



# NAME REGION E-3 REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

August 2015



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Greetings everyone! The dog days of August are upon us, even as some of us prepare for the start of another school year. This time of year has always made me want to start a new project – in miniature of course!

I had the pleasure of attending the 2015 National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the end of July. What a wonderful event that the Steering Committee prepared for all of us. The entire week was filled with fun, fellowship, miniatures and a delightful, positive vibe about NAME and our hobby. It was truly a pleasure to interact with all our fellow members. Our Region had 55 people registered, and we had a wonderful turnout for our regional meeting. Thanks so much to all who attended and to those who took the time to talk with me over the course of the week. I came back with a renewed sense of joy at belonging to such a great organization.

Time for congratulations! We had quite a number of shining stars this year! Colleen Walker received the Mell Prescott Award – a well-deserved honor. NAME welcomed two of our Region's own into the Academy of Honor this year – Congratulations to Rhonda Keef and Roy Moore! Our Regional Ambassador Award winner is Lynn Frank. Regional awards included Lissa Loosemore (NC State Rep) and Sharon Johnson (SC State Rep) as Volunteers of the Year; Marcia Beardsley awarded an Artistic Achievement Award; Donna Brewington and Janet Chase for Lifetime Achievement; and the Atlanta Miniature Society for Club of the Year. All regional awards were announced at the regional meeting, and I had the pleasure of seeing lots of smiling faces as people received their awards!

You might think that things are winding down now that the National Convention is over for the year, but the Fall season is just heating up! Atlanta is the place to be September 18-19 as the Atlanta Miniature Society hosts their 36<sup>th</sup> annual dollhouse show and sale. October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the annual NAME Day with events happening all over the Region. Be sure to check the Calendar later in the Newsletter for a full list of Events in the next few months.

I have exciting news for everyone in Florida – We have two new State Reps in the state of Florida! Joining Carolyn McVicker, who is Florida Rep for the Panhandle Region, we have Drucilla Conrad as Florida South State Rep and Karen Siegrist as Florida North State Rep. My sincere thanks to these two lovely ladies who volunteered to support NAME in the great State of Florida! You can meet them at one of the Florida shows in the coming months.

As always, I am grateful for the many hardworking NAME volunteers in our Region and for the many members who enjoy NAME and our delightful hobby. Without you

all our organization would not exist. Have a great Fall and I hope to see you at an event soon!

*Marie Bird, E-3 Regional Coordinator*

## 2015 E-3 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Special recognition for accomplishments in miniatures is awarded to E-3 members for life achievement, artistic achievement, volunteer of the year, and club of the year. In addition several E-3 members received awards and recognition at the national level. Two E-3 members were inducted into the Academy of Honor, Rhonda Keef of Greer, SC, and Roy Moore (aka Shotgun/Spender) of Wellington, FL.



*Rhonda Keef and Roy Moore -E-3 2015 AOH Honorees*

Colleen Walker of Florida received NAME's highest honor, the Mel Prescott Award, given to a member of the Academy of Honor for notable service and/or artistic achievement.



*Colleen Walker – 2015 Mel Prescott Award Winner*

Congratulations to all three of them.

Another national award given at the business meeting on Saturday morning was the Ambassador Award. Nominations for this award are sent to the Regional Coordinator. E-3's Ambassador Award for 2015 went to Lynn Frank of Yadkinville, NC, for her years of support and promotion of NAME and the miniature hobby.



*Lynn Frank 2015 E-3 Regional Ambassador Award Winner, and Amy Rauch, RC Liaison*

Regional awards given out at the Regional meeting at the National Convention went to Donna Brewington and Janet Chase for Lifetime Achievement, Marcia Beardsley for Artistic Achievement, and Lissa Loosemore and Sharon Johnson (North and South Carolina State Reps) for Volunteer of the Year. The Club of the Year award went to the Atlanta Miniature Society.



*Marcia Beardsley – E-3 2015 Artistic Achievement Award Winner, and Marie Bird, E-3 RC*



*Janet Chase – E-3 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, and Marie Bird, E-3 RC*

## E-3 BLUE RIBBON CLUBS

The following E-3 clubs received Blue Ribbon Club awards at the National Convention. Congratulations to all of you for the work and support of NAME and NAME events that helped you earn these awards.

Les Petit Collecteurs of South Florida	C-127
Mini-Delights of Ft. Myers	C-185
Tampa Bay Miniature Enthusiasts	C-189
Chattanooga Miniature Society	C-325
Lakeland Miniature Guild	C-672
First Coast Miniature Guild	C-701
Small Wonders Club of Cary	C-712
Little Bits of Alabama	C-734
Mini Reflections Miniature Club	C-789
East Tennessee Miniature Makers	C-946
Palmetto Miniature Club	C-977
The Merry Mini Makers of the Triad	C-1021
Miniature Enchantment	C-1033
Miniature Collectors Soc. Of Charlotte	C-1034

## RECENT E-3 EVENTS.

**NAME National Convention, Indianapolis, IN, July 30-Aug. 2.**

### The Indianapolis Report: WHAT'S COOKIN'?

SO much fun! The Committee certainly overcame any obstacles of a week-long party for 400+ of your friends and put on a great Show and Convention! It was fun, busy and entertaining the entire week!

Marie Bird and I hit the road early Tuesday morning for our 640 mile trip, the van loaded to the top with boxes and boxes for the garage sale, Houseparty Helpers and one large castle heading to the live auction. Rain in Tennessee and Kentucky did not dampen our spirits as we talked about expectations and plans for miniatures, and “ohh-ed” and “ahh-ed” at the changing landscape through mountains and into cornfields of Indiana. We made a list of places to go and things to see, when not on a miniature mission.

Twelve hours later, we arrived at the Hotel and Convention Center just in time to get to the Registration Table before 8 PM. Three luggage trolley loads later, we were ready to head to our room and look at the box full of Tote Bag Favors!

Wednesday morning, while the third day of workshops started, Marie and I headed to the meeting for Regional Coordinators and State Representatives run by Amy Rauch. With everyone eager to hear NAME plans for the future, the meeting was informative and upbeat. A common concern seemed to be how to grow the clubs. Then, when the Janet Smith-designed project for the session came out, all concerns vanished, except how to glue paper on a curving surface. Even that was not a problem after a few minutes of instruction and planning! It was so cute, you should want to volunteer to be your State Rep just to get this!!

A large tour group left the hotel to visit the NAME Museum and office and the Carmel Arts District. The museum features Centerpieces and Souvenirs from National

Conventions and House Parties past. Bright, clean, well displayed, the Museum was a real treat to see and enjoy.

Wednesday ended for many of us at the GALA at the Indiana State Museum, with live music, a delicious dinner, and Raggedy Anne's visit. Amanda Speva showed us a clip from her new documentary film "Think Small". A lively auction ended the evening's festivities.

The Thursday opening lunch was a bountiful feast of food and friends, old and new. Our table was a collection of attendees from all over E-3. The Exhibit and Sales Rooms were busy all afternoon on their opening day. It just primed us for a fast evening of Round Table shopping in a flash! And for some the Thursday Evening Workshop, the Mad Hatter's Café designed and taught by the Betterleys.

By Friday morning, I had already lost my schedule sheet, and we slept in until 7:30 and then actually left the hotel to take our own tour of Carmel. Theme luncheons were over and the Sales Room was opened again for shoppers. I am sure it was totally different stuff than the afternoon before, because there was plenty to find and need! That evening, after months of collecting and organizing, the Garage Sale looked like locusts descending on the hotel lobby. It was over within 45 minutes. It was amazing! Within the next hour, The Auction was held on Friday night. It was fun, exciting, and successful!

Suddenly, it is Saturday morning and time for regional meetings and the annual business meeting. Region E-3's was well attended, and awards were flying around our Region! We are very busy, creative people! The NAME meeting began at 10:00. It was smooth and easy, passing 2 new amendments to the By-Laws, after some discussion on wording, and the passing the budget for 2015-2016. The treasurer's report showed the fiscal year ended in the black. The new Board conducted the meeting with efficiency and humor. We were outta there and on to a second day of Theme Luncheons and the third day in the Sales Room. Public Day was opened for both Saturday and Sunday, and this time, I am sure I was looking and shopping new and unseen items on my third tour around the room.

Banquet Night. No story, no details. It is a NAME experience that you must experience for yourself. And whether the food is good or not (and this food was good!) it will be part of a forever memorable evening. The second of the amazing souvenirs is given during all of the festivities. Houseparty Helpers- always more fun if you win one after days of buying tickets! I AM happy!!

Sunday dawns a beautiful day in Indianapolis. The hotel court yard beckoned many of us to sit and enjoy while we awaited the Sunday Brunch, the last meal and closing event for many as we headed home in the afternoon. Omelets, fresh fruit, gifts, hugs, thank you's, future event announcements, and see you soon's filled the room .....and all that was left was more mini shopping for this year (unless you were a dealer or on the committee, then keep working!)

Twelve hours, 640 miles later, we were home back in SC and the kitchen counter is covered in mini surprises, delights, kits and memories. Thank you, Indianapolis and NAME! Let's do it again!!

Carolyn Peck



*Marie Bird transporting the E-3 Regional Basket to the 2015 Gala in Indianapolis*

About 55 E-3 members were present in Indy, taking classes, teaching classes, selling wonderful miniatures, going on tours, serving on the steering committee, serving on the NAME Board, selling and teaching round tables, serving as table hostesses, and having a great time. Those seen include Linda Backelant, Marci and Doug Beardsley, Karen Benson, Betinha Murta, Marie Bird, Rachel Bonney, Connie Burlingham, Gwen Campbell, Janet Chase, Sandi Coble, Arlene and Kermit Dennis, Betty DeWitt, Susana Eaton, Donna Eckel, Chris Ernst, Maureen Fountain, Lynn Frank, Marilyn Freedman, Dorothy Guffy, Juliana Gumm, Winifred Holloway, Rhonda Keef, Phyllis and Richard King, Becky Lipscomb, Dale Lovett, Michelle Martinez, Carolyn McVicker, Jeannine Mitchell, Jean Monk, Lynn Montgomery, Roy and Shannon Moore, Mary Neely, Brett Overton, Jane Payne, Carolyn Peck, Susan Pippin, Amy Rauch, Kim, Lauren, and Roger Sher, Andy Tamburo, Suzanne Larson-Tamburo, Charlene Taylor, Linda Vallejos, Christine Van Dyke, Nancy VanHorn, Sueli Verevkin, Tom Walden, and Colleen Walker,

## **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. If there is nothing about your club in this section it is because nothing was submitted for inclusion. 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; do not mail paper copies. Deadlines are February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. And please note my email address: [rabonney@windstream.net](mailto:rabonney@windstream.net). Thanks! RB*

### Alabama.

**Mobile Miniature Club (C-490).** Club members are gearing up for the next L. A. (Lower Alabama) Fun Day set for Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in beautiful Gulf Shores, Alabama! The project this year will be in quarter-scale and it will be using a full-size piece of crown molding as part of the structure! Attendees will paint, paper and landscape their corner vignette. A bedroom furniture kit will also be furnished as part of the project along with some finished accessories! Cost of the kit is only \$35.00 which includes lunch! What could be better than spending a long weekend at the beach (at off-season hotel prices) and getting to work on miniatures too! If you are interested in our project, please let me know! You can reach me via at [LittleRox@aol.com](mailto:LittleRox@aol.com).

Unfortunately, I also have some sad news to report. One of our members, JP Wills, passed away on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the age of 82 from complications of Alzheimers Disease. In addition to making wonderful miniatures, JP was a talented decorative artist painter. She had a great sense of humor and made all our mini weekends and meetings a fun time for all of us. She will be missed.

*Roxann Dyess, President*

**Central Alabama Miniature Enthusiasts.** The Central Alabama Miniature Enthusiasts (C.A.M.E.) club has just completed conservatories filled with tropical plants and flowers. Attached is a pictures of Patty Reames' project just prior to insertion into the structures.



*Sample of Central Alabama club project*

*Shirley Tague*

### Florida

**Les Petits Collecteurs of South Florida. (C-127).** Les Petits Collecteurs are busy planning for our March 12th show next year. The theme of our exhibit room is Put On A Show. In September we are beginning our bag scenes. We will prepare our gift bags in a variety of sizes and line them

with posterboard. . Each bag will eventually contain a scene from a show which could be from the theater, dance, TV, or other types of shows - magic, antique, art, etc.

In October we'll be working on the NAME project.

Our windows will be advertisements for the type of show going on in the store. Many of our members who work in 1/4 " scale ordered the inch project so we can use up some of the inch items we've accumulated over the years. These scenes will be featured in the front of our exhibit room.

We were saddened by the loss of two of our members, Johanna Girard and Tom O'Connor. They will be missed.

Our club is continuing to grow. This month we officially welcome 5 new enthusiastic members who will be attending their third meeting. Requests are still coming in from other miniaturists. We anticipate a very busy and productive year.

*Marilyn Freedman*

### North Carolina

**Raleigh Miniatures Guild (C-524).** The Raleigh Miniature Guild has taken the summer off to spend with family and friends. We will resume in September refreshed and ready to go. Our new president will be Carla McIntyre at [xharpy@aol.com](mailto:xharpy@aol.com).

*Mary Neely, President*

**Mini Reflections Miniature Club (C-789).** Mini Reflections celebrated their birthday at our traditional June birthday party meeting, a cookout hosted by Maria Cannizzaro, where everyone brought covered dishes and a single mini gift to swap. In July some of our members attended the NAME National Convention in Indianapolis (Amy Rauch, Jane Payne, Lynn Frank, Chris Ernst, Rachel Bonney).

Member are currently working on a club project of the Betterley's Secret Books, which were assembled at the August meeting; the interiors will be done at the September meeting. The annual exhibit at the Mooresville Public Library will run for three months this year, from October through December, at the request of Library staff so that they are available to visitors for the Christmas season. Members will also mount a Christmas exhibit at the China Grove Library as well as exhibit at the Enchanted Village at the Southern Christmas Show in Charlotte in November.

Mini Reflections member Maria Cannizzaro recently spoke to residents of the Senior Living complex of Brookdale Churchill in Mooresville, on the history of miniature artistry. Her presentation included a slide show, an exhibit of some of her extensive collection, and a project for attendees to complete.

*Rachel Bonney, Secretary*

**Miniature Enchantment (C-1033) formerly Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group. (C-862) - Miniature Enchantment.** Miniature Enchantment has undergone a revamping of plans for the Southern Christmas Show's Enchanted Village with the election of new officers. Lynn Frank has taken over as President, Rachel Bonney will handle exhibit registrations, Susan Coyne stays on as Treasurer, Della Ballard and Barbara Boeckstiegel will

handle monitors, Donna Deal will coordinate judging, and Terri Correll will handle set-up.

Application forms went out the first of August and MUST be returned to Rachel by September 15. Categories have been changed. The new categories are Residential Structures (1/2" and 1"), Non-Residential Structures (stores, green houses, garden sheds, etc, in both 1" and 1/2"), Small Scales – 1/4" and smaller, but micro-minis must be enclosed in containers the size of baseball display cases, Outdoor Scenes. Unusual Containers, and Miscellaneous, which is for items made by a person other than the exhibitor, such as centerpieces, purchases, items won, etc.

If you are interested in exhibiting and did not receive an application form, or would like more information, contact Rachel at [rabonney@windstream.net](mailto:rabonney@windstream.net) or refer to the letter and application form included with this newsletter.

The show runs from November 11 to 22 at the former Merchandise Mart in Charlotte.

*Rachel Bonney, Miniature Enchantment*

**Round Tuits One (C- 988).** Well, the Round Tuits One still haven't gotten around to it. Too many grandbabies, I guess.

*Jan McCandliss, President*

**Miniature Collectors Society of Charlotte (C-1034)** Our club has had a busy year so far. Some of our members attended the North Carolina State Day in Mooresville and two attended the Virginia State Day.

Last month we had our annual birthday party. We usually have a cook-out and everyone brings a side and dessert. This year we changed it and had fajitas. We also usually do a mini gift exchange, and this time we had a "garden theme" exchange. Everyone brought an outdoor plant, flower, or pot. We have been working on our courtyard project, which is an outdoor setting that was started in March. Each month we have added something new, and we did some of the work at the meetings, and also some "homework" was involved.



*Barbara Boeckstiegel's courtyard vignette*

We elected club officers and renewed our charter with NAME.

In an effort to keep all our club members informed/connected we have brought back our club newsletter.

*Barbara Boeckstiegel, President*

### **South Carolina**

**Palmetto Miniature Club (C-977).** Keeping in the tradition of hectic schedules, members of our club travelled to an adventure in Savannah, led by Pam Stephens, Angie Morrison and Debbie Love. Pam developed a beautiful quarter scale project of the Mercer House in Savannah, Peggy Fowler cut it, and Angie used her 3D printer to add details and trims to match the actual house. It was a wonderful, massive undertaking open to 15 participants who spent a long weekend in May working, touring Savannah and dinner at Paula Dean's Restaurant. Needless to say, some very happy girls!!

In July, we worked on tote bag favors for the National Convention. Nothing like waiting to the last minute...or month, as the case may be. We also decided to form a few new committees in the club and appoint or have a volunteer to be the committee chair. First one is the Tote Bag Favor Committee! We will now try a more organized approach to making future tote bag gifts for Houseparties, State Days and The National Conventions. We will let you know if this actually works!

The rest of July was pretty much a rushed blur as Indy fast approached. We are proud to announce that we are a Blue Ribbon Club again this year, for the ninth year in a row.

Now we are looking forward to a cooler season and an autumn calendar packed with so many mini events it will be difficult to do them all!

*Carolyn Peck, President*

### **Tennessee**

**The Chattanooga Miniature Society (C-325).** The Chattanooga Miniature Society is busy planning the rest of the year's activities. This August meeting we will be learning to make tiny fairy dolls which we will be teaching to a Girl Scout troop later. In October we will have another session for those missing the current meeting. At our regularly scheduled meeting in September Winifred Holloway will be teaching stringing and wiggling a doll. November will find us finishing an assembled cabinet for a toy shop or bakery, and in December each member will bring 13 small gifts instead of one large one for exchanging.

Our club fun-day will have a Carnival theme this year and we are making special tiny masks for all attending. There will be other themed gifts for our guests, and we would love to have a crowd! Space limits us to 60. If you are interested in teaching a class or attending please be in touch...last weekend in April...same place...old friends and new ones too!

*Becky Lipscomb*

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**Tri-Cities Miniature Enthusiasts, C-920 .** The summer is flying by so quickly and with so many activities to divide our time it is hard to make time for everything, but not for minis. In May Tri-City Miniaturists continued with the interior of our log cabin project. Judy Sandige led us in making a sofa for the living space and a chest of drawers and night stand to finish off the bedroom

We completed the project in June with the addition of a fireplace designed by Ann Anderson and Pat Woodby. Some members chose to place the fireplace on an end wall while others used it as a room divider. They both turned out quite nicely. As a bonus project, Pat designed and made kits for everyone to have a smoker or grill. She saw a full sized one in an advertisement in the paper, went to see the original, took measurements, and created kits .

In July it was back to stand alone project when Kitty Cox prepared a half inch butcher block table with knives. The table was a piece of cake, knives, not so much. One more stand alone in August coming up, then back to a to a multi -month project.

*Ann Anderson*

## UPCOMING E-3 EVENTS SAVE THE DATES...

**Atlanta Miniature Society 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Show and Sale, September 18 & 19 • Atlanta, GA** NEW LOCATION: Wyndham Galleria Atlanta, 6345 Powers Ferry Road. Fri., September 18th 6:15 p.m. • Preview, Friday, September 18 7:00-9:30 p.m. Exhibits & Salesroom. Adult Preview Admission \$12 Child Preview Admission \$5. Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Exhibits & Salesroom. Adults \$6 • Child \$2.

Website: atlantaminis.org. Info: Margaret Jones at Margaret.jones@atlantaminis.org. Dealers contact Linda Bachelant at linda.bachelant@atlantaminis.org.

**Lower Alabama Fun Day.** It's LA (Lower Alabama) Fun Day time again!!!! That's right....2015 is our year to host another Fun Day event in beautiful Gulf Shores, Alabama. The date will be Saturday, September 19, 2015, and the location is the newly constructed Parish Hall at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. You may recall that last time we had to hold the Fun Day at a local hotel because the Parish Hall at OLG was still under construction. Well, it turned out beautifully and it will be the perfect place to hold our workshop!

The project this time will be a unique one in quarter-scale! (If you haven't tried quarter scale, this is the project for you! There is not much in the way of construction as we will be using a piece of full-sized crown molding as our structure! You will also be furnished a kit to make bedroom furniture for your piece. We will also have on hand an assortment of wallpapers and floor papers to choose from, plus landscaping materials. The actual kit will contain a second floor as large as the first floor. You may furnish the second floor as you wish.



*Alabama Fun Day Project*

The cost of the 2015 L.A. Fun Day is \$35.00, which will include lunch and snacks. We hope you will consider joining us for a fun-filled day of mini-making. We are anxious to see old friends as well as make some new ones!

A registration form is attached to this newsletter. Please complete the form and mail it to me along with your check for \$35.00. There are plenty of hotels in the Gulf Shores, AL, area, and they will be using the "winter-rate" (lower cost!) in September. If you need help finding a hotel, please let me know!

Please note the registration form asks if you would like table space to sell minis. There is a question about whether or not sales are allowed on church property (it's never been an issue in the past), so I will keep you informed on the final outcome. I'm sure there will be a way to work it out!

Roxann Dyess, President  
Mobile Miniature Club

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual North Carolina Dolls, Dollhouse, Miniature Show, Exhibit and Sale.** The Charlotte Area Dollhouse Clubs of North Carolina will be hosting the 2nd Annual North Carolina Dolls, Dollhouse Miniature Show, Exhibit and Sale on October 10, 2015, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Admission is \$1. Door prizes will be given hourly and there will be free classes for children on the half hour. The show will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 159 Gateway Blvd., Mooresville, NC. The hotel is conveniently located just off I 77 at Exit 33 on Rt. 21 N. Dealer tables are \$15 and space is limited so call early for a reservation. Please contact Maria Cannizzaro, (704) 230-0569 for reservations and questions. Donations will be made to NAME and the Mooresville Lions Club. Bring used glasses or frames if you have them. Show your NAME card at the door for a free gift.

**Trick or Treat in Tennessee, Monteagle, TN.** October 15-18, 2015, Dubose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN. The theme for 2015's annual trick or treat weekend at Monteagle is owls, so look for workshops with theme

relating to owls and hooting as well as the usual range of creativity shown by workshop teachers for this terrific event. Room and board are included in the registration price, which also includes a souvenir. Regular events include a free workshop for early arrivals on Thursday, a costume party and trick or treating in the dorm on Friday night and ghost stories around a bonfire (and S'mores), and raffle items to raise money for the Appalachian Christian Children's Fund. For more information contact Becky Lipscomb at [realmag45@gmail.com](mailto:realmag45@gmail.com).

**Three Blind Mice Show.** October 17, 2015, 10 a.m. to 4 p., in Tampa at the Honeywell Minn Reg Building. 6340 126th Ave. North, Largo, Florida 33773. For more information please feel free to contact Linda Frye at 407-744-1188.

**The Enchanted Village Exhibit, Southern Christmas Show, Park Expo (formerly the Charlotte Merchandise Mart).** November 11- 22, 2015.

**3rd Mini-Play Weekend at Unicoi State Park, GA. The Olde Mill, November 13-15, 2015.** Hi, E-3 Members, You are invited to register for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mini-Play Weekend at Unicoi State Park near the alpine village of Helen in the mountains of North Georgia from November 13-15, 2015. The first-ever Mini-Play weekend was held here in 1999, and the group is now planning its third event. The Olde Mill is a 1/4" scale workshop for participants in our retreat. The inspiration for this workshop is Nora Mill, a functioning grist mill in Helen. We hope you will come play with us.

The weekend is very informal but packed full of fun. The official opening begins on Friday evening with registration around 4:30 and ends at noon on Sunday. We have activities galore, a very different kind of sales event we think you'll enjoy, lots of sharing, and tons of fun. The Olde Mill workshop is a two story structure featuring a water wheel and pond in 1/4 scale. Just think of all the possibilities for your mill: it could be a grain mill, apple mill, antique shop, fishing shop, quilt shop or mercantile.

For those of you who attended last time, you should have already received an email from Rhonda Keef announcing the weekend. As is customary, registrations will be open to those who attended last time during the month of May and all others beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Since we want to encourage new memberships in NAME, our party will be open to non-members as well as members of NAME, we'll provide more information in the near future through emailings and advertisements in this newsletter, but we wanted to go ahead and give you some advance information now. Hope you'll pass the word around and plan to join us in November for what we think will be a really fun-filled and casual mini retreat.

Happy miniaturizing,

The Unicoi Team

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AAME Club, Augusta GA

**Les Petits Collecteurs of South Florida Dollhouse Miniatures Show and Sale.** Les Petits Collecteurs of South Florida will hold their Dollhouse Miniatures Show and Sale on Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 9:00 AM. to 3:30 P.M. at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 NW Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton, FL 33432. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for under 12. There will be many dealers, a large exhibit room featuring Put On A Show, free Make It and Take It demos, raffles, and lunch facilities. Pre-registered workshops will be held on Friday, March 11, 2016. We support AVDA, Kids in Distress, and NAME. For show information contact Veronica Risko, [risko@bellsouth.net](mailto:risko@bellsouth.net). Website - <http://sites.google.com/site/lespetitsclub>

## ABOUT OUR E-3 MEMBERS

### In Memory Bonnie "BJ" Johnson



*Bonnie and her beloved dog Roni*

It is with heavy hearts that the Small Wonders Miniature Club of Cary and the Raleigh Miniatures Guild announce the loss of their friend and club member, Bonnie "BJ" Johnson, on August 6, 2015.

Bonnie was a native of Roanoke Rapids, NC, and worked as principal at Scotland Neck Primary School until her retirement in 2011. At that time the family relocated to Morrisville, NC. Educating children was her passion and she loved them all dearly.

A miniature enthusiast for more than 45 years, BJ was active in both the Cary and Raleigh clubs. She served as the president of Small Wonders from 2013 to 2015. She immensely enjoyed her miniatures as well as the creations of others. She was teacher, adviser and mentor.

As chairperson, BJ was instrumental in the planning and execution of the 2014 NC State Day co-hosted by the Cary and Raleigh clubs. She devoted countless hours and worked tirelessly to bring the day to a grand success.

Bonnie not only promoted minis with club members but actively recruited new members by personally contacting individuals who were not already in clubs and had expressed an interest in miniatures. She was always quick to invite everyone up to see her collection - a stunning assortment of dollhouses (large and small), room boxes and

unique displays. Many of us had the pleasure of spending a day with her, crafting miniatures in her home workspace.

She gladly shared her love of the craft and her collection with everyone. She also promoted youth interest in miniatures by opening up Fun Day to them. She had work sessions at her home for youngsters to help them create and complete projects. She gave a dollhouse to a little girl who could not afford to buy one, and gave spending money to another little girl who came to see the displays at State Day.

Bonnie traveled extensively around the US with her family, shopping in the local shops and taking in miniature shows along the way. She passed the love of the craft onto her daughter, Crystal Johnson, as well. Her family and her "weiner" dogs were her first loves, but miniatures weren't far behind.

*Cyndy Taylor*

### LATE BREAKING NEWS:

Terri Correll, of Mini Reflections in Mooresville, NC, tells me that there are a few kits left for their 2015 State Day, From Murphy to Manteo! Kits are \$45.00 each plus \$15.00 shipping. In addition to the structure kit, you also get kits for all the kitchen appliances and cabinets and the tote bag favors! Contact Terri at [momsminiatures@hotmail.com](mailto:momsminiatures@hotmail.com) if you are interested. It is a wonderful project!

*Marie Bird, E-3 Regional Coordinator*



*Lynn Frank's version of the 2015 NC State Day project*

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

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

Carolyn Allen, Fayetteville, NC  
Jacklin Bekkouche, Canton, GA  
SheryeBradley, DeLand, FL  
Gayle Davis, Memphis, TN

Michelle Ellis, Boca Raton, FL  
Marvin Fogel, Palm City, FL  
June Hardee, Deltona, FL  
Veronica Hasten, Lakeland, FL  
Mary Joiner, Highland City, FL  
Mary Marraccini, Brentwood, TN  
Kathy Mosca, Port Orange, FL  
Mary Randles, Lewisburg, TN  
Carole Risteen, Deltona, FL  
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### E-3 EVENTS CALENDAR

**September 19, 2015.** Alabama Fun Day, Gulf Shores, AL.

**September 18-19, 2015.** Atlanta 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Dollhouse and Miniature Show and Sale, Wyndham Atlanta Galleria, 6345 Powers ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30339.

**October 3 2015.** National NAME Day

**October 10, 2015.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dolls, Dollhouse Miniature Show and Sale, Mooresville, NC.

**October 17, 2015.** 3 Blind Mice Show, Tampa, FL,

**October 15-18, 2015.** Trick or Treat in Tennessee, Monteagle, TN.

**November 11-22, 2015.** Enchanted Village Miniature Exhibit, Southern Christmas Show, Charlotte, NC.

**November 13-15, 2015.** 3rd Mini Play Weekend, Unicoi State Park, GA. "The Olde Mill."

**January 9, 2016.** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dollhouse and Miniatures Flea Market, Lakeside Community Center,

1999 City Center Circle, Port Orange, FL. Sponsored by DIME. Adult admission \$5.00.

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

**January 15-16, 2016.** Region E-3 Regional Retreat, Atlanta.

**September 16-19, 2016.** Gals, Gangsters, and Gatsby. Small Scales Houseparty, Greenville, SC.

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

**Fall 2017.** Online Houseparty.

**July/August, 2018.** NAME National Convention, Charleston, SC. “Sweet tea and Sunshine – Southern Celebration.”

**Fall, 2018.** Small Scales Houseparty, Tarrytown, NY

**September/October, 2018.** All-scales Houseparty, Honolulu, HI