

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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AUGUST MEETING

Our August meeting will be held Wednesday, August 10, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. An "Executive Decision" by your club officers has decreed that the meeting will be a summer picnic-pool party at Rachel's house. Bring a covered dish and your bathing suit (none of us is a spring chicken any more, and we've decided we don't care what we look like, so be prepared to swim/wallow or whatever in the pool). If you want to bring your Dutch baby house, feel free to do so, but I can't guarantee that we'll do any work.

Directions to the house from Mooresville -- get on highway 3 -- really, just follow the signs to DEI -- Dale Earnhardt, Inc., from town and go one mile past the Garage Mahal. My house is on the right as you come from Mooresville, a large stand of (dying) pine trees separating my property from the next door lot -- a pasture with lots of black cattle is on the other side. My house is light gold (well, yellow), with a black roof and black shutters. If you get to the Coddle Creek Church or Turtle Creek Nursery on NC 3, you've gone too far. Phone number: 704-663-4692.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mini Barbecue/Cookout. Cat Wingler has arranged to have a "mini barbecue/cookout" at PJ's Saturday, August 6, at PJ's (parking lot and yard to the side of the store) beginning about 4:30 p.m. Jeff will do the barbecuing so bring whatever meat you want cooked on the "barbie" and a covered dish to share, paper plates, etc., and yourself and be prepared to mingle with other mini-nuts. We'll eat inside the store, and Jeff plans to stay open late so that we can eat, socialize, and shop. PLEASE COME!

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. Debbie has suggested that we get together this summer to get started on the prototypes. What are your feelings on this?

RoundTuit Day. We're talking about having another RoundTuit Day but can't decide on a date - any suggestions?

Mini Bunco. Debbie Love also wants to have a Bunco Game for miniaturists at her home sometime soon she'll bring this up for discussion at the meeting, too..

2005 Enchanted Village. Remember to send in your forms for the Enchanted Village as soon as you can -- they were mailed out in June and need to be returned by Sept. 15 -- you also can download them from the Piedmont Carolinas web page (piedmontcarolinas-name.org). Can

we have the Dutch Baby Cabinets for part of the club exhibit? Also, the 50s car hops/waitresses would be nice, low cleavages and all! 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.

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. When Cat Wingler held the first Presidents' Retreat in Greenville (where we made the Ivy Cottage), she asked all participants to bring a recipe relating to afternoon tea -- these have been put together in a recipe book called "Tea with E-3 Club Presidents", along with hints for miniaturists (collected at the last Presidents' Retreat), which is available for \$5.00 from your state rep (RAB). I'll have some at the August meeting. Be aware that a limited number were printed, so when they run out ... And there are some good recipes in there -- I tested them!

2006 Presidents' Retreat. Judi Smith, from Birmingham, is the new E-3 Regional Coordinator, and with the help of her Birmingham club has planned the next Presidents' Retreat, to be held in January in Florida and in Atlanta, again. This time the project is an elegant day bed in an equally elegant room box setting -- for those receiving this newsletter in hard copy, the picture is below. For those receiving it as e-mail, the pictures are an attachment...I hope. (If I remember!). The project was designed by Barbara Wilson, of Judi's club, and she has embellished her box (see the second picture). The cost of the workshop is \$35 and is limited to two people from each club. So take a number, guys!

New Region E-3 Team. FYI, we have a new E 3 team as of July 23. Judi Smith of Birmingham is our new R.C., and the state reps are Beth Hamilton (Alabama), Barbara Schmidt (Florida North), Susan Hirshman (Florida South), Amy Rauch (Georgia), Rachel Bonney (NC), Rhonda Keef (SC), Rene Derra (TN). Other team members are Patti Reames (Secretary/Treasurer at Large), Jane Payne, (State Representative at Large), Linda Ostlie (Newsletter Editor & Gazette Reporter at Large), Barbara Wilson (E-3 Project Planner at Large), Cat Wingler (E-3 Special Event Coordinator), Becky Lipscomb (Regional Awards Committee), Debbie Love (Regional Scholarship Committee), Shannon Moore (Region E-3 web site), Barbara Schmidt (Regional Fund Raising), Lynn Frank (E-3 Regional Resource book), Jeff Love (Retailer Liaison, Advisory Capacity). Donna Eckel (Swap Chairperson at Large), Gwen Stiles (Welcome Committee Chairperson at Large), Colleen Walker (E-mail Chairperson at Large).

We also have a mini NC team: Debbie Love and Carla McIntyre (of Raleigh) will be assisting me as a welcome committee for new NAME members, and Susan Matson will be the webmaster for the new NC NAME web page, which will be up and running fairly soon at www.ncname.org. Things that can't be put into the revitalized state newsletter because of length will be on the web page for everyone to share in some of our mini experiences in NC and at houseparties and elsewhere. Check it out.

E-3 Fundraiser. Gwen Stiles and Barbara Schmidt have put together an elegant shop/boutique as a fund raiser for E-3. It will be on display at the Atlanta Club Show in October, then at the Christmas Show in November. Funds raised benefit E-3. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and are available from Barbara Schmidt (beminiart@aol.com) or probably me later on.

Friends of NAME Fund Raiser. NAME has another fund raiser going on, the Friends of NAME project. NAME is in financial distress -- projecting a \$50,000 deficit for this fiscal year -- and is in need of member generosity and support. If you are feeling supportive of our organization, you can contribute to this fund -- you can go to the NAME web page and get more information about it.

Free Wood. When Jan and John tore out the old stairway in their house, Jan saved the wooden risers from the stairway because she thought it might be usable in mini projects, like the Enchanted Village contests. If any of you want the wood, let me know, and she'll bring it to Monteagle in September, where I'll pick it up and get it back to you at the October meeting. What she has available is as follows: "The first is part of the tread from the new stairs; it measures 7 1/2" W x 14" L X 3/4" thick and one long side is rounded.. The other is part of the riser and measures 13 3/4" W x 11 1/2" L x 1 1/8" thick."

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. website: <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: minicollector@charter.net

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.

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."

May 6, 2006. NC State Day. "Necessaries 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/August, 2009. NAME National Convention/Houseparty, Indianapolis, IN. Theme: "Way Back Home (in Indiana!)."

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Sept. 14, 2005	Dutch baby cabinet
Oct. 12, 2005	2008 State Day prototype
Nov. 2, 2005	2008 State Day prototype
Dec. 14, 2005	Christmas Party

CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJ'S

August 6, 2005 Barbecue Picnic. Bring a covered dish and extra goodies (see above).

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

Summer 2006. Row of shops, Ray Whitledge. Cost:

MEMBER NEWS

August birthday greetings to Jan McCandliss (August 16)!

Congratulations to Mini Reflections members on the E-3 Regional Team: Rachel Bonney - NC State Rep, Lynn Frank - Resource Book Editor, Debbie Love - Scholarship Chairman, and Amy Rauch - Georgia State Rep. Pretty good for a club the size of ours! And Susan and Debbie will be on the State Team.

And congratulation to Lynn Frank's son Jonathan, who is graduating from Western Carolina University Saturday, August 6, which is why Lynn won't be at the barbecue at PJ's!