

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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JULY MEETING

We'll be getting back to work at our July meeting Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at our usual meeting place, the Depot in downtown Mooresville. We'll be voting on the by laws at this meeting, so bring your copy with you. Please also bring ideas for State Day totebag favors from the club. We need to continue working on our own diners, so bring your booths to work on them or whatever else you have that you can work on while we talk.

The Munch Bunch will be meeting for dinner at 6 p.m. at Lew's Fine Food now known as Teddy's (both names are on the restaurant, so you can choose whichever one you like). The restaurant is on Highway 150 west of I-77, directly behind the First Charter Bank at the light (on the north side of Highway 150 and across the road from Lowe's).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAME Dues. I'm assuming everyone is now caught up on their NAME dues. However, we did vote to pay \$10 dues for Mini Reflections for this year -- and some of us still need to take care of that. If you are one of those, please bring a check for \$10 payable to Mini Reflections to the July meeting. Thanks much.

Bylaws. The revision of the club bylaws was sent to you by email June 21 for your consideration before we vote on them at the July meeting. If you will not be able to be at the July meeting, please email me with your vote to accept or reject them if you have not done so already. Please vote for them as a unit, not individually by article. We'd like to have everyone represented in this vote. Thanks.

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. 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 July 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. As you all should know by now, our state day will take place Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Charles Mack Citizens Center on Main Street in Mooresville. Jeff Love of PJ's Miniatures has agreed to do the boxes for us at a cost of \$11 per box. This price includes a top, and the boxes will be assembled, so our guests can start decorating as they see fit.

Ginny has patterns for 50s-style diner aprons and caps that she is willing to make for each of us to wear at State Day -- black and white check, cost \$6 per person, your expense. So, if you're interested, let her know so she can get them made in plenty of time.

Also, Donna Blair has asked that you all make the supreme sacrifice and eat some Blue Bunny ice cream (in the oval containers) so you can provide her with two containers that she can use for the raffle tickets for each item donated. I know this will be a real hardship, but anything for the club, right?

Registration packets will be sent out to clubs in late December; individual mailings will go out January 3, 2008. 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, so I'll need tear sheets finalized before January 1. Most of you who need tear sheets have indicated that the prototypes I sent you several months ago are okay. We just need to add the logo in most cases. We'll need tear sheets for Exhibits and Mini Mart - Donna Deal; Door Prizes - Amy Rauch; Raffle - Donna Blair; and Tote Bag favors - Susan Matson. Have I forgotten anyone? 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 -- not sure about the Gazette.

I mentioned earlier that in 2001 we had people bring door prizes in lieu of table exchange gifts. Do we want to do this again this year? Some of you indicated yes but I need this information for the invitation and for the letter that goes in the packets after the registrations have

been received. What are your druthers on this? I'm assuming we'll still do the table favors.

We have received seed money from Raleigh Miniatures Guild to help with some of the expenses for State Day. Many heartfelt thanks to RMG!

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 they are also available on the Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group web page (piedmontcarolinas-name.org) if you need additional forms. I'll have them at the July meeting as well. 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).

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).

CALENDAR

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"

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 Tuft 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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Aug. 8, 2007 Dinner at Applebees; State Day

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 restaurant; 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 July birthday baby, Marilyn Jones,
on July 21. Happy Birthday and many, many more,
Marilyn.