



NAME REGION E-3 REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

February 2014



A MESSAGE FROM OUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Greetings, Everyone. I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season, filled with family, friends and minis! I myself enjoyed a good dose of all three over the past two months. Our region has certainly not dodged the cold weather of January and early February. I found myself humming "Popsicle Toes" from my college days on more than one occasion! While the weather may be cold, things are heating up in our miniature world.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Peggy Fowler, our artist, and all the members of the Mini Reflections Club in Mooresville, NC, for their help with the E-3 Retreat in Atlanta, GA, in January. We had a full to overflowing room of members who came to work on the Garden Shed project. Everyone had a great time working on the project, visiting with old friends and making new ones, and of course, shopping with our vendors! The Retreat couldn't happen each year without our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. Cheers to you all! Special thanks to Caroline Nance, our young "Garden Fairy" whose enthusiasm kept us all smiling throughout the day.

There are many wonderful events taking place across our region over the next weeks and months. If you are in Florida, don't miss the Molly Cromwell Orlando Miniature Show and Sale February 15-16, or the March 8th show and sale hosted by Les Petits Collecteurs of South Florida in Boca Raton. If you are near Atlanta, check out the Tom Bishop Miniature show March 7-8. On April 5, we have NC State Day in Durham, NC. Then get ready for the NAME Online Houseparty April 22-27. Are you planning an event with your club or friends to celebrate the Online event? If so, let us know and share your results! . And finally Chattanooga Fun Day, April 25-26 .

For other great events, be sure to check out the E-3 Events calendar in the newsletter and online on the E-3 Website.

It is time to be thinking about nominations for the Regional Awards which will be presented in July at the National Convention. If you have a club that you would like to nominate for Club of the Year, please contact Becky Lipscomb. She also is accepting nominations for Regional Ambassador Award, Artistic Achievement, Lifetime Achievement and Volunteer of the Year. You can send your nominations to Becky or to me.

Enjoy Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and hopefully, some warm Spring weather! I hope to see you soon.

Marie Bird, E-3 Regional Coordinator

E-3 REGIONAL AWARDS

Please send any nominations for regional awards to me via email (realmag1945@gmail.com) or snail mail (1910 Bella Vista Dr Chattanooga TN 37421) as soon as possible.

Look around at your next club meeting and think of someone or your club, deserving of the honor of artistic achievement, club of the year, volunteer, or lifetime achievement. I know you are out there, and I know you deserve recognition! Thanks!

Artistic Achievement Award. A NAME member who has demonstrated a gift for working small. His/her gift is apparent through creating exceptional miniatures and sharing that gift with others through producing miniatures to sell, donating, teaching the skill, but mainly enjoying the creative process.

Lifetime Achievement Award: "Someone who has most exemplified our motto, 'Only through sharing can we truly enjoy our treasures' by a lifetime of time, expertise, and skills to NAME, increasing the awareness, appreciation, and enjoyment of the miniature hobby."

Volunteer of the Year Award. "Presented to someone who, over the past year, has contributed time and support far exceeding the norm in promoting NAME and miniatures as a whole."

Club of the Year Award. "Presented to the club which has been active in promoting NAME and the miniature hobby while practicing the NAME motto, 'Only through sharing can we enjoy our treasures,' and for bringing distinction to NAME through civic generosity.

Ambassador Award. A NAME member who promotes our organization through a positive attitude about the members and the hobby of miniatures. Picture someone you would like to spend time with.....a positive, tactful person you would like to see in any organization who would encourage others to join and participate. Nominations for the Ambassador Award should be sent to Regional Coordinator, Marie Bird, ambird3@sc.rr.com. (Her full contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

A short paragraph (or a long one) would be very helpful in identifying why the nominees deserve these honors. We should have these absolutely no later than the middle of June.

Becky Lipscomb, E-3 Awards Chair

REGION E-3 NEW SWAP

"In the Attic"

Well, the holidays are over and we are well into January. Let's think swaps. Our first swap of this year is "In The Attic". It's being done in quarter scale and 1/12 scale. All those things that get stuck in the attic - rugs, lamps, old furniture, wallpaper, toys, holiday decorations will work for this swap.

Rules and Guidelines: This swap is only for NAME members in Region E-3. We are having swap groups for one inch scale and quarter inch scale. You may participate in one or both.

How It Works: Swappers are divided into swap groups

and each person in a swap group will make or buy 10 identical items for the others in your group. You will receive 10 different items in return. (Be sure to make one for yourself, but don't send it to me).

Important: Please keep your items related to the current swap theme. Please send an item that you would love to receive.

Deadline: All boxes must be received by me no later than June 1, 2014. Any box received after that date will be returned to the sender at the sender's expense.

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. Please type E-3 Swap in your subject line. When I receive your email, I will acknowledge your registration and email you my mailing address. You can also contact me at 305-292-0031. I will sign you up over the phone and give you my mailing address.

Checklist:

1. Email me at sab41946@aol.com, subject line E-3 Swaps or call me at 305-292-0031 to register.
2. Package each item individually to protect it; i.e., film canister or baggie. I'm not able to do this for you. Include your name. Please include contact information so that fellow swappers can thank you. IF you participate in both scales, please pack each scale in a separate large plastic bag.
3. ***Include a self-addressed mailing label so that I can attach it to your box of goodies.
4. Include a check or money order for \$6.00 made payable to Sheila Barker. NO CASH PLEASE.
5. Mail your box to me so that I receive it no later than June 1, 2014.
6. If you sign up and decide that you cannot or do not want to participate, please let me know. Sometimes life gets in the way of miniature fun. We understand.
7. Sit back and wait for your box of goodies. Open alone or online with your mini friends.
8. Have fun.

SPECIAL NOTE: If we have less than 10 people sign up, we'll still swap. I will just return your "extras" to you for you to use elsewhere. If you do not want the extras, just say so when you mail me your items.

IF YOU KNOW NAME MEMBERS WHO HAVE SWAPPED IN THE PAST AND ARE INTERESTED IN THE SMALLER SCALE, PLEASE FORWARD THIS TO THEM. IF YOU BELONG TO CLUBS AND WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH NAME MEMBERS, I'D BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU SHARE THIS WITH THOSE WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE.

Sheila Barker, Swap Chair, Key West, FL

MEET YOUR E-3 TEAM

J.P. Sligh, Georgia State Representative.



My love for miniatures began as a child when my grandfather gave me a 1" scale hatchet and mallet made by himself and his father in 1913. These were the result of their summer wood working and metal turning project they did the summer my grandfather was 13 years old. I guess this fascination for creating miniatures is in the blood.

In my teens I began collecting pieces that I still have. My mother, who always encouraged my collection, had a ceramic studio in our home, where she helped me in creating ceramic bathroom sets and dishes, many of which I sold at the first Atlanta Miniature Society show in 1979. I was also among the first members of the club, of which I am now proud to be president, following a two year term as vice president.

As many people do during our college years, due to lack of time and lack of funds, I did step away from miniatures for quite a few years. Happily I have been back into creating and collecting for the past 20 plus years. I enjoy creating miniature portraits, designing and stitching various needlepoint pieces and using my painting skills and faux finishing on kits and finished furniture. For the most part I make room boxes with elaborate exteriors, as this way I can move from era to era and fantasy settings to historical reproductions, though I do have a few houses completed as well. I enjoy taking classes from artisans from around the country and also challenging myself with completing my original designs.

Becky Lipscomb, E-3 Awards Chair



In 1950 Santa left a wonderful gift under our Christmas tree...a T.Cohn metal dollhouse with wonderfully detailed Renwal furniture. A lifelong love of dollhouses and all things miniature was born. I still have that dollhouse and 95% of the furniture. It sits in my den with many little accessory pieces that I purchased from Woolworths and McClellans 5 and Dime stores. I diligently walked the Ridgedale and Highland Park neighborhoods, selling my embroidered tea towels and woven potholders so I could shop the next Saturday for one more miniature to make my little home complete. That seemed to be an omen of what today is my miniature hobby/business.

Years later, after careers of teaching school and being a stay-at-home mom to my two sons, I began making miniatures for pleasure and then to sell. After all, you can only use several hundred wedding cakes and even more pumpkins before they take over. My husband had bought a copy of Betsy Creekmoore's book, "Your World in Miniature," for my birthday, and I devoured it before I was another day older.

It was several years before I discovered NAME. A group in Chattanooga was organizing a miniature club and wanted to know if I wanted in on the action. Of course I did! The Chattanooga Miniature Society was born. I joined NAME along with my fellow club members because we wanted to be official. We made centerpieces, tote bag favors and door prizes for every regional and national houseparty that was held. In 1984 we started a Funday that continues to this day.

I have attended many houseparties and conventions and club and other events through the years. Each one has its own special flavor. These times are when I get to see old friends and make new ones. The connection with other like-minded individuals keeps the miniature spark alive and burning.

With my dear friend, Winifred Holloway, we began in 2003 our very own event in Monteagle Tennessee....Trick or Treat in Tennessee and chartered East Tennessee Mini Makers. Now we gather a group every third weekend in October to make minis and have fun....and we do have fun! But we also contribute our raffle monies to the Christian Appalachian Project's Hungry Kids Fund, feeding the poorest of the poor when no free breakfasts or lunches are available at school....weekends, summer, school breaks.

The generous attendees who contribute items to raffle and those who buy tickets have sent thousands of dollars to this very worthy cause. We have only one rule at Monteagle, No Complaints! It works! Come join us sometime.

I have been very honored to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and been named as NAME Ambassador for our region. This past year I was asked by the nominating committee to run for a place on the NAME Board. I am looking forward to the election results and serving if elected.

In my 'at home' life I rescue feral and stray cats and work for the Capture, Neuter, and Release programs of a local group. I'm active in Sunday School at the Church of the Highlands and also the Women's Missionary Society. I finally 'let go' of one son who has become the very best of young America. Will belongs to NAME, often attended shows with me, and continues to create miniature pieces for historic dioramas. My older son has Asperger's Syndrome and is a CPA. We like to celebrate each other's victories and spend good times together (which always includes food...my husband cooks) and comfort each others hurts. God loves us.

RECENT E-3 EVENTS

Christmasville, Rock Hill, SC. Christmasville, a relatively new annual event in South Carolina, opened to the public December 5 this past year in Historic Old Town Rock Hill, South Carolina. The event ran through December 8, 2013. The Christmasville festival celebrates Vernon Grant, a children's illustrator and artist most well know for his Kellogg's Rice Krispies Snap!Crackle!Pop! South Carolina Miniaturists have been invited to exhibit there for the past three years. This year was no exception, thanks to the diligent work of the Miniature Mentors Club members.



This year's exhibit featured toys and dollhouses (each year is themed) and even included a "find the elf" game for visitors (in two different scales!). Rollin Hansen provided a working demonstration of building a dollhouse during the entire event. One of my favorite exhibits was a hunting scene, complete with bow, arrows, hunting stand and lots and lots of animals to find. It's this kind of imaginings and games that brings more interest in our great hobby. This exhibit is especially challenging because the location moves each year. While the exhibit is always in Old Town Rock Hill, the building changes every year. Set-up is allowed the

day before the exhibit opens ,and exhibits can be picked up the day after the exhibit closes, which makes it very nice for exhibitors. Think about attending and exhibiting this coming year and bring the kids...they have ferris wheels and carousels in the streets, costumed strolling street singers, dog costume contests. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our hobby with youngsters who may have never seen a dollhouse. Thanks again to Miniature Mentors for all their hard work. If you are interested in participating next year, please contact Rollin at 803-802-2763.

Carolina Christmas Party. Hooray for the Carolina Christmas Committee. The Nov/Dec Gazette featured the 2012 project, The Little Church in the Woods, on the cover. There was a nice article inside about the Carolina Christmas Party Weekend as well as the project patterns and instructions.



Next year's project is already in the planning stages. The room is already booked for Dinner and a Mini so we can go back to our original Party Weekend Schedule. Dinner and a Mini will be back on Friday night, free Make and Take classes at PJ's on Saturday and a couple of paid classes on Sunday. We're working on the Minis and Munchies event that premiered last year, looking for new Sunday instructors and lining up the free Make and Takes. The weekend is always the first weekend in December, we'll get back to you with the full details soon.

Cat Winger

E-3 Regional Retreat, Saturday, January 18, 2014, Atlanta. On Friday, January 17th, a cold and blustery day, many mini friends gathered for the E3 Annual Retreat at the Hyatt Place in Duluth, Georgia. Representatives from every state except Florida attended. Mini Reflections of Mooresville, North Carolina, sponsored the retreat this year. The project was a garden shed in 1" or 1/4" scale. Attendees had a fabulous time!

In addition to all the materials to build our mini sheds, we also received landscaping materials, a display case, many wonderful gifts and a very special gift of a squirrel on

a squirrel feeder created by Mini Gems and gifted to us by the E3 Retreat team! The project inspired a vast range of ideas, ranging from potty sheds to potting sheds to play houses, and most extraordinary, a primate shed filled with all sorts of fabulous monkeys and gorillas by Rachel Bonney!



We picked up our kits on Friday night to do our homework. Then on Saturday the real fun began. Much kit bashing was observed. Coffee stirrers converted to building lumber, Starbucks coffee holders became tin roofs, walls were removed, floors swapped with roofs, windows and doors were hinged. Michael Hansen of Mini Reflections assisted people with the hinges. Thank you Michael.

Snacks and sandwiches were provided with homemade cookies and Valentine candy spurring on the afternoon's creativity. Vendors offered a wide range of gardening products from which to choose, and shoppers had multiple opportunities to peruse their wares while waiting for paint and glue to dry.

Photos are posted on the Carolina Miniatures Facebook group if you would like to see them or share some of your own. Thank you so much to Marie Bird, our regional coordinator, Peggy Fowler, the designer and Mini Reflections, the sponsoring club for yet another great miniature weekend!

Sharon Johnson, SC State Representative

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. Thanks! RB

Alabama.

Mobile Miniature Club. C-490. Members of the Mobile Miniature Club were busy in December...so busy that we postponed our Christmas meeting and Dirty Santa Party until January! The gifts exchanged were definitely worth the wait as we have very talented club members! I received a beautiful hanging basket of flowers created by Pam Durst. {Instructions for making the flowers are at the end of this report.} Everyone was pleased with their gifts!



We are looking forward to our upcoming April meeting where we traditionally hold a buy-sell-trade-barter event, which we call "Eggs-change" (since Easter falls around this time). This is a great way to get rid of kits you know you will never put together or excess supplies, furniture or bits and pieces! As they say, one man's trash is another man's treasure!

Our club is also planning to hold another weekend retreat at a local church camp facility as we have done in the past. We use this time to work on our many UFO's (UnFinished Objects) and catch up with each other -- all without having to worry about cooking or cleaning! It is quite fun and we always get a lot done! Your club might want to think about doing something similar and be assured, you will have a great time!

Directions for making paper flowers for hanging basket:

Paper Flower Technique

Supplies needed: White Cardstock

Paper punches in flower and leaf shapes

Set of Water Soluble markers

Tweezers

Paper Towel

Piece of Fun Foam

Double Ball Stylus

Bowl of water

Punch out flower and leaf shapes from the cardstock. For flowers, mark on petals with water soluble marker in desired color. The entire petal does not have to be colored as the color will spread when placed in water. Using tweezers, pick up flower and dip it quickly in the bowl of water. Touch the flower to the paper towel to soak up excess moisture. Place on fun foam and use double ball stylus to punch the center of the flower – this will help shape and curl the flower petals. The stylus can also be used to help the color run where you want it to go. Set the flower aside to dry. Once dry, use glue to place on vines or wires or foliage.

For variation, you may use a darker colored marker to touch a slight bit of color around the edge of the petals before wetting. A bit of contrasting or darker color in the center of the flower will create a wonderful effect too! Streak the color or colors on the petals here and there....It is fun to watch the colors run.

Use the same technique for leaves. Use the stylus to shape and curl the leaves. We have made beautiful fall wreaths using the maple leaf punch and coloring the paper in varying shades of yellow, orange, brown and green. Have fun!

*Mobile Miniature Club
Roxann Dyess, President*

Little Bits of Alabama (C-734). Little Bits of Alabama club members had a nice time at their Christmas Party this year, and as usual received some really wonderful exchange gifts from other members. We looked back at pictures and lists of gifts from past Christmas Parties. Our club will be celebrating its 25th year in July of 2014, so we have had quite a few past parties.



Seated: Beth Hamilton, Charlene Reynolds, Patty Reames, and Carol Hinkle. Standing: Melinda Matthews, Barbara Wilson, Judi Smith, Gina Clark, and Prim York.

Our club members have been busy the last few club meetings working on the prototypes for our upcoming Fun Day in August, 2014. We're having fun developing different ideas and accessories to enhance the Quarter Scale Street of Shops. Registration forms will be included in the next newsletter so be sure to sign up quickly, as we're limited to the first 40 received. We know we're going to have a fun time this year, and look forward to everyone joining us.

Beth Hamilton, President

Florida

Les Petit Collecteurs of South Florida. C-127. On Saturday, January 25th, members of the Les Petit Collecteurs gathered at Roy & Shannon Moore's for a day filled with working on projects, eating, lively conversation, eating, working, eating (do you all see a pattern here?? :-).

It was great to sit with members who we don't often get to socialize with. We also welcomed M-1 members Linda Didio & Pat Butcher from Buffalo, NY.

Thank you, Roy & Shannon, for graciously opening your home to us. We had a wonderful time.

Members of the Les Petit Collecteurs also put on a display at the Abby Delray Retirement Community. This is the second time members of the club have put a display together for the residents of the community. They are so appreciative and really makes our heads "big"..

Pictured from left to right are Betsy Thomas, Karen Barone, Brenda Levenson and Pam O'Brien. Club President Marilyn Freedman and Barbara Rosenblum participated but are not present.



A special thanks to Betsy for arranging for us to make the display happen and to Abbey Delray for welcoming us again.

Karen Barone

Georgia

Atlanta Miniature Society (C-). I am so proud to not only be president of The Atlanta Miniature Society, but also to be a member of such a fine, talented and giving group of people. We are in our 35th year and still growing and giving back to Georgia through our love of miniatures.

We are just starting to work on renovating two older

dollhouses. They will be furnished with child-friendly furnishings and then donated later this year to FAMILY PROMISE with the Lawrenceville First Christian Church and The WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

We are also starting on our Half and Half project, a custom plexi room box with a lovely gold leafed base. Each member is encouraged to purchase a room box, to complete the piece as they wish and then display them at our show. I am always amazed at how different and wonderful the finished pieces are when displayed all together.

Speaking of our show, our new show co-chairs are busy working on a new venue for our 35th ANNUAL AMS SHOW AND SALE in September this year at Wyndham Hotel. We will have two show rooms and a wonderful auction of 1" scale miniatures, generously donated by our AMS members and the wonderful dealers at our show. The auction benefits THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

The club is also participating in a fund raiser ARABIAN TENT room box, that will be raffled off at the show. The club will be making the pleated tent walls at our June meeting. The hand-made chandelier, LED lights, wiring and faux finishing of the box exterior will be donated by members of AMS.

Members of AMS will also be representing the NAME table at the March Tom Bishop show in Atlanta, as well as the AMS September show and sale.

I would like to thank our members for all of their hard work, time and talent that they bring to our club and to each fund raising project.

JP. Sligh, President

North Carolina

North Carolina News Hello! I'm afraid that I've been a rather quiet State Rep this year, but I do have to do some bragging about one of the most fun events held in North Carolina! In case you've missed it, find your November/December 2013 Miniature Gazette (Vol. 42, No.2) and check out the cover and turn to page 31. Last winter I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Carolina Christmas Party and make "The Little Church in the Woods," designed by the Carolina Christmas Committee led by Cat Wingle. And now you can make it too, either using the pattern and directions provided in the Gazette or by purchasing laser cut (mat board) parts by contacting Peggy Fowler at 843-623-3766 or fld011@hotmail.com. It was a wonderful weekend. Unfortunately I wasn't able to make it this year but I hope the timing works out better in December 2014. The Committee deserves accolades for organizing this special weekend.

The Enchanted Village Display at the Southern Christmas Show in Charlotte in November is another wonderful event that shows off the talent of many miniaturists. Many thanks to the Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group, and especially to Rachel Bonney and Lynn

Frank, for coordinating the display – it's a lot of work to organize and manage such an extensive display as this.

Last year, along with a lot of other North Carolinians (and beyond), I enjoyed the 2013 State Day sponsored by the Merry Mini-Makers of the Triad in Jamestown. Their event will be a tough act to follow, but based on the prototypes they had on display, the Raleigh Miniature Guild and the Small Wonders Miniature Club (Cary) are up to the challenge. I have sent in my reservation – hopefully you have as well! Especially with the weather we've experienced this January, April 5th can't come soon enough. But even if our weather had been perfect the warm friendships and fun of a State Day will make the day well worth attending.

I need to learn more about and visit the Miniature Museum we have in Spencer. Beth Nance has been in touch with me about organizing a project to refurbish a doll house they have there, perhaps with different clubs taking responsibility for a particular room. Stay tuned for more about that.

Please keep those newsletters and reports coming! We have lots of wonderful clubs in North Carolina, and we're part of the great E-3 Region! I have a lot to learn about doing this job so please do let me know how I can support you as your North Carolina State Rep. Also, please help me spread the word about all the wonderful things we've got going on for the miniaturists in North Carolina. Thank you all for being a part of this wonderful organization!

Lissa Loosemore, NC State Rep

Raleigh Miniatures Guild (C-524). The Raleigh Miniatures Guild and Small Wonders Miniature Club of Cary are hosting the 2014 NC State Day and are asking for tote bag favors from clubs and individuals. We are asking for 100 items, each packaged individual with your name enclosed. Please mail them by March 10 2014, to Pat Stewart, 1142 Ferrington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312; email: hudsonplains@gmail.com. Email Pat your information by February 28 (your name, address, email address, description of item, and number being sent).

Suggested favors are: Seasonal items such as Christmas stockings, shopping bags, gift wrap, Christmas decorations, Christmas cards, Santa hats, gingerbread men, toys, candy canes, cookies, hot chocolate, Xmas cakes, garland, tree topper, pen, pencil, paper

Easter eggs, cakes, rabbits, chocolates, baskets, chicks, jelly beans, grass, bows, bonnets, egg dye;

Halloween items: bones, skeletons, witch's hat, pumpkins, masks, bats, spiders, webs, candy, crystal ball, trick or treat bags,

4th of July items.

Pet shop items such as toys, pet bed, pet foods, cat tree.

Items for fabric shop

Kitchen items: dishes, forks, spoons, cups, pots, pans, tea towels, cookie jar, oven mitt, floor mat, utensils, rolling pin, food items, cookies, cups of coffee, cups of tea

Quilt shop items

Riugs, art, calendar, stools, clock, books, flowers

Thank you.

The club also is looking for State Day helpers. If you have something to contribute, please contact Charlene Taylor, lct110@earthlink.net.

Kim Major-Walker

Charlotte Miniature Society (C-301). It looks like 2014 is off to a busy start. Due to renovations at Sharon Towers, we moved our January meeting to club member, Mary Ellen Kennedy's home. We had lunch and Mary Ellen hosted a mini sale. The February meeting will held at our president Barbara Boeckstiegel's home. Everyone will bring a casserole or side and their minis to "swap" or sell. Our normal meeting room will be available in March, as the renovations at Sharon Towers are now completed.

Coming up February 22nd and 23rd, is the Charlotte Woodcarvers Show and Competition at the Marian Diehl Recreation Center. The address is 2219 Tyvola Rd, Charlotte. The hours are Saturday 12:00 pm-4:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. The only reason why I have mentioned this is because there is a carver, Bill Dominick who does amazing miniatures. I have won two of his miniatures that were raffled at the show. This event has free admission and parking. The competition/exhibit is amazing, there are raffle items, a silent auction. and wood carvers from all over the United States. You can go to their website if you need any further information.

Barbara Boeckstiegel, President

Mini Reflections Miniature Club (C-789). Mini Reflections will be taking a break from service activities at our February meeting and making a Valentine vignette for US. In addition to a two-month exhibit at the Mooresville Public Library, the Christmas Show exhibits and monitoring in November, making tote bag favors for the Greenville Regional Houseparty and NC State Day, we were the "host" club for the E-3 Regional Retreat and making theme-related goodies to give out to participants as well as trying to finish our own garden sheds to have on display at the retreat. We did take a break in December for our annual Christmas party with dinner at Jeffrey's restaurant in Mooresville and our "Great Gift Exchange" (some really neat swaps).



Mini Reflections Christmas Party. Left to right: Rachel Bonney, Lynn Frank, Donna Deal, Beth Nance, Ann Bejcek, Terri Correll (top of her head), Maria Cannizzaro, Marianne Jokubaitis, Gayle Hansen, Michael Hansen, Jan Sylsberry.

In March it's back to work making tote bag favors for the National Convention in St. Louis and then starting to

work on our prototypes for the 2015 NC State Day, which we will be hosting in Mooresville, theme “From Manteo to Murphy.” We are also planning some special day-long workshops during the spring – life is not dull!

Rachel Bonney, Secretary

Asheville Miniature Enthusiasts (C-851). Winter has been slow going for AME members! We had a wonderful holiday celebration in December. It was great to get together after missing our November meeting because our meeting place is a polling center. It’s great that we had it early in December since the weather has been challenging since.



Back row: BJ Tankersley, Thelma Letourneau, Graciela Backhus, Joanne Baker, Johnnie Aranda. Front row (kneeling) Catherine Morris, (standing) Lissa Loosemore, Sigrid Hess.

We had planned to make tote bag favors for the NAME on-line Convention at our January meeting but had to delay till the following weekend because of weather – but we got them done and in the mail on time, thanks to the efforts of Graciela, in particular. Our February project will be tote bag favors for St. Louis and (hopefully) the NC State Day and then in March we’ll do tote bag favors for the Greenville Small Scale Houseparty.

Johnnie and Lissa participated in the E-3 Retreat – a great event! Hopefully others will be able to join us for the NC State Day in April. The weather then should be more conducive to travel and the project is fantastic, “A Room for All Occasions” which will allow everyone to express their creativity big time!

*Lissa Loosemore, President
Asheville Miniature Enthusiasts*

Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group. (C-862)/Miniature Enchantment (C-1033). PCNG has had to recharter as a new club and now is known as Miniature Enchantment (after all, we do the **Enchanted Village** at the Southern Christmas Show!). Right now we are wrapping up things from the 2013 Christmas Show and taking a hiatus from planning exhibits for 2014, but we will be back with more exhibit information in May.

Rachel Bonney, President, PCNG

Spencer Doll and Toy Museum. Miniatures and More. The Spencer Doll And Toy Museum holds an impressive collection of dolls and toys from the past and the present. In addition to dolls and toys, a prominent exhibit of miniatures is always front and center. A special exhibit case has been dedicated to showcasing the exciting world of miniatures.

Every few months a new and exciting display graces the museum. Currently fine quality miniatures created by Rachel Bonney are highlighted in the miniatures cabinet. A delightful grouping of tea cups, each with a different miniature scene, are featured in the display along with a variety of other serious and whimsical mini-creations. Children and adults alike are fascinated at the level of detail featured in Bonney’s creations.



We hope to grow the miniatures exhibits in the Museum. It’s our hope that one day the SDTM will showcase dozens of fine art displays, featuring the work of hundreds of miniatures artisans.

The Spencer Doll and Toy Museum is located at 108 Fourth Street in Spencer, NC and open Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Admission for NAME members is \$4.00. Visitors should expect to be amazed at what is hidden within the walls of the museum!

If you are interested in exhibiting your minis please contact the museum at 704-762-9359. For more information www.spencerdollandtoymuseum.com.

Beth Nance

South Carolina

South Carolina News. Sharon Johnson, SC State Rep, has created a new Facebook group for sharing pictures, projects and events around the Carolinas area. It is a private group, which means others can see that you are a member but they cannot see any of the posts there. You may send a request to join the group to Sharon Self Johnson if you are having trouble finding the group.

Sharon Johnson
<http://overhobbied.wordpress.com/>

Mini GAME (C-667) Mini-Game has been spending all our time working on our E-3 small scales houseparty, and because of that, we really haven’t been meeting regularly either.

Susan Farnik, President

Palmetto Miniature Club (C-977). We had a great Christmas Party at our newest member's home and had an exciting mini gift exchange! Her home was decorated festively for the season, including mini pine forests and special miniature pieces featured under glass domes.



Front row: Angie Morrison. Middle row: Deb Albert, Pat Campbell, Marie Bird, Gloria Cormick. Back row: Sharon Johnson, Carolyn Peck, Peggy Fowler, Charlotte Krauser, Gayle Cox Sneed

January kept us busy with several club members attending the E-3 Retreat in Atlanta (and missing the Big Snow Traffic Jam, which is good since we deal better with Small Stuff and Snow-Tex!). Some have already finished and posted photos of their projects and others of us (me) are still working on it! Next Snow Day, when I have some down time, right?

We have also started our club tote bag gifts for the Small Scale Houseparty "Touring Tuscany" in Greenville in September, which is large in our thoughts because we are lucky it is so close to us. We will finish and pack them at our February meeting.

Seven members have signed up for the Online Convention and we are looking forward to participating in that new adventure.

Carolyn Peck, President

Tennessee

Memphis Miniature Miniacs (Tri-M, C-311) The Memphis Tri-M Club closed out 2013 with our annual Christmas party at Maggie Miller's. See pic – Maggie standing, with Pam Rummel and Jean Mercado seated. When you think of miniatures and Christmas, we immediately think of Maggie. Her decorations are 99% minis, of course, and cannot be out done. She was so generous in providing not only all of the wonderful food, but lots of gifts for each member and even the prizes awarded for some of the games we played.

We had a very active year promoting NAME in our area. We set up a display at a historical home, Gotten House, making and distributing 65 plus decorated cakes with no two alike. We also distributed some brochures promoting the hobby and NAME. We entertained one

Saturday at the Wisteria Tea Room with a display of various minis provided by our members.

Our club added 3 new members this year mainly because of our community involvement. Attendees at our monthly meetings average 12 out of 15 members. At each meeting we do a "make n'take", some of which are pictured here. We, of course, participated in a group NAME Day project at Pam Rummel's house, and most of our members finished their carts. We're now planning on the next all day project which will utilize the carts.

Our Pam Rummel has ventured out into the retail world, so look for her at the mini shows. She has lots of different items all miniaturists need for our projects. We wish her well in this endeavor. Happy 2014 to each of you, and if you are ever in the Memphis area, let us know. We welcome all visitors!

Gayle Davis



Maggie Miller, Pam Rummel, Jean Mercado

2013's Make n'Takes – Memphis Club

Chattanooga Miniature Society. C-325. The Chattanooga Miniature Society is busy getting ready for Funday 2014. The members are making wonderful souvenirs for every attendee. Beverly Moon has made kits for all of us to finish, and she and Marla Gilbert have come

up with a special idea. Come and see and receive your own surprise! We will be gathering on the last Friday and Saturday in April, the 25th and 26th. Email: Penny Champion tennfor@charter.net Ginger Morrison gingerchatt@comcast.net Winifred Holloway Georgialeel6@att.net for information

At our January meeting Becky Lipscomb brought supplies and ideas for each of us to make a unique Christmas Market stall. There were various construction ideas and some members left with a basic stall completed and some with works in progress. Every one will be different but we hope to have them all together to display at our club Funday 2014.

Becky Lipscomb

Tri-Cities Miniature Enthusiasts, C-920. The Tri City Miniaturists of Upper East Tennessee concluded a successful 2013 with the completion of the gingerbread house in October along with celebrating their 25th anniversary as a club. Because we didn't want to begin anything new, November became an unfinished project month.

It is the tradition at the December meeting to have refreshments and show and tell. Later that month we met at the home of Ann Anderson for play and our winter luncheon.

To start the new year in January Nancy Brown taught a really cute project, Box in a Bear. In a five inch bear we destuffed his middle and inserted a box that held a 1/144 inch scene.



Ann Anderson

East Tennessee Mini Makers. C-946. East Tennessee Mini Makers is already getting plans together for our 12th workshop weekend at Monteagle, Tennessee. Keep October 16 through the 19 marked in orange and black on your calendar as we celebrate "Twelve years of Tricks and Treats". There are seven attendees who will be celebrating the fact that they have attended EVERY year and hope to be there for all the years in the future. We'll have wonderful teachers presenting super classes in all three scales. We'll have good food, prepared lovingly by the ladies who welcome us with their sweet smiles. We'll also have a sales area for our teachers, decorations, a very nice souvenir by Scarlett Frayser, who can no longer attend in person, table

favorites, raffle items to raise money for the Christian Appalachian Project's Hungry Kids Fund, feeding the poorest of the poor when no free lunches and breakfasts are available due to school not being in session. Last year we raised \$2,000 and it was most appreciated by the kids who were fed during summer vacation, weekends, Christmas break, and any time school was out. Don't forget our bonfire with sparklers, trick or treating in the dorm, costumes (if you want to dress up), renewing old friendships and making new ones. Come trick or treat with us!

Becky Lipscomb

UPCOMING E-3 EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES...

Flea Market, Saturday, March 1, 2014, Knights of Columbus Hall, 4880 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL. I-75 Exit 210, 1.5 miles west on Fruitville Road. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Admission \$4.00. Tables available – for information please contact:

Lois Marshall, 941-735-6130, loismarshall@comcast.net or Mary Baker, 941-758-3779, maryb49@verizon.net.

Les Petit Collecteurs of South Florida Dollhouse Miniatures Show & Sale, Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. presented by Les Petit Collecteurs of South Florida at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 NW Crawford Street, Boca Raton, FL. Adults \$5.00 Children 12 and under \$2.00 Large themed exhibit room, many fine dealers, raffles, Make and Take Demos, lunch available. Free parking. Pre-registered workshops on Friday, March 7th, 2014. Proceeds to benefit Kids in Distress, AVDA, and NAME. Workshop info: Barbara Teta, 561-637-2818 or minilady2@bellsouth.net. Show info: contact Karen Barone at kbarone0117@gmail.com Our web site is <http://sites.google.com/site/lespetitsclub>

North Carolina State Day, April 5, 2014, Triangle Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC. NC Hosted by Raleigh Miniatures Guild and Small Wonders Miniature Club. 8:30am-3pm. \$50, includes, project, lunch, snacks, souvenirs and more. Registrations opens January 14th, 2014, Limited to 100 participants. Info: Kim Major-Walker, 919-260-6918, or E-mail: jaw92@bellsouth.net. See finished projects: www.nameregione3.webs.com, under "MORE "tab

Chattanooga Miniature Society Funday, April 25-26, 2014. Chattanooga Miniature Society annual Funday will be held Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26 (we grew to two days several years ago). Come celebrate Mother Goose and Friends with us. We have a very reasonable registration and a selection of great classes. We are once again holding our event behind Innovative Miniatures Shop on Lee Highway, close to Interstate 75 and near many nice motels. Info: Winifred Holloway 423 629-2742 Ginger Morrison gingerchatt@comcast.net

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.

June 28, 2014 Lakeland 5th Annual Fun Day, Lakeland, FL 5th Annual Fun Day workshop "The Enchanted Child". Contact Pat Gazie (407) 733-7988 or email diniedoll@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.

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 for more information. Call Carol Kira 863-646-1354 or email kirafl@msn.com.

NAME National Convention, July 17-20 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) 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 - 3 PM.

Admission is \$1. 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, NC.

The Lions Club is conveniently located just off I-77 at Exit 35 on Brawley School Road West just after the traffic light at Williamson Road. Dealer tables are \$10 and space is limited so call early for a reservation.. Donations will be made to NAME and the Lions Club. Show your NAME card at the door for a free gift.

Please contact Maria Cannizzaro, (704) 230-0569 for reservations and any questions

Alabama Fun Day, August 23, 2014. Sponsored by the Birmingham club, Little Bits of Alabama, the 2014 NAME Day project is a ¼" scale row of shops, Registration forms will be available in the May 2014, E-3 newsletter, but keep the date open.



New Deal Miniatures 4th Annual Nashville Dollhouse and Miniatures Show and Sale, September 11-13, 2014.

Thursday September 11 Classes TBA We are planning classes for Thursday September 11, 2014 check our web site for updates

Friday September 12 and Saturday September 13, 2014 Friday 4PM to 8PM Saturday 10AM to 4PM

At the Holiday Inn Express, 1111 Airport Center Dr Nashville, TN 37214 (615) 883-1366

Room Rates for Show \$83.00 per night Must Mention Show. On Line Use Code NDM for Show Rate

Admission: Adults \$6.00 Children (Under 12) \$2.00 Two Day Tickets \$9.00

For More Information Call 419-235-4357 ask for Eileen Hepner or email shows@newdealminiatures.com. Check our web site for updates of shows and classes www.newdealminiatures.com

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!!!



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

Registration for "Touring Tuscany," the small scales regional houseparty to be held in Greenville, South Carolina, September 12-14, 2014, opens in April 2014. The registration form is in the most recent issue of the *Miniature Gazette* and may be sent in before that date to be counted as first day registration. You'll want to get your registration in early, as this is a houseparty you don't want to miss! The committee has planned all kinds of wonderful activities and surprises, so plan to join us in Greenville in September.

The Greenville committee also 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

SUGGESTIONS FOR TOTE BAG FAVORS:

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| Pasta | Pizza | Breads |
| Chocolates | Balsamic vinegar | Bicycles |

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| 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 | |



You are getting a sneak peak at the Thursday Evening Workshop we are offering at the *Touring Tuscany* Houseparty. This lovely pizza oven was designed by committee member Debbie Young of Young At Heart especially for our houseparty attendees signed up to participate in this fun event. The workshop contains everything you see pictured including the pizza paddles, herbs and spices. What fun! I can smell the pizza cooking!

Rhonda Keef, Chair

ABOUT OUR E-3 MEMBERS

Welcome to New and Returning E-3 Members

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

Barbara Covitz, Saint James, FL
Karen Crawford, Marietta, GA
Tacie Crawford, Marietta, GA
Adele Crowe, Palm Bat, FL
JoAnne Ehlert, Buford, GA
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E-3 Website: <http://nameregione3.webs.com>.

E-3 EVENTS CALENDAR

February 15-16, 2014, Molly Cromwell Orlando Show and Sale – International Palms Resort. Miniature World of Central Florida will sponsor the Saturday Fun Day, a project designed by Ron Mummert. Contact maelwood@earthlink.com for registration information. For show information, see Molly Cromwell's website at www.mollycromwell.com/shows

March 3-8, 2014, Tom Bishop's Atlanta Miniatures Show. Holiday Inn Select, 4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA. Friday preview 7-9p.m. \$12.00. Show Saturday 10-4, admission \$6.00.

March 8, 2014. Les Petits Collecteurs of South Florida Dollhouse Miniatures Show & Sale, from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 NW Crawford Street, Boca Raton, FL.

April 5, 2014. NC State Day, Triangle Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC. "A Room for All Occasions."

April 22-27, 2014. NAME On-line Region Houseparty. Theme: Our Miniature World of NAME.

April 25-26, 2004. Chattanooga Fun Day, Chattanooga, TN.

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.

July 26, 2004. First Annual Mooresville, North Carolina, Dollhouse Show and Sale, Lions Club, Mooresville, North Carolina.

August 23, 2014. Alabama Fun Day, Birmingham/Fultondale, AL.

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

October, 2014. Trick or Treat in Tennessee, Monteagle, TN.

November 2014. The Enchanted Village, Southern Christmas Show, Park Expo, Charlotte, NC.

January 2015. E-3 Regional Retreat, Atlanta.

April 2015. NC State Day, Mooresville, NC

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 2016. NAME National Convention, Seattle, WA.