

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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AUGUST MEETING

Our August meeting (August 12) will be on our regular schedule with a meeting workshop (at 7:30 p.m.) after dinner at Chili's (see below). Marilyn Jones will teach the workshop, making the 1/4" bricks for the sidewalk and garden edging for the Rose Tree Cottage for those of us who were at the Reward Workshop and to learn how to use the molds for the rest of us. You don't need to bring much in the way of tools or supplies. According to the instructions, you'll need a palette knife or some kind of spatula, and brick-colored acrylic paint. You may want to bring some kind of container to put your brick-work in to get it home, since it will still be moist when you're done, and it is fragile. Or you can bring your cottage base and glue it on while it's still wet – I think.

And if any of you have ideas on furnishings for the Indoor/Outdoor project, we can use them for our in-between meetings. Susan Matson will be teaching the next in-between project at the September meeting, the wine press that she did for State Day.

We will meet for dinner at our usual 6 p.m. time at Chili's on NC 150 west of I-77 directly across 150 from Target.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Web Sites to Check Out. 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. Send Susan pictures of your completed projects, show and tell goodies, etc. Let's let people see what we're doing as a club!

Club Project. We need volunteers to teach the individual workshops for furnishings for the project, though.

Christmas Show. The Christmas Show are available on the PCNG web site (www.piedmontcarolinas-name.org), so you can fill out as many as you need, and forms were sent out electronically in mid-June. Remember that the more things you enter (and the more you monitor), the more money we make for the club, which helps pay for our reward workshops. And we all know that without the support of Mini Reflections members, PCNG wouldn't be able put on such a terrific show. So, we thank you all for your help and support.

This year's theme is "A Taste of Christmas." If you want to enter something relating to that theme, go for it. Remember that the Show will be opening one day early to take advantage of the Veterans' Day holiday. This means that we set up on Sunday, November 8, exhibits come in

Monday, November 9, and judging will probably take place that evening. And this also means that we can meet on our regular meeting night, Wednesday, November 11. Be sure to mark your calendars that we will be meeting on the second Wednesday in November, not the first.

Be sure to get your entry forms in and to sign up to monitor. Again, the more we do, the more we make for Mini Reflections, and that helps pay for things like our reward workshops, etc.

And we already think we know what the reward workshop will be for the 2009 Christmas Show – in the spring, again.

2010 NC State Day Tote Bag Favors. At the July meeting it was decided that we would have one quick workshop to show people how to do the tote bag favors for State Day and that folks would work on them at home. We decided to do a potted ivy plant in a planter that can be used inside the little corner room or outside. No punching ivy leaves this time – we're getting a sheet of laser-cut ivy leaves from the Betterleys, and they will be given to you already painted. All you'll have to do is punch them out of the paper, glue them on wires, and insert them in fancy beads for the flower pots.

Christmas Party Great Gift Exchange. For those of you who like to get started (and finished) early, I guess we could start signing up to participate in our Great Gift Exchange. Just let me know if you want to make something so that we can get an idea of how many gifts we have to make. Thanks. So far I have the following: Ann Bejcek, Donna Blair, Rachel Bonney, Terri Correll, Marianne Jokubaitis, Marilyn Jones, Ginny Newell (?).

2012 NAME National Convention Fundraiser. The 2012 National Convention will be held in Charlotte, as you already all know. We are going to be holding raffle fundraisers to raise money to offset budget over-runs, the first starting right now. This will be an assortment of tools, tool box, Dremel tool, and two instruction books, valued at about \$200. Tickets cost \$1.00 each, six for \$5.00, and we'll have some at the July meeting, as well as the raffle items for you to see. The drawing will be held in about six months, at NC State Day next April. We hope you'll support our efforts to raise money to help our convention!

Trick or Treat in Tennessee. Becky Lipscomb reports that "Trick or Treat" in Tennessee is filled for this coming October. However, they have a waiting list and may be opening up some additional dormitory space for us, so if you're interested in going or have decided to go and haven't signed up yet, get in touch with her immediately to assure yourself of a place. Her email is realmag1945@aol.com. There are some great classes being taught again this year, they have some neat activities

planned, and it's always a really fun weekend. You can see the classes (descriptions, prices, and pictures of some) by going to the Fraysers' website, <http://www.dollhouseandsuch.com>

Hallmark Ornament Contest. At the July meeting we discussed the possibility that there would be a club contest using Hallmark ornaments. It has been approved by NAME and Hallmark, and I hope that our Mini Reflections members will want to participate in the contest, though some of us are ineligible. Here are the rules for the contest:

A challenge to NAME clubs and members to use Hallmark ornaments in a miniature vignette, landscape, or display. The contest is open to NAME members in NAME clubs.

NAME clubs may challenge their NAME members to make a miniature display, room box, vignette, etc., using Hallmark ornaments as the focal point of the project. These ornaments may not be replicated or altered but used as-is (except for **careful** removal of the loop for the hanger). Ornaments may be from any year, including this year's collection, and they are not limited to a particular season or theme.

1. Clubs may have as many categories as they wish for their club purposes and may develop additional rules as they choose
2. Clubs will choose **one** of the entries for their club contest to be submitted to the Club Committee as their entry in the national contest by **March 30, 2010**.
3. Clubs will send **a color photograph** of their club entry (digital photograph sent electronically is preferred) to the Club Liaison (Rachel Bonney, rachelb@webkornor.com) by **April 20, 2010**. No late entries will be considered. **DO NOT SEND THE ACTUAL MINIATURE DISPLAY!** One photograph is preferred, but if a second picture is required to fully show the display and use of ornament(s), two pictures will be acceptable.
4. Three (3) winners will be chosen from the entries.
5. All judges' decisions are final.
6. Winners will be notified by June 15, 2010.
7. Judges, Club Committee members, and their family members are not eligible to participate in this contest.

CALENDAR

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

October 15-18, 2009. "Trick or Treat in Tennessee," Monteagle, TN. Theme: "Pirates, Scalawags, Buccaneers, Rascals of All Sorts"

November 10-22, 2009. Enchanted Village, Southern Christmas Show, The Park (formerly the Charlotte Merchandise Mart), Charlotte. Theme: A Taste of Christmas.

January, 2010. E-3 Retreat, Atlanta, GA. 1/2" Scale "Secret Garden."

April 10, 2010. NC State Day, "My Little Corner of the World," Durham, NC, hosted by Small Wonders Miniature Club.

April 30-May 2, 2010. Weekend in Bavaria. Mini Weekend at Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA.

July 15-18, 2010. NAME National Convention, Seattle, WA. Theme: Merry Old England, Then and Now.

April/May 2011. NC State Day. "As Time Goes By." Charlotte, NC, hosted by Charlotte Miniature Society.

July 21-24, 2011. NAME National Convention, Cleveland, OH. Theme: A Song in My Heart.

May 4-6, 2012. Region N-3 Small Scales Houseparty, Portland, OR. Theme : Winter, Spring, Summer Fall -- Celebrate Them ALL!

July 22-29, 2012. NAME National Convention, Charlotte, NC. Theme: NAME: 40 Years of Sharing. NAME's 40th Anniversary.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 15, 2009 Christmas Show entry forms due

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Sept. 9, 2009 Golden Corral, Wine Press, Susan Matson

Oct. 14, 2009 Monterrey, Project

Nov. 11, 2009 Fusion, Window boxes for the Indoor/Outdoor project, Lynn Frank

Dec. 9, 2009 Soiree's (?), Christmas Party

Jan. 13, 2010 Lancaster's; Project

Feb. 10, 2010 Cracker Barrel

March 10, 2010 Lone Star Steak House

April 14, 2010

May 12, 2010

June 9, 2010 Annual picnic and birthday party

MEMBER NEWS

Happy August birthdays to Renea Carrig, August 6, and Jan McCandliss, August 16.

Terri Correll is back in NC – her new address 790 Lake Wright Rd, China Grove, NC 28023, and the new home phone number is 704-856-8055 (once she gets a phone that is). Welcome back, Terri!

Welcome to our newest member, Maria Cannizzaro, who moved to Mooresville July 22. Please add her to our club roster. Her address is 125 Hickory Hill Road, Mooresville, NC 28117, phone number unknown as yet, and email Mariacanz@aol.com

When we get all these new addresses and phone numbers confirmed, we'll send out a revised Club Roster so we have accurate and up-to-date information.