

# MINI REFLECTIONS

## Newsletter

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### DECEMBER MEETING

#### Merry Christmas!

Our December meeting/Christmas party will be held Wednesday, December 13, 2006, beginning with dinner at Soiree's at 6 00.p.m. The restaurant is on the corner of Main and Center Street,s catty-corner from the Depot. We'll have dinner there and then move over to the depot for dessert and the Great Gift Exchange. Dessert will be light and no one needs to bring any -- the club is taking care of it. Participants in the Great Gift Exchange are 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 participants, 12 gifts if you don't want one for yourself.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 2007 Presidents' Retreat.

The Presidents' Retreat is scheduled for January 19 and 20 in Atlanta and will be taught by members of Mini Reflections. A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotel, which is La Quinta, off I285 and Woodruff Road. Rooms are \$79 per night with a full buffet breakfast. Activities will begin Friday evening with an optional visit to the miniature shop in Lawrenceville, then back to the hotel for an evening of socializing and fun, including mini mart, roundtables, and demonstrations of different finishing techniques. Saturday will be the workshop plus mini swaps and the gift exchange. Mini Reflections members teaching the workshop and demonstrating the techniques for finishing the cottage include Rachel Bonney, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Jones, Debbie Love, Susan Matson, Ginny Newell, and Amy Rauch. We have openings for two MR members to attend as "students," if anyone is interested?

Centerpieces for 2007 NAME National Convention. Lynn is collecting goodies for the centerpiece, but we need to set work dates so that we can get them turned in on time. Ideas, anyone? (At the steering committee in August some of the completed centerpieces were on display. They're good, gang. Let's get ours done!)

Web Sites to Check Out. Susan has been working on up-dating the various web pages, so you might want to check them out and see the pictures from some of the events we've been participating in. The Mini Reflections web site is [www.minireflections.org](http://www.minireflections.org), Enchanted Village web site is <http://piedmontcarolinaname.org>, and the NC State web site is [www.ncname.org](http://www.ncname.org). Hopefully she'll have Christmas Show pictures on-line before she leaves for Michigan!

Check them out!. 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).

2006 Enchanted Village. Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Enchanted Village as exhibitors, monitors, or whatever. We appreciate your support!

As usual, Mini Reflections folks did quite well in the awards department. Congratulations to all our winners:

Christ Ernst, Best of Show and 1st Place Peoples' Choice- Chocolate Shop

Debbie Love - 1st Place Non-Residential Structures, 2nd Place Peoples' Choice - Wisteria Mill; 1st Place Room Boxes, Honorable Mention Peoples' Choice - Dream Kitchen; Honorable Mention, Room Boxes - Dish Shop; 1st honorable mention, Unusual Containers - Books, Books, and More Books

Ginny Newell - 3rd Place Non-Residential Structures - Lebkuchen House; 1st Honorable Mention, Small Scales - Thanksgiving Holiday Ball; 2nd Place Outdoor Scenes - State Day box

Rachel Bonney - 1st Place Small Scales - Low Country Bed and Breakfast; 2nd Honorable Mention Small Scales, New Years Open House Holiday Ball; 2nd Place Special Contest, O Tannenbaum; 3rd Place Special Contest, O Holy Night

Donna Deal - 3rd Place Small Scales - Tuscany Village; 2nd Honorable Mention Special Contest, We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Ann Bejcek - 2nd Place Unusual Containers - Gone Fishin' - A Mountain Cabin

Donna Blair - 2nd Honorable Mention Unusual Containers - Tea Cup

Again, thanks to everyone who participated. Just a note about next year: we're planning to have a 1/4" scale village with an O-gauge train running through it, so start looking for appropriate 1/4" buildings that you have that can go in the village. And the special contest is Holiday Greetings from Around the World (including the USA!), all scales, any appropriate holidays.

2008 State Day. State Day souvenirs have been distributed to club members who paid their registration fee in full or in part: Donna Blair, Rachel Bonney, Chris Ernst, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Jones, Debbie Love, Pat Mantione, Susan Matson, Jan McCandliss, Ginny Newell, and Amy Rauch. For those of you who paid only half in the summer, the second half of your payment is due in December.

After the holidays we'll be working on the juke boxes for the counter and table tops, the booths and the

stools- Debbie, please have the stool tops spray-painted so that we can assemble them at that time.

Remember we want to display some of the diners at the 2007 State Day -- at least partly finished.

Also -- we need a logo!

**Mini Reflections Service.** On November 30 a group of us from Mini Reflections and Indian Trail Mini Makers assisted in a team-training project at Wachovia Bank (up-town Charlotte). They had ten teams of ten to 13 people who were to complete 2-room 1" cottages (1" versions of our Presidents' Retreat cottages) -- in 3-1/2 hours!! -- painting the exterior, wallpapering and painting the interior of houses that Jeff Love had built for them. We had eight people working with the ten teams, and, believe it or not, they did finish on time -- well, almost! Results were surprising and interesting. The houses will be donated to charitable organizations such as Presbyterian Children's Hospital, battered women's shelters, etc. Mini Reflections folks who participated are Rachel Bonney, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Jones, Debbie Love, Susan Matson, and Ginny Newell. Thanks to everyone -- the Wachovia folks really appreciated the help!

### **SHOW BUSINESS**

**Sat. Jan. 13, 2007. Dollhouse and Miniatures Flea Market.** F.O.E. Eagles Aerie # 3800, 190 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach, FL. 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Sponsored by D.I.M.E. (Daytona Ideal Miniature Enthusiasts). \$2.00 admission

**Sun. Jan. 14, 2007.** Sarasota Festival of Miniatures. Sarasota Cay Club (formerly Holiday Inn), 7150 Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Molly Cromwell show (mollycromwell@aol.com).

**Feb. 17-18, 2007.** Orlando Festival of Miniatures. Holiday Inn International Drive Resort, 6515 International Drive, Orlando, FL. Saturday, 5-8:30 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Molly Cromwell Show.

### **CALENDAR**

**Jan. 19-20, 2007.** E-3 Presidents' Retreat, Atlanta, GA.

**Feb. 3, 2007.** 3rd Annual Roundtable Day, New Bern, NC, sponsored by Coastal Miniatures.

**Mar. 3, 2007.** Garden Party, Augusta Area Miniature Enthusiasts, Augusta, GA.

**Mar. 24, 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"

**April, 2008.** NC State Day, Mooresville, NC. Theme: Fifties' Diner.

**July 24-27, 2008.** NAME National Convention/Houseparty, Nashua, NH. Theme: "Castles and Cottages."

**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

### **MINI REFLECTIONS MEETINGS**

**Jan. 10, 2007.** Dinner at; Diner - booths and tables.

**Feb. 14, 2007.** Dinner at ; Diner - counter and stools

**Mar. 14, 2007.** Dinner at ; Diner - juke boxes.

**April 11, 2007.**

**May 9, 2007**

**June 13, 2007**

**July 11, 2007**

**Aug. 8, 2007**

**Sept. 12, 2007**

**Oct. 10, 2007**

### **CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJS**

**February 17, 2007.** Short-order cook/baker/chef porcelain doll class taught by Rachel Bonney. Although the class is designed as a short and chubby short-order cook for the 2008 North Carolina state day project, students can dress the doll as a baker or chef or whatever else they might choose, providing the instructor is notified sufficiently in advance. Cost \$65.00.

**November 2007.** Rik Pierce will be returning to teach another class. Details will be available later.

### **MEMBER NEWS**

We have one December birthday to celebrate, Pat Mantione on December 11. Many happy returns, Pat!