

# MINI REFLECTIONS

## Newsletter

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### JUNE MEETING SWEET SIXTEEN PARTY

Hey, folks, Mini Reflections is 16 years old in June! To celebrate our sixteenth birthday, our June meeting (which is Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.) will be a picnic which Ginny Newell has generously agreed to host -- to show us her wonderful collection of minis that she and Bill built over the years. This will be our annual birthday party. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring ONE gift (valued at about \$10), wrapped, and Lynn will determine how the swap will be done.

Dinner will be a cookout, pot luck. Here is what is on the menu so far -- if you haven't signed up yet for something, the list of what we still need is below:

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| Ann Bejcek    | Ice cream                                    |
| Donna Blair   | Potato chips                                 |
| Donna Deal    | Pickles, onions, catsup, mustard & mayo.     |
| Rachel Bonney | Birthday cake                                |
| Lynn Frank    | Potato salad                                 |
| Marilyn Jones | Fruit salad                                  |
| Susan Matson  | Hamburger buns, tomatoes, lettuce            |
| Ginny Newell  | Hamburgers, Iced tea, beverages; baked beans |

Still need (if you are planning on coming and will bring one of the following, please let Rachel know):

Plates, napkins, cups, forks

Directions to Ginny's: from the north, take I-77 to Exit 36 (NC 150). East on 150 to Williamson; turn right on Brawley School Road (Harris Teeter plaza on right, new shopping center on left, Ginny's big church on southeast corner). Stay on Brawley School Road to Churckwood -- turn right on Chuckwood, go 1/4 mile to Seagrove - right on Seagrove. Dead-ends -- turn left. Her address is 151. If you get lost, her number is 704-663-7892. OR, to avoid all the congestion on 150, go south to exit 33, turn right onto Williamson Road, left on Brawley School Road (which is a large intersection with a large Methodist church on your right, left turn lanes, etc., and follow the above directions.

From the South, exit 33, turn left onto Williamson Road, left on Brawley School Road. Follow above directions the rest of the way.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Club Officers.** New club officers were elected by secret ballot at the special meeting June 6, 2007, to serve for one year: President - Lynn Frank, Secretary - Rachel Bonney, and Treasurer - Marilyn Jones.

**2007 NAME National Convention.** You still have time to sign up for the National Convention in Orlando, although registrations continue to come in, and time may run out. It promises to be a really great convention, and even though Florida/Orlando are hot in July, the hotel isn't -- it's nicely air-conditioned, and you DO NOT HAVE TO LEAVE IT! So don't use the heat as an excuse not to go! Unless, of course, you decide to go to the Patron Party, which is across the road from the hotel at Sea World -- underwritten in part by Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group -- and we have some really neat things planned. So, please plan to be there to support both NAME and PCNG, your friendly Enchanted Village organizers.

**Houseparty Helpers for 2007 National Convention.** I've already contacted the club members I know are going to the convention in July, but if any of you who are not going have projects, boxes, etc., that you are thinking of getting rid of, we could use them for Houseparty Helpers for the NAME Convention in July. If you have something you are willing to give, please let me know, so I can let the HP Helper chair know and I can take it to Orlando for you (you can bring it to either the June or July meeting). Houseparty Helpers are a really important way for NAME to raise money, and we need as many as we can get, so anything you can do to help out here will be gratefully received. Many thanks, guys.

**NAME Dues.** If you pay your dues through the club, bring a check payable to Mini Reflections to the June meeting -- no cash, please. My records show that these are the folks who need to pay their dues and when their membership expires: Ann Bejcek, 7/31/07; Rachel Bonney, 7/31/07 - paid 5/23/07; Donna Deal, 8/25/07; Lynn Frank, 7/31/07; Susan Matson, 7/24/07; Jan McCandliss 7/31/07 - paid ; John McCandliss 7/31/07 Family Member - paid; Marilyn McCarthy 7/31/07; Ginny Newell, 7/31/07 (paid); Amy Rauch, 7/31/07; and Liane Rowe, 7/16/07 (paid 6/6/07)

Since NAME dues are likely to go up, you may want to renew for more than one year. The rate schedule is: 1 year - \$35, 2 years - \$63, and 3 years - \$90. Life memberships are still \$500, but that may go up, too.

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. The Mini Reflections web site is [www.minireflections.org](http://www.minireflections.org), Enchanted Village web site is <http://www.piedmontcarolinas-name.org>, and the NC State web site is [www.ncname.org](http://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](mailto:smatson@carolina.rr.com). Also check out the E-3 web page (go to the NAME web page - [www.miniatures.org](http://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 or haven't paid the full registration amount, could you please bring a check for either \$45 (full amount) or \$20 (balance of what is due -- you folks have been contacted by email to remind you), payable to Mini Reflections Miniature Club, to the June meeting? Many thanks. Those who are paid in full are Rachel Bonney, Chris Ernst, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Jones, Susan Matson, Jan McCandliss, Ginny Newell, Amy Rauch -- and our Regional Coordinator, Judi Smith.

**2008 State Day.** Our State Day looms on the horizon, getting closer each meeting. The actual event will take place Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Charles Mack Citizens Center on Main Street in Mooresville. 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 those of you who need tear sheets [Exhibits and Mini Mart - Donna Deal; Door Prizes - Amy Rauch; Raffle - Donna Blair; Tote Bag favors - Susan Matson] to be returned will need to get them in by January 1, preferably sooner. Prototypes based on the 2001 forms have been sent to the chairs of these committees for editing, etc. Deadline for returns of 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.

Note: in 2001 we had people bring door prizes in lieu of table exchange gifts. Do we want to do this again this year? Some years we have had table exchange gifts, other years none. I'm assuming we'll still do the table favors. But I need this information for the invitation and for the letter that goes in the packets after the registrations have been received.

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 will be sent out later this month for the 2007 Christmas Show, and they also will be available on the Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group web page 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 Brasfield (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.

**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"

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 Tult 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"

#### MINI REFLECTIONS MEETINGS

July 11, 2007 Dinner at Lew's; State Day  
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 rest.; State Day  
Feb. 13, 2008 Dinner at the Lotus; State Day

#### CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJ'S

June 9, 2007. The Venetian, 1/4" scale house (companion piece to the Villa) workshop by Suzanne and Andrew. Lunch is included in the price of \$130.

Sept/Oct. 2007. Doll workshops, Rachel Bonney. 50S car hop and soda jerk. (I know, I know, you already have them, but what the hey!)

November 2007. Rik Pierce will be returning to teach another class. Details will be available later.

#### MEMBER NEWS

We have two June birthdays to celebrate: June 6, Donna Deal and June 27, Amy Rauch. Happy Birthday, guys.

Terri Correll's Canada address: 14 Beech Dr., London, Ontario, Canada N6P 1C9. She does have a "local" phone number so that you can call her in Canada if you need to: 704-798-3343.