

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting will be held Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. We'll be finishing (we hope!) our 2006 State Day totebag favors -- assembling the mini vignette boxes that Jeff Love is cutting out for us. You will need to bring glue (Weldbond, Tacky), small clamps, sandpaper.

The Munch Bunch will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at the Texas Steakhouse; which is on the north side of NC 150 on the west side of I-77. Turn right at the first stop light immediately west of I-77, go past the turnoff for Cracker Barrel and the Wingate Hotel. The Texas Steakhouse will be just ahead of you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna Deal has scheduled our workshop for the 50s soda jerk for Saturday, March 18, at the Grace Ridge Clubhouse.

Directions to Grace Ridge Clubhouse:

From Mooresville/Statesville: Take Hwy 150 towards Salisbury, look for MILLER ROAD to the RIGHT (will be a small "country store" on the corner with a one bay old spray off car wash). Go maybe 2 miles?...Take LEFT onto GRACE CHURCH ROAD (I think its about the 3rd road to the left). Go maybe _ mile clubhouse is on the right.

From Kannapolis/Concord/Charlotte: Take 85N to CHINA GROVE exit #68. Take LEFT at top of ramp go across bridge...stay straight. At stop light take a LEFT (you'll see a BP gas station while stopped at the light). Go right back to your RIGHT on SHUE ROAD (PORKY's BBQ is right on the corner). Stay on SHUE ROAD until you get to flashing light -- take a LEFT onto GRACE CHURCH ROAD. Go maybe ? mile clubhouse is on the left.

Donna's cell phone number if you get lost that day is 704-642-6582.

Remember to bring a bag lunch. You will also need to bring the following items: sharp scissors, white glue like Velveet or Tacky, preferably in a monoject (or similar) glue gun, quilting or travel iron (if you have one), ironing pad, Wet Ones, needle and white thread. (Actually, I'll provide needles, pins, and thread).

Again here's the information I have on what everyone

wants 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 - dark hair, blue cummerbund; 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;; Ginny Newell - brown hair, red cummerbund; Amy Rauch -brown hair, red cummerbund; and Liane Rowe dark hair.

Second E-3 Swap! Remember the second mini swap for E-3 is 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. Again ten items per swap, and you can do it in 1" or 1/4" scales. Full information is on the NC State web page.

Centerpieces for 2007 NAME National Convention. We still haven't decided on what we will be doing for our centerpiece for the 2007 National Convention. Though we won't be working on it in our regular club meetings, we need input from everyone as to what we should do. The theme convention theme is "That's Entertainment!", and the centerpiece has to follow the theme. The centerpiece is a theater marquee and small area inside -- dressing room, lobby, etc. We need to come up with a plan and set some dates to get started working on it. We do NOT want this to go in LATE.

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://piedmontcarolinasname.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 January 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 - beach/vacaton scene - Marilyn Jones
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
September	Labor Day
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 1/2" scale cottage will be taught by Debbie Love with the help of Mini Reflections members who are willing to go to Atlanta to be workshop facilitators. Debbie will bring the prototype to one of the coming meetings and to State Day. We will begin working on the prototypes in July. 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 he's going to make five kits. We know that the following folks are interested: Rachel, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Jones, Susan Matson, Ginny Newell. These are the people who would help at the actual retreat - are there others who want to participate? Let us know ASAP.

Mini Flea Market, Picnic, and Workshop Day.

Saturday, June 17, we're scheduling another fun day at PJ's in Indian Trail, including a flea market running all day, beginning about 10 a.m. and interspersed with roundtable workshops, and a picnic lunch. One of those roundtables will be a 30-60 minute orchid class taught by Chris Ernst (bring your own pot). 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

Fall 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.

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.- 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. Theme: "Once Upon a Fairytale."

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!).

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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

June 18, 2006. Amaryllis, taught by Chris Ernst.
10 a.m., cost \$50.00. Bring a bag lunch.

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 a fair number of March birthdays to
celebrate, so Happy Birthday to Liane Rowe - March 12;
Lynn Frank - March 14; and Rachel Bonney - March 28.

Best wishes to Marilyn McCarthy for a speedy
recovery from her recurring health problems. She is now
back home. We wish her well -- in more ways than one!
Get healthy, Marilyn, and soon!

Ginny Newell has ANOTHER announcement:
She ALREADY has upgraded her e-mail to DSL and has a
new address: vnewell@alltel.net.