



NAME REGION E-3 REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

May 2016



A MESSAGE FROM OUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Greetings everyone! We have had a busy Spring in the Region. I had the pleasure of attending Carolina State Day at the end of April. This was a first for North and South Carolina as we decided to combine resources and alternate states for more variety. The Palmetto Miniature Club of Columbia, SC, was the host club this year, and they provided a wonderful day of fellowship, fun and miniatures! The project, a paper-mache top hat, encouraged people to work in their preferred scale. It was such fun to see all the creativity flowing through the room. Everyone was thrilled with all the extra goodies provided throughout the day. The mini mart was loads of fun, and I saw lots of happy shoppers and vendors!

Many of you attended other events in the Region since February. I would love to hear about the fun you had, too.

Anticipation is building for the NAME Tortoise and Hare race at the end of May. What a fun way to raise funds for NAME! I haven't named my bunny yet, but am leaning toward Fuzz! If you haven't joined in the fun yet, there is still time!

I am also planning my door prize donation, my Houseparty Helper, and most important, my table favors for the 2016 NAME National Convention in Seattle in July. I do have my costume for the Saturday evening banquet planned. Want to know what it will be? Well, you will have to join us in Seattle! I am looking forward to strolling through the gardens and meeting old and new friends!

Please share your other events and travels this summer with us. We love to highlight coming events and share the fun with everyone!

In closing, I would like to take time to extend my sincere thanks to the E-3 Team of volunteers who do so much to support NAME in our region. They have worked hard while I have been Regional Coordinator to help grow our organization in the Southeast and to provide you with opportunities for fun, fellowship and miniatures. My term as RC ends at the National Convention in July in Seattle. I will look forward to our new Regional Team with their new, innovative ideas for our hobby and region. I am also grateful for the opportunity to have met so many members and to experience miniatures through this wonderful organization.

Keep working on minis and have a great summer!

Marie Bird, E-3 Regional Coordinator

RECENT E-3 EVENTS.

Chattanooga Funday, April 29-30, Chattanooga, TN.

The Chattanooga Miniature Society held their 32nd annual Funday on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30. We welcomed over 35 guests to two days of over 15 different classes, both full day and half day. Our attendees wigged and dressed dolls, made upholstered furniture, made food,

wove baskets, created fairy gardens, created snow scenes and more! We had lunch on Friday and supper Friday evening. Lunch again on Saturday kept us focused and able to get back to work in the afternoon. There was a small shopping area with lots of different goodies as well as close access to the miniature shop. We are so sorry for those who couldn't attend this year, but we'll be back next year, last weekend in April and we hope at the same location. Come join us!

Becky Lipscomb

Carolina State Day, "Under My Hat," Lexington, SC, April 28, 2016. It's been my dream to host a state day since I became state rep, four years ago and with this year being Palmetto Miniature Club's 10th anniversary, how very fitting we celebrate with a state day. Our club started ten years ago in order to host a state day for everyone. That year it was a Charleston Veranda designed by Pam Stephens. Five years later, we made his/her bookends designed by Marie Bird. This time, the theme was "Under my Hat", designed by me. In the tradition of Pam Junk, the project was a paper mache top hat to create your own "Under my Hat" scene. Club members' hats ranged in theme from Alice in Wonderland, horror movie theaters, mouse size night clubs and houses, wedding cakes, Minion parties, steam punked rooms.



Attendees created everything from a Dickens Village scene to the "Too Much Coffee Café". It was a sort of mad hatter day with a hat parade and contest in real life scale at lunch.



Hat Contest Parade

We had a dollhouse hat contest throughout the day with attendees donating coins to vote for their favorite hats. For workshops in the afternoon, we had miniature dollhouse hat kits in three scales and cake decorating kits in three scales. I would like to thank Ruth Stewart for her generosity and assistance in putting together the decorating kits for everyone. I felt a little like a junkie gathering empty syringes from the restroom after the event, but everyone went home with a clean decorator tip and syringe of frosting for their cakes.

We had several vendors and loads of supplies donated by our generous members. I would like to give a shout out to Rachel Bonney for donating lots of feathers for our attendees. Everyone had lots of bling, foof and feathers to choose from for making their hats.

I would also like to thank our very special club members for the opportunity to host a state day again. It was a struggle to find time with all the events going on in the region, but we did it and I am ever so grateful to them all...what a talented, creative and enthusiastic group we have!

Karen Dickert made top hat cookies to match our theme and hosted games and door prizes. Angie Morrison designed our logo, signs, souvenir booklets, name tags and managed our hat contest. Denise Hollingsworth managed our supply table. Peggy Fowler designed our beautiful quarter inch hall tree souvenirs and donated the tools for our centerpieces. Cat Wingle helped assemble the souvenirs. Debbie Love managed our state day helpers and created beautiful centerpieces with those tools and Angie's logo. Deb Albert gathered and distributed tote bag favors. Carolyn Peck kept us fed all day. Pat Campbell managed the registration table and created our committee gift with Bridgett Munn. The gift was a quarter scale acrylic shop counter with a tiny acrylic shelf inside and lace to line the shelf. Marie Bird kept us all on budget and on-task. Many other members volunteered hours and supplies to make our event so very much fun for everyone.

Special thanks to everyone who attended. I'm so glad you could see "under my hat" and come celebrate with our very special club.

Sharon Johnson, SC State Rep

REGIONAL AND CLUB NEWS

I want to let you all know that when Marie steps down as E-3 RC, I'll be stepping down as newsletter editor as well. After almost 12 years of doing the newsletter, it's time to turn the task over to someone new. I want to thank all the club presidents and other folks who have sent me information for this section, which 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 our new newsletter editor. Just a reminder that you need to send her the information (and pictures!) as soon as you have it. Remember that if you don't see anything about your club in this section it is because nothing was submitted for inclusion. Reports from individuals are also welcome. Thanks for a great 12 years and best of luck to the new E)3 team! RB

Alabama.

The Mobile Miniature Club (C-490). You may remember an earlier newsletter that featured a story on the building of a miniature replica of the Governor's Palace in Williamsburg, Virginia by a lady named Mary Frost, who had started working on the house some 30-plus years ago while living in Michigan.

As a younger lady, Mary had made several dollhouses for her grandchildren, and her husband, Charlie, decided she would enjoy a house for herself. She decided on the Governor's Palace as "her" house, as she had always enjoyed visiting it in Williamsburg. The Frosts had a house shell constructed, and Mary set out to working on it. Unfortunately, Charlie took ill and work on the house stopped so that Mary could care for her husband until his death.

Mary then moved back to Mobile, Alabama, her hometown and brought the house with her. She continued to work on the house with help with Charlie and Carol Beaulieu, who were longtime members of the Mobile Miniature Club. Charlie and Carol both had health issues and they, too, passed away. It was at that time, I started helping Mary with the house as she was determined to finish it before she died. Did I mention she was in her 90s at the time? Well, I am happy to report that the house is now complete – just in time for Mary's 97th birthday on March 28!

My special thanks to Priscilla Verigan who stepped in to make exact replicas of pieces in the Palace including a spectacular chandelier and a pair of bamboo chairs that she hand-carved (among other things)! I could not have done it without her and her knowledge of the period! To give you an idea of the man-hours involved in this project, I started helping Mary before I retired in July of 2013. After my retirement, I worked on the house on a regular basis going almost every Monday for the better part of the day. Priscilla, Bette Summerour and other members of our club also contributed to the project over the years! Mary is so very proud of the now completed house and we are

readying for a private reception for our club members and a later public reception at the retirement village where Mary now resides. So glad to be done at long last!



Mary Frost with house

Roxann Dyess, President

Florida

Les Petits Collecteurs of South Florida (C-127).

Our club is very pleased that our March 12th Miniature Show and Sale was well received. Our show theme was "Put On A Show", and the exhibits were lovely. We also featured the NAME window project as part of our display. Since we did well we were able to add to our charitable gifts. Our total donations this year are \$1,500 to Kids In Distress, \$1,500 to AVDA, and \$500.00 to NAME.

Our club is already preparing for next year's show. The theme of our exhibit room will be "It Takes a Village". Our members received a Greenleaf Primrose kit, which will be converted and bashed into part of a village scene. The kits can be turned into shops, residences, chapels, parks, offices, theaters, etc. It is up to the member's imagination. We will spend the next few meetings assembling and electrifying the models. The village will be landscaped and displayed at our March 11 show next year.

Our membership has increased this year. We have four new members and another person working towards membership. We hope to mentor a small sister club under Roy Moore's direction. It will be fun sharing ideas, expertise, and supplying leftover materials to the group.

We recently held elections. Our club Installation Dinner was held on May 4 at the Delray Beach Golf and Country Club. Denise Bees is our new president. She has so many ideas, and she is leading the building of our village. It should be a very enjoyable year.

Marilyn Freedman

Georgia

North Carolina

Mini Reflections Miniature Club (C-789). Like most of our E-3 clubs, Mini Reflections has had a busy winter and spring, and summer and fall promise to be just as busy.

Winter meetings involved working on a kitchen vignette, teaching members different construction and lighting techniques this was put aside while we spent

several meetings working on totebag favors for both Carolinas State Day and the small scales houseparty in Greenville in September.

Our annual reward workshop for participating in the 2015 Enchanted Village at the Southern Christmas Show is next on the agenda, a 1/4" barn and hillbilly band (made of wire people and taught by Jan Sylsberry7). The barn is the project for the club's May meeting, and the wire people, complete with their musical "instruments" will be made at the actual workshop in June. June is also our birthday month, celebrated with a potluck picnic supper and gift exchange at our regular June meeting.

We'll return to finishing the kitchen project in July and August while we also prepare our exhibits for the Christmas Show in Charlotte and November and our 3-month exhibit (October through December) at the Mooresville Public Library.

And our members have been and will be active on the houseparty and mini show trails. A number of us attended Carolina State Day in Lexington, SC., on April 23, some will be at the National Convention in Seattle, and almost everyone in the club hopes to attend the small scales houseparty in Greenville in September, some as committee members and some as guests.

Rachel Bonney, Secretary

Asheville Miniature Enthusiasts (C-851)

The Asheville club has continued to be busy! Our March meeting was led by Kim, who had us making adorable book shelves, chair, bulletin board, and clip board. The book shelves and chair were made using woodsies shaped like teddy bears! They'll be a nice addition to our NAME Day room with the bunk beds. Rose led the April meeting where we made backpacks. Cat is taking the lead in May with pull toys. By the time we have our NAME Day celebration we'll have a room full of accessories to go with our bunk beds.

Our club is again sponsoring a NAME Day celebration on October 1. Details still need to be determined but if history repeats itself we'll have a wonderful day! The Asheville area is a great place to make a weekend of it if people don't want to come for just a day. There are the mountains and parks to explore and, of course, the Biltmore Estate.

A couple of us were able to attend the wonderful Carolinas State Day sponsored by the Palmetto Miniature Club and chaired by Sharon Johnson, SC State Rep. Neither Johnnie or I did anything with our projects while there and a third member who had planned to come couldn't make it at the last minute. So we purchased the extra hats for the club and will bring "Under Your Hat" to Asheville!

At our May meeting we made pull toys under the direction of Cat Morris. We held a discussion about whether our club believes we can sponsor a State Day in 2019. Indian Trail Mini Makers is sponsoring Carolinas State Day in 2017, we have the National Convention in Charleston in 2018 so there won't be a state day that year, which brings us to 2019. Our club is small but has some dedicated folks involved. We are very tentatively supporting the idea but need some more details before we

can fully commit. We brainstormed theme ideas – so far the idea of a saloon/bordello, probably in quarter scale, seems to be winning out. The major concern is whether we have enough members to do all the jobs that need to be done. If we do decide to take on the challenge we'll be looking to other clubs/people for support, so stay tuned!

Lissa Loosemore, Club President

Round Tuits (C-988) Sorry for being late, but the Round Tuits One again did not get around to it! However, we are tentatively planning a “meeting” in June, believe it or not!

Jan McCandliss

Merry Mini Makers of the Triad (C-1021)

Miniature Enchantment (C-1033) formerly Piedmont Carolinas NAME Group. (C-862) Miniature Enchantment is finishing up the wrapping up of the 2015 Enchanted Village at the Southern Christmas Show and beginning preparations for the 2016 show. Entry forms will be going out in late June or early July and are due by September 15, the absolute deadline. We hope you are planning to exhibit, to monitor, or at least to attend the show. All the exhibits are new each year, are in all scales, and show incredible diversity (even of the same project) and and imagination. Please join us in 2016!

Rachel Bonney, Secretary

Miniature Collectors Society of Charlotte C-1034.

Our club has been busy planning projects, updating our club roster and some have participated in the mini events that were held in our area. Almost half of our members attended the Carolina State Day in South Carolina “Under My Hat”. We sent a houseparty helper, a nice assortment of mini flowers and plants.

The club project for March was “glitter” or “putz” houses. We used pastel glitter scrap book papers, so they were perfect for spring and Easter. We came up with a new and faster technique, so there is less folding involved, and they can be finished very quickly. The hardest part is cutting out all the tiny windows and doors.

The picture below is a row of finished glitter houses, the table is from Dollar Tree. It comes unfinished, so it is easy to paint any color.



Barbara Boeckstiegel, President

Spencer Doll and Toy Museum. Nestled in the little town of Spencer, NC, is the ever-growing Spencer Doll and Toy Museum. The museum is home to many dolls, toys, trains, trucks and MINIATURES!

The museum has a dedicated section for miniatures. The miniature exhibits are very popular among children and adults. Recently 300 local middle school students visited the museum. When asked what their favorite exhibits were - unanimously, the boys all answered "the little houses."



Middle school boys eagerly look into the March Doll House, a permanent exhibit.

Exhibits rotate quarterly, featuring different themes. We're looking for clubs and miniaturists who would like to exhibit their treasures at the Spencer Doll and Toy Museum. In fact, if you'd like to help us grow our permanent MINIATURE exhibits and have a piece you'd like to donate, please contact us.

The museum, at 108 4th St. in Spencer, is strategically located across the street from the N.C. Transportation Museum, in Rowan County (minutes off of I-85).

This is no “rinky-dink” sideshow with a few toys on a couple of shelves. Bring your club and family for a visit! You'll love it. We are also looking for volunteers. For more information contact

www.SpencerDollAndToyMuseum.com 704-762-9359

Beth Nance

South Carolina

Palmetto Miniature Club (C-977). March and April meetings were dedicated to finishing details for Carolina State Day. We had a lot of fun preparing and getting the details down! Several of us met early Friday evening to get the community center ready for our Saturday adventures. The May meeting was spent working on tote bag favors for Seattle.

We have a new slate of club officers in June. Thanks to “retiring” officers Marie Bird, Treasurer, Pat Campbell, Secretary, and our dear Charlotte Krauser, V.P., who have worked hard for the club. Our new officers are Pam Stephens, President, Bridgett Munn, V.P., Angie Morrison, Secretary, and Pat Campbell, Treasurer.

We celebrated our 10th year anniversary in April and we are looking forward to many more years of fun, friends and adventures in miniatures!

Carolyn Peck

Tennessee

Chattanooga Miniature Society. (C-325). See report in the past E-3 events section.

Becky Lipscomb

Tri-M (Memphis Miniature Maniac C-811)

Members of the Tri-M club in Memphis, TN, finished another great year with a savory potluck luncheon and gift exchange at Maggie Miller's holiday-trimmed home. 2015 was another extraordinary year of member-initiated projects. Members looked forward to an all day January meeting to construct our 2015 delayed NAME Day projects. (see photo below)



The ladies of Tri-M in Memphis, TN eagerly started a year-long project at their March meeting. The all day workshop included a potluck with some really delectable dishes. Of course, there was "some" conversation as work progressed through the day!

Pam Rummel hosted the foray which took place at her lovely MS home. Kits were prepared for assembly by Pam, Beth Stegall, and Libby Agee.

Libby Agee, long-time member of NAME and member of Tri-M, and known to many, underwent surgery in mid-April. Though on her way to a healthy recovery, she still needs your thoughts and prayers

2016 will once again be filled with new and unique projects.

Janie Kocman

Tri-Cities Miniature Enthusiasts (C-920) The Tri Cities Miniature Enthusiasts of Upper East Tennessee has had a very busy year so far. January found us creating a project by our newest member, Candee Marshall. The project had been planned for August 2015, but Candee was involved in a car wreck on the way to club meeting. Fortunately she was not hurt, but the project was postponed till January. It was a one-inch garden seat and shelf unit.

February was an exciting month because we were finally able to work on our 2015 NAME day kits. The kits were delayed several months due to the fact that our cutter had problems with her laser.

During the March meeting our president, Judy Jaynes, led the program with a quarter inch mouse bedroom in a small box with a sliding glass front. She had even made each of us a tiny mouse head to place on a pillow.

During April we worked on a project from the *Miniature*

Gazette. It was the North Carolina state day project. Members were able to choose their scale, and Ann Anderson cut kits for everyone. The finishing and furnishing were to be done at home.

Ann Anderson

UPCOMING E-3 EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES...

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

Public day in Greenville!

OK, you're not going to the Greenville SC Small Scales Regional for whatever reason, then why would you want to go to public day? Well, there are lots of reasons.

First good reason: for the inspiration. On Public Day the exhibit room is still open and the exhibits are on display. There are finished houses, rooms and vignettes that other people have done and put in the exhibit room to share with everybody. There are past classes that people took and have finished, or things built from scratch, or finished kits. Can't decide on a color scheme for your latest project? Or what to do with that awkward corner? Or even which project to start next? Here's a plethora of examples laid out for you to see. Someone has already solved that problem or maybe they just came close, but you can use the idea to solve your own dilemma. It's impossible to visit the Exhibit Room and not leave with a ton of new ideas!

Second good reason: for the wonderful shopping! There will be artisans in the Sales Room that may never be in this area again. There are new faces that you've heard about but never seen in person before. There are the super-stars of the small-scale world that you've read about but never met.

Best of all, there are miniatures in all prices and types that you can see and buy and take home right now. There is always something unexpectedly affordable or amazingly lifelike even though it's so tiny. I guarantee that you won't leave empty handed.

Third good, and best, reason: the contact with other people who love Small Scale Miniatures. The best way to visit Public Day is to grab a buddy and make a day of it! Leave early, stop for coffee and breakfast. Public Day is open from 11:30 to 4:00. Tour the Exhibit Room, take your cameras and notebooks. Grab a sit-down lunch and compare notes and swap new ideas. Head for the Sales Room, spend the rest of the afternoon in the Sales Room, meet new mini friends, meet the Artisan you've always wanted to meet, find exactly the things you've been looking for, probably even less expensive than you thought (but maybe not). Head for home, rest your feet, swap more ideas in the car. Stop for dinner and you and your buddy can plan the next project while you're still excited about the new ideas. Get home and rest, it's been a great day!

Whatever you're reasons or hopes, visiting the Public Day is a great time, and for Greenville Small Scales, we've added some great FREE demos to make it even more fun! Check these out!

12:30 - Amy Rauch, LED lighting basics.

1:30 - Andy Tamburo, basic rotary tool and basic scroll saw for beginners.

2:30 - Debbie Young, laying and finishing really nice small scale floors using real wood.

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.

Carolina Christmas Party, Dec. 2-4, 2016. We kick off the Christmas season on Friday December 2nd at Sharon Towers in Charlotte, NC with Dinner and a Mini. The committee is working hard on it and here's what we have so far.....We have a Reindeer Barn! The Friday night Dinner and a Mini project is a reindeer barn vignette in 1/4" scale. Inspired by "The Wild Christmas Reindeer" children's book, the barn is complete with a sleigh for Santa. We have plans for an optional mini swap, everyone attending will be invited to participate in shoebox sales, and we have some new things in the planning stage. Dinner is included. There is a \$35 fee to attend and seating may be limited so sign up early!

As always, Saturday all day is free Make and Takes. This is a fun way to spend the day with friends. Most kits are Christmas related and are totally free. Munchies and drinks available all through the day. No reservations, first come, first served. (If we have an overflow crowd, we'll rotate in and out of the seats, everybody gets to play. No small children please.)

And the Sunday class will be 2 quarter scale elves by Cat Winger suitable for use in your Reindeer barn. The elves will be ready to dress and you will have a choice of tunic colors. Seating is limited to 10 people, class fee is \$50.

For more information contact Debbie Love, 704-277-0805

ABOUT OUR E-3 MEMBERS

In Memory

Charlotte Krauser

The Palmetto Miniature Club lost one of its most active and creative members in March. Charlotte Krauser passed away peacefully from a brain tumor with her beloved family by her side. Any time the club needed something special created, Charlotte was our go-to person. Her favorite craft was needlework, and we all treasured her needlework items.

She is survived by her husband Jeff, her four children and eight grandchildren. The ninth grandchild to be born in June will be named for her grandmother.

Charlotte had been a NAME member since the organization was established and attended many conventions and house parties as she lived all over the US. Both organizations have lost a valuable friend and resource.

Welcome to New and Returning E-3 Members

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

Mary Beam, West Palm Beach, FL
Rose Marie Beckman, Greenville, SC
Sue Brauer, Charlotte, NC
Denise Crescitelli, Margate, FL
Ann Davis, Foley, AL
Linda Disher, Summerville, SC
Jo Anne Ehlert, Buford, GA
Bonnie Hook, West Columbia, SC
Jean Kelso, Hermitage, TN
Bobbie Kendall, McDonough, GA
Carol Lupo, Sea Harbor, FL
Debbie Malone, Lakeland, FL
James Malone, Lakeland, FL
Kirsten Smolensky, Brentwood, TN
Ellen Wallace, Greenbrier, TN
Ashley Wiggins, Ormond Beach, FL
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E-3 EVENTS CALENDAR

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.

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

Fall, 2018. Small Scales Houseparty, Tarrytown, NY