

# MINI REFLECTIONS

## Newsletter

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### MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting will be held March 11 at 7:30 p.m. We will put off working on the indoor/outdoor vignette so that we can finish up the tote bag favors for NC State Day. You will need to bring the geraniums that you have finished, stylus, punching pad, tweezers, white glue, etc., to finish the geraniums. We will be potting those that aren't in pots yet and bagging them so that Susan can take them to the Indian Trail group. The pots that Chris Ernst painted for us are here, so we're good to go. However, I've just learned that right now registration (including the Indian Trail club members) is at 125, and we are going to have to make the 150 that they originally asked for. That means that what we're working on will NOT be enough.

However, I don't want to take up another club meeting to work on totebag favors, so we're going to have to hold a special meeting to get the others finished. We'll be sending home the kits again to be worked on at home and brought to the special meeting -- time and place to be determined at the meeting. I've already told them that there's no way we can have 150 done by the deadline they're asking for

Special thanks to Marilyn Jones for punching out all those petals and leaves for the geraniums and to Chris Ernst in St. Augustine for shopping for more wooden flower pots for us and for painting them so we didn't have that to do as well. You guys are great!

The Munch Bunch will meet at 6 p.m. for dinner at Cracker Barrel, right off I-77 (go to the west side of I-77) and NC 150, go to the first stop light after the overpass, turn right, and turn right again at the sign for the Cracker Barrel. (This is the last month where we have a restaurant -- we'll need to draw restaurants for the future at the next meeting. Ginny, do you have a list or slips for us to draw?)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](http://www.minireflections.org), The Enchanted Village web site is <http://www.piedmontcarolinas-name.org>, and the NC State web site is [www.ncname.org](http://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](mailto:smatson@carolina.rr.com). And we've sent her some photos from the Small Scales Houseparty to add to them, so stay in touch.

**Reward Workshop.** The date for the Suzanne and Andrew workshop is June 20 at the clubhouse at Donna Deal's subdivision (Salisbury). The project is the Tea Rose cottage, which is a delightful 1/4" cottage with a thatched roof. While this is a "reward" workshop for club members

who participated in the Christmas Show, it's open to all our members. For those who participated in the Christmas Show, Mini Reflections will pay half of your registration cost (\$50); for others the cost is \$100 (total cost). S & A want a minimum of 12 people (to cover their expenses as well as the cost of the class), so we're opening it to non-Mini Reflections members if we can't get 12 of our own. So far: regrets: Donna Blair, Terry Correll, Ginny Newell, Jane Payne, Liane Rowe, Jan Sylsberry. Acceptances: Ann Bejcek, Rachel Bonney, Renea Carrig, Donna Deal, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Jones, Pat Mantione, Susan Matson, Jan McCandliss, and Amy Rauch. Not everyone has indicated whether or not they will be able to come -- we need to hear from you ASAP, please! Thanks. Directions to the clubhouse will be in a later newsletter (so you don't lose them!)

S & A will be bringing furniture and accessory kits with them so that you can furnish your cottages (they usually do this when they teach, but we've asked them to make a point of it). However, if you want to start saving up for those accessories and furnishings, you can take a look at their web site to see what choices you have. You can make up a want-list, and we can let them know ahead of time how many of each thing they need to bring. Their web site is <http://www.andrewsmini.com>. We'll have more discussion of this at upcoming meetings.

And remember that this workshop is the reward for Christmas Show participation, so be working on your exhibits for next November (including the Tea Rose Cottage!).

**Funny Money and Silent Auction.** We need to start collecting goodies for the silent auction to be held at our annual birthday party/picnic. If you've been cleaning out your minis stash (as a lot of us have been), you should have things that you can contribute to the auction. Remember that one person's junk is another person's treasure! These are going to be swaps, using the mini money that you've earned over the past few months (yeah, you haven't been given the money yet, but Madame President has a record of everything you've earned -- if you want an accounting, let her know).

As soon we get our Mini Money printed (our mint hasn't gone into functioning mode yet), we'll have it for you, but we do have records of who has earned how much. Once you get it, though, you will be responsible for keeping track of it until the birthday party, when we'll have our silent auction or sale.

**NAME National Convention Tote Bag Favors and Door Pries.** Donna Blair brought more prototypes of game boxes that will be our tote bag favors for the National Convention in July. We agreed that we would do 100 favors, at least for starters, and we'll work on them at

home. Donna will bring the boxes and boards, cut out and scored, for us to take home and assemble to bring back to the April meeting. They need to be sent to Indianapolis by May 15, so we're going to try working on them at home and not take up meeting time with them. We decided not to donate a door prize from the club. (We also voted to reimburse Donna for the expense of replacing her wish-cutter blades and for paper and ink for all the printing that she's doing and has done.)

**PJ's Miniature Store.** The last we heard PJ's will open Saturday, March 7 at 230 W. Main St. in Albemarle NC 28001. Their phone number is the same as it was in Indian Trail, 704-821-9144. Hours right now are Saturdays only and by appointment, but Jeff says that if business warrants, he'll also open on Fridays. However, you can still buy online ([www.pjminiatures.com](http://www.pjminiatures.com)) or by phone.

**AIM Award Forms.** The forms for this year's AIM pins and award were in the last *Gazette*. Members at the February meeting were coerced into filling them out at that time, and the forms have been sent in to the NAME office. If you haven't sent yours in yet, do so, even though the deadline was February 28. Considering how late the *Gazettes* were, I'm sure Kim will accept them even if they have late postmarks on them (and she can't hassle either Jan or Rachel until March 20, so we should be safe!).

### **CALENDAR**

**April 18, 2009.** NC State Day, "The Wine Cellar." University Methodist Church, Charlotte. Sponsored by Indian Trail Mini Makers.

**May 30, 2009.** Annual Carolina Flea Market, PJ's Miniatures, Albemarle, NC.

**June 20, 2009.** Christmas Show Reward Workshop, 1/4" TeaRose cottage, taught by Suzanne and Andrew.

**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."

**November 11-22, 2009,** Enchanted Village, Southern Christmas Show, former Charlotte Merchandise Mart.

**April/May 2010.** NC State Day, "My Little Corner of the World," Cary, NC, hosted by Small Wonders Miniature Club.

**July 15-18, 2010.** NAME National Convention, Seattle, WA. Theme: Merry Olde 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!

**August, 2012.** NAME National Convention, Charlotte, NC. Theme: NAME: 40 Years of Sharing

**April 1, 2009.** Registration opens for "Weekend in Paris: La Vie en Rose," Small scales houseparty in Salt Lake City.

**September 15, 2009.** Deadline for submitting Enchanted Village exhibit forms.

**November 8, 2009.** Set-up for Enchanted Village.

**November 9, 2009.** Bring in exhibits for Enchanted Village.

### **MINI REFLECTIONS MEETINGS**

**April 8, 2009** Timbers on Project

**May 13, 2009** Project

**June 3, 2009** Birthday Potluck Picnic, Silent Auction

**July, 2009** Project

**August, 2009** Project

### **MEMBER NEWS**

Happy Birthday wishes to all our March birthday celebrants: Liane Rowe, March 12; Lynn Frank, March 14; and Rachel Bonney, March 28.

And best wishes to Marianne Jokubaitis for a speedy recovery from hip replacement surgery in late January. She says it will be a couple of months before she's able to be back with us. In the meantime, we hope she recovers quickly and without too much pain.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**