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Welcome to Our House



NAME House and Museum in Carmel, Indiana

The NAME house is the location of the offices and museum that belong to all of us as members of the organization. The Board was dismayed to see how much the house had been neglected, and took steps to correct the situation. Many volunteers and donations have been at work to fix up the NAME House. Some of the many tasks that have been accomplished are:

Tree and Poison Ivy in back yard have been removed
Yard has been graded and reseeded; grass is growing well
Decayed wood wall has been removed
Basement stair walls are painted
Brick pavers have been set in the walkway
Sign has been painted, lighted and is in the process of being landscaped
Flagpole has been lighted and a new flag is flying
Front entry has been sanded, stained, and refinished to a soft glow
Vinyl siding has been cleaned
Back porch stair has been completed
Both porches have been sanded and painted
Front step posts and handrails realigned and painted
Lattice has been replaced under the back porch
Bathroom has been cleaned
Complete new kitchen has been installed
Kitchen walls and ceilings have been painted
Garage has been totally cleaned out
Electrical outlets have been installed in the garage
New planters have been purchased and filled with flowers

We cannot thank the volunteers and contributors enough!

Regional Coordinators' Corner

We have just returned from a wonderful "Family Reunion" in Indianapolis, Indiana. One of the highlights of the event was the opportunity to visit with friends we have made over the years and to make new friends in workshops and at meals. We had a chance to visit the NAME house and museum in Carmel, Indiana, which has been greatly improved and beautified thanks to the generous contributions of both time and money from NAME members. The landscaping was improved thanks to a grant obtained by Kim Ash from the NAME office. One of the fundraisers involved the opportunity to buy an inscribed brick for the front sidewalk. These bricks are still available if you or your club would like to be recognized in this way.

At the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday morning, we learned that the organization ended the fiscal year with a small surplus of funds, the membership (which had been declining) has begun to grow again, and several new clubs have been chartered. This good news shows that our organization remains strong even in these troubled times!

Much to our amusement and amazement, a new club was chartered during the convention. The all-male "NAME Men's Garden Club" was begun by Roy Moore from Florida and Dan Zerkel from Ohio, and now has 31 members from all over the country. Members are responsible for maintaining and beautifying the landscaping and gardens around the NAME house, and each one has a special gardening nickname such as "Roundup", "Mud", or "Petunia".

Awards

9 members of Region E-1 received pins recognizing their years of membership in NAME:

- 10 years: Olivia Beard-Wall, Cindy Lucas
- 30 years: Jolly Barth, Mabel Born, Jane Liebow, Audrey Smith, Ina Waples
- 35 years: Carol Ann Frost, Jane Schwarz

11 clubs received a Blue-Ribbon Club Award:

C-017 Virginia Miniature Enthusiasts, Richmond, VA, Cynthia Lucas, President

C-383 Fairfax Association of Miniature Enthusiasts, Fairfax, VA, George Pendergraph, President

C-388 Peninsula Heritage Miniature Society, Newport News, VA, Darlene Wilson, President

C-703 Maryland Miniaturists Unlimited, Baltimore, MD, Sara Douglas, President

C-708 Wee Friends Miniature Club, Annapolis, MD, Kirsten Enzinger, President

C-777 Mini Wonder Workers, Fredericksburg, MD, Sue Ann Ketchum, President

C-831 Mt. Vernon Miniature Club, Int., Alexandria, VA, Laurie Sisson, President

C-888 Pocket Pals, Baltimore, MD, Jacqueline Teeter, President

C-899 Miniature Enthusiasts of Westminster, Westminster, MD, Helen Sparks, President

C-902 Inch by Inch Miniature Club, Annapolis, MD, Anita Myers, President

C-951 Maryland Half-Scalers, Hereford, MD, Olivia Beard-Wall, President

Anita Myers received this year's Regional Ambassador Award. (See article later in this issue.)

Cheryl Miller received a certificate and a gift card in appreciation of her years of service as the Region's Webmistress

Congratulations to all!

News, News, News!!!

Regional Ambassador Award

The Regional Ambassador Award is given to one member within each Region for outstanding efforts in promoting NAME and the public awareness of miniatures and the miniature hobby.

Anita Myers was this year's recipient of the award. She received a lovely etched acrylic trophy in honor of her achievement.

Anita has been a member of NAME for 10 years and the president of Inch by Inch Miniature Club for many years. Her club does an annual display during National Dollhouse and Miniatures Month at a local library. She has planned Fun Days and projects for local miniaturists.

Anita has been an active participant in our region's club president's retreats and she has served on three Maryland State Day committees.

Anita has written several articles for the Gazette and is a regular contributor to the Tiny Tattler Newsletter for Region E1. She posts happenings of the region and NAME on The Camp web site.

Anita is always willing to go that extra mile in any activity she tackles. She can laugh at herself and keep others laughing. An example is the time she collected the seed pods of Black-Eyed Susan plants so we could make ½" scale shrubs. Going that extra mile ended with Anita in the wrong yard taking the seed pods from a total stranger. All was forgiven when the stranger received Anita's humorous explanation for her "odd" behavior.

About the Award, Anita says: "I was so surprised and never expected anything like that. And I'd like to thank my miniature club, Inch by Inch Miniature Club of Annapolis, because I wouldn't be where I am today without them. And just where am I? A little bit nutty (happily), looking at the world and everything in it through a miniaturist's eye... and having a ball!

I have given to NAME, yes, but I have received so much more in return. Through miniatures I've learned how to use a computer, found this wonderful on-line group, learned to do on-line publishing, have written magazine articles, honed

my photographic skills, made wonderful friendships... not only locally, but around the globe, met the most amazing people, learned skills in creating, learned how to invent new things, and changed my life so, so much for the better. Heck, I can't even walk outside without looking at weeds in a different light, to see if they can be used in some miniature way (thanks, LadyBug!)."

Congratulations to Anita for a job well done!

Regional Team Update

Romaine Eyer and Helen Sparks will be completing their terms as Regional Coordinators in July 2010. At that time, a new Regional Coordinator will be appointed by the NAME Board of Trustees and that person will select a new Regional Team. If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone else (please check with them first!) for the position of Regional Coordinator, please let Romaine or Helen know by March 1, 2010.

State Days

The purpose of a STATE DAY is to further the goals of NAME by encouraging participation in a day of sharing experiences in miniaturizing, attending workshops, demonstrations, and lectures, viewing exhibits, or touring areas of interest to miniaturists. It is held primarily for NAME members and guests from within a specific state. If there is space available, NAME members and guests from surrounding areas should be included. If your club would like to host a State Day, check with your State Representative or Regional Coordinators to select an appropriate date. A manual called "Maryland State Day Nuts & Bolts" has been created by the State Day committee in Maryland and may be useful in helping with the planning process. Contact Helen Sparks, helens@carr.org, for a copy of this manual. The next Maryland State Day is planned for April 9-10, 2010. More information and registration forms will be found later in this issue.

From Your Maryland State Representative

What a great few months this has been! First there was a very nice yard sale in May. We have already booked the church for May 1, 2010. We have already received some emails from people inquiring about it. Some changes are being made to include food service by the ladies of the church. They will be selling food to vendors and attendees alike. We are also discussing the possibility of expanding our vendors to include collector items such as toys, dolls, mini crafts, etc. so that we have something for people who walk in off the street. There will be more to come about that later.

On June 21st, Darlene Miller set up a day for us to display our minis at a mall in Hagerstown. From that event, Darlene received names of people who would like a club in Hagerstown. She has scheduled the first meeting on August 27th. Way to go Darlene! Looking forward to helping you get started!

Mary Myers, Romaine Eyler, Helen Sparks and I drove to Indianapolis where we joined several other members of E-1 for the National Convention. Carol Ann Frost, Romaine, Helen and I took a workshop or two from Dan Zerkel; designer of the 2010 State Day project (of which you will read more in this and future TT newsletters).

We were proud to accept the Ambassador's Award on behalf of Anita Myers and present it to her at our State Day Meeting on July 26th. Congratulations to our new TT editor on her award.

After the convention was over, Helen, Romaine and I attended a two-day meeting for the RC's. (I lucked out because I was the driver with time on her hands!). At that meeting, we completed a small version of Debbie Young's NAME house. It was great and we learned quite a bit about the workings of NAME and of NAME planned events for 2010 during the two days. You will read more about these things in your RC corner.

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the NAME house/museum. This is another thing that is a "must see" if you are in the area. (Note the bricks in the walk of NAME; you just might recognize some of the names.)

I would like to encourage you all to start saving your pennies for next year's National to be held in Seattle. Just ask Mary; it's a great place to be for all NAME members. We see old friends and come away with even more new friends.

Remember, NAME is your organization. You get out of it only what you put into it. Support local shows that emphasize our organization, attend local events and support your clubs by your attendance.

Looking forward to seeing you at shows and local events this year!

Happy mini-ing!
Olivia Beard-Wall
Maryland State Representative

Pictures from the National Convention



Romaine Eyler, Helen Sparks, Olivia Wall and Don Greenfield



Romaine Eyler, Carol Ann Frost and Mary Myers



Family Trees: Helen Borders, Cindy Lucas & Alexis Hunley (with a miniaturist under construction!)



Some of "The Relatives"



More "relatives"

Dear Editor:

I just got back from the NAME convention in Indianapolis. I have only been involved in miniatures for about three years and was a "first timer" at the convention. To say I had a great time would be an understatement. It took some encouragement from my mentors, Romaine Eyler, Olivia Beard-Wall and Helen Sparks of the MEOW club in Westminster, MD, to convince me to attend the week-long event. I just wasn't sure spending a week of my vacation in Indianapolis was what I wanted to do. But it was Wednesday before I realized I had not watched the news or really realized it was even Wednesday.

What I did know was that I took a couple of really superior workshops, spent a lot of time in the Hospitality Room, collected lots of ideas, saw a lot of great minis (the exhibits were awesome), met a lot of new friends, got some bargains at the garage sale, was wowed at the auction, spent some money in the sales room, visited the NAME museum, and was totally rejuvenated. Everyone was very friendly and supportive. I have been sharing the pictures and stories of my vacation with my co-workers, friends and family, and they are anxious to see my new creations. Thank you so much for a great convention. See ya' next time. Mary Myers

Club Happenings

Club Opportunities

NAME clubs help their members to learn new skills and share what they have accomplished. NAME provides many services to clubs including liability insurance for events, access to a library of instructional slides and videos and a club project manual that is updated annually. There is also a Club Liaison on the Board of Directors who is available to answer questions and resolve problems for clubs. Pay a one-time only fee of \$20 to charter a club. Renew the charter annually by returning appropriate paperwork. At the Club Presidents' Meeting at the National Convention, attendees learned that there are many ways in which NAME members can participate in NAME clubs. Even the requirement that a club must have 5 members before being chartered need not be a stumbling block. Listed below are some club options. If you would like help forming any of these types of clubs or if you have a group of less than 5, contact your State Representative or Regional Coordinators for assistance in getting your club chartered.

Club Options:

1. Members all live in relatively close proximity to one another. They meet regularly on a specified day at a specified time.
2. Members live in different areas. They meet face-to-face one or more times a year.
3. Members live in different areas. They meet online through the use of e-mail, chat rooms, blogs, etc.
4. Members live in different areas. They share projects through the mail.

The type of club that you create is limited only by your imagination!

Maryland Miniatures Unlimited (MMU)

by Carol Ann Frost

On April 18, more than a dozen members of Maryland Miniatures Unlimited met at the Baltimore Museum of Art for a tour of the Cheney Miniature Rooms. For some, it was a first look at the dozen rooms built by Eugene Kupjack for Elizabeth F. Cheney between 1963 and 1984. Since they are part of the museum's permanent collection, many

members of MMU had visited the display before. Members were charmed by the detail and the variety of rooms, including a Shaker Room, a Sea Captain's Study, and a room in the New Orleans French Quarter.

Vice-president Logan Wilhelm organized the trip, which included lunch in Gertrude's, the BMA's charming restaurant. While there, members also visited the Maryland Rooms, a collection of full scale rooms, including architectural details, furnishings and decorations from various periods of Maryland's history, and an exhibit of 19th-century Baltimore Album quilts.

Mt. Vernon Miniatures Club

by Laurie Sisson

The Mt. Vernon Miniatures Club had a lovely outing to visit Cookie Ziemba in April at the National Museum of Art in Washington, DC where her Dutch Canal House was being exhibited. We met Cookie at her exhibit in the museum and spent the morning with her asking questions about her house then touring the Dutch exhibit at the museum including a lovely musical presentation and a hands-on stamping project. Cookie's house was reproduced as one of the stamps and she was presented with a set of them as a gift from the museum. The house had its own guard while the museum was open! Impressive.



The Mt. Vernon Miniatures Club



Cookie Ziemba's Dutch House

It was an invitation we just couldn't pass up! Modelers Palooza for crafters who work with plastic kits invited The Mt. Vernon Miniatures Club to set up a display at their show on May 30th at Fairfax High School in Fairfax, VA. We said YES!

<http://modelerspalooza.com/Maps.html>

The club was given two tables to set up and a contact person. I think they were really impressed with our displays! People stopped to talk to us and show their children our work. We had something in each scale and room boxes as well as small houses. The modelers could not have been more welcoming to us and checked with us during the day.



Cookie Ziemba with her Dutch House



Club Exhibit



Crated house



Club Exhibit

I included a photo from Cookie of the crated house. The museum went down to Florida and crated the house. Cookie came to DC to set it back up for display. What our museums do for us! Gotta love 'em.

Hundreds of people visited us between seven and four that day!

We were also impressed with the work we saw.

This group filled the high school cafeteria with displays and the hallways with vendors. Re-enactors wore costumes and roamed the halls being followed with the flashes of cameras. Several people took time to take us to visit other tables to answer our questions about plastic casting and spray painting. We had some demonstrations that should prove helpful for projects.



Plastic Modeler's Display



Re-Enactors

The plastic modelers are looking for a larger location for their next year's show...well worth attending.

Wee Friends of Annapolis

by Kirsten Enzinger

The Wee Friends miniature club is busy this year working on Peddler's carts and also market stalls. The peddler's carts are an unfinished project from several years ago, and everyone wanted to get theirs finished. We have deadlines and motivation to get these projects finished this year, since they will be on display at the Bowie Library later this fall. The peddler's carts will be on display in October for National Dollhouse and Miniatures Month and the market stalls will be on display for the month of December since most of them will have a Christmas theme. The market stalls started as a joint project with the Mount Vernon club, last year. They were ahead of us and have some beautifully done stalls, which have been great for inspiration and ideas for us. We plan to work on making flowers when we get these two projects done.

We had our anniversary party in May and did our annual trip to Gibby's and the Frizzellburg Antique Store in Westminster. We did a gift exchange and had some lovely gifts.

On Saturday, October 24th, we will hostess our annual mini garage sale and potluck.

Next year will be the 25th anniversary of our club, and we are discussing plans for a big celebration. Our meetings are held once a month at 10am on a Friday and we meet in members' houses. We are a small club and would gladly welcome any new members. For more information, call Kirsten 410-867-0798.

New Club Forming in Hagerstown

Looking for a club in the Hagerstown, MD area? A club so new that it does not yet have a name will have its first meeting on Saturday, August 29, 2009. Contact Darlene Miller 301-733-5849, 240-818-3435(cell). E-mail: dmiller673@myactv.net

Upcoming Events!!!

Display at the Hampstead

Senior Center... Displays are needed for a Senior Center in Hampstead. We have been asked to set up a display during the lunch period for the Senior Center on August 25, 2009, from 11 AM to 2 PM. We can arrive earlier to set up the displays. If you would like to contribute or go please contact Romaine Eyler, 410-840-8538 or romaineeyler@comcast.net

Club Presidents' Retreat

The next Club Presidents' Retreat will take place on Sunday, September 27, 2009 from 11 AM to 4 PM at the Timeout Sports Grille in the TownMall of Westminster, Maryland. Each club is invited to send two representatives. Attendees will order lunch from the restaurant menu at their own expense. Be prepared to share successful projects and activities as well as your questions or concerns. The meeting will include a small project with a cost of \$5.00. Please R.S.V.P. to Romaine Eyler romaineeyler@comcast.net or Helen Sparks helens@carr.org by September 20.

NAME National Day

NAME is planning a national event to take place the weekend of October 1, 2, &3, 2010. Every Region in the country will be encouraging all of its members to participate in this event. The unifying project will be a special hutch designed

by the husband and wife team of Debbie Young and Jeff Packard. Each club or group will decide how the hutch will be incorporated into a club meeting, workshop or Fun Day. In Region E-1, we would like to offer a Fun Day in three locations: Maryland, Northern Virginia and Southern Virginia. Your State Representatives will be planning these events, but they will need YOUR help to be successful, so contact one of them if you would like to participate in the planning process. Hutch kits will also be available for clubs and individuals who are unable to attend the Fun Days but would like to take part in the National Event. Watch the Region E-1 web site for more details.

Hallmark Ornament Challenge

Do you collect Hallmark ornaments (miniature or otherwise)? Watch the *Miniature Gazette* for an announcement about a contest for both clubs and individuals in which the challenge will be to feature a Hallmark ornament as the focus of your miniature creation.

To: Mini Friends

From: First State Mini Club Members

What? Delightful project: 1/2" Brick Bungalow front facade that fits into your 8" x 10" picture frame. All pieces cut to fit exactly-in easy-to-do steps that include tracing shapes on brick yard paper, cutting them out, then glue brickyard paper to the shapes. Everyone can do this-beginners to more experienced miniaturists.

You will make the sections one at a time, and then when all units are completed, slide them into the 8" x 10" box which is provided. The finished project, front facade of the bungalow fits into your picture frame and can be hung on the wall, or placed on a bookcase shelf!

Where? New Castle, DE Senior Citizens Center

4th and South Streets (diagonally across from the firehouse)

When? Saturday October 24, 2009, 7.30 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.

Breaks for lunch and afternoon snack

Coffee, tea and donuts at 7:30 A.M.

Starting time 8:00 A.M.

Why? "Friends are the heart and soul of NAME". (This is the motto of the recent NAME National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.) This is a golden opportunity to work in the company of like-minded people who enjoy all parts of our miniature hobby!

The New Castle Senior Center is in a relatively new building; there is ample room to spread out to work, a kitchen, and restrooms are just around the corner. The building is wheel-chair accessible. There 's lots of light and plenty of parking in the lot. Adult-sized furniture. Lunch will be provided.... Please join us!!

Grace Hayford

FSMC President & on-site job Foreman



Fun Day sponsored by First State Mini Club...

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

E-mail: _____

Cost: \$55.00 which covers food, box, kit, some supplies and lots of instructors! A list will follow of things you need to bring in addition to your basic tool kit. Also a map will be provided.

Mail to:
Grace Hayford
1408 Wilmington Rd.
New Castle, DE 19720
302-328-0508
No E-mail

Please respond by September 1, 2009.

Maryland Holiday Party

The Maryland Holiday Party will be held on Saturday December 5, 2009 at the Elks Lodge in Frederick, Maryland. This was the location of the last Maryland State Day and will be the location of the Maryland State Day in 2010.

The theme this year will be "Window Wishes", based on the holiday shopping season. Each centerpiece will be a large store window for people to look into and wish for all the treasures to be found inside. The committee is looking for clubs and individuals who are willing to make the centerpieces from the kit the committee will provide. It is the plan to have two centerpieces per table, placed back to back so two people at each table have an opportunity to win a centerpiece. If you are interested, please contact Olivia Wall at ruthsam1@comcast.net or Gwen Rodgers at gwenniec44@aol.com . Your choice of shop is limited only by your imagination, but no Santas or other specific religious references, please.

We are also looking for people to make tote bag favors for the event. The maximum number of people we will be able to accommodate is 70.

Registration opens on October 1, 2009.

Mary Myers, Chairperson
Maryland Holiday Party Committee

WINDOW WISHES

You are invited to join old friends and new at the fourth annual Maryland Miniaturists' Holiday Party to be held December 5, 2009 from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick, Maryland.

Lunch is planned to start at 12:00 noon. After lunch there will be exhibits, a gift exchange, door prizes and more. You are invited to bring a gift exchange in one, two or three scales (1", 1/2", and/or 1/4"). You do not have to take part in the gift exchange if you do not wish to do so. Just come and have some fun with miniaturists from our area.

You do not have to be a member of N.A.M.E. to attend. All attendees will have a chance to win door prizes. Two lucky persons at each table will go home carrying a table centerpiece.

The cost for the afternoon will be \$55.00. N.A.M.E. members will receive a \$10.00 discount. Please send a check for the full amount by November 15. No refunds will be given after December 1.

Please extend an invitation to a friend or acquaintance who is interested in miniatures or with whom you would like to share your hobby.

Sincerely,

The Maryland Holiday Party Committee
Mary Myers, Chair

WINDOW WISHES Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

NAME member: Yes No

Club Name: _____

Please count me in for the gift exchange. I will be bringing a gift in the following scale(s):

1" 1/2" 1/4"

I will be coming with a friend (group of friends). Please reserve a table for us. (There will be 8 to a table.)

My friend(s):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

**The cost is \$55.00 (\$45.00 for N.A.M.E. members).
Make your check payable to Romaine Eyler and send to:**

**Window Wishes
Romaine Eyler
550 East Nicodemus Road
Westminster, MD 21157**

WINDOW WISHES EXHIBIT FORM

We invite you to bring exhibits to the Maryland Miniaturists' Holiday Party on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Please bring your Room Boxes, Domes, Vignettes, or other Miniature Displays so others can enjoy your creations.

It would help if you could bring it by 11:30 so it can be properly displayed.

Please fill in the form below and mail it to:

Jackie Foster
1033 Marleigh Ct
Towson, MD 21204
410-823-0265
jhfooster2@verizon.net

This will help me to have a space reserved for you.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Title of Exhibit: _____

Size of exhibit: Width_____ Depth_____ Height_____

Does your exhibit require electricity? Yes_____ No_____

Thank you,
Jackie Foster

Maryland State Day—2010
April 9-10, 2010
“Design This Space!”
A one half inch scale project
Elks Lodge,
289 Willowdale Drive
Frederick, MD. 21702
Friday Evening Round Tables 6-9 P.M.
Saturday Workshop 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

When the State Day Committee first saw the ½ inch scale prototype for this year’s State Day, we all saw something different. Although the presenter described the structure as a “garage,” few of us saw the garage; thus “Design This Space!” became the title of our State Day 2010. You can use your imagination to make this versatile ½ inch scale structure anything you would like it to be. Be creative and design the space of your dreams.

Your Registration Fee of \$85.00 (\$75.00 for NAME members) includes Saturday continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and the workshop. Lunch is a home-made sub sandwich with fruit, chips, dessert and beverage.

At the round table session on Friday evening, attendees may purchase the kits of their choice for \$5.00 each. Cost to attend the event is \$5.00. Payment may be included with your registration fee. Please check the appropriate box (es) on the registration form.

For further information about attending the workshop contact Romaine Eyler, (410) 840-8538 or romaineeyler@comcast.net.

Committee members will showcase their projects at Molly Cromwell’s Baltimore

Miniatures Festival at the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn on September 13, 2009.



The basic kit for State Day... but look what can be done when you “Design This Space!”



Watch for more examples at upcoming shows in our region!

REGISTRATION FORM
Maryland State Day, April 9-10, 2010

REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2009. Any registration postmarked prior to October 1, 2009 will be returned

To register, please complete the form below. Space is limited to 100 participants.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

E-mail address: _____

Saturday workshop \$85.00 (\$75.00 for NAME members)

Friday night Round Tables \$5.00

Total amount enclosed _____

Please list any special needs or dietary restrictions:

Mail your check, payable to Romaine Eyler, and this registration form no earlier than October 1, 2009 to:

Maryland State Day
Romaine Eyler
550 East Nicodemus Road
Westminster, MD 21157

2 terrific Fall Shows - mark your calendar!

Baltimore Miniatures Festival ~ Sunday, September 13 (the Sunday after Labor Day)... the kids and grands are back to school. Time to celebrate Miniatures! You will love, love, love the New Location, just one exit North on I-83 from where the show used to be....the Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley Maryland.

Directions: Baltimore Beltway 695 North towards Towson on I-83, Exit 20A North, towards Cockeysville. Then first driveway on your right. Loads of free surface parking. Pre-registered Workshops on Saturday, September 12th.

Saturday 4:30-6:30 p.m. Open House at home of Evelyn Gilbert. Newest piece in her collection: The Silver Shop Room Box by Ray Whitley filled with exquisite silver and gold miniatures, representing all the masters of the trade...you'll be wowed!!

Contact Molly for Gilbert Collection Open House information.

mollycromwell@aol.com
(<mailto:mollycromwell@aol.com>)

Reserve your room at the Hunt Valley Inn now! Deadline for great rate is August 10. Call: 410.785.7000

26th Tysons Corner Festival ~ Sunday, October 11 ~ the show the Washington, DC metro area waits for all year long! New Location! The gorgeous Hilton Hotel, 7920 Jones Branch Road, McLean, Virginia. Directions: Capital Beltway 495, Virginia Exit 46A/Rte 123 South/Chain Bridge Road, 3 rights off 123 to Hotel. Right at first light on Tyson's Blvd., right at next light on Galleria Drive to right at third light, Jones Branch to Hilton entrance drive on the right. Plenty of free surface parking.

Pre-registered Saturday, October 10th workshops. Free weekend hotel shuttle to West Falls Church Metro Station for easy access to Washington, DC. Send DH and the kids sightseeing on Saturday!

Dealer and customer gathering for dinner Saturday evening - always a lively time! 270S or 66East to Capital Beltway Virginia

Exit 46A, then follow instructions above. Call the McLean Hilton today for Room Block rates under Molly Cromwell - Hilton number: 703.847.5000

Both Shows: Early Bird Sunday Preview 9:30 a.m. \$12 includes refreshments and cash drawing for sales room shopping spree.

General admission: 11-4.

\$6 Adults; \$4 Children.

Children's Workshops until 3:30 p.m.

sponsored by NAME E-1 Region Clubs.

Exhibits at the Hunt Valley Festival by Maryland E-1 Clubs.

Information, contracts, workshop info: Molly Cromwell, 4701 Duncan Dr.

Annandale, VA 22003 (703) 978-5353

Flying in?

Hunt Valley/Baltimore show/BWI Airport

Tyson's Corner show/Washington Dulles or Reagan Airports.

Super Shuttle to hotels: 800 258.3826.

Calendar of Events

- September 13, 2009** **Baltimore Area Miniatures Festival**
(see page 18)
- September 20, 2009** **Lancaster/York Miniature Show & Sale**
Lancaster Farm & Home Center,
10:00 am- 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
3:30 pm 17601
- September 27, 2009** **Region E-1 Presidents' Retreat**
(see page 7)
- October 11, 2009** **26th Annual Tysons Corner Miniatures Festival** (see page 18)
- October 18, 2009** **Frederick Dollhouse & Miniature Show**
Preview Independent Hose Co. Fire Station
9:30-11:00 am 310 Baughmann's Lane, Frederick, Maryland
am This Show Promoter does not allow a NAME
11:00 am- table.
4:00 pm
- October 24, 2009** **Fun Day sponsored by First State Mini Club**
(see page 10-11)
- November 7-8, 2009** **Here's looking at you! Philadelphia Miniaturia**
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cherry Hill, New Jersey
- December 5, 2009** **Window Wishes!**
Maryland Miniaturist's Holiday Party
11:00 am- Elk's Lodge
3:00 pm 289 Willowdale Drive
Frederick, Maryland
Contact: holidayparty2009@nameregione1.org
(see pages 12-15)
- December 6, 2009** **Yuletide Gardenfest Lights Tour & Dinner**
Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
5-9 pm 1800 Lakeside Ave.
Richmond, Virginia
Contact: Lisa Neault 877-860-6464 or
kingwilliamminiatures@verizon.net
- March 21, 2010** **Frederick Dollhouse & Miniature Show**
Preview Independent Hose Co. Fire Station
9:30-11:00 am 310 Baughmann's Lane, Frederick, Maryland
am This Show Promoter does not allow a NAME
1:00 am- table.
4:00 pm
- March 28, 2010** **First State Mini Club Show & Sale**
Holiday Inn Select Hotel
10:00 am- 630 Naamans Road
4:00 pm Claymont, Delaware

April 9-10, 2010 **Design This Space! Maryland State Day**
Elk's Lodge
289 Willowdale Drive
Frederick, Maryland
Registration opens January 1, 2010
Round Tables offered Friday evening, April 9
Contact: romaineeyler@comcast.net
(see pages 16-17)

April 30- May 2, 2010 **A Weekend in Bavaria**
A Mini Play Weekend, Unicoi State Park near the
Alpine Village of Helen, Georgia
Project is a quarter-scale Bavarian-style shop
Contact: Michelle.Martinez@oqleetreedeakins.com

May 1, 2010 **Miniature Garage Sale**
10:00 am- Church of the Ascension
3:00 pm 23 North Court Street
Westminster, Maryland
We welcome vendors for miniatures, toys,
collectibles & crafts. The church will offer food for
purchase.
Contact: ruthsam1@comcast.net

Shops and Dealers

Maryland
Forever Friends
2105 Bishops Castle Drive
Olney, Maryland 20832
301-774-3037
<http://foreverfriendsminis.com/shop/>

Gibby's Doll House Shop
241 East Green Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
410-840-3408 / 888-716-7493

Virtual Dollhouse, The Store
5137 Hoffmanville Road
Millers, Maryland 21102-2234
410-239-2377
This store(specializing in half and quarter scale items) is
mostly online, but you may visit the brick and mortar store by
calling for an appointment.
<http://www.virtualdollhouse.net>

Virginia
Bell's Exclusive
4 East Nine Mile Road
Highland Spring, Virginia 23075
804-328-0121

Bits N Pieces of Ghent
1201 Colonial Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia
757-623-0999

Dollhouses of Williamsburg

7445 Richmond Road
Williamsburg, Virginia 23188
757-229-2999

Happily Ever After

20609 Gordon Park Square, Suite 110
Ashburn, Virginia 20147
703-777-7869
Toll Free 866-253-7065
FAX: 703-777-1869
www.happily-ever-after.biz

Once Upon a Time

120 Church St., N.E.
Vienna, Virginia 22180
703-255-3285
www.once.uponatime.com
viennatoys@aol.com

Studebaker Miniatures Studio

17411 Lakefield Road.
Round Hill, Virginia. 20141
540-338-9760
www.studebakermiatures.com
studio@studebakermiatures.com

Tis The Season & The Miniature Cottage

101 South. Main Street.
Bridgewater, Virginia 22812
540-828-1400
www.tistheseasonandminiaturecottage.com

Museums

Antique Toy Museum

222 W. Reed Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-230-0580
www.antiqtoymuseum.com

Baltimore Museum of Art

10 Art Museum Drive
Baltimore, Maryland 21218
443-573-1700
<http://www.artbma.org/index.html>

The permanent collection of the Baltimore Museum of Art includes the Cheney Miniature Rooms, rooms created by Eugene Kupjack in the 1970's and 1980's. The Decorative Arts Collection includes the Maryland Rooms, full-sized rooms from 1740 through 1820, complete with architectural elements and decorative items.

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If you are a NAME member and have Internet access, you can also be a member of the NAME Online Region. The Online Region features a mailing list, forum, swaps, tips, and Online Chats where you can ask questions about miniatures or NAME. There are also special workshops and project sharing. To join, go to:

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For more info or questions, please contact Shannon Moore,
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The Newsletter Editor welcomes articles containing news about club activities, miniature events and displays, etc. Calendar of Events listings are free of charge to any non-profit organization or to any show that offers a table for the use of the Regional Coordinator or State Representatives.

You may email your submission or send a hard copy to the Editor. Digital images in jpg format are preferred. Please send the text of the article in Microsoft Word.

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