

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February meeting will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. We WILL be working on 2006 State Day totebag favors -- the towels to go on the towel bars of mini vignette box. Jeff Love is cutting out the wood pieces for the actual little box but won't have them done in time for our February meeting, so we'll do those in March. For this month's meeting, you will need to bring sharp (cloth cutting) scissors, Tacky Glue, tweezers, and a mini iron, if you have one.

The Munch Bunch will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at the Sonny's Barbecue, which is on the north side of NC 150 on the east side of 77. Coming from I-77, it's just past the Belk's Shopping Center. __

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2005 Christmas Show Reward Workshop.

Donna Deal has scheduled our workshop for the 50s soda jerk for Saturday, March 18. Earlier dates in March were not available. If you can't make it that date, we'll work something out for a make-up class (Ann and Lynn can't come that date). Here's the information I have: Ann Bejcek -dark hair, turquoise cummerbund, Donna Blair - blonde?, red cummerbund; Susan Coyne -red hair, blue cummerbund?; Donna Deal-brown/black hair, light purple cummerbund; Sarah Duffy?; Lynn Frank - brown hair, red stripe on trousers, black cummerbund; Marilyn Jones - red cummerbund?; Debbie Love - blonde?, red cummerbund; Pat Mantione - blonde?, blue cummerbund; Susan Matson - light brown hair?, red cummerbund; Marilyn McCarthy - brown hair, red cummerbund; Ginny Newell - hair?, red cummerbund; Amy Rauch -brown hair, red cummerbund; and Liane Rowe dark hair.

The 2006 reward workshop will be 50s diner items, taught by Caroline Eiche, who had some really fantastic stuff as houseparty helpers at the 2005 National. She sent a list of items and costs, but we're asking her for some suggestions as to what can be accomplished in a day-long workshop. We're also asking her to do our souvenir - we have several items we're suggesting to her -- and asking her if we can get 20 of them ahead of time for our prototypes.

Second E-3 Swap! Donna Eckel is planning the second mini-swap for E-3, due in June. The theme is "Summer Vacations, "anything pertaining to a summer vacation, such as maps, suitcases, things you'd find at the beach, things you'd find in the mountains, things you would bring in your car if traveling that way, items of clothing, food, etc. Just think of your favorite vacation and what you would find there or bring there. Can't travel

this year? How about a picnic? What would you bring?" Again ten items per swap, and you can do it in 1" or 1/4" scales. Full information is attached.

2006 North Carolina State Day. You should have received your application forms for State Day at the January meeting, and they should have been mailed February 1 in order to be on time.

Centerpieces for 2007 NAME National Convention. Mini Reflections will be doing a centerpiece for 2007 in meetings separate from our regular meetings. The centerpiece is a theater marquee and small area inside -- dressing room, lobby, etc. Please try to think of a theme you think might be fun/interesting, etc. The theme is "That's Entertainment!", and the centerpiece has to follow the theme.

Totebag Favors for 2007 National Convention.

We decided that we will come up with some tote bag favor to come from the club to be made by members who want to participate but on their own time. Instructions and materials will be provided, and however many we get is what we'll go with. That way those who want to participate and contribute can do so, but we won't be taking up club meeting time working on the projects.

Web Sites to Check Out. Mini Reflections web site is www.minireflections.org. The Enchanted Village web site is <http://pedmontcarolinaname.org>., (Susan has pictures of the winning exhibits for the Christmas Show on the web page now), 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.

2008 State Day. Committee assignments for our 2008 State Day were made at the February meeting.

Centerpieces - Debbie Love
Chairperson - Lynn Frank
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

1/4" Scene in Plastic Balls Project. We will be working on these 1/4" scenes at the April and May meetings, so you will want to get your goodies together before then. We'll try to have some completed prototypes for you to look at in March. The calendar of holidays - special events for a year and the holidays already chosen

are as follows: (Let's try to get one for each month?) (If you haven't received your materials, please let me know! Also, I now have plenty of the hangers, in case you didn't get yours yet.

January - New Year's - Rachel Bonney
Super Bowl Party - Susan Matson
February - Valentine's Day - Marilyn McCarthy
Chinese New Year - Donna Blair
March - St. Patrick's Day - Lynn Frank
April - Easter - Debbie Love
May - Cinco de Mayo - Debbie Love
June - Weddings - Debbie Love
July - Independence Day - Ann Bejcek
August
September - Labor Day
October - Halloween - Donna Deal
November - Thanksgiving - Ginny Newell
December - Christmas - Susan Matson

Dates/Events still available:

January: MLKing Birthday
February: Ground Hog Day
Lincoln's Birthday
Washington's Birthday
May: Mother's Day
June: Father's Day
Graduation
October: Columbus Day
World Series
December: Hanukkah
Kwanza

National Kidney Foundation of LA Auction.

Because the Gulf South Show is not going to be held this year, the NKFL is trying to raise money by holding a mini auction. PJ's is donating one of the 2-room cottages, to be decorated by Debbie Love, and they are asking us for contributions to accessorize the house (think in terms of a mature woman's home in a cottage). Whatever little things you can think of to finish up a house. We'll let you know later the date you have to get them to PJ's.

2007 Presidents' Retreat. The 2007 Presidents' Retreat will be a 1/2" scale cottage -- Jeff Love is reducing the 2-room cottage (remember the one Debbie Love had in the Christmas Show, the Pink whatever?) That one, but in 1/2" scale and with two rooms upstairs and two rooms down, intended to be a vacation cottage. Debbie Love will be teaching the workshop, and Mini Reflections members who are willing to participate will be the "host" or workshop facilitators. Debbie will have the prototype for us to see at one of the coming meetings and at State Day, and we will begin working on the prototypes in July. This means that those who participate will need to be willing to attend the actual retreat. Apparently there will be only one retreat (in Georgia) in 2007 because of the National Convention in Orlando in July. Retreat participants also will receive some kits and goodies for furnishing the cabin from the E-3 team and the club. We discussed some of those at the January meeting and will be working them out at future meetings -- and you'll get to try them out FIRST. We do need a head count of how many of you will be

participating so that Jeff knows how many kits to make up. Right now the discussion is to have the houses partly assembled so that the main part of the workshop will be to finish, furnish, etc.

Mini Flea Market, Picnic, and Workshop Day.

Saturday, June 17, we're scheduling another fun day at PJ's in Indian Trail, to begin with a flea market from 10 a.m. to about noon, a picnic lunch, and then some roundtable workshops in the afternoon. Special recognition and invitations will go out to new NAME members to include them in the event, so keep that date in mind. We want everyone there for at least a little while, even though the event is for a full day.

SHOW BUSINESS

Spring 2006. Annual Columbia Miniature Show and Sale, Columbia, SC. Showcase Promotions Miniature Show, Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: Adults \$3.00, children under 12 free. No strollers please. Information: R. Keef (864)268-0816, 16 S. Antigo Ct. Greer, SC 29650

E-mail: minicollector@charter.net

Molly Cromwell Shows.

Feb. 18-19, 2006. Orlando Festival of Miniatures. Holiday Inn, International Drive Resort, 6515 International Drive, Orlando. Sat. Feb. 18, pre-registered show preview; Sun. Feb. 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Pre-registered workshops Feb. 15-22.

April 6-14, 2006. Tulip-Time Tour of Holland and the Arnhem Dollhouse Show.

CALENDAR

March 18, 2006. Reward Workshop, Soda Jerk. Donna's clubhouse in Salisbury, 9 a.m.

May 6, 2006. NC State Day. "Necessary Room." Greensboro Mini Society, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Greensboro. Workshop project: a bathroom, laundry room, dressing room, or whatever you consider a necessary room.

June 17, 2006. Mini Flea Market, Picnic, and Workshops, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail, 10 a.m.- noon; class from 1-4 or 5 p.m.

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

July 20-23, 2006. NAME National Convention-Houseparty, Anaheim, California. Theme: "Tell Me a Story."

April/May, 2007. North Carolina State Day, hosts, 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 2008. NAME National Convention/Houseparty, North Shores/Danvers, MA (Boston). Theme not announced yet.

Fall 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!)."

at Iredell Memorial rehab/Skilled Nursing care facility in Statesville. If you want to call her, the number is 794-878-4566, Room 136, and the address, should you wish to visit or send a card, is Iredell Memorial, 557 Brookdale Drive, Statesville, NC, 28625. We wish her well -- in more ways than one! Get healthy, Marilyn, and soon!

Ginny Newell has an announcement: She has joined the 21st century and is now e-mail literate (well, getting there, she says). Her new e-mail address is vlnewell@mindspring.com. And Liane Rowe is back with us in cyberspace with the same e-mail address as before, reindeerhill@tds.net.

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- March 8, 2006 Dinner at Texas Roadhouse; Mini vignette box for NC State Day totebag favors.
- April 12, 2006 Dinner at Teddy's (Formerly Lew's Fine Foods); 1/4" holiday balls
- May 10, 2006 Dinner at the Roadhouse; 1/4" holiday balls
- June 14, 2006 Birthday party and picnic
- July 12, 2006 Dinner at Izzy Bell's; 2007 Presidents' Retreat Prototype (1/2" scale house)
- August 9, 2006 Dinner at the Pizza Hut; 2007 Presidents' Retreat Prototype (1/2" scale house)
- Sept. 13, 2006 Dinner at Cafe Italy; 2007 Presidents' Retreat Prototype (1/2" scale house)
- Oct. 11, 2006 Dinner at the Little Spaghetti House; Diner counter and booths
- Nov. 1, 2006 Dinner at the Golden Corral; Diner counter and booths
- Dec. 13, 2006. Christmas Party

CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJ'S

August 2006. Kitchen, Ray Whitledge.

Jeff is in the process of making arrangements for additional classes to be taught at the store this summer and fall. Potential classes that don't have dates yet include one on wiring by Jim Pounder and one by the Guys from Texas (no project identified yet, either). We'll keep you informed as we get the information.

MEMBER NEWS

We have LOTS of February birthdays to celebrate, so Happy Birthday to Terri Correll (Feb. 7), Ginny Newell (Feb. 12), Susan Matson (Feb. 13), and Donna Blair (Feb. 17).

Terri Correll reports that she will be moving (AGAIN!), this time to Canada(!) for about three years. We have members a long way from us, but that's overdoing it a bit, Terri!

Best wishes to Marilyn McCarthy for a speedy recovery from her recurring health problems. She is now