

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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AUGUST MEETING

Our September meeting will be held Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at our usual meeting place, the Depot in downtown Mooresville. We will continue working on the club totebag favors for our state day that we started at the August meeting -- you will need glue, scissors, maybe tweezers. Again, if you know what your individual favor(s) will be, please let us know ASAP so that we can indicate that those items are already taken care of when we send out the list of favors to clubs and potential registrants. Don't forget to keep working on your own diners!

The Munch Bunch will be meeting for dinner at 6 p.m. at the Lone Star Steakhouse in Mooresville -- it's behind the Wingate Hotel, just off Highway 150 immediately west of I.77. Turn at the stop light as though you are going to Cracker Barrel but go straight ahead, turn left into the restaurant parking lot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Dues. Everyone seems to have paid their \$10 dues. Thanks, everyone.

Web Sites to Check Out. Don't forget to check out our various web sites -- Susan has added pictures from State Day, the Presidents' Retreat, and the Flea Market, as well as the Charlotte Observer article on Ginny, registration and class information about Trick or Treat in Tennessee (Monteagle) in November (classes, etc.), and the National Convention, so check them out. She has also started the Photo Album that was suggested, so if you haven't sent her something to be included in that, send her something from State Day, the Christmas Show, or whatever. 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).

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.

Ginny has distributed aprons and caps to Donna Blair, Rachel Bonney, Donna Deal, Lynn Frank, Marianne Jokubaitis, and Susan Matson. Ann Bejcek and Chris Ernst have paid for theirs; the rest of you need to send Ginny a check for \$6.00, please.

Don't forget that Donna Blair is collecting oval Blue Bunny ice cream containers to be used to hold the raffle tickets for each item donated. She collected about five or six at the August meeting, and has at least four to six more promised.

Totebag favor suggestion lists are being sent to clubs. Registration packets will be go to clubs in late December, individual mailings January 3, 2008. The registration form will also be available on our club and state web pages. The postmark date for returning the registration forms is February 3, 2008, for North Carolina club members, February 10 for those from outside the state. Packets will be mailed out as the registrations come in. The logo has to be added to the tear sheets before they can be reproduced, but most of you have indicated that what we have is satisfactory, and Chris has made some editorial changes to the Mini Mart tear sheet. The deadline for returning tear sheets to designated persons is March 1; April 1 is the deadline for getting tote bag favors to Susan Matson. Information is already on the NAME web page and in the most recent issue of the Gazette.

It was decided at the August meeting that we would skip bringing table exchange gifts, but we will ask for door prizes. We'll do the table favors as usual. Everyone seems to like getting all those neat goodies.

State Day assignments:

Chairperson - Lynn Frank

Centerpieces -

Exhibits - Donna Deal

Hospitality (meals and snacks) - Ann Bejcek, assisted by Ginny Newell. This team has been getting prices on food for lunch, snacks, etc.

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.

Forms for the 2007 Christmas Show were sent out in late June via email (and snail mail to some), and they are also available on the Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group web page (piedmontcarolinas-name.org) if you need additional forms. **AND THEY ARE DUE SEPT. 15, so please bring them to the September meeting or email them to me!** I know it's hard to think about Christmas when we're sweltering in 90+o weather, but it will be here before we know it. Dates for the Christmas Show are November 7-

18, Sunday set-up is on November 4 (we'll need your help, as usual), and exhibits come in Tuesday, November 6. I now have TWO exhibit forms, one from one of our members -- where are yours??

Remember to enter the special contest; the theme this year is Holiday Celebrations Around the World. Our Guest Artists will be NC/SC and GA NAME clubs. We will also be having a 1/4" scale village with an O-gauge model railroad running through it; if you have 1/4" scale houses that would fit, be sure to include them in your entries.

As usual, we'll need people to monitor for the run of the show. Monitor times can be indicated on the entry forms you send in.

SC Mini Playday. The one-day playday in Greenville September 22, 2007, has been cancelled. However, the kits for the corner workstation can be purchased for \$35.00 plus \$6.00 shipping and handling from Rhonda Keef, 16 South Antigo Court, Greer, SC 29650. The kit includes the wood parts to assemble the station, flooring, stool, and a dust cover, complete instructions, and more than 30 accessories to complete the project. This is a special fund-raiser for the 2008 small scales regional houseparty, "Hail to the Chief," to be held in September 2008 in Greenville, SC.

Club Rosters. An updated club roster is being sent to you as an additional attachment. If I've messed something up, please let me know so that I can correct it and send out a revised/corrected roster. Thanks.

Belated Report from National. Mini Reflections received a Blue Ribbon Club Award at the National meeting in July. The certificate and ribbon will go in the club scrapbook; there are Blue Ribbon pins for all the members of the club. We also received an anniversary certificate for our 15th anniversary in 2006.

CALENDAR

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"

September 22, 2007. SC Mini Playday. Cancelled. 1" Scale Corner Workstation. Greenville, SC.

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 Christmas Party, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail, NC.

January 18-19, 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."

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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Oct. 10, 2007 Dinner at I. Bambini; State Day - table juke box Round Tables

Nov. 14, 2007 Dinner at Cracker Barrel; State Day - stools for counters.

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

Sept. 22, 2007. Doll Workshop, 50's car hop or diner waitress. Cost \$65.00. Rachel Bonney.

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 2007. Jim Pounder will be coming to teach a workshop on soldering and LED lighting. The date and cost will be announced later.

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday greetings to Chris Ernst, who celebrated her birthday September 1

Again a special welcome to another new Mini Reflections member, Marianne Jokubaitis,