

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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OCTOBER MEETING

Our October (good grief, it's already October!!!) meeting will be held Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at our usual meeting place, the Depot in downtown Mooresville. We will be working on the table juke box round table projects for state day -- I'm not sure what you will need to bring, but let's go for X-acto knife, glue, scissors, tweezers, paint brushes (small). If I hear anything later, I'll send everyone a message. And don't forget to keep working on your own diners!

The Munch Bunch will be meeting for dinner at 6 p.m. at I. Bambini on Highway 21 in Mooresville. For those of you who have been to the Scrapbooking store on 21, I. Bambini is in the same strip mall. Coming from Charlotte, exit I-77 at Exit 33, turn right onto Hwy 21 and go north. The mall is on your right just past the intersection with Brawley School Road (golf course and Trinity Health Center on your right, SECU and Gas station on left). For those coming from the north, take the usual Mooresville exit (36), go east as though you are going to the Depot but exit on 21 south (the first 21 exit), turn right on 21, and the mall is about 1/2 mile south of there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Web Sites to Check Out. Don't forget to check out our various web sites. The Mini Reflections web site is www.minireflections.org, 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).

Christmas Party. At the September meeting it was agreed that we would go back to Soiree's restaurant for our Christmas party dinner and then over to the Depot for dessert and the Great Gift Exchange. The list of participants in the gift exchange so far is Ann Bejcek, Donna Blair, Rachel Bonney, Terri Correll, Donna Deal, Lynn Frank, Marianne Jokubaitis, Pat Mantione, Susan Matson, Jan McCandliss, Ginny Newell, and Amy Rauch. Undecided as yet: Marilyn Jones. Regrets: Chris Ernst. No information: Liane Rowe and Jan Sylsberry.

2008 State Day. Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Charles Mack Citizens Center on Main Street in Mooresville. Boxes for the diners will be assembled for our guests, courtesy of Jeff Love of PJ's Miniatures, so our guests can start decorating as they see fit.

Club (Committee members) will be wearing special aprons and caps generously made by Ginny Newell. Most of us already have them, but if you don't and haven't notified Ginny, let her know and send her a check for \$6.00, please.

I think Donna Blair is still collecting oval Blue Bunny ice cream containers to be used to hold the raffle tickets for each item donated. Until we hear that she has enough, keep eating that ice cream and saving those containers!

Lynn reports that she has found a local source for the centerpiece components we need, which means we can get them sooner and save money (no shipping charges). We'll probably work on them at the November meeting.

Tote bag favor suggestion lists have been sent out to clubs, and some of them have forwarded them to their members. The schedule right now is as follows:

Late December - Registration packets sent to clubs

Jan. 3, 2008 - individual mailings go out.

Feb. 3, 2008 - Postmark date for registration for NC Club members

Feb. 10, 2008 - Postmark date for registrations from non-NC guests.

Mar. 1, 2008 Deadline for returning tear sheets to appropriate committee chairs.

April 1, 2008 Tote bag favors due to Susan Matson.

The registration form will also be available on our club and state web pages. Information is already on the NAME web page and in the Gazette.

We will ask for doorprizes and table exchange gifts but we decided that we will not have table exchange gifts.

State Day assignments:

Chairperson - Lynn Frank

Centerpieces - Pat Mantione

Exhibits - Donna Deal

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

Door Prizes - Amy Rauch, Jan Sylsberry

Local Arrangements - Rachel Bonney

Mini Mart - Chris Ernst

Raffle - Donna Blair

Registration - Rachel Bonney

Roundtables - Marilyn Jones

Souvenirs, Souvenir Book - Jan McCandliss

Tote Bags- Susan Matson

Workshop teacher - Lynn Frank

2007 Christmas Show. Most of our members have sent in forms for Christmas Show exhibits -- thanks

so much, guys! And we even have ten kids' exhibits, which I think is fantastic.

As usual, we'll need people to help with the set-up on Sunday afternoon (November 4), beginning about 1 p.m., and to monitor for the run of the show. Monitor times were indicated on the entry forms you sent in, and some of you indicated times there. I'll have the sign-up sheets with me at the October meeting.

CALENDAR

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.

Nov. 7-18 2007. Enchanted Village, Southern Christmas Show, Charlotte Merchandise Mart.

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

January 25-26, 2008. Annual Club Presidents' Retreat, La Quinta - Dunwoody/Medical Center, Atlanta, GA.

March 13-16, 2008. First Annual Round Tuit Weekend, DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, Tennessee.

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."

October 18-21, 2008. Region E-3 Small Scales Houseparty, Greenville, SC. Theme: "Hail to the Chief."

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

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Nov. 14, 2007 Dinner at Cracker Barrel; State Day - Centerpieces.

Dec. 12, 2007 Christmas Party and Great Gift Exchange; dinner at Soiree's Restaurant.

Jan. 9, 2008 Dinner at Japanese restaurant; State Day

Feb. 13, 2008 Dinner at the Lotus; State Day

Mar. 13, 2008

April 10, 2008

May 8, 2008

June 12, 2008 Annual Birthday Party and Potluck Picnic

CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJ'S

Oct. 13, 2007. Doll workshops, soda jerk, cost \$60.00. Rachel Bonney.

November 11-15, 2007. Witch's hut, Rik Pierce. Cost \$700. You can view the hut on his web site, <http://www.frogmorton.com>.

December 1, 2007. Jim Pounder will be teaching a workshop on soldering, making a light fixture, and LED lighting. Cost is \$85.

MEMBER NEWS

October birthday greetings to Marilyn McCarthy (October 18) and Sarah Duffy (October 2).

In Memoriam

Lavon Frank

May 4, 1925 - September 25, 2007

Loving wife of Ridge Frank, mother of Richard, mother-in-law of Lynn, and grandmother of Christopher and Jonathan, Lavon Frank passed away in Winston-Salem September 25, 2007, after suffering a massive heart attack September 19.

Lavon was an active member of NAME and a charter member of Forsyth Miniature Enthusiasts in Winston-Salem. She accompanied daughter-in-law Lynn to state days, houseparties, NAME conventions, Back to College Weekend in Virginia, to Fun Days, and was a regular exhibitor in the Enchanted Village at the Southern Christmas Show. Some of her work was done with husband Ridge. She preferred to furnish her miniatures with things she had made herself rather than things she had bought. Among her other hobbies was knitting, which she also reduced to 1" scale -- sweaters, scarves, caps, etc., beautifully made on piano wires.

Lavon had an off-beat sense of humor and was known for her spontaneous and unexpected "zingers" or slips of the tongue -- after which she might put her hand over her mouth and say, "I can't believe I said that!" She was fun to be with, upbeat, and talented. We will miss her, and we share with her family in their loss.