



# NAME REGION E-3 REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

May 2014



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Happy Spring, everyone! I am hoping everyone is enjoying the Spring weather the Southeast is experiencing now that winter is over. Here in South Carolina we are already having days in the upper 90s! I won't complain, though, as it is great to get outside and be inspired by all the beautiful gardens in our area.

As always, early Spring in the Southeast means lots of miniature events for our members. I had the good fortune to attend NC State Day in April. The members of the Raleigh Miniatures Guild and Small Wonders Miniature Club hosted a wonderful day filled with a great project, beautiful exhibits, amazing state day helpers and of course great fellowship! Many thanks to all who participated.

Did you attend the NAME Online Houseparty? I did and had a wonderful time at my computer exploring all the different events. I must confess that I was a bit distracted from my real work that week! And, I won one of the amazing centerpieces!!! Gwen Campbell designed them, and many of the artisans who contributed are E-3 members. It is sitting in front of me at my desk as I type this report! Thanks to all who participated in this amazing enterprise.

There are lots of events still to come in the next few months in our Region. Lakeland, Florida, will be the place to be June 27-29<sup>th</sup> for their 29<sup>th</sup> annual show, sale and fun day. It is a not-to-be-missed event. E-3 members will gather with other NAME members in St. Louis, Missouri, for the NAME National Convention July 13-21. If you are going, please come by the regional meeting and say hello! Also in July, on the 29<sup>th</sup>, is the North Carolina Dollhouse Show and Sale, to be held in Mooresville, NC. This is a new show and one that I am looking forward to as well. In August you can join Little Bits of Alabama in Birmingham for their Alabama Fun Day on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. A registration sheet is found later in the newsletter and is on the E-3 Website. In September you can travel to Greenville, SC for the Small Scales Houseparty September 11-14. O, you can go to Atlanta, GA to attend the Atlanta Miniature Society's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Show and Sale September 12-13. And don't forget the New Deal Miniatures Nashville Show September 11-13. This year, they have added a Class day on September 11<sup>th</sup>. They have lots of wonderful events planned to delight attendees! There are lots

more details about all of these events elsewhere in the newsletter, as well as events coming up in October and November. Don't forget to check our website for the latest information about all our events.

My miniature goal for these summer months is to make time for miniatures – whether going to a show, gathering with club members, or just spending some quiet time in my workshop. What are your plans?

Happy Summer!

*Marie Bird, E-3 Regional Coordinator*

## MEET YOUR E-3 TEAM

Karen Barone, South Florida State Rep



Karen's first experience with miniatures was as an adult when the best man at her wedding gave her a dollhouse and she was hooked! It has been 30 years, and she is still going strong.

Like most of us, she is a self-taught miniaturist and has taken many classes in all scales. She loves mini teapots and antiques, especially furniture. Karen belongs to Les Petits Collecteur Club in Boca Raton, Florida, and is currently serving as the Club Treasurer.

Karen has given many years of service to NAME. She was state rep in New Jersey and in Florida. She has been a member of the NAME Board of Trustees as Member at Large, Secretary, Second Vice-President, and First Vice-President, President, and is once again the South Florida State Rep. Karen is the Workshop Chairman for the Greenville Small Scales Regional in September and Workshop Chairman for the 2015 National in Indianapolis.

Karen has a full time job as Accounts Receivable Manager for a Goodyear dealer. Karen and husband Don live in Florida. In addition to miniatures, Karen's interests are reading, quilting, collecting full size teapots, anything electronic.

NAME has given Karen the most amazing friends in miniatures and that always helps when she takes on a job within NAME and always knows they will be there to help her in any way.

## Judy Lewis, Tennessee State Rep



Hello ! For those who've never met me, my name is Judy Lewis. I'm from Kingsport TN, and I've very happily been a member of NAME for almost 15 years now! I got started in minis when I was 17 and my Mom gave me a dollhouse kit for Christmas. She must've had an ulterior motive, since she also became deeply entrenched in the world of minis... I've been collecting, making and loving minis of all scales ever since.

Some years have been much more productive than others, but after three kids, college, marriage(s) and a few moves, I still love my minis!! Like many folks, I have to try to limit myself to smaller scales now to fit anything in the house, but I still adore the big stuff!

I belong to Tri-Cities Miniature Enthusiasts, our local club, and have been a Tennessee state rep for NAME for several years ... I've taught a few classes at the beloved Trick or Treat in Tennessee gathering each fall; I'm still trying to work up the nerve to try teaching at a National Convention!

I'm currently working on organizing my "stash" of supplies, kits and all the wonderful minis I've bought over the years... I'm turning the second bedroom of my tiny farmhouse into a "mini room." Between work as an RN, four grandsons, a growing flock of new chickens and my minis I stay way too busy these days ... I'm looking forward to many more years as a NAME member, and eagerly waiting for retirement, when I hope to finally finish those round table kits!

## REGION E-3 NEW SWAP "In the Attic"

Final reminder for the attic swap is June 1 to have the things to our Swaps chair. The swap can be either 1/4" or 1/12 scale. Think about all those things that get stuck in the attic - rugs, lamps, old furniture, wallpaper, toys, holiday decorations will work for this swap. If you haven't contacted Sheila yet to let her know you are going to participate in the swap, you need to do so immediately and you need to get the swaps to her by June 1. Keep swaps related to the attic theme ...

Please send a check or money order for \$6.00 made payable to Sheila Barker. This fee is to cover the cost of

postage. This amount covers the cost of Priority Mail postage, a delivery confirmation, and packing materials. Please do not send cash or preprinted postage labels from the post office.

**Registration:** If you would like to participate on one or both of our IN THE ATTIC Swaps, please email me at [sab41946@aol.com](mailto:sab41946@aol.com). Please type E-3 Swap in your subject line. When Sheila receives your email, she will acknowledge your registration and email you her mailing address. You can also contact her at 305-292-0031. She will sign you up over the phone and give you her mailing address.

## RECENT E-3 EVENTS

**North Caroliona State Day.** North Carolina State Day was held on April 5, 2014, in Durham and hosted by the Raleigh Miniatures Guild and the Small Wonders Miniature Club. Approximately 50 people attended, and all seem to enjoy the activities.

The project was "A Room For All Occasions," and attendees worked hard to complete or almost compete their project. The idea for the project was that it was designed to use for almost anything- a room for any holiday or in a house, a store or shop of any kind, or even a lab. One of the finished projects on exhibit was a lab.

The souvenirs included a turntable for the project, a small stepstool and a plate rack with plates to be used in the project. Also, plenty of tote bag favors were given out, along with very nice door prizes. There were many exhibits of the finished project and other beautiful exhibits for everyone to look at, enjoy and photograph. The Mini Mart included a variety of miniature items of all kinds for sale, and many seemed to be taking home their choices. Over 50 State Day Helpers were on exhibit for everyone to purchase tickets for and keep their fingers crossed that they would win to take home. Lunch was provided by Jason's Deli and again was enjoyed by attendees while they were looking at table gifts and door prizes. Lucky ones took home the beautiful centerpieces of different themes.

Mini Reflections of Mooresville had a prototype of next year's project and encouraged everyone to plan on coming then. All activities finished up early, and everyone was able to start for home, hopefully happy and satisfied with their day and looking forward to next year in Mooresville.

*Charlene Taylor*

**On-Line Houseparty.** NAME's first Online Houseparty is now a memory, and from all accounts, it was a success! There were a few glitches, mostly on the first day, but it got smoother and easier as the week went on.

There were over 740 NAME members who registered for the convention. A lot of us had questions about exactly HOW this was going to work, but the committee worked long hours to make sure that every registrant had a wonderful time.

As with our in-person Houseparties, there was a wide selection of events to choose from. You could participate in

as many or as few activities as you wished. I chose to do a workshop with Debbie Young. Since this was a "Wednesday" workshop, we all got together at an agreed upon time on Wednesday. Debbie emailed us periodically with instructions and tips about the part of the kit we were working on. Debbie even sent us picture of her real-life workshop, since our project was a 1/4" version of her workshop. We were all working at home by ourselves, but we really did feel as though we were working with friends.

There were a lot of opportunities to shop! The dealers offered "show specials," and there were Roundtables and Mega Roundtables. Two popular events were the auction and garage sale, which both had lots of special treasures. And, of course, there were Houseparty Helpers.

The centerpieces were very special ones, designed by Gwen Campbell. I did not win one, but there was a "second chance" auction of the extra centerpieces, and I got one of them. It is in the mail right now, and I can't wait to see it in person, and I can't wait until the next Online Houseparty.



Amy Rauch

## REGIONAL AND CLUB NEWS

*This section is for individual E-3 members and for E-3 NAME clubs. If you have something you want to share with other E-3 members, please send it to me, and I'll try to fit it in. Remember, if you want to see your club's activities mentioned, you need to send me the information (and pictures!) as soon as you have it. Reports from individuals are also welcome. If you are sending photos, please do not send them all in one file and please send them as jpg attachments. My archaic computer can't handle too much at one time. Deadlines are February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. And please note the change in my email address: [rabonney@windstream.net](mailto:rabonney@windstream.net). Thanks! RB*

### Alabama.

**Mobile Miniature Club. C-490.** Members of the Mobile Miniature Club are helping a 95 year old lady, Mary Frost, fulfill a dream. Over 35 years ago, she started building a one-inch scale replica of The Governor's Mansion in Williamsburg, Virginia. She was living in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the time, and her husband commissioned a man to build the 12-room replica of the main house. Only the shell of the house was built with the roof and chimneys completed, but no interior finishing work was done. Sometime after the house was built and Mary began collecting furnishings, her husband became ill and

she put the project on hold to tend to his care. After he passed away, Mary moved back to her hometown of Mobile, Alabama, and, yes, the house came with her! I happened to become friends with Mary's daughter-in-law, so the miniature connection was made.

Charlie and Carol Beaulieu, members of the Mobile Miniature Club who are now both deceased, helped Mary over the years, and they completed most of the rooms by making independent wall panels to fit each room. Current members of the club have taken up the mantle and are trying to help Mary see her dream of a completed house. She now resides in a retirement village, which graciously allowed her to move the rather large house to their craft room area. Several club members have taken on individual projects such as dressing beds, repairing furniture, making curtains, etc. I have taken on the task of making wooden wall panels for one room to closely match the pattern of the real walls, which is no easy task for me since I am not a woodworker!

Hopefully, we will soon have a completed project and will be able to share photos with you!

Roxann Dyess, President

**Little Bits of Alabama (C-734).** Little Bits of Alabama has been very busy planning for our Alabama Fun Day to be held August 23 in Birmingham (please see registration form attached). Each member is working on a prototype starting with the quarter scale scene pictured on the registration form. Registration will be limited to the first 40 registrations received so be sure and register early. Registration deadline will be July 15. Hope to see you there!

Carol Hinkle

### Florida

#### Les Petit Collecteurs of South Florida. C-127.

Les Petits Collecteurs had a very successful show on March 8, 2014, at the Boca Raton Community Center. Attendance was up, and sales were good. We had four free Make It and Take It Demos which were crowded with enthusiastic participants. Even our lunch room was almost sold out.

Our exhibit room drew many visitors. Our theme this year was A Miniature Walk Through History. The exhibits began with a prehistoric cave and continued through ancient Egypt, the Middle Ages, piracy, American Presidents, the Civil War, Theodore Roosevelt, Ernest Hemingway, World War II and many more exhibits. The final exhibits were the moon landing, Republicans vs Democrats, and a wonderful room created with a 3D printer. All of the exhibits had write-ups placing them historically. We also had an exhibit of entranceways called Welcome to our World. Several other people displayed items. A special one was a Venetian Palazzo with a canal and gondola.



*Sherrie Rabsatt and an 1800's Slave Cabin.*

Thanks to the success of our show we were able to contribute to our charities. Kids in Distress received \$1,100. AVDA received \$1,000, and we were able to donate \$300 to NAME for office window treatments.

We're already planning for next year. Our theme for next year's show is What's Cooking, and we are going to do the NAME project as a group project in October. Our creative juices are already percolating as we come up with original ways to handle the theme. Many of us are also anticipating the NAME convention in St. Louis.

*Marilyn Freedman, President*

**Gainesville Miniature Guild (C-801).** I just want to say thank you to all the volunteers who worked on NAME's recent First Online Houseparty. It really was a blast. Yes, a lot of work, but so many people emailed us to say what a great time they had, and thank you because they cannot get to real life houseparties. This makes it worthwhile. I especially want to thank Luci Hanson and Janet Smith for all their hard work. I love all my souvenirs, and I have already finished my Thursday Night Fundraiser. (See photo below.) And thanks to all the participants. We couldn't have done it without you.



*Gwen Campbell, President*

## **Georgia**

**Atlanta Miniature Society (C-270).** Members have a BIG year ahead in our MINI club. Our May meeting will be devoted to producing 500 tote bag favors for the National convention. It sounds like a daunting task, but it is one of our most fun and largest attended meetings each year. We have a wonderful time producing and bagging the favors and a great time chatting while doing so.

In June we will be working to create a unique fund raiser project to be auctioned off during our September show and sale. Members will be creating pleated fabric walls for Scheherazade's tent interior. The project will truly be a group effort, as member Delia Reynolds will be designing and making the hanging light fixture, Dorrie Toth will be creating a potted palm, and our vice-president, Jeri Holt, will be faux-finishing the room box exterior. Richard and Ruthanne Huff, of Novalyte will be providing lighting and Miniature Designs will be donating the electrical supplies. Proceeds made from the fundraiser will go to The Women's Resource Center, which supports women and children leaving domestic violence situations. AMS is proud to have helped the WRC for 20 years. Check out the progress of Scheherazade's tent on our website [www.atlantaminis.org](http://www.atlantaminis.org).

AMS has also developed a new program called "This Old Doll House." We will be restoring old houses and re-furnishing them with child suitable items and donating them to various programs. Our first is the refurbishing of the first dollhouse I made 35 years ago. It has spent the last 20 years being played with by children in the family (now in college) so the house has come back to me. AMS members have sponsored the new furniture for each room, as well as poseable families to live in the house. Once completed, the house will go to the children's playroom of The Women's Resource Center. A second house is in the works, headed by Dorrie Toth and donated by Miniature Designs. Members will be donating proceeds to cover the furnishings for this house as well. This house, once complete, will be donated to the children's playroom of Family Promise.



AMS has also started making plans for hosting the NAME Day event on October 4, 2014. We are looking to have up to 40 participants this year. The event will include lunch, afternoon snacks, LOADS of door prizes and a sales table of fabulous minis for sale from Miniature Designs. Our cutter for the corner booth will be offering the kit in four wood choices. Info on the event will be posted in the GAZETTE, or those interested can contact me at [770-492-9532](tel:770-492-9532).

And finally, we are proud to have been contacted by the director of Barrington Hall Roswell Museum of Georgia to house some of our club members' projects for their Christmas displays this year. Barrington Hall is an historical plantation home built in 1842 and has changing exhibits

throughout the year. AMS worked with Barrington Hall seven years ago, and we look forward to providing many of our finished houses and room boxes again. AMS will also be providing assistance in maintaining the museum's permanent exhibit of a dollhouse of Barrington Hall, donated by the family descendants. The museum will also provide an opportunity for us to promote AMS and NAME during the event.

The Atlanta Miniature Society invites all miniature enthusiasts to visit our club meetings, held the third Monday of every month. To see our project list for the year, go to our website at [www.atlantaminis.org](http://www.atlantaminis.org).

*JP. Sligh, President*

**Augusta Area Miniature Enthusiasts – AAME (C-937)** The Augusta Area Miniature Makers have just completed 500 tote bag favors for the upcoming National Houseparty in St. Louis. We made 1" scale bedrolls. A number of us are planning to be in St. Louis, so we wanted to be sure to do our part to make the tote bags great!

We have now moved on to our next club project. We are going to be working on the Tuscan Vignette that was designed by Cat Wingler. The directions and pictures were in the *Miniature Gazette*. This project will get us in the mood for "Touring Tuscany" in September in Greenville, SC.

*Amy Rauch, AAME President*

### North Carolina

**North Carolina News** Congratulations to the Cary and Raleigh Clubs for hosting a WONDERFUL State Day! It was so much fun and so well organized. Lots of sharing and laughter, wonderful exhibits, wonderful examples of what we could do with our projects, and an overwhelmingly incredible number of raffle items and door prizes. Some came prepared with ideas for how to use their project, others had no idea what they would do. Some thought they were going to do something and after seeing how the hosts had finished theirs went in a completely different direction. It was a great day - thank you, thank you, thank you!

A reminder that Club President Annual Reports are due to me by May 15. I need to compile the information into a report I send to our Regional Coordinator. Chances are by the time you read this I'll have already nagged you for it but just in case it's still outstanding... If I have received yours, thank you!

Hopefully I'll be better able to get to meetings of some, or even all, of the clubs in the coming year. I had a great time getting to meet other North Carolinian miniaturists when I visited different clubs last year but this year didn't work out as well.

*Lissa Loosemore, NC State Rep*

**Raleigh Miniatures Guild (C-524).** Raleigh Miniature Guild is taking a deep breath after co-hosting state Day with Small Wonders of Cary. The state day was well received even though we only had 56 registrants and were prepared for 100. We did, however, sell most of our extra kits.

Maybe we were optimistic and should have taken into account the Houseparty in the Gazette and the on-line houseparty as competition. Maybe state day attendance could be a topic for discussion at the regional meeting.

As part of our community service requirement as part of our room fee we provided prizes and handed them out at the Easter Egg Hunt at a local park.

We will be displaying our miniatures at Sertoma Arts Center in Raleigh during July and August. We have not decided on a summer project yet.

We will be having our elections this month for next year.

*Mary McNeely, President*

**Miniature Collectors Society of Charlotte (C-1034 - formerly Charlotte Miniature Society C-301)** Our club has re-chartered, and we have a new name. We are looking forward to many projects in the future and sharing our miniatures with others.

We finished and shipped 500 tote bag favors for the National convention in St. Louis, Mo.

For our May meeting we will be getting "our steampunk on." If you have no idea what I am talking about, go online and check it out. You may find yourself going through your mini "stash" looking for something to steampunk... With the help of two club members, Maria Cannizzaro and Annilee Taylor, we came up with a project for our club. I can't wait for their reaction.



*Charlotte club's May project, a steampunk tricycle plant stand*

Coming up October 4 is Name Day. This will be our third year in the City View Room at Sharon Towers. We are still in the planning stage at this point.

*Barbara Boeckstiegel, President*

**Mini Reflections Miniature Club (C-789).** Mini Reflections members took a break from working on tote bag favors for the National Convention and the Small Scales Regional in Greenville to work on a Valentine's Day project for themselves – which had to be put off until the March meeting due to the inclement winter weather that hit our region the day of the meeting. The project was a Valentine vignette using a Valentine card as the background and decorating a table with a vase of roses and a rose-decorated cake. Members added other accessories from their own collections, and one member made hers into an anniversary remembrance (given to her husband on their first anniversary, just celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup>!).



*Valentine/Anniversary” card vignette by Beth Nance*

Members have an exhibit of their miniatures at the Spencer Doll and Toy Museum through May. The Museum is directly across the road from the NC Transportation Museum and has a great collection of toys for both boys and girls, dolls, and model railroads and is well worth a visit.

We are now starting to plan for hosting the 2015 North Carolina State Day “From Murphy to Manteo” in Mooresville Saturday, April 25, 2015, at the Charles Mack Citizen Center. Members are working on the prototypes of the A-frame beach or mountain house, centerpieces, and tote bag favors, as well as making arrangements to feed our guests well, provide exhibits, sales tables, and raffles. We hope you’ll join us for a fun day at the beach or mountains.

And in the meantime some members are taking a Saturday out for a special Christmas wreath workshop to be taught by our RC Marie Bird. Some are also planning to attend the National Convention in St. Louis in July (and are on the steering committee) and are also planning to go to Tuscany via the Small Scales Regional in Greenville, SC, in September. Hope to see you there..

*Rachel Bonney, Secretary*

**Asheville Miniature Enthusiasts (C-851).** Asheville Miniature Enthusiasts have a wonderful new meeting place. The cost of using our previous space had become prohibitive. Turns out our new space, at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Arden, is much more convenient for the majority of our members so it’s working out very well.

We’ve been very busy making tote bag favors this winter. We sent off some to the NAME On-line party (iPads) and to the NAME National in St. Louis (you’ll have to wait and see), and are nearly done with the ones we’re making for the NAME Regional Houseparty in Greenville. May’s project is to work on UFOs or put together kits that didn’t sell at the children’s table at the IGMA Show last August. Kids (or their parents) want finished items when they shop rather than kits.

June’s project is sweet – a Japanese Tea Room housed in an egg shell. Johnnie’s been cleaning and saving egg shells of all hues that her boss’ chickens laid and we’re getting kits from Amy Rauch for the interiors so it’s going to be a neat project. Lissa had done one in a quail egg that got us moving in this direction. The quail egg was really

too small and required adjustments to Amy’s kit to work but was still effective. The chicken eggs will work much better.

Johnnie & Lissa stayed with Cat Morris in Durham. All three of us had a great time at the NC State Day. Show and tell afterwards was lots of fun, checking out all the tote bag favors and our door prizes. Cat was a wonderful hostess and showed us around the area as well. It’ll be nice to have her back in Asheville!

Johnnie and Cat both won centerpieces from the NAME On-line convention. Several members participated, a fun way to be involved in a NAME Convention and not have to get out of your jammies!

*Lissa Loosemore, President  
Asheville Miniature Enthusiasts*

**Round Tuits One (C-988.)** The Round Tuits One have been mostly inactive since most of the members are working on at least one houseparty/convention and don’t have time to get round tuit.

*Jan McCandliss, President*

**Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group. (C-862)/Miniature Enchantment (C-1033)** Payments to clubs that participated in the 2013 Enchanted Village went out in early March. Clubs can earn points for participating in the Enchanted Village as exhibitors, monitors, judges, helping with set-up and move-out, and from these points earn money for their clubs. Miniature Enchantment is reimbursed by Southern Shows for coordinating the exhibit, and we use some of that money for charity, for donations to NAME, and to clubs that helped with the exhibit.

Forms for the 2014 Enchanted Village will be going out in late June and are due to me by September 15. The categories for exhibits that earn cash awards are Houses (1” and ½” scales), Non-Residential Structures (1” and ½”), Room Boxes, Outdoor Scenes, and Small Scales. If you don’t know where it fits, it’s probably Miscellaneous. We also have a Kids’ Corner category for young people under the age of 16, and we get some really fantastic entries from them. Detailed instructions regarding the categories are on the entry forms.

Each year we also have a guest artist category, featuring people chosen for special recognition. In 2013 our Guest Artist was E-3 Regional Coordinator Marie Bird. In 2014 we will honor members of the E-3 Team – so team members, please be prepared to bring/send something to share with the thousands of folks who come to see our treasures. Thanks, everyone.

*Rachel Bonney, President, Miniature Enchantment*

**Merry Mini Makers of the Triad (C-1021).** The Merry Mini Makers of the Triad weathered winter storms and power outages but were still able to make tote bag favors for the 2014 NC State Day. Lori Williams and Joanie Heilig attended and had a great day. Others were unable to attend but purchased kits to support the Raleigh and Cary clubs. We will continue working on the project at our May meeting.

I was able to participate in the Online Houseparty. What a great idea!

Several members will be attending the National convention in St Louis and small scales houseparty in Greenville. We will be making tote bag favors for Greenville and plan to exhibit.

We have a Facebook page - Merry Mini Makers of the Triad where members share pictures and other tips. This is a private page, but you are welcome to join us. Email Lynn Montgomery - [saylynn@aol.com](mailto:saylynn@aol.com) and we will invite you. We also post to the Carolina Miniatures Facebook page. Martie Tyler played with Legos during the snowstorm and has posted her project to this page. It's amazing.

Lori Williams participated in an art exhibit at the Geeksboro Coffeehouse in Greensboro. The exhibit featured the portrayals of fictional female heroes by national and local artists in celebration of International Women's Day on March 8th and was on display until March 31st. Lori displayed her rendition of "The Burrow" in honor of Molly Weasley. Molly, of Harry Potter fame, is the protective mother of seven children and Lori's favorite fictional female hero. Pictures will be on our Facebook page as soon as Lori's computer decides to behave.

*Lynn Montgomery*

**Spencer Doll and Toy Museum** The Spencer Doll and Toy Museum (SDTM), North Carolina's only nonprofit museum dedicated to playthings, recently received a wonderful gift from the family of miniaturist Mary March. Mrs. March, a longtime Weaverville, NC, resident, had the shell of a seven-foot dollhouse built, but she lovingly decorated each room herself, buying or making each item over the span of 15 years.

While it may have taken Mrs. March years to create this amazing dollhouse, it only took the Board of Directors at the SDTM a few minutes to decide that the museum could create a permanent spot for this spectacular creation.

It all began just a few short weeks ago when the museum received a call from Mrs. March's daughter, Lynn Farber-- just days before a company from Georgia was supposed to come to the March home in Weaverville and take apart the doll house and sell off piecemeal the contents. Lynn found the Spencer Doll and Toy Museum – just in the nick of time. In previous weeks she'd been unable to find a home for the large house.

Through phone conversations, emails and photographs it was evident that this incredible dollhouse was worth preserving. Lynn told the SDTM how her mother designed it and had it built. She then papered, painted, wired and decorated and spent many hours on the house. No details were spared as she even made linens for all the beds (contour sheets, embroidered top sheets, quilts), petit point rugs and pillows. It is quite elaborate and detailed.

The library is designed to resemble the library in the Biltmore House – where Mrs. March had volunteered for many years as a docent.

Mrs. March had six children and always wanted a big family, which is why there are 12 dolls living in the house. They were handmade to her specs by a doll maker in Australia. Miniatures were Mrs. March's passion, and it's evident in her work.

Want to see it? The March dollhouse will be on display

at the Spencer Doll and Toy Museum, 108 Fourth St., Spencer, NC. To learn more, visit [www.spencerdollandtoymuseum.com](http://www.spencerdollandtoymuseum.com) or call 704-762-9359.



*Beth Nance*

### South Carolina South Carolina News



October is National Dollhouse and Miniatures Month, and to kick off the month, NAME has planned a kit for all of us to share. We will have a gathering of our mini friends and club members to build the NAME Day Cozy Corner in your favorite scale in Camden, SC. The day is planned to be a casual day starting at 10:00 am (so you don't have to leave home before the sun rises) and end about 4:00 pm (so you can get home for supper). We hope you can all join us for a day of sharing.

We will not be doing swaps this year. If you would like to contribute something to NAME Day, please send those items to me: Sharon Johnson, PO Box 184, State Park, SC 29147.

You may order your kit in any or all of the scales offered at the price set by the cutters. Lunch will be included in the cost of the day, along with tea, coffee and water. If you prefer another beverage you may want to bring it with you. In addition you have the option of requesting a sales table or a miniature garage sale table (club tables are welcome) for a \$5.00 nonrefundable fee.

Our hope is to make this a relaxing and uncomplicated day. Bring your basic tool kit and any finishes and

decorations you have for your cozy corner. We have not chosen a theme so you have the option of doing whatever you wish with your kit.

Date: October 4, 2014

Time: 10:00 am to approximately 4:00 pm

Where: Heritage Antique Mall, 113 East Dekalb Street, Camden, SC 29020

Cost: \$20.00 plus cost of kit chosen – kit prices:

1” - \$15.00

½” - \$9.00

¼” - \$5.00

1/144” - \$5.00

Registration deadline is August 15, 2014. Mail to:

Sharon Johnson

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[sc\\_container@yahoo.com](mailto:sc_container@yahoo.com)

Special thanks to Peggy Fowler and Susan Karatjas for cutting the kits.

**Mini GAME (C-667).** We have been working hard for the Greenville houseparty “Touring Tuscany.” We haven't even had a meeting since March!

*Susan Farnik, President*

**Palmetto Miniature Club (C-977).** The Palmetto Miniature Club has had a busy Spring. Members continue to meet each month to enjoy fellowship and small projects. The club members have completed totebag favors for Greenville Small Scales Houseparty in September. The first weekend in May, eight of our members spent a mini weekend in Folly Beach, SC, to complete a project designed by Pam Stephens for the weekend. The ladies enjoyed a trip to Miniature Memories shop as well as great food, fun and fellowship. Those of us who could not attend are already plotting to get Pam to teach the workshop again! Club members are working on roombox ideas to incorporate the NAME Day 2014 project, the Cozy Corner. If you are in Columbia the second Sunday of the month, give us a call and come by for a visit!

*Marie Bird*

### Tennessee

**Memphis Miniature Miniacs (Tri-M, C-311)** The Memphis Miniature Club's project for March was an “antique” paper one, called THE CHRISTMAS GARDEN. It was an all-day session as there was lots of cutting involved! This was a project from the December 1917 LADIES HOME JOURNAL. Maggie Miller discovered the one her mother had done many years ago while going through some family possessions. The tree is 8” tall and sits onto a 4”x 6” base. A village is displayed on this base. There are 56 pieces to be cut and assembled so not too many members actually completed theirs. Maggie's mother was a miniaturist and created her a dollhouse village in the 1940s. She was often taken to Chicago by train to see the famous Thorne Rooms and Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle. She still has many items in her large miniature collection that came from these excursions. Included are some very

interesting doll vignettes with dolls made from hickory nuts. These are labeled “The Hickory People” and were made by an artist named Elaine Cannon. These were sold at Marshall Fields in Chicago in the 1940's.



*Ladies Home Journal Dec. 1917*



*The Hickory People*

*Gayle Davis*

**Chattanooga Miniature Society. C-325.** On Friday and Saturday, the 25th and 26th of April, the Chattanooga Miniature Society celebrated the 30th club Funday with two full days of classes, a small sales area, lots of good food and even more good friends! The theme, "Mother Goose and Friends," was carried out in our decorations, centerpieces, some of our classes, and our adorable Old Lady with Many Children shoe house gifts for all attendees. Held behind Innovative Miniatures Shop, our convenient location was a plus for attendees as there are many nice motels nearby. We had five new attendees this year and over 40 full time attendees. The public was invited on Saturday afternoon for viewing club members' displays, and we hoped we sparked an interest in miniatures for them. Our popular raffle netted several hundred dollars for summer camp for needy children. We don't know what our theme will be next year but we'll be there the last Friday and Saturday in April and hope you might be there too! More information in future newsletters.

The Chattanooga Miniature Society had such a good time when Beth Hamilton came to teach us her wonderful wicker goat cart that we've invited her back to teach a Victorian wicker baby carriage. We can't wait!

*Becky Lipscomb*

**Tri-Cities Miniature Enthusiasts, C-920.** It's good to have some one-month only projects mixed in with some short-term and long-term projects. That's what we are trying to do this year. In February a club member Barbara Stitt introduced us to a new technique. She found Mod Podge in glue stick form that could be used with your hot glue gun and several molds with items that be used in miniatures. She gave each member a packet with several examples on which to work. You can paint, antique or gild the items. Molds varied from frames to architectural frames.

We began a new multi-month project in March. Member Pat Woodby developed a patio structure in one inch and half inch. We could choose which scale we wanted.. One member wanted it in quarter scale, and she indicated she would work it out on her own. She, of course, was the first one finished. During March we began by making the patio fireplace structure. Most faced it with bricks made from egg carton material. One member used paper clay.

The lattice top of the structure and its support posts were our April projects. Cutting the trim and spaces was a tedious job, but Pat did an excellent job. We hope to finish the base structure in May and in June create a ceiling fan to finish it off.

*Ann Anderson*

**East Tennessee Mini Makers (C-).** Registration is now open for the "Twelve Years of Trick or Treating" at Monteagle, Tennessee on the third weekend in October. We have a full slate of classes with space available in our talented teachers' workshops...dolls, flowers, vignettes, foods, painting, quilting, and in all scales. Our first floor rooms are full but we have a short waiting list for them. Second floor rooms are still available. Come join us for an autumn weekend of workshops and friendship and fun! Email Becky Lipscomb [RealMag1945@gmail.com](mailto:RealMag1945@gmail.com) or call 423 899-2444 or Winifred 423 629-2742 for full information including classes, cost, and other details.

*Becky Lipscomb*

## UPCOMING E-3 EVENTS

### SAVE THE DATES...

**Lakeland FL Miniature Guild 29th Annual Dollhouse and Miniatures Show and Sale, June 27-29, 2014.**- Lakeland Miniature Guild presents an assortment of workshops for all levels of learning. These classes are offered and taught by qualified miniaturists from across the nation. Pre-register and view the selection at [www.lakelandminiatureguild.com](http://www.lakelandminiatureguild.com).

**June 28, 2014 Lakeland 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Day,** Lakeland, FL 5th Annual Fun Day workshop "The Enchanted Child". Contact Pat Gazie (407) 733-7988 or email [disniedoll@aol.com](mailto:disniedoll@aol.com).

**June 28, 2014, Lakeland, FL Miniature Guild special Show Preview,** open to the public. Admission is \$15.00 which includes early buying privileges and two-day admission, plus a surprise gift for the first 50 attendees.

Tickets go on sale at 4:30 pm before the doors open. For show information contact Carol Kira (863-646-1354) [kirafl@msn.com](mailto:kirafl@msn.com).

**June 29, 2014 - Lakeland FL Miniature Guild 29th Annual Dollhouse and Miniatures Show and Sale.** The Hilton Garden Inn, 3839 Don

Emerson Drive. 10am to 4pm, open to the public. Adults \$6, Children 6-12 \$1. Free parking. During show hours children under 12 will be invited to participate in a free children's workshop. There will be make-it and take-it workshops scheduled during the day. See website -

[www.lakelandminiatureguild.com](http://www.lakelandminiatureguild.com) for more information.

Call Carol Kira 863-646-1354 or email [kirafl@msn.com](mailto:kirafl@msn.com).

**NAME National Convention, July 2014, St. Louis, MO.** Will you be "Rollin' on the River"? Don't forget that registration is now open for NAME's 2014 National Convention in St. Louis, MO.

Our theme is reminiscent of days gone by, of the sight of steamboats and barges, of Mark Twain and the Mississippi River, and of the Lewis and Clark expedition and "opening" of the West..

We have wonderful dealers, workshops, and luncheons selected for you. Go to the NAME website ([www.miniatures.org](http://www.miniatures.org)) to view the lists of classes and dealers, as well as special events that you can participate in.

And if you're looking for some things to do during free time before you get to St. Louis or after the Convention is over (or maybe when you've spent most of your money in the sales room?), there are lots of sights to see in the St. Louis area. If you're a history buff, the "Arch" is a great way to spend some time. The ride to the top of the arch is certainly interesting, and the view of the St. Louis downtown area and of the river is fantastic and well worth the trip. While you're waiting for your tour, explore the museum at the base of the arch – it covers the history of the area at the time of settlement and exploration and is informative and well done.

Something for the entire family (or those of us who are kids at heart) is the St. Louis Zoo. Although there's a fee for parking, admission to the zoo is free. There are some extras at the zoo that cost, but they are well worth the additional charges. And there are other sights to see – these are just two of them.

So, there's a lot to enjoy at the National, both at the Convention and in the area – hope to see you rollin' down the river to St. Louis and the Convention. And isn't there a song that says something about meeting me in St. Louis?? Let's do it!

*Amy Rauch, Publicity Chair*

**North Carolina Dollhouse Show and Sale, July 26, 2004.** The Charlotte area Dollhouse Clubs of North Carolina will be hosting the First Annual Mooresville, North Carolina Dollhouse Miniatures Show and sale on July 26, 2014, from 9 AM to 3 PM.

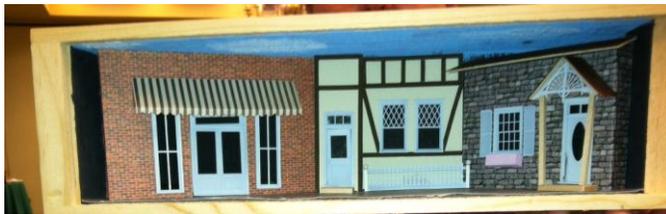
Admission is \$1. There are dealers with items for all scales - 1", 1/2, and 1/4 and smaller. Door prizes will be given hourly and there will be free children's workshops all

day on the half hour.

The show will be held at the South Iredell Lions Club, 630 Brawley School Road, Mooresville, North Carolina. The Lions Club is conveniently located just off Rt. 77 at Exit 35 on Brawley School Road West just after the traffic light at Williamson Road. Dealer tables are \$10 and we are almost sold out. Space is limited so call for a reservation ASAP.

Please contact Maria Cannizzaro, (704) 230-0569 for reservations and any questions. Donations will be made to NAME and the Lions Club. Show your NAME card at the door and receive a free gift.

**Alabama Fun Day, August 23, 2014.** Sponsored by the Birmingham club, Little Bits of Alabama, the 2014 NAME Day project is a 1/4" scale row of shops, Registration forms are available in this E-3 newsletter, so keep the date open.



**The 4th Annual Nashville Dollhouse & Miniature Show and Sale.** September 11- 13, Nashville, TN/ Presented by New Deal Miniatures. Thursday September 11 Classes TBA. Friday September 12 and Saturday September 13, 2014. Friday 4 PM to 8 PM, Saturday 10AM to 4PM. Holiday Inn Express. 1111 Airport Center Dr. Adults \$6.00 Children (Under 12) \$2.00 Two Day Tickets \$9.00. Info: 419-235-4357. ask for Eileen Hepner or email [shows@newdealminiatures.com](mailto:shows@newdealminiatures.com) Website: [www.newdealminiatures.com](http://www.newdealminiatures.com)



**Touring Tuscany  
Greenville, SC Small Scales Houseparty  
September 12-14, 2014**

“Touring Tuscany,” the small scales regional houseparty to be held in Greenville, South Carolina, September 12-14, 2014, will offer exhibits and sales open to the public on Sunday, September 14, “Public Day,” from noon until 4 p.m.

The Greenville committee invites you to donate 1/2”, 1/4” or 1/144” scale raffle items and tote bag favors for the Houseparty. Please let Becky Lipscomb (realmag1945@gmail.com) know if you have items for houseparty helpers.

Below is a list of suggested tote bag favors. We would like to have 230 of the same item so that everyone who attends will receive your special donation, but we will gladly accept as many as you are able to provide. If you are a member of a club, gather a group together and have fun making favors. You may give your donations to a member of the committee or mail them to: Joan Carn, 7981 Lakeside Drive, Appling, GA 30802-2731. Feel free to contact Joan via email if you have questions at: [cacarn115@comcast.net](mailto:cacarn115@comcast.net)

**SUGGESTIONS FOR TOTE BAG FAVORS:**

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| Pasta   | Pizza                      | Breads               |
| Chocolates  | Balsamic vinegar           | Bicycles             |
| Raffia wrapped bottles                                |                            | Straw hats           |
| Piazza  | Gorgeous dark haired men   |                      |
| Pergola   | Wine glasses               | Wine kegs            |
| Wine bottles  | Chianti bottles            | Poppy flowers        |
| Sunflowers  | Bowl of lemons             | Topiary              |
| Baskets   | Fruit                      | Goat                 |
| Goat Cart   | Wine crate                 | Olive oil            |
| Olives  | Cannoli                    | Fountains            |
| Masquerade mask                                       | Masquerade costume         |                      |
| Masquerade makeup                                     | Pets                       | Cask to stomp grapes |
| Grapes  | Spaghetti                  | Clay pots/urns       |
| Pasta drying rack                                     |                            |                      |
| Tomatoes – on vine or in basket/bowl                  |                            |                      |
| Herbs or herb garden                                  |                            |                      |
| Garden decorations – bird houses, bird baths, benches |                            |                      |
| Tapestries  | Oil casks                  | Patio furniture      |
| Pencil trees  | Urns                       | Statuary             |
| Grottos   | Beach umbrellas            | Framed artwork       |
| Passports   | Cheese                     | Ham                  |
| Cameras and guidebooks                                |                            | Truffles             |
| Guide book  | Tiny leaning tower of Pisa |                      |
| Passport  | Money                      | Salamis              |
| Dante's-A Divine Comedy                               |                            | Tuscan pottery       |
| Suitcases   | Train case                 | Cosmetic case        |
| Camera  | Postcards                  |                      |

**Atlanta Miniature Society Show, September 12 & 13, 2014** at the Wyndham Atlanta Galleria . . . *NEW DATES . . . NEW LOCATION.* The Wyndham has just undergone a 10 million dollar renovation and is gorgeous. It is located just 7 miles from our old Holiday Inn location on I-285. In fact, it’s closer to I-75 than the Holiday Inn. We will have more dealers and more exhibits and more fun!!!

**Dollhouse & Miniatures Flea Market** If you love miniatures, don’t miss the Dollhouse & Miniatures Flea Market, a show and sale of scale miniatures for the collector or crafter. Date: Saturday, January 10, 2015. Time: 9 am to 2 pm. Place: Lakeside Community Center, 1999 City Center Circle, Port Orange, Florida. Admission: adults:

\$5.00. Children: free. Parking: free. Event sponsored by the Daytona Ideal Miniature Enthusiasts club. Contact: Helen Sullivan, Show Chairman, (386) 717-8001, [helensullivan40@yahoo.com](mailto:helensullivan40@yahoo.com), or: Sharon Peters, Pres., (407) 320-0985. Club web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~su.lll>

**“From Murphy to Manteo,” North Carolina State Day, April 25, 2015, The Charles Mack Citizen Center, Mooresville, NC.** Mini Reflections Realty Company is offering for sale a ½” scale A-frame cottage that is appropriate for either the mountains (Murphy) or the beach (Manteo) Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the house kit, the cost of \$65 includes lunch, morning and afternoon snacks, a souvenir, tote bags, round table kits, exhibits, and the opportunity to shop at the mini mart. Registration opens January 19, 2015, and is limited to 100 guests.



## ABOUT OUR E-3 MEMBERS

### Welcome to New and Returning E-3 Members

A special welcome to our new and returning E-3 members:

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**May 31, 2014.** PJ's annual yard sale. Albemarle, NC  
 For more information contact Debbie Love at 704-277-0805 or PJs at 704-982-1299 or check them out on Facebook.  
**June 27-29, 2014.** Lakeland FL Miniature Guild 29th Annual Dollhouse and Miniatures Show and Sale.  
**July 17-20, 2014.** NAME National Convention, St. Louis, MO. Theme: Rollin' on the River.  
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**August 23, 2014.** Alabama Fun Day, Birmingham/Fultondale, AL.  
**September 11-13, 2014.** The 4th Annual Nashville Dollhouse & Miniature Show and Sale. Holiday Inn Express. Nashville, TN.  
**September 12-13.** Atlanta Miniature Society 35<sup>th</sup>

Annual Show and Sale, Wyndham Atlanta Galleria, Atlanta, GA.

**September 12-14, 2014.** Small Scales Regional Houseparty, Greenville, SC. Theme: "Touring Tuscany"

**October 16-19, 2014,** Trick or Treat in Tennessee, Monteagle, TN.

**November 13-23, 2014.** The Enchanted Village, Southern Christmas Show, Park Expo, Charlotte, NC.

**January 10 , 2015.** Dollhouse and Miniatures Flea Market, Lakeside Community Center, Port Orange, FL.

**January, 2015.** Region E-3 Retreat, Atlanta, GA.

**April 25, 2015.** NC State Day, Mooresville, NC. Theme: "From Muirphy to Manteo."

**May 1-3, 2015.** A-1 Regional Small Scales Houseparty, Madison, WI. "A NAME County Fair."

**July 30-August 2, 2015.** NAME National Convention, Indianapolis, IN. "What's Cookin?"

**July 17-24, 2016.** NAME National Convention, Seattle, WA. "Welcome to My Garden.

**July 27-30, 2017.** NAME National Convention, Alexandria, VA. "Come to the Circus."