



NAME E-3 REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

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<http://e3.miniatures.org/>



From Your RC - submitted by Lynn Frank

What a difference in our lives! One reason I have hesitated to send out the newsletter is because of all the uncertainty that COVID-19 has thrust upon us. I hope everyone is safe and healthy and managing with the new buzz words of the pandemic - social distancing, testing, and contact tracing. Normally the spring issue of the Regional newsletter is full of news about the events in the region coming up soon and talk of the National and what our plans are for the annual "reunion" with friends. At this point everything is on hold so anything that may have been scheduled has probably been cancelled including the events in Portland and Indianapolis, along with shows and mini events across the country.

Like many of you, I have turned to my minis for something to fill my time and claim my energy! I have heard the same from many of you. Please go to our FACEBOOK page and share how you are surviving this time of isolation. I started working on a garage sale 1" scale dollhouse - a "Fixer Upper" Beach House that I call "Corona Retreat" for obvious reasons! It is almost complete, having stripped it down to the shell walls, then relocating the chimney, adding walls, moving floors, replacing windows and doors, rewiring and completing all the finishes on the interior. I am currently finishing the exterior siding and trim, and planning for the decks and landscaping. It has presented me with enough challenges to keep my creativity going and, in the end, I have a place for all my beach minis. I am pleased with the results but am ready to get back to some 1/4" scale and a project that doesn't take three months to finish!

We still need to hear from clubs, so make sure that you have submitted your charter renewal paperwork to the NAME office along with other paperwork for their records. Additionally, make sure that you have sent in the form for updating your club's status with your State Representative. In addition to the form included with the club renewal, please list any exhibits, shows, or events that your club sponsored or participated in, including any club community outreach such as talks, volunteer work, or donations to local groups made by the club. This last bit of information goes on the State Representatives Annual Report so help them out by providing this info before July 1st! I know the form says May 15th but we are extending the deadline to give you some more time to pull the information together. Thanks to those club presidents who have already sent this information in. For Florida clubs, please send the info directly to me - Lynn Frank, 1509 Crater Lane, Yadkinville, NC 27055.

In closing, stay safe, be positive, and make plans for some mini fun daily. Our hobby gives us so many ways to express ourselves and now, more than ever, we need that creative outlet. And don't forget to share!

Orlando Miniatures Festival - submitted by Sharon Johnson, E-3 Newsletter Editor

I attended my first Orlando Miniatures Festival right before the world turned upside down. Myself and 4 friends gathered at my house, had dinner there and then boarded a train at midnight, taking off on one of the best miniature adventures I've ever had.

We arrived at in Kissimmee at 10:30, and we were off to Ron's Miniature shop...oh my! Several of us had never been there before, so we spent a good 3 hours or so there and then we were off to our hotel for the night. Trying to stay in budget was hard...we still had 3 days to go! I tried to stick to the project I had picked to shop for and not to just grab every wonderful thing I saw (and there were lots and lots of wonderful things!).



My kitchen so far



Denise Hollingsworth, Sharon Johnson, Susana Eaton, Pat Campbell and Deb Albert

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My friend Susana and I had a cake making class with Betinha Murta that evening, so we split up for dinner. The class was great. I learned a lot and made a beautiful cake thanks to Betinha's attention and assistance.

The next morning, we attended the Kitchen workshop. The meeting room was large and spacious. We had plenty of room with only 5 people per table with one being our instructor. Each table had a beautiful example of the project on display and we were able to quickly start work on our own kitchens.

The structure was already assembled so we spent the morning painting and wallpapering. Some of us even started on our furniture. The kit was complete with landscaping, all appliances and cabinets, sink, faucets and stovetops. I got a lot done on mine (you know I mostly talk and visit at these things!) but of course, I'm still working on it now.

In the evening we had a pizza party and a preview for the sale, which is part of the fun day agenda. We had a wonderful time shopping and oohhhing and ahhhhing . . . I saw several vendors I knew but also met Janice Crawley...a ceramic artist and spent most of my funds there...she sells the most beautiful little teacups, teapots, saucers, plates, and pitchers and I just couldn't resist. My kitchen is going to be a café and I need lots and lots of dishes!

E-3 Retreat - submitted by Lynn Frank

After some challenges, the E-3 Retreat took place on February 29th in Duluth, GA. We had 20 in attendance and although our numbers were small, we had a great time. The project was a backyard shed. The kit provided a challenge in that the walls were made like a typical wall with studs exposed for the interior of the shed, making it a true shed. Some people planned for a very rustic shed and others planned to create backyard havens. A few are posted on FACEBOOK and I am hopeful that many more will appear. Below are a few pictures of the finished project!



She Shed Retreat by Susan Farnick



Rear Exterior and Interior by Lynn Frank

Calendar - CHECK the E-3 website for more information on these events!

Due to COVID-19 please contact the person listed for each event to check on cancellation or changes in dates!

JUNE 12-13, 2020 CANCELLED, to be rescheduled for later in the year!

Mooresville North Carolina Miniatures Show and Sale, Mooresville, NC – Hampton Inn & Suites, 119 Gallery Center Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117 sponsored by Indian Trail Mini Makers (find them on Facebook), Mini Reflections and Miniature Collectors Society of Charlotte. Contact Maria Cannizzaro at MariaCanz01@aol.com (704) 230-0569

JUNE 24-27, 2020 CANCELLED

Lakeland 32nd Annual Dollhouse and Miniature Show – CANCELED FOR THIS YEAR. Visit the website at lakelandminiatureguild.com or Contact Pat Gazie at 407-733-7988 or disniedoll@aol.com for more information.

JULY 23-26, 2020 CANCELLED - now scheduled for 2022!

"Winter Wonderland" - 2020 NAME National Convention; Indianapolis, IN – Indianapolis Marriott East 7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN <https://miniatures.org/2020Indianapolis>

SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 Alabama Fun Day; Birmingham, AL Contact: hinkle1@bellsouth.net for further information

SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2020

Nashville Miniature Show - Franklin Marriott, 700 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin, TN. Friday, 4pm-8pm, Saturday, 9am-3pm. Admission \$5.00. For more information contact: Teresa Zwiener, 314-277-2601, tdminiatures@sbcglobal.net .

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2020

3 Blind Mice Show; Orlando, FL - Holiday Inn, 13351 St. Rt. 535 Orlando, FL 32821. \$5/adults \$2/child (2-15) Strollers and wheelchairs welcomed. For more info: Linda Frye, 407-397-0852, lindafryeminis@gmail.com or <http://www.3blindmiceshow.com> .

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2017

38th Annual Atlanta Miniature Show and Sale, Atlanta, GA - Marriott Pkwy NE, Atlanta, GA. Friday, September 22; 7-9:30PM - Admission \$15 for Adults, \$8 for children; Saturday, September 23; 10AM-4:30PM - Admission \$8 for Adults, \$7 for children. Contact Jackie Bekkouche at 913-593-6220 for more information.

OCTOBER 3, 2020

NAME Day all over the world!!! Check the NAME and E-3 websites for groups holding events for this project!

<https://miniatures.org/NAMEDay2020> or e3.miniatures.org

OCTOBER 17, 2020

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FEBRUARY 2021

E-3 Retreat in Atlanta, GA - look for details in our next newsletter!

APRIL 9-11, 2021

"Come Fly with Me" 2021 Portland, OR All Scale Houseparty; Portland, OR (RESCHEDULED date!)

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