



to all A-1 Members

SPRING 2009

from Deb:

Well here we are, it is spring already (finally!) Can you believe how fast time is flying by... we have so much going on in our region this year and plans for future events...can't wait to see it all play out... we will be busy this year.

We have several new members that have joined our A-1 team this year. Before I introduce them to you, I would like to express thanks to **Serna Sheridan**. She has been a very valuable member of our team for several years, both as the Illinois State Rep and as the A-1 Program Chairman. Serna will still be seen at shows with her miniature business, Little Lodgings, or teaching or just attending for 'fun'. Thanks Serna for all you do and all you have done for NAME and the A-1 region.

I would like to introduce new A1 team members: **Dorothy McKee**, Iowa State Rep, **Janet McCandliss**, Missouri State Rep, **Cathy Kalte and Veronica Foreman** Illinois co- State Reps. And welcome back: **Marie Martin**, Minnesota State Rep, and **Lynn Jensen**, Wisconsin State Rep: and lets not forget **Lee Frank** is our web-master and **Jo Dewane** is our newsletter editor. So please contact your state rep if you have any questions, about things going on in your area or just to say hi.

from your A-1 Team

Altho the calendars say its 'springtime,' the actual weather doesn't always agree! (but after the past winter, we'll take anything without snow!) However, as always, miniaturing (is that a word???) is an actuality with many fun things to look forward to.

Our region is fortunate to have several shows in the area. By the time you receive this newsletter, some will be over . . .with more to come. With the economy the way it is, it is sometimes hard to justify spending money on miniatures. However, we can still attend shows to see what's new, to get ideas, to show our support, and for inspiration. Usually just talking to other miniaturists gives us a whole new outlook!

In May the first Wisconsin **State Day** for many years will be held. Check the NAME website, the A1 website, or contact any of the A1 team members for further information.

AND coming this fall . . . A **Round Table Day** is being planned. See page 2 in this newsletter for more about this fun event!

We are once again requesting news about your minis, your clubs, your community & how you raise awareness about miniatures. We welcome any tidbits or tell us what you're doing as individuals.

Have you checked out our very own A-1 website? The address is

<http://www.name-region-a1.org>

Lee created this for the region. Your help is needed . . . mini news and events . . . pictures . . . AND!?!?!

*"To me old age is always
fifteen years older than I am."*

--- Bernard Baruch

Round Table Day Proposed

Missouri is planning its first-ever 'Round Table Day' for 25 people. What is a Round Table Day, you ask? The answer is simply: a day of fun, making a number of simple (Round Table) kits and enjoying the company of fellow miniaturists. Minis Only Club will be sponsoring this event (at the begging of member **Jan McCandliss**, MO State Rep), and to this end we have already either collected or have been promised up to 7 kits for each person who attends.

We expect to keep the cost under \$35, which includes lunch and snacks, and to that end are asking for A-1 Region clubs or individuals to donate 25 identical kits for the registrants to build. These kits should be something for which you would pay up to \$5 each and need to contain complete directions.

There will also be raffle items to help off-set costs, including a year's membership (or renewal) to NAME. Each registrant gets one chance to win, and may buy tickets for additional chances, as well as to win other items which will be donated. You do have to be present to win. Any money collected above costs will be donated equally to NAME and the St. Louis Miniature Museum.

A registration form will be included in the next copy of this newsletter. We are planning to do this in early Fall, so there should be time enough to register. You do not have to be a member of NAME to attend, so plan to bring a friend!

If you or your club would like to donate kits or a raffle item, please let me know, either by e-mail at jmccandliss@sbcglobal.net, snail mail at 1738 Boneta Ave, Richmond Heights, MO 63117, or phone at 314-644-6751 (home) or 314-565-9055 (cell). If you have any questions, or would like some information about how to do this in your own area, I would be happy to answer. **Jan McCandliss**, MO State Rep.

"A picture is a poem without words"

--- Horace

ILLINOIS

(from Illinois state reps)

Wee'c'Club

The 2009 club project is a cottage. Members could choose to do the project in 1", ½", or ¼". Several programs will be given during the year on finishing techniques. In October, the cottage will be in the annual competition. Projects will also be on display at the Wee 'c' show in November.

In April, members will be doing a "Trash to Treasure" project. Members were asked to bring 70 of the same item. There will be a mini contest for completed projects at the August potluck meeting.

Several members met at **Pat Wehmeier's** house in Jan. to make tote bag favors for the NAME National Houseparty in Indianapolis this coming July.

Carole Baranowicz was named the 2008 Miniaturist of the Year at the Holiday party in Dec. 2008. Carole is a long time member of the club and has held several board positions.

The 35th Annual Wee 'c's Whimsical Wonderland Miniature Show & Sale will be Nov. 13 & 14, 2009. The new hours for the show are: Fri. 5 to 10pm, & Sat. 10am to 5pm.

For club or show information, please visit our website: www.weecminiclub.com.

Midstate Minimakers of Illinois

We would like to Congratulate our member **Judy Helbling**. She won first place in the Creatin' Contest from Hobby Builders Supply. Her project is titled "The Old Woman in the Shoe" You can see Judy's entry & others on the Hobby Builders Supply website (www.miniatures.com) or in their catalog.

WISCONSIN

MAME

(Madison Area Miniature Enthusiasts)

President **Nancy Flanagan** & Secretary **Gerry Schlecht**, pass along club information:

MAME is a Blue Ribbon Club.

Classes held ---

Diane Barden - toy making - January
Barb Hefti - greeting card project - March
Diane Barden - school supplies - April
Donna Thorson - ballerina in a trunk - April

Two new members were welcomed: **Linda Martin** (who has been into miniatures since 1972) and **Lynn Molis** (who has been into miniatures since 1940 & has her first doll house with original furniture).

A Madison teacher, working with ten second grade girls who are reading "The Doll People", contacted Nancy. She is looking for a dollhouse display and project. **Peggy Bugg, Joan Emden, Jan Waisman** and **Loretta Snee** volunteered to do this. It is a wonderful way to promote our hobby – get young people interested!

The club decided to do a group project using Michael's CD holder that looks like a half scale two story house. Our goal is to complete these for an exhibit that can be set up as a street, hopefully to be displayed at the Sun Prairie Library in December.

A sad note . . . We lost a very dear and valuable friend, **Marjorie Thomas**. We will miss her and her smile. She did much for the miniature world and for our MAME club. She will leave a void in our club, which she joined in the early 80s. The club decided to send \$100 to NAME in Marjorie's name

*"Honesty is the first chapter in
the book of wisdom"*

- Thomas Jefferson

WEBSITES of interest . . .

(note: we are not promoting any of these websites . . . just passing along information received)

www.IntoTheGlue.com (from MAME)

Registration to the site is free and gives access to many features of interest such as free forums and a photo gallery for collectors, designers, and builders of dollhouses, dioramas and room box displays. You can find out about magazines, books, software, and other resources for designing and creating miniatures.

Let us know if you know of any websites of interest to miniaturists.

*"Experience is the name everyone
gives to their mistakes"*

- Oscar Wilde

NEW:

A1news2009@gmail.com

An email address for this newsletter is now available. Send your mini hints, how-tos, fun websites, or anything else you would like to see in this newsletter. Also send any club news, what you have done in your community to promote miniatures or any other mini-related news you wish to share. Let others know what's happening in other areas of our region.

Remember NAME's motto:

*"Only through sharing
can we really enjoy our treasures"*

to email or not to email

It has been suggested that this newsletter be sent via email for those who choose to receive it that way. We are starting to organize that. If you would prefer an email newsletter, write to A1news2009@gmail.com; say 'Yes, I want my newsletter sent to my email'. Include your name, snail mail address and email address.

NAME National Convention

The 2009 National convention is within driving distance for most of us! It is being held in Indianapolis, IN (July 16th – 19th). Call the NAME office to see if openings are still available (800-571-6263). Check out the NAME website for more information & to see the workshops offered.

While at the convention, remember to attend the A-1 regional meeting . . . this is a good time to meet (& put faces to names) more members from our region.

A NAME Convention is a gathering of like minded miniature enthusiasts who come together to play and learn all about the miniatures world. It is an opportunity to meet others with the same passion; those who want to learn new techniques, view fantastic exhibits, take workshops from world renowned artisans, and exchange ideas about building and collecting miniatures. There are souvenir gifts, wonderful centerpieces, table favors and door prizes. You can phone (800) 571-6263 for more information.

July 18-19, Indianapolis, IN **Public Days at NAME National Convention and Show**

Marriott Indianapolis East, 7202 East 21st Street
Hours: Saturday 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

Sunday 12 noon to 4:00 p.m

Admission for the public days:

Adults \$5.00; Reduced for children

Linda Shepherd, (765) 747-1272

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Or

NAME office, (800) 571-6263

name@miniatures.org

*“Strangers are just friends
waiting to happen”*

Museums

Whether attending the National Convention itself or coming for the public days, try to take advantage of visiting at least one of the TWO miniature museums in nearby Carmel, IN. The ‘NAME Museum’ (house / office) and the ‘Museum of Miniature Houses and Other Collectibles’ are within walking distance of each other.

Events within the NAME A-1 Region

June 5-6, 2009, Glen Ellyn, IL (Chicago)

3 Blind Mice Miniature Show & Sale

Linda Frye (513) 861-0704

<http://www.3blindmiceshow.com>

August 28-30, Arlington Heights, IL (Chicago)

Bishop Chicago Miniatures Show & Sale

Tom Bishop (561) 434-6622

<http://www.BishopShow.com>

September 4-5, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

Minneapolis/St. Paul Miniature Show & Sale

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September 12, Peoria, IL

Peoria Area Miniature Society

Annual Miniature Show and Sale

Kathleen Denney (314) 484-6333

E-mail: katdenney@gmail.com

October 2-4, St. Louis, MO

Gateway Miniature Fair Show & Sale

Miniature Museum of Greater St. Louis

(314) 261-7439

<http://www.miniaturemuseum.org>

November 13-14, Elk Grove Village, IL (Chicago)

Wee'c's Whimsical Wonderland

Rae Doliber, (847) 708-8173

<http://www.weecminiclub.com>

More information about the above shows is available on the NAME A-1 website

<http://www.name-region-a1.org>

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NOTE: By the time this newsletter went to press, the Wisconsin State Day was over. More info in the Summer newsletter.

*“Life is 10% what happens to you
&
90% what you do with what happens to you”*

- anonymous