



to all A-1 Members

August 2010

“Hi” from your Regional Co-coordinator

Just wanted to say a quick hello to all of you. I’ve been extremely busy partly because of a move & everything that goes with it. My new address is:

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Deb

***“We don’t stop playing because we grow old;
We grow old because we stop playing”***

--- George Bernard Shaw

National NAME Day

October 2, 2010 is the first National NAME Day. The concept is to have all (or or at least many) NAME members working on the same project (a **hutch** designed by Debbie Young . . . available in all scales) on the same day. Further information about this event can be found on the NAME website. Events in the A-1 region include: Metro Mini Makers in Moline, IL; Alison Pearce from Janesville, WI with the Madison Area Club in Madison, WI; Cathy Kalte at her home in Prairie Grove, IL. See ‘Events in A-1’ further in this newsletter for more information. Online groups (NAME online region, Quarter connection) are also participating in the event. Check the NAME website for details.

“National Conventions”:

You may have been hearing “Seattle” a lot lately. The 2010 NAME National Convention was held there in July. More than 40 A-1 members attended the convention. You can check the NAME website for more information about all the wonderful things that went on . . . souvenirs & tote bag favors & houseparty helpers & workshops & sales room & displays & garage sale & roundtables & on & on.

Regional meetings are held at the annual National Convention. Lynn Jensen gave each attendee at this meeting a mini thermos bottle. Information & discussion of this year’s A-1 meeting included: 2014 National in St Louis; the newsletter; National NAME Day.

Clubs (or ‘no clubs’) were discussed. Our region covers a large geographical area. Alternatives to ‘regular’ clubs are possible. Two suggestions were getting together quarterly or only once a year; an ‘email only club.’

Cleveland, Ohio is the site of the 2011 National NAME Convention. The theme is *With a Song in My Heart*. It’s not too early to start making plans to attend. Think about spending a few days with 500 other miniaturists!

***“Chocolate is the answer . . .
Who cares what the question is!”***

--- unknown

***** remember 2014 *****

The **2014 National Convention will be in St Louis, MO**. Co-chairs are Jan McCandliss and Deb Baker. The theme is ***Rollin’ On the River*** . . . chosen because all five states in the A-1 region touch the Mississippi River. It is not too early to start thinking about tote bag favors & to get an early start on making them. More information will be announced as it becomes available.

* * * CLUBS * * *

One Wisconsin club has a fun way to “recycle” minis and/or to earn ‘money’ for “new” ones . . . all while promoting miniatures and giving members an incentive to participate in club activities.

MAME (Madison Area Miniature Enthusiasts) club members earn “mini money” to spend at their annual auction.

Mini money (Monopoly-type money) is earned in many ways. Some of these include: One Dollar --- attending monthly meeting, bringing the treat, completing previous month’s activity, bringing a show & tell item, sharing a new idea-product. Two Dollars --- attending an “extra” club event’ bringing a guest, advertising the club, assisting a teacher. Three Dollars --- bringing a former member back, teaching a class, arranging for a guest speaker/teacher, doing a demo for another group.

All year money is handed out at monthly meetings. Individuals are responsible for getting & keeping track of their own money.

At the May meeting an auction is held using donated items. People clean out their stashes / downsize their collections. Sometimes club dues are used to buy gift certificates from local craft stores. Members also donate “new” items.

A table of “smaller” (meaning less valuable) items are sold for 10 minutes @ \$1 / then another 10 minutes @ 2/\$1. Any leftovers are given to Lynn Jensen for NAME tote bags. “Larger” items go into a silent auction.

What fun!!! It can even get to be very competitive at times.

If you would like more details for your club, you can contact MAME president, Nancy Flanagan at nlflan@charter.net

Do other clubs do anything similar?

Age is nothing but a number!

*“Friendship isn’t a big thing;
It’s a million little things!”*

--- unknown

about the newsletter - from your A-1 Team:

Region A-1 has over 500 members. The comment is often made: “It’s a good idea to have the newsletters emailed. It saves money for A-1 and emphasizes the ‘go green’ concept.” However, it makes one wonder why only approximately 20 have signed up to have theirs emailed!?! Someone wrote in with a great idea . . . she suggested that she would like an email sent to her simply stating that the latest newsletter is posted on the website.

The way things are now, the newsletter is sent to the printers where it is printed, bundled and processed to be mailed. Alternate options are being looked into, and we are hoping to find a solution. Until that happens, those wanting theirs emailed will receive it both ways. As it is set up now, it needs to be ‘all or nothing’.

If you wish to be added to the list and have your newsletter emailed OR if you want an email letting you know when it is on the website; send that request to a1news2009@gmail.com and say “yes, I want my newsletter sent to my email” or “yes, I want a notice that the newsletter is on the A-1 website & no longer want it sent to me.” Include your name, snail mail address and email address. (NOTE: *This is only for A-1 newsletter mailings. Addresses will NOT be given out or used for anything else.*)

That being said leads to the next topic. The region makes money by selling magazines and grab bags. We are lucky to have several shows in our area. Lynn Jensen & Cathy Kalte have been at the NAME table during Chicago Shows doing this. (*thanks Lynn & Cathy!*) The miniature magazines are sold inexpensively . . . as are the grab bags. The majority of the grab bags are purchased by children on limited budgets. Anyone with magazines &/or grab bag

items to donate, please contact anyone on the A-1 team.

here is some info about two of our
STATE REPS

Lynn Jensen
Wisconsin State Rep

Lynn has been involved in miniatures since about 1980 and joined NAME in 1982. She is now a Life member. Her first house is a replica of the Fantasy island house from the TV show by that name. (Most of it remains unassembled!)

Over the past few years Lynn has gotten more involved in quarter scale projects. She loves garden related scenes and flowers; as well as anything nautical.

Lynn was the Washington State Rep for four years prior to moving back to Wisconsin. She is in her third year as the WI State Rep. She has worked on both regional and National Houseparty convention committees.

“The best thing I have gotten from miniatures and from being a member of NAME are the wonderful friends I have made from all over the country. They have become like family to me, and I treasure their friendship and all the wonderful times we have shared.”

***Good friends are like stars . . .
You can't always see them,
But you know they are there!***

Dorothy McKee
Iowa State NAME rep

As a child, I had a shoebox as my dollhouse with a number of plastic pieces of furniture. I thought it would be wonderful to have an elegant doll's house, but that never happened.

I became interested in miniatures the first year of my retirement, 8 years ago. I was a Speech Language Pathologist for 31 years.

There are 4 of us in the Decorah area that get together to do minis about once a month. When I become interested in a craft, I go all out. I buy the tools, books, and magazines, join the organizations, go to classes, shop at the miniature shops while traveling and of course go to as many shows as possible. I really enjoy the world of miniatures because it is so varied. There are so many crossovers such as needlework, sewing, quilting, beadwork and building with wood.

I love to attend classes, because that is the best way for me to learn. Attending national and regional events sponsored by NAME is a delight.

Most of the things that I have made in the past several years have completed to be given to friends and family. This gives me the opportunity to make a variety of miniature displays that are fun to make and challenging, but not necessarily something that I would like to keep.

I continue to sew for the grandchildren, quilt and dabble in other craft projects. I live with my husband in rural NE Iowa. We have 3 grown children and 3 wonderful grandchildren.

The children live in Washington DC, Chicago area, and San Diego, so that keeps us on the road for visits. NAME membership is down from past years . . . anything you can do to help others to join is great.

Events within the NAME A-1 Region

August 21 - Kansas, MO

Miniature Fantasies

“Gazebo for All Seasons” Miniature Retreat

Legacy Christian Church

10150 Antioch Road

Overland Park, MO

Laura Way (913) 648-2050

E-mail: dreamdollhousestore@yahoo.com

August 27-29, 2010 - Chicago, IL

Chicago Miniatures Show & Sale

show: Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Holiday Inn Express – Palation

1550 East Dundee Road, Palatine, IL

Tom Bishop (561) 434-6622

<http://www.BishopShow.com>

October 15 -17, 2010 - St. Louis, MO

Gateway Miniature Show & Sale

(Miniature Museum of Greater St. Louis)

workshops: Friday October 15

dinner & auction: Friday October 15

show: Saturday, Sunday

Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center

16625 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield

Fay Zerbolio (314) 261-7439

<http://www.miniaturemuseum.org>

November 12-13, 2010 - Elk Grove Village, IL

36th Annual Whimsical Wonderland

Miniature Show & Sale

Friday / Saturday

Wee "c" Miniature Club

Holiday Inn, 1000 Busse Road

Donna Boyd weecminishow@aol.com

<http://www.weecminiclub.com/index.php?inc=3>

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

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

ALSO: *remember to share pictures and your thoughts about the above events with other A-1 members . . . through the newsletter &/or on the A-1 website.*

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National NAME Day

Saturday October 2, 2010

NOTE: preregistration is needed for all of these events

in Moline IL

hosted by **Metro Mini Makers**

of the Quad-Cities

National NAME Day

"Fall Fun"

October 2 **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

First Congregational Church

2201 - 7th Avenue, Moline, IL

Patty Johnson: pattyj46@yahoo.com

in Madison, WI

hosted by Alician Pierce

National NAME Day

“Seasons / Holidays”

October 2: **10 AM until 4 PM.**

HyVee Foodstore Club Room

3801 E.

Madison, WI

ALSO: theme kits & roundtables & swaps.

1”, ½”, and ¼” scales.

Alician Pierce ubfaep@yahoo.com

605 Wexford, Janesville, WI 53546

in Prairie Grove, IL

hosted by Cathy Kalte

National NAME Day

October 2

Cathy’s home

4508 Barreville Road

Prairie Grove, IL 60012

Cathy Kalte ckminis@sbcglobal.net

note: check with your state reps or the NAME website for other possible locations for National NAME State Day events

TRIVIA: *The average American will eat 35,000 cookies in a lifetime.*

A Smile is a curve that sets everything straight

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"Mistakes are lessons of wisdom"

--- Hugh White

Remember to share . . .

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Advice from a River

***Go with the flow
Slow down and meander
Go around obstacles
Stay current***