

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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MAY MEETING

At our May meeting on May 14, 2008, we will be wrapping up things for State Day and electing new officers. We will meet, as usual, at the Depot at 7:30 p.m. On April 20 Lynn sent out a memo to the club, asking everyone to bring their final reports, payment requests, etc., to the May meeting and reminding everyone that she needs to close out the financial end and needs you to turn in to her the expenses incurred in carrying out your responsibilities. Even if you have no expenses, she needs to know the amount "donated" (including cost of condiments, etc for the lunch and break) so that we can share these cost with the Indian Trail club, who will be hosting State Day next year. If you have not submitted receipts to Marilyn, be sure that you have them ready for the next meeting. No outstanding debits for this year's State Day will be honored after May. We are obligated to turn over any excess of funds to the treasurer at Indian Trails as their seed money for next year..

She also wants any comments that could be helpful to the next group. "I want to be as helpful as I can in terms of what they may need to know since they have never sponsored a State Day before."

As for elections, see below.

The Munch Bunch will meet at 6 p.m. at the Lone Star Steak House. I believe that this is the newer restaurant on NC 150, just past O'Charley's, on the same side of the road. If it isn't, we'll meet there anyway, whatever the name of the place is. Sorry, I meant to check it out today and completely forgot -- other things on my mind.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Elections. According to our new bylaws, we need to hold our elections at our May meeting. Lynn has sent out a reminder to everyone that we need to elect a new president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary, who will serve two-year terms. The Vice President automatically assumes the office of President, and since we don't currently have a VP, we'll have to elect a president as well.. While the bylaws state that nominations of candidates for the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be made from the floor, Lynn has asked that you send in nominations to her.

Web Sites to Check Out. Don't forget to check out our various web sites. The Mini Reflections web site is www.minireflections.org, The 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). And while you're on the NAME web page, check out the web page for the small scales houseparty in Greenville. There are pictures of the Oval Office workshop prototype there, including several different ways to furnish the room.

2008 State Day. Whew! It's over, and what a great day it was. Thanks to all of you for everything that you did to make it such a success. The efforts you put in on the day itself as well as all the preparations -- finishing prototypes, working on both club and individual tote bag favors, donation of door prizes and raffle items -- everything you did helped make the day an enjoyable one for our guests. Thanks so very very much!

Special thanks need to go to Donna Blair for her hard work selling raffle tickets so that we raised \$940 for such things as the state newsletter, region E-3, Club Fund, and Golden Treasures fund. Also special thanks to Ginny Newell and Ann Bejcek, who spent the day working in the kitchen and coordinating lunch and snacks so that everything went smoothly. Donna Deal did a great job getting the exhibits up (and electrified!) and what great exhibits they were! Thanks to Renea Goodin for making the trip out to Marilyn's Friday night and carting all those kits back and getting them to the Citizens Center on time.

Centerpieces were great, thanks to Lynn Frank, who did most of the work, and to the gofers who helped her -- Ann Bejcek, Donna Blair, Rachel Bonney, Marilyn Jones, and Ginny Newell. Also to Pat Mantione with her clever idea of a golden record to determine the winner. There were some excited people with gold records!

Amy Rauch and Jan Sylsberry did a yeoman job of getting door prizes distributed equitably, and Susan Matson did a great job putting together the tote bags, getting them filled, and getting them to club members early so that we could finish our diners for the actual event. To Marilyn Jones special thanks for developing the round table workshops for the booth benches and table top juke boxes and to Jan McCandliss for the French fry cooker and also for the souvenir book -- and for driving all the way from St. Louis (12 hours one way!) for the day.

We especially thank all our members who helped teach our guests how to do the various projects, some of the time interspersing instructions with other duties: Donna Blair, Donna Deal, Renea Goodin, Marianne Jokubaitis, Marilyn Jones, Jan McCandliss, Jan Sylsberry and whoever I might have forgotten.

We also need to remember to thank all our guests for coming, for their contributions of tote bag favors, exhibits, and raffle items.

And last but not least, to our beloved Bill Newell for the original prototype idea, his inspiration and support for so many projects.

Thanks, everyone, for a job well done. And now that you all have finished your diners, don't forget that we want them all on exhibit at the Christmas Show in November (yup, it's time to start thinking about that again!)

E-3 Small Scales Houseparty, "Hail to the Chief," Greenville, SC. Registration opened for "Hail to the Chief" April 25. Events will kick off Thursday, September 18, with pre-convention workshops and the special Oval Office workshop Thursday night. Friday's schedule includes workshops, the opening luncheon, sales room, auction, round tables. Saturday night will be capped off with the banquet in the "White House dining room" and the drawing for Houseparty Helpers, and Sunday will close up the event with the Sunday morning brunch, though the sales and exhibit rooms will be open Sunday afternoon, which is also Public Day. So, if you can't get in as a registrant (but please do!), you can still come to Public Day to see the exhibits and to shop.

2008 Christmas Show. The registration forms and letters of invitation will be going out in June, and we need to have Mini Reflections well-represented again (remember, it helps our treasury, among other things!). The dates for the show are set-up Sunday, Nov. 9, exhibits come in Nov. 11, Preview opening Nov. 12, show runs from Nov. 13-23. Susan will also put the forms on the Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group and NC NAME web pages.

Our Guest Artist feature this year will focus on a history of NC state days (22 of them!), and we're asking clubs that hosted a particular state day provide the exhibit for that state day. Mini Reflections now has hosted three state days -- 1995 - "Behind the Scenes" (stage dressing room), 2001 - "New Beginnings (nursery), and 2008 - The 50s Diner. Who would like to exhibit their dressing room and their nursery? Remember that the Guest Artist category is not eligible for cash prizes. I'm sure all of us want to enter our diners in the regular room box category to be in the judging. Right?

Also, we need 1/4" buildings for our O-gauge railroad exhibit. Ed Brasefield from Concord is bringing the train and, I think, a train station. We need to provide the houses and shops. I know a number of you have been working on 1/4" things, and this is a chance to display them. For those of you who participated in the long-ago Miniboro village, the shops would work well here.

And don't forget we'll also need people to help with set-up Sunday and Tuesday, with monitors, and with move-out on the last Sunday. Thanks, everyone.

June Birthday Party. Our June meeting will be our annual birthday party (we'll be celebrating our 17th birthday! Does this mean we're past our adolescence yet?), and Ginny Newell has offered to host it again -- with the proviso that it doesn't rain! Remember, it's covered dish/pot luck, whatever you want to call it (we'll determine who brings what at the May meeting), and we

also do a single gift exchange, value to be determined. It's fun -- plan on being there if you can!

CALENDAR

May 31, 2008. Annual Flea Market/Potluck Picnic, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail.

May 30-31, 2008. Alabama Fun Day, Birmingham.

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."

October 16-19, 2008. Trick or Treat in Tennessee, DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, Tennessee. Theme: "Harvest Time/County Fair."

November 13-23, 2008. Enchanted Village, Southern Christmas Show, Charlotte Merchandise Mart.

December 6, 2008. Third Annual Carolina Christmas Party, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail.

May 18, 2009. NC State Day, "The Wine Cellar." University Methodist Church, Charlotte. Sponsored by Indian Trail Mini Makers.

July 16-19, 2009. NAME National Convention/Houseparty, Indianapolis, IN. Theme: "Our Family Reunion"

October 2-4 2009 Region N-1 Small Scales Houseparty, Salt Lake City, UT. Theme: "Weekend in Paris - La Vie en Rose."

July/August, 2010. NAME National Convention, Seattle, WA. Theme: Merrie Olde England, Then and Now.

May, 2012. Region N-3 Small Scales Houseparty, Portland, OR. The theme has something to do with the Four Seasons.

July/August, 2012. NAME National Convention, Charlotte, NC. Theme: NAME's 40th Birthday Celebration.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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June 11, 2008 Birthday party potluck picnic. Ginny Newell's home on Lake Norman.

July 9, 2008 Dinner at Sonny's.

Aug. 13, 2008 Dinner at Shiki.

Sept. 10, 2008 Dinner at Showmar's.

Oct. 8, 2008 Dinner at O'Charley's.

Nov. 5, 2008 Dinner at Texas Steak House.

Dec. 10, 2008 Christmas Party. Dinner at Soiree's?

Jan. 2009 Dinner at Teddy's (also known as Lew's Fine Food).

Feb. 2009 Dinner at Chili's.

Mar. 2009 Dinner at Cracker Barrel.

CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJ'S

May 31, 2008. Working Neon Sign, Andy of Spencer's Nook. Same day as the Flea Market/Picnic at PJ's. Cost: \$50.00.

Aug 25-27, 2008 Ray Whitledge class - "Le Jardin Secret - Butler's Pantry. Cost: \$780.

MEMBER NEWS

Happy May 4 Birthday to Ann Bejcek and many, many more to come!

Congratulations to Jan McCandliss and her family on the birth of her third grandson, Gavin Riley McCandliss, born April 16, 2008, to son Ben and daughter-in-law Mandy, who live in Florida. (She got the phone call telling her about Gavin's birth just after she got to Mooresville for State Day! She was supposed to send some pictures of Gavin to include here but seems to have forgotten!)

STATE DAY PICTURES



The Diner Wait Staff: Front Row, L-R: Marianne Jokubaitis, Pat Mantione, Chris Ernst, Jan McCandliss, Donna Blair
Back Row: Donna Deal, Susan Matson, Marilyn Jones, Ann Bejcek, Renea Goodin, Amy Rauch, an Sylsberry, Rachel Bonney, Ginny Newell, Lynn Frank



Ann and Ginny, our hardworking "chefs"



Our Fearless Leader



Centerpiece

The rest of the pictures are in our scrapbooks, and Susan will post some on the Club Website.