

MINI REFLECTIONS

Newsletter

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MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. We will continue working on our Dutch baby cabinet (as we will be doing for the next few months). You will need to bring your cabinet and whatever you need for wherever you are in the process of making it.

The dinner gang will meet at 6 p.m. at the Texas Steakhouse, which is off Highway 150 on the west side of I-77. Turn right at the first stop light on the west side of the interstate and go past the Wingate Hotel. The Texas Steakhouse will be ahead of you on the left.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAME Dues. NAME dues are due again. Some folks paid at the April meeting, but we need to have everyone get the money to Lynn before June so that our dues can be sent to the NAME office as a club. Make your checks for \$30 payable to Mini Reflections and bring them to the May meeting, if you can, please, or send them to Lynn. Thanks.

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?

Jack Burdick tells us that there is a 50s diner in SC -- anyone up for a "field trip" to check it out?

Another Round-Tuit Day. Okay, are we going to do this or not??? Several people have indicated that they'd like to try to do another one.

Web Page. Don't forget to check out the club web site (www.minireflections.org). Susan keeps it updated.

Dollhouse For Sale. Terri has a friend who has a dollhouse for sale, a Real Good Toys Vermont Farmhouse, Jr. (she thinks). It is built and has some shingles and siding put on. She is asking \$150, but may negotiate. If anyone is interested they can email Terri, and she will get in touch with her for them.

SHOW BUSINESS

CALENDAR

May 13-15, 2005. Region E-3 Houseparty, Charleston, SC. Theme: "A View from the Veranda."

July 21-24, 2005. NAME National Convention-Houseparty. Pittsburgh, PA. Theme: "All Across America"

Sept. Or Nov. 10-11. Region E-3 Presidents' Retreat, Ga.

Sept. 22-24, 2005. "Fall Follies in Tennessee." Third annual fall/Halloween weekend sponsored by the East Tennessee Mini Makers, DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN. Becky is taking registrations now.

Nov. 10-20, 2005. Enchanted Village, Southern Christmas Show, Charlotte Merchandise Mart, Charlotte.

March 19-22, 2006. Gulf South Dollhouse and Miniature Event, New Orleans, LA. Theme: Surprises in the Attic.

April 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.

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<u>June 8, 2005</u>	Birthday party
<u>July 13, 2005</u>	Dutch baby cabinet
<u>August 10, 2005</u>	Dutch baby cabinet
<u>Sept. 14, 2005</u>	Dutch baby cabinet
<u>Oct. 12, 2005</u>	2008 State Day prototype
<u>Nov. 2, 2005</u>	2008 State Day prototype
<u>Dec., 2005</u>	Christmas Party

CLASSES and EVENTS AT PJ'S

May 21, 2005	Potting Bench Class; Taught by Peggy Long; Limit 10 people; #25.00
June 11, 2005	Flower Class taught by Chris Ernst; Cost \$95.00.
June 18, 2005	1/4" Scale Kitchen Class taught by Suzanne and Andrew Tamburo-Larson; Cost \$95.00.

MEMBER NEWS

Our deepest sympathy and love are extended to Ginny Newell, Liane Rowe, Sarah Duffy, and the other members of the Newell family on the death of Bill Saturday, April 30, 2005. The memorial service for Bill was May 4 at Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church in Mooresville. We will all miss him very, very much.

Terri Correll's new address as of April 21 is: 118 Westover Dr., Goose Creek, SC 29445. Her e-mail address will remain the same, and she will let us know her new phone number when she gets it.

Donna Blair and family leave (left) Friday, May 6, for China to bring home their second daughter. Congratulations and best wishes to the entire family.

Marilyn McCarthy continues to make fantastic progress in her recovery from knee-replacement surgery -- no cane!

In Memorium

**William Frederick "Poppy" Newell
November 23, 1927 - April 30, 2005**

Mini Reflections members once again are mourning the loss of a beloved member and friend, Bill Newell, who passed away Saturday, April 30, 2005, after a lengthy illness. Bill and Ginny joined Mini Reflections shortly after they moved to Mooresville in 1992 and promptly became active contributing members to the club, in addition to Bill's civic activities (such as Lake Norman High School Athletic Boosters Club and his enthusiastic support of fund raisers for the Victory Junction Gang camp), golfing, and his trips back to Ohio for Ohio State football games as a loyal alumnus (and former Buckeye ball player himself).

He helped with the design of several state day projects, taught club workshops, came to all Christmas parties dressed festively for the occasion, usually giving gifts to everyone as well, supported the club in their state day endeavors (garnering a popcorn machine to provide snacks for the year when a stage dressing room was the theme), and helped Ginny with the hospitality arrangements, which seemed to fall to her -- the consummate hostess -- each time we did it. He thoroughly enjoyed scouting out new eating places for the club "munch bunch" pre-club dinner gang. Bill and Ginny were always the first ones there, and members knew they had the right place when they spotted Bill's smiling face across the restaurant as he waved to let us know they were there and had the table set up for the group. In fact, probably the only time we ever saw Bill without that wonderful smile was the infamous dinner fiasco at the then newly-opened Bob Evans restaurant in Mooresville. After his disgruntled complaints to the higher-ups were ignored, the restaurant was removed from our list of potential eating places, which Ginny and Bill kept up to date for us. After we ate at Italian restaurants and messed up clothing with spaghetti sauce, he made special red-and-white checked plastic bibs for all of us! Dinner was usually enlivened with his latest jokes, encouraged and added to by the other Bill (McCarthy), his cohort during club meetings as they sat in a corner of the room kibitzing while we worked or sneaked out for ice cream.

Bill and Ginny worked zealously on their miniature projects, which were truly imaginative and wonderfully executed. They have been as generous in sharing those miniatures with others as they have their talents with club members. They could be relied on to assist in setting up for the Christmas Show's Enchanted Village as well as club exhibits at the Statesville Museum and the Mooresville Artist Guild and always exhibiting whenever the club had an exhibit. Their entries usually won awards, often Best of Show, at the Christmas Show. But their sharing of their minis extended to donations to various organizations, including the Farkel House, a huge house made with the help of their grandchildren, which they donated to Victory Junction in the late winter this year.

Bill had a loving, generous heart, was a devoted and loyal husband, father, and grandfather, and an equally devoted and loyal friend. We were privileged to know him, and we will miss him. God bless, Bill.