



NAME REGION E-3 REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

March 2016



A MESSAGE FROM OUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Greetings All!

I hope that 2016 is off to a good start for everyone. January was certainly a busy month for minis in our Region. There were several shows and club events in Florida, and the E-3 Regional Retreat in Atlanta on the 16th of January. I must give a special “thank you” to the Palmetto Miniature Club of Columbia, SC, for their assistance in hosting another wonderful Retreat. Their tireless enthusiasm and efforts meant a smooth-running, relaxing day of minis for the participants. Another big “thank you” to Cat Wingler, our retreat artist, and Peggy Fowler of Fowler Laser Designs, who cut the kits for Cat’s great project. Everyone worked hard all day on their projects and many left with their crooked houses nearly complete! Look elsewhere in this newsletter for photos.

The first weekend in March, I returned to Atlanta to host the NAME table at the Annual Tom Bishop show. It was a wonderful show, with such amazing miniatures everywhere you looked. And it was so nice to see NAME members, and people who love miniatures. Great to visit with old friends and meet new ones. Tom outdid himself once again with a terrific show!

On the 23rd of April, folks in the Carolinas will gather in Lexington, SC for the first two-state State Day. The theme is “Under My Hat” and is a darling tophat for people to decorate to their desired theme and scale. I am hearing rumors of Steampunk, Alice in Wonderland, Wedding Shops, Magic Shops and lots of other darling themes! Space is still available and if I have sparked your interest, you can find the registration form in the back of the newsletter! What’s under your hat?

Well, the groundhog in Pennsylvania said we would have an early Spring, but in the South Carolina Low Country we shivered through a very cold first half of February. As I am writing this article today, I am looking at sunny skies and am happy to know that outside is a balmy 55 degrees! Time to throw off the quilts and make some minis!

What will spark your mini creativity as we move toward Easter, tulips, and the Spring season. If you have time, take a moment to tell me what you are working on. And, as always, I wish you time for minis and all that you love!

Best regards,

Marie Bird, E-3 Regional Coordinator

RECENT E-3 EVENTS.

The Old Mill, Unicoi Mini Weekend, Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA, November 13-15, 2015. Once again the Mini Play Weekend at Unicoi was a great time for all of us who attended. People came from all over E3, and even from the Midwest and the West Coast to play together. Rhonda

Keef chaired the weekend, working along with a very hard-working committee determined to make it a success. And judging by the smiles and noise levels, it was a HUGE success.

The project was a mill and mill house, shop, or barn, complete with water wheel, millpond and waterfall.

Insert photos of mill here

There were a lot of very special committee gifts (gifts made by the committee, not gifts to the committee, lol) to help fill whichever you chose your building to be. and not just special gifts from the committee, but the committee also made sure there were snacks and drinks available all during the work times.

Primarily designed by Janet Chase and her design committee, the parts were cut by Debbie Young so it was simple to assemble. There were several Show-me demonstrations on the landscaping, water and lighting (which was not included but several people did it anyway). The Exhibits included past Unicoi projects as well as market stands and other small-scale pieces.

We invited people to design special round table kits relating to the project and there were quite a few round table kit sellers, many from new faces or people who don’t usually sell their work. The kits offered were even better than usual, making it easier to find special pieces to finish the project. An enthusiastic number of folks participated in the Shoebox Sales, both buying and selling.

Insert photos of Shoebox Sales here

Although the weekend was busy, after all, we started early and finished late, we still had a lot of fun. The room was always noisy with lots of laughs and visiting between the pods, and paint and building materials flying everywhere. Every pod had their own teacher to be sure that everyone got help that needed it, although at least one teacher (not to mention several of the students) got a little rowdy. We worked hard to get the project finished but short breaks to receive gifts, grab a snack, or just to visit a friend, made it fun!

Insert photos of work areas here

Special recognition was given to Marilyn Oakes and Jane Payne as the chairs of the first ever Mini Play Weekend. They were presented with roses and beautiful engraved plaques in appreciation from the committee and past attendees.

Cat Wingler

13 TriKum Lane, E-3 Retreat, Duluth, GA, January 16, 2016. The weekend of January 16 about 40 E-3 members gathered at the Place for the annual E-3 Retreat. This year’s project was 13 TriKum Lane, a ¼ scale Spells and Potions Shop designed and taught by Cat Wingler – though it took on a number of different manifestations once people got to working on it. The Palmetto Miniature Club

acted as hosts for the day, providing mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks as well as a number of accessories for the shop that were handed out during the day, always an appreciated highlight of E-3 events.

Insert photo of workshop participants here.

Like any NAME function, the retreat is a social occasion that includes more activities than just the workshop. One unofficial activity is the gathering for the complimentary continental breakfast provided to hotel guests. Retreat goers can be seen in the breakfast area on both Saturday and Sunday mornings eating and visiting – and in this case discussing weather conditions on the drive home. Most attendees participated in the mini-swap, and those who didn't wished that they had – there were some really neat goodies. The cost of the retreat includes lunch, which provides attendees another opportunity for socializing as they line up for the food and then eat at their tables.

There is also the opportunity to shop for bargains and for items to furnish the project at the sales tables, which always includes wonderful offerings from Miniature Designs (and thanks to the folks from Miniature Designs for all that they do to make the retreat a success, such as staying open later than usual on Friday for participants to shop, for their sales table, and for making lunch arrangements). Some participants also had sales tables, selling a variety of items.

Insert photo of sales table here

And sometimes “dealers” who don't participate in the workshop simply relax while others are working industriously on their projects...

Insert photo of Janet Chase here

One of the last activities of the day is the drawing for raffle items in the afternoon. Items are donated by E-3 members and participants to raise money for the region and always create a lot of interest. The best part of the raffle-drawing this year was when Bob Proctor won and modeled a t-shirt decorated with a glittery doll house and the words I [heart] miniatures – he SAID it was for wife Carolyn to sleep in ...

Insert photo of Proctor at raffle table here

As always, the retreat was a success – fun, fellowship, a neat project, bargains galore, good food – and special thanks to Marie Bird, our RC, for her final retreat and to the Palmetto Miniature Club for their assistance in putting on another great retreat.

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. Thanks! RB

Alabama.

Florida

Les Petits Collecteurs of South Florida. (C-). Les Petits Collecteurs of South Florida are preparing for our March 12th show and sale. Five workshops are scheduled for Friday March 11th. The workshops can be seen on our website <http://sites.google.com/site/lespetitsclub>. The theme for our display room is Put on a Show. We are featuring the NAME project, and each store has a theme for its display.

Insert Les Petites Coll. Shop picture here

NAME Project by Julie Gumm

Our bag scenes will show works from the theater, TV, opera, dance, the arts, etc. Other projects relating to our topic will also be shown. We have four Make It and Take It demos scheduled for Saturday, and our members are baking treats, which will be served Friday and Saturday to our dealers and club members. Our show will be dedicated to the memory of Tom O'Connor.

We set up a display of last year's projects, What's Cookin?, in a large community center called Patch Park which is located in Boca Raton. The display will remain for the month of February. We will move the display to the Boca Raton Community Center for the month of March.

At our last meeting we welcomed two new potential members. We are also giving checks for \$1,000 each to AVDA and Kids in Distress this month. They will receive additional donations after our show, if we do well. We also hope to make a donation to NAME as we did last year. Our group is also planning for next year's theme and the projects to be displayed at our show. The fun never stops.

Marilyn Freedman, President

Lakeland Miniature Guild (C-672) We are starting a new year in a new location. After 27 years meeting in the Senior Community Center in Mulberry, FL, our group has found a new location in Lakeland for our meetings. We will have more room and a kitchen facility.

June 2015 was our 30th Annual Miniatures Show and our 7th Annual Fun Day. A full weekend with lots of workshops and dealers. The Childrens Sales and Workshop was a big hit as always. Our show theme was Moroccan and the exhibits were beautiful. All members participated in the show, and our new members jumped right in to assist wherever needed.

In August we regrouped and prepared for the Orlando Miniaturia. We created 15 centerpieces for raffle and enjoyed the camaraderie of other miniaturists during workshops, preview, and shopping. It was fun to be participants after working so hard at our own show.

October brought NAME Day and a fun day it was. We built our window displays, had a covered dish luncheon, and then worked on construction of our club projects for next year.

October and November meetings included a two part workshop taught by member Anne McGrath. She took us

through the steps of reverse painting a marble floor on acrylic.

During November we collected hotel toiletries for donation to overseas troops. We welcomed two new members to our club and recently added a "junior" designation to our membership.

Early in December we gathered for our annual Christmas party. We were able to use a local bank community room for the celebration. As usual all members contributed by bringing dishes to share, and the food was quite plentiful and wonderful. The party was organized by member Terrie Schairer complete with games and prizes, decorations, and door prizes. Many of the door prizes were materials donated by a retired member Adele Barton, who graciously donated her "stash" to share with members as she is unable to continue with her love of making miniatures. What a lovely way to share and everyone was delighted with what they received.

We tried to get a much needed R&R during the holidays and now are eager to start in again preparing for the upcoming year and our 2016 Fun Day and Show in June.

Insert photo of LMG Fun Day project here

Visit our webpage for information.
Lakelandminiatureguild.com

Carol Kira, President

Georgia

The Augusta Area Enthusiasts will be hosting the 2016 NAME Day. Mark your calendar and come to Augusta, GA for a fun filled day. For information email Katrina Bailey at kbminis@comcast.com. Or Amy Rauch at Rauchfam@aol.com. More information and registration information will be coming soon. Can't wait to greet all our guests for a fun day in October!

Katrina Bailey

North Carolina

Mini Reflections Miniature Club (C-789). Mini Reflections members celebrated the holiday season with our annual Christmas party/Great Gift Exchange at our December meeting at Big Daddy's Restaurant in Mooresville. A number of our members attended the E-3 Retreat in Atlanta in January – and several had sales tables as well as participated in the workshop. Currently we are working on a kitchen project taught by President Lynn Frank to learn basic construction and wiring techniques, making tote bag favors for Carolinas State Day and Greenville, and preparing for our annual Reward Workshop, to be taught by Jan Sylsberry – a ¼ scale hillbilly band or hootenanny. And a number of our members are on the committee for the small scales houseparty in Greenville in September – we do manage to keep ourselves busy!

Rachel Bonney, Secretary

Asheville Miniature Enthusiasts (C-) The Asheville club finished 2015 with our annual holiday celebration at the home of member Sigrid Hess, which was, as usual, great fun. Their Christmas tree with the village beneath truly sets the mood for a holiday celebration! We had lots of great

food, shared memories, and exchanged gifts. A lovely afternoon with like-minded people.

Our January meeting included some new members so Johnnie caught them up with the roomboxes we'd made previously. The rest of us painted furniture for the roomboxes. Lots of fun!

Johnnie, Lissa, and Cat Morris attended the E-3 retreat. We spent our fair share at Miniature Designs on Friday evening and made great progress with our structures during the workshop on Saturday.

Our February meeting was led by Cat, who helped us to make hall trees in 1 inch, ½ inch, and ¼ inch so we could all have something appropriate no matter our favorite scale.

Insert photo of Asheville hall trees here.

We have a schedule of project leaders for the year so we'll be doing something different each month. It's providing great variety since we each bring different skills and interests to the club.

Several of us have registered for the Carolinas' State Day in April – stay tuned!

Lissa Loosemore, Club President

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Jan McCandliss

Merry Mini Makers of the Triad (C-1021)

Miniature Enchantment (C-1033) formerly Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group. (C-862) - Miniature Enchantment members are working on wrapping up the 2015 Enchanted Village and beginning to plan for the 2016 exhibit. Exhibit forms will be going out by email in late June, and we invite you all to participate in this opportunity to share your miniatures with an interested public. If you want a form, please send your name and contact information to Rachel Bonney at rabonney@windstream.net. Thanks.

Rachel Bonney, Miniature Enchantment

Miniature Collectors Society of Charlotte (C-1034)

Our club lost a dear friend and member Roberta "Tom" Johnson December 20, 2015. Tom was truly a gifted miniature artist and a mentor to many. We will all miss her and will keep her family in our thoughts and prayers.

We have started working on a new project, a "showcase box". We purchased 11x14 shadow boxes, 2" deep and passed them out to club members. Everyone got foam core strips cut 2" wide, (assorted lengths) for the inside. The idea is for everyone to design the inside of the box with little shelves or "cubbies" so that it will become a "showcase" for some of their minis that do not have a "home" right now. The good thing is that we really don't have to make anything specific to go into the showcase. Most of us have made numerous little "treasures" that we have made or collected over the years, and the box is a frame so it will hang on the wall and won't take up a lot of space. We will chose an upcoming meeting for anyone who needs help to finish their box and then a "show and tell" once they are all completed. In between we have some small projects

planned.

Barbara Boeckstiegel, President

South Carolina

Palmetto Miniature Club (C-977). The Palmetto Miniature Club celebrated the holidays with a delightful gathering at Pam Stephen's home in early December. Members shared their favorite party foods, and we welcomed three new members. In addition to enjoying a good holiday party, we also had a rousing gift swap, complete with lots of "stealing" of presents. It was all in good fun, though, and everyone went home with wonderful, creative mini gifts.

We are hard at work preparing for Carolinas State Day on April 23 of this year. Most of our meetings have involved making goodies for the participants to use in their projects. We hope you will join us in April.

We are also planning some club projects "just for fun" after the State Day work is completed. The ideas that everyone has suggested are wonderful. The hard part will be choosing!

Marie Bird

Tennessee

Chattanooga Miniature Society. (C-). The Chattanooga Miniature Society is working hard, getting ready for the Fun Day event April. Mark your calendar for the last Friday and Saturday in April 2016. It's the place to be. We will meet at the event building behind Innovative Miniatures and have a variety of classes both days. Email Ginger Morrison (gingerchatt@comcast.net) or Penny Champion (tenn4@charter.net) or call Becky Lipscomb (423-899-2444) for more information.

Chattanooga Miniature Society lost one of our sweet members late in 2015. Beverly Moon was always at meetings with special projects, always at Fun Day with round tables, always at Monteagle Trick or Treat weekend, taking classes and having a grand time. We will miss her so very much.

Becky Lipscomb

UPCOMING E-3 EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES...

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. Website - <http://sites.google.com/site/lespetitsclub>

Carolina State Day, April 23, 2016, Lexington, SC.

Please join Palmetto Miniature Club for Carolina State Day April 23 in Lexington, South Carolina at the Lake

Murray Community Center. Registration is now open for "Under My Hat", a celebration of hats of every make and model!!!

We will have a hat contest for each scale: 1", 1/2", 1/4" and real life as part of the festivities.

Vender tables are full!!!

Everyone will receive a door prize in addition to the top hat kit, souvenir and of course, tote bag favors!

Please join us to celebrate hats: top hats, mad hatters, tea parties, and all manner of miniature ladies accessories!

Gals, Gangsters and Gatsby. Small Scales Houseparty, Greenville, SC, September 16-18, 2016.

Insert Gatsby photo here

The Greenville Small Scales committee has been whipped into service again by Rhonda, Jane and Janet. This time we'll be playing in the 1920's, at Gals, Gangsters, and Gatsby September 16-18, 2016. Lots of opportunity for fun costumes, think feathers and fringe! A fabulous Thursday night workshop designed by Debbie Young, you won't even need the password to get in! Once again Jane Payne and her faithful centerpiece committee has outdone themselves on the centerpieces, the Hospitality room is going to be bursting with fun, there will be souvenirs you can't get anywhere else, the very best of the small scale dealers and we promise to make it extremely difficult to decide which Workshop or Theme Luncheon you want the most! Throw in the Houseparty Helpers, a few extra surprises, and a chance to play with friends while staying in wonderful downtown Greenville, and you've got a great weekend! Start planning now, because registration opens April 20. We filled last time so remember to get it in on time!

Trick or Treat in Tennessee, Dubose Conference Center, Monteagle, Tennessee. Theme: The Christmas Market. Come for a fun-filled weekend of registered classes on Friday and Saturday, a complementary class on Thursday afternoon, roundtables, sales, tables, trick or treating, a bonfire, s'mores, and ghost stories. Registration is now open. For more information contact Becky Lipscomb at realmag1945@gmail.com.

The Third Annual Mooresville Dolls, Miniatures and Dollhouse Show and Sale will be held on November 5, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mooresville, North Carolina. Our charity is New Eyes for the Needy so if you have old eyeglasses, frames or cases be sure to bring them with you for donation. We will have an exhibit area, door prizes, free classes for children, and gifts at the door for all NAME members who attend. Admission is \$2. at the door, and the hotel gives us free parking. Food will be available for snacks and lunch and the hotel is offering a reduced rate for rooms. Make reservations early to avoid disappointment. If you are interested in renting a sales table or if you have any other questions, please call Maria Cannizzaro at (704) 230-0569. Our tables were sold out very early for the first two shows so return your sales contract early. The show is sponsored by the three Charlotte area Clubs; Mini Reflections of Mooresville, Indian Trail Mini Makers, and the Charlotte Miniature Collectors Society.

ABOUT OUR E-3 MEMBERS

In Memory

Roberta "Tom" Johnson

June 4, 1930 - December 20, 2015

NAME, Region E-3, the Charlotte area, and the Carolinas lost a valued friend and miniaturist with the passing of Roberta Johnson, better known to all of us as "Tom." Tom passed December 20, 2015, after a period of declining health and is survived by her daughter Frances, also a member of NAME, four sons, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

While Tom was active in volunteer work in both Boy and Girls Scouts, she is best known to us for her work in and devotion to miniatures. She was a strong supporter of NAME and was able to attend the National Convention in Charlotte for at least some of the activities, despite her health issues. She was a charter member of the Charlotte Miniature Society (C-301) now called the Miniature Collectors Society of Charlotte (C-1034) and remained active in the club until just recently.

Not only was Tom an incredibly talented miniaturist whose works were creative, imaginative, and well executed, she was also a strong mentor to members of her club and others. She was not only interested in what we were doing with our miniatures, she was also interested in and loved our children and grandchildren. A friendly, out-going and loving person, she will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. Thanks for the memories and good times, Tom. We love you.

Rachel Bonney

Welcome to New and Returning E-3 Members

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

Lucy Cruse, Atlanta, GA
Michele Hartwell, Greenville, SC
Adrienne Seus, Melbopurne, FL
Gayle Taylor, Ladson, SC
Gina Winter, Fuquay-Varina, NC

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April 23, 2016. Carolina State Day. Theme: "Under My Hat." Lexington, SC.

April 29-30. Chattanooga Fun Day. Theme: Mardi Gras. For more information contact Ginger Morrison, gingerchatt@comcast.net or Winifred Holloway, georgialeel6@att.net.

July 21-24, 2016. NAME National Convention, "Welcome to My Garden", Seattle, WA.

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

October 20-23, 2016. Trick or Treat in Tennessee. Theme: The Christmas Market. DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, Tennessee.

November 5, 2016. The Third Annual Mooresville Dolls, Miniatures and Dollhouse Show and Sale Hilton Garden Inn in Mooresville, North Carolina.

January 2017. E-3 Regional Retreat. Atlanta GA.

April/May 2017. Carolina State Day, Charlotte, NC. Host, Indian Trail Mini Makers.

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 – A Southern Celebration."

Fall, 2018. Small Scales Houseparty, Tarrytown, NY