

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be held Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mooresville Artist Guild Depot on Main Street. Again we will be working on both the booths and the stools for our State Day diner. For the stools you will need to bring glue -- other supplies will be provided. Basic tool kits probably would help, though. For the booths, bring what you were working on the last two months and whatever supplies you were using then.

The Munch Bunch will meet at 6 p.m. at Showmars, which is by the new hospital on Highway 21. Take Exit 33 off I-77 and go east; Hwy 21 will angle north in a right angle follow that to the first stop light; turn left at the light by McDonalds. Showmars is behind McDonalds and Jeffry's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2007 NAME National Convention. It isn't too late to sign up for the National Convention in Orlando in July, guys. It's in our region, close enough to drive in one day, and there are lots of great activities planned for you, including a Walk of NAME, Floats on Parade, lots of great workshops and theme luncheons, good dealers, a very nice hotel. And Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group (Enchanted Village) is sponsoring the Patron Party at Sea World, across the street from the hotel. Let's support our organization and our region. We still have openings, so come on, gang, let's GO!

Chris Ernst, co-chairman for the Doorprize committee, has asked everyone to participate in the Convention by at least sending a doorprize, even if you don't come to the convention itself. You can help support your organization and region by doing so -- check for souvenirs, purchases you've decided you don't really need, or clean out all those excess tote bag kits, and maybe you'll find something that would make a good door prize. (Chris will be in town the weekend of the 19th, so if you want to send some goodies back to Florida with her, I'm sure she'd be happy to take them, right, Chris???)

NAME Dues. Reminder -- for those of you who renew your NAME memberships through Mini Reflections, you need to pay your dues to the club (make checks out to Mini Reflections) in June. Please be sure to bring your checks to either the May or June meeting. Thanks much.

Web Sites to Check Out. Don't forget to check out our various web sites -- Susan will be adding pictures from State Day and the Presidents' Retreat (as soon as I get them to her!), so you might want to check them 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. 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. Remember we'll be working on our state day projects, tote bag favors, etc., for the next year.

The date and location -- Saturday, April 19, 2008, Charles Mack Citizens Center on Main Street in Mooresville.

State Day assignments:

Chairperson - Lynn Frank

Centerpieces - Debbie Love

Exhibits, Mini Mart - Donna Deal?

Hospitality (meals and snacks) - Ann Bejcek, assisted by Ginny Newell

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

We'll continue discussing plans at the May meeting -- and probably future meetings to come -- so be prepared with lots of brilliant ideas!

Fourth E-3 Swap. If you're participating in the "Things You'd Find in Your Yard." E-3 swap, be sure to get the things mailed to Donna Eckel before her deadline of June 1.

Famous Ginny. I don't know how many of you saw the South Iredell-Lake Norman edition of the Charlotte Observer last Thursday, but Ginny Newell was featured in a large color picture with her blue bridal shop and a very nice (and long) article about her donation of her collection of 46 pieces that she and Bill built (dollhouses, roomboxes, etc.) to the new miniature museum opening up in Charleston. Eventually they plan to have a Newell Wing where their things will be featured. I'd say that's pretty fantastic. A copy of the article will go into the club scrap book, but we'll have a copy of the article at the May meeting for everyone to see. Way to go, Ginny!

Mini Flea Market, Picnic, and Workshops. Don't forget that we'll be having our annual flea market and stuff at PJ's Saturday, May 19, officially beginning at 10 a.m., though Debbie says she'll be there early for those

who want a table to sell goodies to set up. If you plan to sell, you'll need to let Debbie or Jeff know (call PJ's) -- I don't know if you need to bring your own table or not, but we'll find out before the 19th. The flea market will be in the morning, and there will be roundtable workshops in the afternoon. Chris Ernst will be teaching a morning glory workshop (cost \$10, bring your own container), and there will be some other roundtable workshops as well. There will be a special reception for new NAME members and a free workshop for them as well. Lunch is a potluck picnic. I hope to see you there -- please support our state-wide activities!

SHOW BUSINESS

CALENDAR

May 19, 2007. Mini Flea Market, Picnic, and Workshops, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail, 10 a.m.- noon; class from 1-4 or 5 p.m.

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.

Dec. 1, 2007. 2nd Annual Christmas Party, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail, NC.

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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June 13, 2007 Annual Birthday Party/Picnic, location TBA
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

May 19, 2007. Morning glory workshop by Chris Ernst at PJ's Flea Market, afternoon. Cost is \$10; bring your own container.

May 20, 2007. Wheelbarrow (already assembled) full of flowers, Chris Ernst, PJ's, all day, cost \$90.00.

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 one May birthday to celebrate -- Ann Bejcek on May 4 -- Mini Happy Returns, Ann