you want one of your own goodies for yourself, bring 14. See you then!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Meetings. We'll be starting our new project in January. This will be a long-term project where we'll work on the construction of the structure at the first few meetings of the new year and then different club members will teach special workshops to furnish and/or accessorize the structure as the year goes on.

Web Sites to Check Out. Susan reports that she has updated our various web sites, so you are going to want to take a look at them. 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.

And we've sent her some photos from the Small Scales Houseparty to add to them, so stay in touch.

2008 Christmas Show Another successful year and Enchanted Village. Thanks to everyone who participated - setting up or moving out, as exhibitors, as monitors, and as visitors. Your help is appreciated (and earns the club money).

As usual, our members did well in the ribbon category: Ann Bejcek (Honorable Mention Miscellaneous for her Doll in Trunk), Donna Blair (Honorable Mention Room

Boxes for her diner), Donna Deal (Honorable Mention Outdoor Scenes for her Springtime Garden), Renea Goodin (1st Place Non-Residential Structures for her diner, 2nd Place Houses for Mr. and Mrs. Santa House, and Honorable Mention Room Boxes for her hospital box),



Susan Matson (1st place Small Scales for her little church, 2nd Place Room Boxes for her wine cellar, and 3rd Place Non-Residential Structures for her diner), Jan McCandliss



(Small Scales Honorable Mentions for her 1/4" Oval Office and her 1/4" Low Country B & B), and Amy Rauch (2nd Place Small Scales for The Visaliam and Honorable Mention, Small Scales, for the 1/4" Grey Tabby. Congratulations to everyone and thanks for your participation and all your help.

Reward Workshop. The question of again holding a reward workshop for those who participated in the Christmas show was brought up at the November meeting. Members were asked to think about what they would like to have as the workshop and how they would like to

handle it. However, since all exhibitors are "rewarded" with up to 12 free tickets to the show (valued at \$9 each), to be eligible for the "reward" workshop, MR members would have to have monitored and/or helped out with set-up/move-out. Exhibits alone wouldn't earn the reward. And the full cost of the workshop could not be covered by the club. Each participant would have to pay a portion of the cost of the workshop. Anyone who didn't participate in the Christmas Show but wanted to take the workshop could do so for the full cost.

Funny Money and Silent Auction. An executive decision was made at our November meeting on what earns bucks (and how many) of our funny money for purchasing goodies at the Silent Auction to be held in June at our annual birthday party. A list of things you can do is included with this newsletter, but it includes coming to monthly meetings, exhibiting, monitoring, etc., at the Christmas Show). The "auction" (really a swap) will be minis you don't want or need or think you'll use -- JUNQUE, not junk. Bring them to meetings as you clean out cabinets, boxes, etc., and we'll store for you, or you can hang on to them until the picnic/birthday party.

We'll start handing out "dollars" at the next meeting, since we've already started "earning" our money. Ginny Newell brought her Oval Office and Betsy Ross House workshop projects from the Greenville Houseparty for "show and tell," Terri Correll brought a lovely doll, and Rachel Bonney brought Jan McCandliss' Medieval Dinner that she won at Monteagle in October (the dinner was Jan's souvenir gift to people who took her theme luncheon at the National Convention in Nashua).



Thanks to Pat Mantione (assisted by Donna Blair) for teaching the project for the November meeting, sunflowers.



Remember, if you bring them to show (and tell) at the December meeting, you earn some funny money! And everyone who participated in the Christmas Show in any capacity gets dollars, too.

NAME National Convention Tote Bag Favors and Door Prizes. We agreed that we would do 200 tote bag favors for the National Convention in July and that we would have special meetings to work on them rather than taking our regular meeting time away from our own projects. We agreed that we would do board games, and Donna Blair said she would try to work it out so that they could be cut with her magic cutter so that all we have to do is glue and assemble. More on this after the New Year.

No decision was made on sending a door prize from the club.

State Day Tote Bag Favors. We didn't make a decision about tote bag favors for State Day since we haven't received a request for or a list of possible tote bag favors from Indian Trail Mini Makers. We did agree that we should have a special meeting to work on them rather than taking up club time.

Dollhouse For Sale. Renea has been in touch with some folks who have a dollhouse they want to sell. It's an unfinished shell with six rooms on three floors, and their asking price of \$250 includes windows, doors, and several rooms of furniture. If anyone is interested, contact Mary and Jack Griffin, 704-847-5961.

CALENDAR

December 5, 6, 7, 2008. Third Annual Carolina Christmas Party, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail.

January 16-17, 2009. E-3/Presidents Retreat, Atlanta, GA. Bubbles and Bath Boutique.

April 18, 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"

October 2-4 2009 Region N-1 Small Scales Houseparty, Salt Lake City, UT. Theme: "Weekend in Paris - La Vie en Rose."

April/May 2010. NC State Day, "My Little Corner of the World," Cary, NC, hosted by Small Wonders Miniature Club.

July 2010. NAME National Convention, Seattle, WA. Theme: Merrie Olde England, Then and Now.

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

July/August, 2011. NAME National Convention, Cleveland, OH. Theme: A Song in My Heart.

May, 2012. Region N-3 Small Scales Houseparty, Portland, OR. The theme has something to do with the Four Seasons.

July/August, 2012. NAME National Convention, Charlotte, NC. Theme: NAME: 40 Years of Sharing

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 31 VIP State Day registration deadline
January 15 Registration for 2009 NC State Day
Opens
January 31 AIM forms due to NAME. Note here -- they were **not** included in the November-December *Gazette*, as they usually are, so the deadline will probably be pushed back farther/

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Jan. 14 2009 Dinner at Teddy's (also known as Lew's Fine Food). Begin long-term project
Feb. 11 2009 Dinner at Chili's.
Mar. 11 2009 Dinner at Cracker Barrel.
April 8, 2009
May 13, 2009
June 3, 2009 Birthday Potluck Picnic
July, 2009

MEMBER NEWS

Happy birthday wishes to Pat Mantione, whose birthday is the day after our Christmas party, December 11.