

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. We'll be starting work on our Holiday plastic ornaments, so you will need to bring the clear plastic balls and stands, the half styrofoam ball, and whatever you want to go into it -- paint, paintbrushes, wallpaper, glue, scissors, Xacto knife, cutting mat, etc., plus whatever accessories you plan to use. If you are planning on an indoor/outdoor scene, you will need 1/4" clapboard siding or illustration board for the wall, a 1/4" Grandline window (if you want a window), poster board/matt board or 1/16" spaced floor 1/16" thick for the floor as well as materials for your landscaping outdoor scene according to the season. For an outdoor chimney, wood 3/32" thick (it looks on Becky's instructions as though it's 3/52" thick, but that makes no sense to me!). If you don't have the plastic balls, styrofoam balls, or the stand, I'll have extras.

The Munch Bunch will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at Lew's Fine Foods, which is in the shopping center on the north side of NC 150 on the west side of I-77, directly across from Lowe's. Turn right into the shopping center at the stoplight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second E-3 Swap! Remember the second mini swap for E-3 is due in June. The theme is "Summer Vacations, "anything pertaining to a summer vacation, such as maps, suitcases, things you'd find at the beach, things you'd find in the mountains, things you would bring in your car if traveling that way, items of clothing, food, etc. Just think of your favorite vacation and what you would find there or bring there. Again ten items per swap, and you can do it in 1" or 1/4" scales. Full information is on the NC State web page.

Centerpieces for 2007 NAME National Convention. We still haven't decided on what we will be doing for our centerpiece for the 2007 National Convention. Though we won't be working on it in our regular club meetings, we need input from everyone as to what we should do. The theme convention theme is "That's Entertainment!", and the centerpiece has to follow the theme. The centerpiece is a theater marquee and small area inside -- dressing room, lobby, etc. We need to come up with a plan and set some dates to get started working on it. We do NOT want this to go in LATE.

Totebag Favors for 2007 National Convention. We decided that we will come up with some tote bag favor to come from the club to be made by members who want to participate but on their own time. Instructions and

materials will be provided, and however many we get is what we'll go with. That way those who want to participate and contribute can do so, but we won't be taking up club meeting time working on the projects.

Web Sites to Check Out. The Mini Reflections web site is www.minireflections.org. The Enchanted Village web site is <http://piedmontcarolinasname.org>., and the NC State web site is www.ncname.org. Check them out!. If you have anything you want on the web page, send the information to Susan at smatson@carolina.rr.com.

1/4" Scene in Plastic Balls Project

January - New Year's - Rachel Bonney
Super Bowl Party - Susan Matson
April - Valentine's Day - Marilyn McCarthy
Chinese New Year - Donna

Blair

April - St. Patrick's Day - Lynn Frank
April - Easter - Debbie Love
May - Cinco de Mayo - Debbie Love
June - Weddings - Debbie Love
July - Independence Day - Ann Bejcek
August - beach/vacation scene - Marilyn Jones
September - Labor Day
October - Halloween - Donna Deal
November - Thanksgiving - Ginny Newell
December - Christmas - Susan Matson

Dates/Events still available:

January: MLKing Birthday
April: Ground Hog Day
Lincoln's Birthday
Washington's Birthday
May: Mother's Day
June: Father's Day
Graduation
October: Columbus Day
World Series
December: Hanukkah
Kwanza

2007 Presidents' Retreat. The 2007 Presidents' Retreat 1/2" scale cottage will be taught by Debbie Love with the help of Mini Reflections members who are willing to go to Atlanta to be workshop facilitators. (There will be only one retreat this year because of the National Convention in Orlando in July 2007). Debbie will bring the prototype to one of the coming meetings and to State Day. We will begin working on the prototypes in July. We do need a head count of how many of you will be participating so that Jeff knows how many kits to make up. Right now he's going to make five kits. We know that the following folks are interested: (besides

Debbie): Rachel, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Jones, Susan Matson, Ginny Newell. These are the people who would help at the actual retreat -- are there others who want to participate? Let us know ASAP.

Mini Flea Market, Picnic, and Workshop Day.

Saturday, June 17, we've scheduled another fun day at PJ's in Indian Trail, including a flea market running all day, beginning about 10 a.m. and interspersed with roundtable workshops, and a picnic lunch. One of those roundtables will be a 30-60 minute orchid class taught by Chris Ernst (bring your own pot). Special recognition and invitations will go out to new NAME members to include them in the event, so keep that date in mind. We want everyone there for at least a little while, even though the event is for a full day.

Miscellaneous reminders. Don't forget to vote for NAME officers. Your ballot is in your latest NAME Gazette.

SHOW BUSINESS

Fall 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: minicollector@charter.net

CALENDAR

May 6, 2006. NC State Day. "Necessary Room." Greensboro Mini Society, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Greensboro. Workshop project: a bathroom, laundry room, dressing room, or whatever you consider a necessary room.

June 17, 2006. Mini Flea Market, Picnic, and Workshops, PJ's Miniatures, Indian Trail, 10 a.m.- noon; class from 1-4 or 5 p.m.

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

Sept. 15-17, 2006. E-3 Weekend Getaway, Greenville SC. Elegant contemporary master suite in a Low Country B & B in 1/4" scale.

Oct. 7, 2006. South Carolina State Day, SC Society of Miniature Collectors, Columbia. Theme: "Rendezvous on the Veranda." Registration opens in April, 2006. The main project is a revision of the Charleston houseparty centerpiece in either 1/2" or 1" scale. Note: This date is NOT definite!

April/May, 2007. North Carolina State Day, hosts, Theme: "Once Upon a Fairytale," Raleigh Miniatures Guild.

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

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"

Oct. 19-22 2006. "Trick or Treat in Tennessee," Fourth annual fall/Halloween weekend sponsored by the East Tennessee Mini Makers, DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN.

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.

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: "Way Back Home (in Indiana!)."

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May 10, 2006 Dinner at the Roadhouse; 1/4" holiday balls

June 14, 2006 Birthday party and picnic

July 12, 2006 Dinner at Izzy Bell's; 2007 Presidents' Retreat Prototype (1/2" scale house)

August 9, 2006 Dinner at the Pizza Hut; 2007 Presidents'

Retreat Prototype (1/2" scale house)
Sept. 13, 2006 Dinner at Cafe Italy; 2007 Presidents' Retreat Prototype (1/2" scale house)

Oct. 11, 2006 Dinner at the Little Spaghetti House; Diner counter and booths

Nov. 1, 2006 Dinner at the Golden Corral; Diner counter and booths

Dec. 13, 2006. Christmas Party

CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJS

June 18, 2006. Amaryllis, taught by Chris Ernst. 10 a.m., cost \$50.00. Bring a bag lunch.

August 14-16, 2006. Kitchen, Ray Whitledge and Scott Burgess. \$695.00. Class is almost full.

August 17, 2006. Curtains, Ray Whitledge and Scott Burgess, \$100.00.

Jeff is in the process of making arrangements for additional classes to be taught at the store this summer and fall. Potential classes that don't have dates yet include one on wiring by Jim Pounder and one by the Guys from Texas (no project identified yet, either). We'll keep you informed as we get the information.

MEMBER NEWS

No April birthdays to report.

Welcome back to Marilyn Jones and Ginny Newell from their trip to Holland to see the tulips. You'd better have some pictures to show off at the meeting! Marilyn reports that they had a great time.

Congratulations to the entire McCandliss family on the birth of Nathan Harold McCandliss March 27, baby

brother of Andrew, son of George and Cindy, and
grandson of Jan and John. (And nephew of Adam and
Ben!). To see Nathan's picture (for a 60-day period of
time), go to
[http://www.growingfamily.com/webnursery/babypage.asp
?UrlID=4C1T9Z7N1Q](http://www.growingfamily.com/webnursery/babypage.asp?UrlID=4C1T9Z7N1Q). Please use the following
password to access the page: McCandliss. (He's a cutie!)