

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February meeting on February 13, 2008 will begin a bit earlier than normal, if possible, around 7 p.m. rather than 7:30 p.m., at the Depot, so that we can get to work earlier and hopefully accomplish LOTS of things. We will be working on the centerpieces and on the stools for our diners -- you will need to wear old grungy clothes or have a smock or some kind of cover-up if you prefer to wear good clothes. You also should bring 1" sponge brushes, x-acto knives, and loc-tite glue (to work on stools). Also, don't forget to bring a picture of yourself the way you looked in the 50s (I realize some of you young 'uns may have a problem with that, but be creative and come up with something, please!) -- we have two (Marilyn and Ginny have brought theirs in, but we need one from the rest of you -- you WILL get them back!).

Again, if you have been working on your diners and have ideas about how to do the work area behind the counter, we need diagrams, instructions, supply/materials lists to provide to our guests in the instruction packet and/or the souvenir book. We'd like to have at least four different possible ways to finish that area to show our guests. (Bring your diners to show us the progress you are making, gang!)

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 the Lotus Chinese Restaurant on NC 150 just east of Hwy 29 (it's next-door to the Ford dealership -- you can't miss it!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Web Sites to Check Out. Don't forget to check out our various web sites. 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. 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. Be sure to finish your diners -- we need a minimum of ten in order to have one completed example on each table.

No more orders for aprons!

Donna Blair says that her husband was a bit concerned when he saw all the Blue Bunny ice cream containers she had stashed away (for our raffle ticket containers) -- when had she eaten all that ice cream??? Donna wants to know if we need more, but we'll wait until we see how many raffle items we have before bringing her more (and making her husband wonder just exactly what she's up to!). After all, we can all hurriedly eat more ice cream, right? (Lynn has promised to eat some between now and then and hold on to the containers until and if Donna needs them! Service above and beyond, Lynn!) We have six raffle items in hand already.

Six of us (Lynn, Ginny, Marilyn, Donna B., Jan Sylsberry, and Rachel) worked on centerpieces at the Depot on Monday, January 21, assembly-line fashion, and accomplished a good deal. We'll work on them at the February meeting/

We've had one get-together to work on diners and made good progress (well, actually, two, if you include the day I spent with Marilyn at her house making - and finishing! - my booths). Ann B. and Donna B. spent part of Saturday at my house working on their diners -- booths, mostly -- but we're getting there! I'm willing to get together again as needed to try to get things done -- I seemed to work better with moral (?) support!

Tote bag favors have started coming in (even before registration opened), and these are being turned over to Susan as they arrive.

Items we know about that should be taken off the list are on the minutes from the list meeting.

The schedule or time-line right now is as follows:

Feb. 3, 2008 -Registration for NC Club members and NC folks in general opened.

Feb. 10, 2008 - Postmark date for registrations from non-NC guests and non-NAME members.

Registration confirmations and packets will be mailed to registrants by February 15.

Mar. 1, 2008 Deadline for returning tear sheets to appropriate committee chairs.

Mar. 15, 2008 Date to send Jan McCandliss the lists of donors, mini mart dealers, etc. for the souvenir booklet.

April 1, 2008 Tote bag favors due to Susan Matson.

April 9, 2008 Ten-day count-down to State Day.

April 18, 2008 Last-minute scramble

April 19, 2008 THE DAY

The registration form is also available on our club web pages. Information is also on the NAME web page and in the Gazette.

State Day assignments:

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. We now have a total of five workshops -- the booth, table-top juke box, bar stools, french fry cooker, and we have added the table components for the booth.

Souvenirs, Souvenir Book - Jan McCandliss (Jan has been wrapping most of the souvenirs)

Tote Bags- Susan Matson (these have been ordered, and Susan will start filling them when she gets them and as favors start coming in)

Workshop teacher - Lynn Frank

Presidents' Retreat (Now Called E-3 Retreat).

Four Mini Reflections members attended the E-3 Retreat - Ann Bejcek and Jan Sylsberry represented Mini Reflections, Mairanne Jokubaitis represented Indian Trail Mini Makers, and I went as State Rep and teacher.

The project for the 2009 Retreat is being developed by Ron Mummert (Ron's Shop in Orlando) -- keep it in mind for the future.

E-3 Small Scales Houseparty, "Hail to the Chief," Greenville, SC. You won't want to miss this small scales houseparty, gang. It's in our backyards (well, almost), at the same hotel where we had our "Autumn Elegance" Houseparty in Greenville in 2002, the theme is a tribute to the White House, and there are some really terrific events planned. The Thursday night workshop is a 1/4" replication of part of the Oval Office, designed by our own Jane Payne (and a couple of others), and it is fantastic. I can hardly wait! The souvenirs are wonderful, and the committee has lots of great surprises in store. So, when March 21 rolls around, be sure to send in your reservations for your visit to the SC version of the White House. (Hopefully the NAME Gazette will be out in time for you all to get them!) 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

February 15, 2008. Registration opens for 2008 NAME National Convention, Nashua, NH.

Mar. 21, 2008. Registration opens for Greenville, SC Small Scales Regional Houseparty

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Mar. 12, 2008 Dinner at Golden Corral; work on counter-top french fry cookers

April 9, 2008 Dinner at Sousa. Work on name tags and other last-minute business.

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

February 9, 2008. Fred Cobbs will teach a garden with potting shed class from 9-5. The cost of \$115 includes lunch.

February 25-27, 2008. Ray Whitledge class, "A Georgian Shop" Cost: \$750.00. **CANCELLED**

February 28, 2008. Ray Whitledge class, A Tufted Ottoman. **CANCELLED**

Spring 2008. Suzanne and Andrew class -- TBA.

August 2008 Ray Whitledge class -

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to lots of February birthday babies (making up for January, when we didn't have any!):
Feb. 7 - Terri Correll; February 9 - Marianne Jokubaitis;
February 12 - Ginny Newell; February 13 - Susan Matson;
and February 17 Donna Blair.