

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting will be held Wednesday, December 14, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas dinner party. The party will be at my house outside of Mooresville, 1898 Coddle Creek Highway. 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.

Appetizers - Debbie Love

Dinner fixings: turkey/dressing: Rachel Bonney

Mashed potatoes Pat Mantione

Candied sweet potatoes - Marilyn McCarthy

Bean casserole - Ginny Newell

Corn pudding - Donna Deal

Pickles, olives, cranberry sauce, etc. - Susan

Matson

Rolls - Donna Blair

Beverages - Pat Mantione

Dessert - Debbie Love, Marilyn Jones

Paper products - Terri Correll

If you are planning on bringing a guest or family member, could you please let us know ASAP so we know how many to plan for (chairs, tables, paper products, etc.)? Many thanks.

Those participating in the Greet Christmas Gift Exchange: Ann Bejcek, Donna Blair, Rachel Bonney, Terri Correll, Donna Deal, Lynn Frank, Debbie Love, Pat Mantione, Susan Matson, Jan McCandliss, Ginny Newell, Amy Rauch, and Liane Rowe, a total of 13 people. Bring your gifts wrapped and signed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2005 Enchanted Village. Thanks to everyone from Mini Reflections who exhibited in this year's Christmas Show, helped with set-up and move out and with monitoring. Exhibitors: Ann Bejcek, Donna Blair, Rachel Bonney, Terri Correll, Donna Deal, Sarah Duffy, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Jones, Debbie Love, Pat Mantione, Susan Matson, Jan McCandliss, Marilyn McCarthy, Ginny Newell, Amy Rauch, and Liane Rowe. Pretty good turnout, I'd say!

And congratulations to our winners:

Houses: Debbie Love, first place, "Pretty in Pink"

Non-Residential Structures: Debbie Love, first place, "The Gingerbread House;" second place, "Java Jeff's;" and Honorable Mention, "Lighthouse"

Room Boxes: Rachel Bonney, second place, "Museum of the Plains Indian" and Honorable Mention, "Land of 10,000 Lakes;" and Debbie Love, Honorable Mention, "Christmas Box - Red and Gold."

Small Scales: Susan Matson, first place, "Mimi's Cafe;" Rachel Bonney, second place, "Dutch Baby House;" Sarah Duffy, third place, "By the Sea."

Outdoor Scenes: Rachel Bonney, second place, "New Orleans Courtyard;" Marilyn Jones, Honorable Mention, "New Orleans Courtyard."

Unusual Containers: Rachel Bonney, second place, "Cinderella's Kitchen"

Miscellaneous: Ginny Newell, Honorable Mention, "Honeymoon Haven B & B;" Liane Rowe, Honorable Mention, "Christmas on Poppy Lane;"

Special Contest: Lynn Frank, second place, "ME Night Before Christmas;" Susan Matson, third place, "Not a Creature Was Stirring, Not Even a Mouse Family;" and Honorable Mention, "Not a Creature Was Stirring, Not Even a Mouse;" and Amy Rauch, Honorable Mention, "Visions of Sugar Plums in 1/4".

Peoples' Choice: Bill Newell, "Rocky Mountain Retreat," 1st place, and "Nantucket House 3rd place;" Debbie Love "Gingerbread House, second place, and "Pretty in Pink," Honorable Mention.

Congratulations and thanks, gang.

2005 Christmas Show Reward Workshop.

We need to schedule a date for the 2005 Enchanted Village Reward Workshop, which will be the 50s diner soda jerk. Those eligible for the class are Ann Bejcek, Donna Blair, Terri Correll, Donna Deal, Sarah Duffy, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Jones, Debbie Love, Pat Mantione, Susan Matson, Jan McCandliss, Marilyn McCarthy, Ginny Newell, Amy Rauch, and Liane Rowe. How many plan to do the class? What is a good date? Donna, can we have your club house again?

FYI, the 2006 reward workshop will be 50s diner items, taught by Caroline Eiche, who had some really fantastic stuff as houseparty helpers at the 2005 National. She's sending a list and photos as well as costs, so we choose what we want and let her get started on the goodies.

2006 Presidents' Retreat. The next Presidents' Retreat, will be held January 20-21, 2006, in Atlanta. The cost for this workshop will be \$35 (paid by Mini Reflections and Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group for

their representatives) plus expenses (paid by the individual). Mini Reflections delegates are undecided as yet, and Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group representatives are Debbie Love and Susan Matson.

North Carolina Roundtable Day. The New Bern club (Coastal Miniatures) is hosting a second round table day February 4 in New Bern. Cost is \$25, and registration is limited to 40 people. They are asking for roundtable kits (42), and we decided to send them the frames we made up for totebag favors for 2005 State Day, cut a few more, and print a different set of pictures. If you have any others to donate or are interested in going, contact Jan Sylsberry, President, at ourtoy@esisnet.com. I also will have the form at the Christmas Party.

Centerpieces for 2007 NAME National Convention. I think it was decided that the club would do a centerpiece for the National in Orlando in 2007? I picked up the kit at the E-3 Team Retreat in November and have the instructions/guidelines for what they want.

Totebag Favors. Our totebag favor for 2006 NC State Day will be a miniature (1/144 scale) replica of the actual state day box, assembled but unpainted, and to include a towel with it. We'll be working on them at the January (and February?) meetings. If you want to make totebag favors of your own to send to State Day, the suggested list from the Greensboro folks is at the end of the newsletter.

Totebag Favors for 2007 National Convention. We also discussed making totebag favors for the Orlando National in 2007. The theme is "That's Entertainment!" which gives us a lot of leeway in terms of what we can contribute. We agreed to think about various possibilities for what we could contribute. So, suggestions, anyone?

Web Sites to Check Out. The Mini Reflections web site is www.minireflections.org, Enchanted Village web site is www.enchantedvillage.com, and the new 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.

E-3 Fundraiser. The E-3 shop/boutique fund raiser for E-3 was on display at the Christmas Show and is now at PJ's. Funds raised are for the E-3 newsletter. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and are available from Barbara Schmidt (beminiart@aol.com), PJ's., or from me.

2008 State Day. Lynn sent out an e-mail in October asking folks to be thinking about State Day: how to finish the ceiling, whether or not we supply Plexiglas or let them do their own thing in terms of a ceiling for the diner.

She also asked about which committee you want to serve on or head [Committees are Exhibits, Hospitality (meals and snacks), Door Prizes, Mini Mart, Raffle Items, Registration, Souvenirs, Souvenir Book, Tote Bags, Workshop teacher]. Terri Correll has indicated she would like to do exhibits and mini mart again, Amy Rauch door prizes?

New Club Project. When Susan, Amy, and Rachel went to the Gingerbread House in October for their roundtable day, the Greensboro club had a number of their projects on exhibit, and they had some really neat ones. One that we thought would be fun for our club to do was 1/4" vignettes in four inch clear plastic balls on ornament hangers. At the November meeting we handed out the balls and styrofoam bases to the folks who were there, and instructions will be handed out at the December meeting. We decided to do a year of holidays and have these as a club exhibit for next year's Christmas Show. So here's a calendar of holidays/special events for a year and the holidays already chosen (Let's try to get one for each month?)

January - New Year's
MLKing Birthday
Washington's Birthday
Super Bowl
February - Ground Hog Day
Valentine's Day - Marilyn McCarthy
Lincoln's Birthday
Chinese New Year - Donna Blair
March - St. Patrick's Day
April - Easter - Debbie Love
May - Mother's Day
Cinco de Mayo
June - Father's Day
Graduation
Weddings
July Independence Day - Ann Bejcek
August
September - Labor Day
October - Columbus Day
Halloween
World Series
November - Thanksgiving - Ginny Newell
December - Christmas - Susan Matson
Hanukkah
New Year's Eve

SHOW BUSINESS

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

Molly Cromwell Shows.

Jan. 15, 2006. Sarasota Festival of Miniatures. Sarasota Cay Club, 7150 N. Tamiami Trail. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.. Pre-registered workshops Jan. 11-14, 16-18.

Feb. 18-19, 2006. Orlando Festival of Miniatures. Holiday Inn, International Drive Resort, 6515 International Drive, Orlando. Sat. Feb. 18, pre-registered show preview; Sun. Feb. 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Pre-registered workshops Feb. 15-22.

April 6-14, 2006. Tulip-Time Tour of Holland and the Arnhem Dollhouse Show.

Happy birthday to Pat Mantione, whose birthday is December 11.

CALENDAR

January 20-22, 2006. Presidents' Retreat, Atlanta. 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." The show WILL go on, they tell us, though currently they have only 19 dealers signed up. Does anyone want to help Jan and Rachel make extra totebag favors for them? Please?

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.

Fall, 2006. South Carolina State Day, SC Society of Miniature Collectors, Columbia. Theme: "Rendezvous on the Veranda." Registration opens in January, 2006. The main project is a revision of the Charleston houseparty centerpiece in either 1/2" or 1" scale.

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

April/May, 2007. North Carolina State Day, hosts, Raleigh Miniatures Guild.

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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Jan. 11, 2006 Totebag Favors for State Day

Feb. 8, 2006 Totebag Favors for State Day?

March 8, 2006

April 12, 2006

May 10, 2006

June 14, 2006 Birthday party?

July 12, 2006

August 9, 2006

Sept. 13, 2006

CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJ'S

Summer 2006. Kitchen, Ray Whitledge.

MEMBER NEWS

2006 NC STATE DAY TOTE BAG FAVOR SUGGESTIONS

Bath salts - bath beads soap	Bathrobe	Bar
Bath mat	Bathtub	Bubble bath
Candles	Ceiling light	Chair/stool
Comb	Conditioner	Cosmetics
Curlers	Drinking glass	Hair dryer
Hairbrush	Hamper	Plant
Hot water bottle	Magazine rack/basket	
Magazines	Mirror	Plunger
Perfume bottles	Q-tips	Scale
Shampoo	Shaving cream	Shaver
Shelf	Shower	Sink
Slippers	Tissues	Toilet
Toilet Paper	Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Toothbrush holder	Towel bar	Towels
Tub	Vanity	Wall hooks
Wall lights	Wine	