

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting will be held the **FIRST** Wednesday of the month, November 5, because of the Christmas Show set-up and opening night, when some of our members have to be there, doing other things. So please mark your calendars, folks. Pat Mantione (assisted by Donna Blair) will be teaching us how to make flowers, and she will have the pieces all punched out for us. However, you **will** need to bring Tacky glue, Zap-a-Gap, toothpicks, stylus, foam pad for shaping petals and leaves, sharp-pointed tweezers, plastic lid for glues, some kind of containers and/or flower pots. Pat will bring anything else that we may need.

The Lunch Munch Bunch will meet at 6 p.m. at Texas Steak House, which is located 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

Future Meetings. Lynn is working on the basic prototype for the indoor-outdoor project we will be starting in January. We'll do the actual construction of the structure at the first few meetings, and then different club members will teach different techniques for exterior finishing, such as the technique from the instructions, paper clay, etc. We'll be asking for volunteers to teach different workshops on interior furnishings and accessories for the remainder of the year.

Web Sites to Check Out. Susan reports that she has updated our various web sites, so you are going to want to take a look at them. The Mini Reflections web site is www.minireflections.org, The Enchanted Village web site is <http://pedmontcarolinas-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.

And we've sent her some photos from the Small Scales Houseparty to add to them, so stay in touch.

2008 Christmas Show. Just a reminder, if you are bringing exhibits for the display windows, please bring them to the November meeting. They will have to be put in place on Sunday, before the chicken wire goes over the window. We can't wait until Tuesday for them to come in -- but this will save you having to bring so many things on Tuesday, right? Also, if you are not going to be able to bring your exhibits in on Tuesday, please bring them to the meeting on the 5th so that we can get them there for you. Many thanks.

We also need warm bodies at the Merchandise Mart on Sunday, November 9, about 1 p.m., to begin setting up the village -- stringing lights and garlands around doors, windows, the room, etc., putting snow on the tables, and all. Ed Brasefield, who is bringing the Polar Express train for us, will be there to lay out the track for the 1/4" village at that time, so it will be done when the houses and shops start coming in on Tuesday.

We still (always) need monitors, so if you can give us more than one time at monitoring, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks much, everyone.

Christmas Party. Ginny has made reservations for our Christmas party dinner at Soiree's restaurant, catty-corner from the Depot on Main Street. We will need a head-count of how many people will be attending. After dinner we'll go back over to the Depot for dessert and our Great Gift exchange. Participants for that are Ann Bejcek, Donna Blair, Rachel Bonney, Terri Correll, Donna Deal, Chris Ernst, Lynn Frank, Renea Goodin, Marianne Jokubaitis, Pat Mantione, Susan Matson, Jan McCandliss, Ginny Newell, and Lianne Rowe. At this counting, you'll need to have a total of 14 gifts. Marilyn Jones, Jane Payne, Amy Rauch, and Jan Sylsberry have opted not to participate this year.

E-3 Retreat. The annual E-3 Retreat is scheduled for January 16-17, 2009, at La Quinta, Dunwoody, Atlanta, the same place it has been held for the last two years. The cost is \$70, registration is limited to 50 people, NAME members only. At our last meeting we voted to pay half the registration cost of two club representatives (our club treasury is healthy again!), so please let Rachel know ASAP if you are interested in going. So far, since sending out the email asking who might want to go, two people have responded that they are interested in attending. If we have more than that, we'll have to draw names. We will send a check for half your registration, and you will need to send in the form (available on line at <http://name-region-e3.tripod.com/news/BBBsignup.pdf>) and a check for the balance of the registration fee.

Thanksgiving Collection. MAG (Mooresville Artist Guild) is collecting non-perishable foods to contribute to the Mooresville Soup Kitchen. If you would like to contribute, please bring your donations to the Depot, where a box will be placed in the classroom (where we meet) for collection.

Funny Money and Silent Auction. It was sort of decided that we would earn "funny money" to "buy" goodies at our newly-instituted silent auction (probably to be held at the time of the annual birthday party/potluck picnic. You earn Funny Money by doing different things

(including coming to monthly meetings), are given the money at monthly meetings, and it's up to you to keep track of it until the big event (sale). What we have in mind for the auction (which really will be a swap) is minis you don't want or need or think you'll use -- JUNQUE, not junk. You can bring them in to meetings as you clean out cabinets, boxes, etc., and I'll store them in the shed in back, or you can hang on to them until the picnic/birthday party.

You can earn money for attending the meetings, exhibiting (Christmas Show!), bringing something for Show and Tell (did you finish a project? Did you find a really NEAT bargain or goodie you want to share?), sharing a new product, teaching a class, attending a NAME or miniature function (Greenville HP, Monteagle, Atlanta Club show, for instance). We'll have a complete list for you at the November meeting and the "dollar" amount it will be worth. And we'll start handing out "dollars" at the meeting, as well.

NAME National Convention Tote Bag Favors and Door Prizes. We've received a request from the steering committee for the National Convention in Indianapolis next year for door prizes and tote bag favors. If we opt to do tote bag favors, we could consider having special meetings to work on them so that we don't take time away from our own projects and regular meetings. So, please think about whether or not we want to contribute. They are asking for a minimum of 100 of any one favor -- we don't have to make 650! I'll have the list at the November meeting for discussion and consideration.

State Day Tote Bag Favors. While we haven't received a request for or a list of possible tote bag favors from Indian Trail Mini Makers, we also need to consider what we will be sending them from Mini Reflections. Since we have several ITMM members in Mini Reflections, hopefully they can help us out here. Something else we'll discuss Wednesday night!

CALENDAR

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

December 5, 6, 7, 2008. Third Annual Carolina Christmas Party, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail.

January 16-17, 2009. E-3/Presidents Retreat, Atlanta, GA. Bubbles and Bath Boutique.

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

July/August, 2011. NAME National Convention, Cleveland, OH. Theme: A Song in My Heart.

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: 40 Years of Sharing

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 9 Set up for Christmas Show
November 11 Bring in exhibits for Christmas Show
November 23 Christmas Show move-out; pick up exhibits
December 31 AIM forms due to NAME

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Dec. 10, 2008 Christmas Party. Dinner at Soiree's
Jan. 14 2009 Dinner at Teddy's (also known as Lew's Fine Food). Begin long-term project
Feb. 11 2009 Dinner at Chili's.
Mar. 11 2009 Dinner at Cracker Barrel.
April 8, 2009
May 13, 2009
June 3, 2009 Birthday Potluck Picnic
July, 2009

MEMBER NEWS

No November birthdays either. What's going on here, folks?

However, we DO have a new birth day to announce and celebrate -- Ann Bejcek is the proud grandma of a brand new granddaughter born to daughter Wendy on Monday, October 20, Adella Ruth Cameron. Congratulations and best wishes to the entire family!

And we do have an address and phone number change for Donna Blair, who has (finally!) successfully made the move to Concord. Her new address is 623 Spring St. SW, Concord, NC 28025, phone number, 704-783-1964. Her email address is the same -- at least for the time being.