

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be held Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. We'll be working on our Holiday plastic ornaments, so you will need to bring whatever materials you need for whatever stage you are at.

The Munch Bunch will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at the Roadhouse Grill, 142 Consumer Square, which is on the same side of NC 150 (right off I-77 as Taco Bell, Walmart, etc. The Roadhouse is back by Bob Evans. You can't miss it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAME Dues. NAME dues are due in June. Bring a check for \$35 payable to Mini Reflections, and Debbie will send a check for all of us with cub renewal form.

Second E-3 Swap! Remember the second mini swap for E-3 is due in June. If you haven't done anything about it yet, you'd better hop to it!

Centerpieces for 2007 NAME National Convention. We need to make a decision about what our centerpiece for the 2007 National Convention will be. Though we won't be working on it in our regular club meetings, we need input from everyone as to what we should do. Remember the theme convention theme is "That's Entertainment!", and the centerpiece has to follow the theme. 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. And this is another one we need to get going on.

Web Sites to Check Out. The Mini Reflections web site is www.minireflections.org, Enchanted Village web site is <http://piedmontcarolinasname.org>, 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.

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. (There will be only one retreat this year because of the National Convention in Orlando in July 2007). Debbie

will bring the prototype to the May meeting 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: (besides Debbie): 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've scheduled 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.

E-3 Get Away Weekend. "A Low Country Bed and Breakfast." Cat Wingle and Rhonda Keef are planning another mini weekend September 13-16 at Rhonda's church in Greenville (John Knox Presbyterian Church), including two fashion shows (the best "Coffee Cup" and bedroom slippers!) on Friday night, gift exchange, and shoebox sales. The project is a 1/4" B & B, including a spa, and you should be able to finish it in a day. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Greenville Amerisuites. And they are trying to keep costs down, so plan on it, gang.

SC State Day. The flyers are now out for SC State Day, "Rendezvous on the Veranda." You can make the project in either 1" or 1/2" scale, cost \$75. The date is Saturday, October 28, 2006, at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia. I'll have the brochures for you either at State Day or at the May meeting.

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

CALENDAR

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.

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

Sept. 15-17, 2006. E-3 Weekend Getaway, Greenville SC. Elegant contemporary master suite in a Low Country B & B in 1/4" scale.

Oct. 19-22, 2006. "Trick or Treat in Tennessee," Fourth annual fall/Halloween weekend sponsored by the East Tennessee Mini Makers, DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN.

Oct. 28, 2006. South Carolina State Day, SC Society of Miniature Collectors, Columbia. Theme: "Rendezvous on the Veranda." Registration opens in May, 2006. The main project is a revision of the Charleston houseparty centerpiece in either 1/2" or 1" scale.

April/May, 2007. North Carolina State Day, hosts, Theme: "Once Upon a Fairytale," 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, 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: "Way Back Home (in Indiana!)."

Dec. 13, 2006. Christmas Party

CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJS

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

August 14-16, 2006. Kitchen, Ray Whitledge and Scott Burgess. \$695.00. Class is almost full.

August 17, 2006. Curtains, Ray Whitledge and Scott Burgess, \$100.00.

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

Happy May Day -- OOPS! Birthday to Ann Bejcek, May 4 birthday girl!

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<u>June 14, 2006</u>	Birthday party and picnic
<u>July 12, 2006</u>	Dinner at Izzy Bell's; 2007 Presidents' Retreat Prototype (1/2" scale house)
<u>August 9, 2006</u>	Dinner at the Pizza Hut; 2007 Presidents' Retreat Prototype (1/2" scale house)
<u>Sept. 13, 2006</u>	Dinner at Cafe Italy; 2007 Presidents' Retreat Prototype (1/2" scale house)
<u>Oct. 11, 2006</u>	Dinner at the Little Spaghetti House; Diner counter and booths
<u>Nov. 1, 2006</u>	Dinner at the Golden Corral; Diner counter and booths