

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our September meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. We will be finishing up (note the optimism here) the Dutch Baby Cabinets, so bring them along, any furnishings, and anything you need to finish them up so that we can exhibit them as a club exhibit at the Christmas Show. Thanks, guys. And bring your Enchanted Village exhibit forms.

The Munch Bunch will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at Sonny's Barbecue on Highway 150 just east of I-77 (next to Belk's).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

American Red Cross Donation. Do we want to send a donation from the club to the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief fund? May of our miniaturist colleagues in New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast area have suffered irreparable loss. Please let us know ... I know other clubs are doing this.

2008 State Day Prototypes. We will get started on the prototypes of the fifties' diner in October. Lynn will have Richard put together a mock-up of the revised design that was presented at the February meeting.

Mini Bunco. Debbie Love is hosting a Bunco game for miniaturists on Saturday, October 1, 6:30 p.m. (game begins at 7 p.m.) at her home at 3424 Cranberry Nook Court. in Charlotte as a fund-raiser for the NC NAME newsletter. Cost is \$5.00 to play, and she asks that you bring two sets of three table favors/mini swap items. There will be prizes and hopefully some favors, too, as well as refreshments. RSVP to Debbie at rahlove3@yahoo.com or 704-599-1244.

2005 Enchanted Village. Remember to send in your Enchanted Village entry forms, due Sept. 15. Or bring them to the meeting September 14. If you don't have enough forms, you also can download them from the Piedmont Carolinas web page (piedmontcarolinas-name.org). We want the Dutch Baby Cabinets and 50s waitresses for our club exhibit. Remember, too, that we will be having a drawing for a special vignette for monitors again -- each time you monitor, your name will be put in the pot. And the more you participate as exhibitors, monitors, set-up, move-out, the more money we bring to our treasury. Pictures don't have to be turned in until the end of October ...

North Carolina Roundtable Day. The New Bern club (Coastal Miniatures) is hosting a second roundtable day February 6 in New Bern. Cost is \$25, and registration is limited to 40 people. They are asking for roundtable kits (42). If you have any to donate or are

interested in going, contact Jan Sylsberry, President, at ourtoy@esisnet.com.

Centerpieces for 2007 NAME National Convention. Once again a NAME National Convention steering committee is calling for volunteers to make a centerpiece, this time the 2007 convention in Orlando. Kits will be available in September (2005), completed centerpieces due to the committee by April 2007 -- which gives us plenty of time to work on them. Please let Lynn and Rachel know if you are willing to work on a centerpiece ... Many thanks.

Totebag Favors. Although the Greensboro club hasn't asked yet for totebag favors for State Day (May 6), we need to be thinking about what we want to make for the "Necessary Room" (bathroom). There should be lots of possibilities. Please be prepared to discuss and decide.

Totebag Favors for 2007 National Convention. We also need to think about doing totebag favors for the Orlando National, which will be in our region. The theme is "That's Entertainment!" which gives us a lot of leeway in terms of what we can contribute.

Web Page. Don't forget to check out the club web site (www.minireflections.org). Susan keeps it updated. If you have anything you want on the web page, send the information to Susan at smatson@carolina.rr.com.

E-3 Cookbooks for Sale. Okay, some of you bought the cookbooks at the August meeting. How about the rest of you? I'll bring them to the September meeting, too. They're only \$5.00, and only 100 were printed ...

2006 Presidents' Retreat. The next Presidents' Retreat, will be held in January in Florida and in Atlanta, again. You saw the photos of the prototype, an elegant room box with a daybed. The cost for this workshop will be \$35 plus expenses for the delegates from each club.

New NC State Mini Web Page. Check out the NC NAME web page that Susan and Bill Matson have been working on and now have up and running www.ncname.org. It's looking really good! We will add to it on a regular basis. E-3 Fundraiser. The E-3 shop/boutique fund raiser for E-3 will be on display at the Atlanta Club Show in October, at the Christmas Show in November, and at PJ's. Funds raised are for the E-3 newsletter. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and are available from Barbara Schmidt (beminiart@aol.com) or from me.

Trick or Treat in Monteagle. Don't forget the terrific weekend scheduled for Monteagle, TN, September 22-24. There are still places available. Contact Becky Lipscomb at RealMag1945@aol.com.

Great Christmas Gift Exchange. I've heard from the following people in reply to the e-mail message I sent out about who is participating in the Christmas gift exchange (these are all yeses): Ann Bejcek, Rachel Bonney, Terri Correll, Donna Deal, Lynn Frank, Pat Mantione, Jan McCandliss, Marilyn McCarthy, Amy Rauch, Liane Rowe. Donna Blair regrets that she will not be able to participate this year. We haven't heard from Marilyn Jones, Debbie Love, Susan Matson, or Ginny Newell. Well, guys?

E-3 Mini Swaps. Donna Eckel is in charge of the new regional mini swaps program and encourages everyone to participate. The swaps, open only to E-3 members, will take place twice a year and will follow a theme. The first swap ("Winter Time Fun") is due to Donna by November 12, 2005, and can include any of the Winter holidays (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve, etc); winter weather (snow, ice, shovels, etc.); winter sports (sleds, skis, ice skates, etc.); winter clothing (scarves, boots, hats, etc.); winter foods (soups, holiday foods, etc.); and yes, even winter illnesses (colds, thermometers, etc.) All scales are welcome.

Swappers will be divided into groups; each person in a swap group will make or buy 10 identical items for the others in that group. You may participate in one, two or three swap groups, but if you sign up for more than one swap group, you must make a different set of swaps for each group. All unused items will be returned to you.

All boxes must be received by Donna no later than November 12, 2005. Any box received after that date will be returned to the sender at the sender's expense. Send a check or money order for \$4.00 to cover the cost of postage made payable to Donna Eckel. Please do not send cash!!!

If you would like to participate in the Winter Time Fun swap, please email Donna at: RAGGEDYDS@aol.com. Please type E-3 Swap in your subject line. When she receives your email, she will acknowledge your registration and email you her mailing address.

Checklist:

1. Email Donna at RAGGEDYDS@aol.com, subject line E-3 Swaps.
2. Package each item individually to protect it; i.e. film canister or baggie. Include your name. Optional: include contact info.
3. If you are participating in more than 1 swap, place each group of swaps in a separate baggie.
4. Include a self-addressed mailing label so that Donna can attach it to your box of goodies.
5. Include a check or money order for \$4.00 made payable to Donna Eckel. No cash!
6. Mail your box to Donna so that she receives it no later than November 12, 2005.

SHOW BUSINESS

Sept-30-Oct. 2, 2005. Atlanta Miniature Society Annual Show and Sale, Radisson Hotel, Atlanta,

Northlake LaVista Road at I-285. Atlanta, GA. Workshops Sunday. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission: Adults \$5.00, Children under 12 \$2.00 (No strollers please). Information: AMS Show Chair, 3555 Lawrenceville Hwy., Lawrenceville, GA 30044, 770-923-8500. E-mail: ATLMinis@yahoo.com.

Web site: <http://members.miniature.net/ATLMinis>

Spring 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: micollector@charter.net

Molly Cromwell Shows.

Sun. Sept. 11, Baltimore Miniatures Festival, Days Hotel and Conference Center, 9615 Deercro Road, Timonium, MD. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 16. Tysons Corner Miniatures Festival. Marriott Court Yard, 9160 Chain Bridge Rd and International Drive. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jan. 15, 2006. Sarasota Festival of Miniatures. Sarasota Cay Club, 7150 N. Tamiami Trail. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.. Pre-registered workshops Jan. 11-14, 16-18.

Feb. 18-19, 2006. Orlando Festival of Miniatures. Holiday Inn, International Drive Resort, 6515 International Drive, Orlando. Sat. Feb. 18, pre-registered show preview; Sun. Feb. 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Pre-registered workshops Feb. 15-22.

April 6-14, 2006. Tulip-Time Tour of Holland and the Arnhem Dollhouse Show.

CALENDAR

Sept. 22-24, 2005. "Trick or Treat in Tennessee." Third annual fall/Halloween weekend sponsored by the East Tennessee Mini Makers, DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN. Registrations are now open.

Oct. 1, 2005. Mini Bunco Game, Debbie Love's home, 6:30 p.m. Fund raiser for NC NAME Newsletter.

Oct. 22, 2005. Roundtable exchange, Gingerbread House, Greensboro, NC,

Nov. 10-20, 2005. Enchanted Village, Southern Christmas Show, Charlotte Merchandise Mart, Charlotte.

January 2006. Presidents' Retreat, Atlanta and Orlando. Elegant Daybed and room box..

February 4, 2006. Round Table Day, sponsored by Coastal Miniature Club, New Bern, NC.

March 19-22, 2006. Gulf South Dollhouse and Miniature Event, New Orleans, LA. Theme: "Surprises in the Attic." Whether or not this will take place is currently in question. We've been told they still plan to hold the event. We'll keep you posted.

May 6, 2006. NC State Day. "Necessary Room." Greensboro Miniature Club, Greensboro.

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

July 19-22, 2007. NAME National Convention Houseparty, Orlando, Florida. Theme: "That's Entertainment."

April, 2008. NC State Day, Mooresville, NC. Theme: Fifties' Diner.

July 2008. NAME National Convention/Houseparty, North Shores/Danvers, MA (Boston). Theme not announced yet.

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

July/September, 2009. NAME National Convention/Houseparty, Indianapolis, IN. Theme: "Way Back Home (in Indiana!)."

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Oct. 12, 2005 2008 State Day prototype

Nov. 2, 2005 2008 State Day prototype

Dec. 14, 2005 Christmas Party

Jan. 2006

Feb. 2006

March 2006

April 2006

May 2006

June 2006

July 2006

CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJ'S

Oct. 6, 2005. Christmas Box. Taught by Debbie Love. Cost (See NC NAME webpage for a picture)

Nov. 13-17, 2005. Water Mill. Taught by Rick Pierce, Cost \$700. Call PJ's to reserve your space, 704-821 9144.

Summer 2006. Row of shops, Ray Whitledge.

MEMBER NEWS

No news is good news? No September birthdays.