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From Your Regional Coordinator...

We want to welcome Ina Waples and Darlene Wilson as the Southern Virginia State Reps. They are joining Donna Lulchuk and George Pendergraph, who are the Northern Virginia State Reps.

We also want to welcome two new clubs to our region:

The Friday Conundrums and their President, Dottie Holden. They meet Fridays each week and have two male members. (We really appreciate John Berg and Al Holden because they are our official doll house "rehabbers.")

The second and newest club is The Mini Moments of Columbia, with Dolly Berg as President and Breck Reiter as Secretary/Treasurer. (See article on Page 4)

If you missed the Yard Sale on April 30th, you missed a really great opportunity to purchase items for your miniature projects as well as your other crafting projects. We had 29 sellers and had quite a variety of items for sale, from trading cards for the guys, to scrapbooking and stamping supplies. There were quite a few Department 56 pieces, as well as one-of-a-kind signed miniatures. You missed a great sale! See the photos on page 3!

Due to the fact that we are having our State Day the last weekend in April next year, we will either have to change the date or skip a year. Please feel free to email your thoughts regarding next year's Miniature Yard Sale. Someone suggested we move it to September for next year. We need your support if we are to continue our yearly event.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very wonderful summer. Many of our clubs are "taking a summer break," and several are continuing on with summer meetings and activities. We are looking forward to seeing you at Rochester if you are going... and at the National in Cleveland.

Have a wonderful summer!

Olivia Beard-Wall

From our Maryland State Rep...

"For the Love of Dolls," co-sponsored by the Dollology Club of Washington, D.C. and NAME, at the Gaithersburg Fairgrounds on March 5-6, was a great success. Both floors of the two-story building were full of vendors selling dolls of all kinds... old, new, rare, not so rare, dressed, not dressed, young, old, and really old, and lots that reminded me of my childhood. There were even dolls that looked like REAL babies and REAL baby chimpanzees – they turned my head a couple of times, especially when the new owners carried them as if they were real. There were also several vendors selling miniatures (including Zelma Fink) and lots of vendors selling accessories that were miniature friendly. I found some great buys on lace and some 1:12 scale undressed dolls. Several of our Baltimore Row houses shared a display case with a chronological representation of the history of dolls. I met a lot of new people, saw a lot of dolls, and learned a lot about dolls, but my heart still belongs to miniatures.

... And for some upcoming events

I know of a couple of carloads of folks that are headed to Rochester, New York for the Small Scale Houseparty from May 12th through the 15th. This will be my first small scale event and I am so looking forward to it. I got into several of the classes that I wanted and of course signed up for the trip on Thursday night to the Strong Museum. But, I am especially looking forward to the shopping, WOW, a whole room full of half scale and smaller. I have a shopping list ready for the State Day event of 2012 (can't talk about it yet, but you are going to love it); and of course some extra cash for that "can't live without it" miniature. More on both events later.

Lots of local mini folks have also signed up for the Cleveland Convention from July 18th through 24th. I'm sorry to miss it this year. I know you all will enjoy it. Maybe someone could tell us all about it in a later *Tattler*.

We have started planning for the 2011 Holiday Party on December 3rd. We have found a new



venue... Bullock's near Westminster. It's the place where we held our first local NAME day. We will have a much larger space, so we will be able to spread out more. So mark your calendars and I will report more on this event as the time gets closer.

Happy mini-ing... that's all for now.

Mary

Southern VA State Co-Rep introduction

I am Darlene Wilson, one of the co-representatives for Southern Virginia. I will be working in conjunction with Ina Waples. We are both with the Peninsula Heritage Miniature Society in Newport News, VA.

We are still in the planning phases of finding ways to get people working together & communicating. This is an area with so many wonderful people that are NAME members with so many great ideas, so I am sure there will be lots of good times coming up for everyone in Virginia.

Thank You,
Darlene

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Mini Tips

From Ramsey Alexander's Workshop...

Make stain sticks so that you can see exactly what your stain will look like on light-colored wood. Use tongue depressors, drill a hole in one end of each, apply the stain, and put a ribbon through the wooden sticks to keep them together and handy.



Miniature Language for Sports Lovers



...by *Mary Myers*

My husband loves sports. He has played softball every summer since he was 8 years old, and he is current on a senior softball league (65 years and older). He plays pool and golfs; he used to play football. We met in a bowling alley. He played basketball, tennis, soccer and baseball in junior college. So he relates to life this way.

When I got interested miniatures a few years ago, he wanted to know what I was “doing” when I went to meet with other miniaturists. I explained but he just did not quite “get it.” So we devised a twist on his sports foundation. When I go to a club meeting, I call it a “game.” When I go to a meeting to plan for an upcoming event, I call it “batting practice.”

When I go to a Houseparty or a Convention, I explain that I am in a national championship tournament.

In April, I went to a miniature estate sale on Friday and then a miniature show on Sunday, so I told him it was a tournament and I had a “by” on Saturday. When I go to a show or sale, he wants to know how I did. If I found some great treasures, I explain that I batted a thousand; if it was so-so, I batted a 500.

He is very supportive of my new hobby; he helps me build and play. But I knew he “got it” when he asked me if I could build him a room box with a sports theme!

Flea Market ~ Bargains & Treasures Galore!



CLUB CORNER

A Brand New Club!!!

The miniature world just got a little bit bigger. No, no, there isn't a new 1.5" scale... but there is a new club... ***The Mini Moments!***

Dolly Berg started this club for the Columbia, Maryland area, with the help of Romaine Eyler and Olivia Beard-Wall, because all the clubs in Region E-1 were either too far away or closed to new members in her scale of interest. Dolly enjoys sewing doll clothes, making dolls and miniature kits, mastering something new and working on a doll house that, as she says, "will never be complete." She feels that friendship and fellowship will be the rewarding experience people will get from being a member of the club and that they will enjoy going to events together as a club and showing what they have accomplished. "The main thing is to just have fun and keep everything low-keyed and enjoy!"

It is in this spirit that the club has met together for the third month in a row this May, establishing a group with a casual atmosphere that focuses on 1" scale. The group, which has ten members to date, meets at the Glenwood Library in Howard County one Wednesday a month from 10 am-2 pm. They have a spacious conference room with good light and many windows, which is crucial to any miniature project! Each member brings a brown bag lunch, a different volunteer each month provides a treat for the group, and their President, Dolly, wields the tea pot. Their name, The Mini Moments, is inspired by all those times they have had where they forget something, or maybe just wake up in the middle of the night with a need to stare at miniatures for awhile!

Their projects have included a girl's dress on a hangar, a chair vignette and an adventure into the world of Fimo. The larger goal for the year will be holiday themed displays, which will be showcased in the library during the month of December. As a NAME club, they look forward to participating in the region's events and being part of the larger miniature community. The Mini Moments has members with varying levels of experience from

beginners to experienced miniaturists who are willing to share their skills. Everyone is in a different stage of learning, so they welcome any skill level. If you would like to join them for a day of fun, snacks, laughs, and creativity, contact Dolly Berg at bluedolly@msn.com or (410) 531-2573. You can also join their Yahoo group by emailing breckreitter@gmail.com.



Mini Moments Club – Front: Leah Smith, Mary Martin, & Teresa Turcotte.
Rear: Breck Reitter, Anne Rivera, Debbie Reitter, Dolly Berg, & John Berg

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Wee Friends Miniature Club of Annapolis

The Wee Friends Club meets in the Bowie/Harwood/Annapolis area. We gather once a month at member's homes to work on miniature projects. We began this year with our annual Holiday party on January 7th. We had a pot luck lunch and exchanged mini-gifts. Each club member made 8 identical gifts to exchange. In February we worked on an unfinished project from last year and made plans for this year. On March 26 & 27, we had a "day camp" and met from 10-5 on both Saturday and Sunday to work on large unfinished projects. It was great to be able to set up and not have to put everything away Saturday night, so we could start right in on Sunday! Two members worked on their 1/2-inch scale Baltimore row house, one member worked on a one-inch scale sea shell shop, and several others worked on unfinished kits. All

our members had a wonderful time and are looking forward to doing it again next year.

The club has exciting activities planned for the rest of the year, including a workshop to make 4th of July wreaths. Our next meeting will be to learn soldering and electrical techniques. In July we have our anniversary party and have a pot luck and gift exchange. August plans are to make a wooden basket and Fimo fruit to fill it. In September, JoAnne Roberts will be instructing us in a two-day workshop to dress a one-inch scale doll in a ballroom gown that she designed for us. October brings NAME Day and our annual flea market and pot luck with the Inch by Inch club, and we will have a display at a local library.



Denise Pritchett works on her project



Wee Friends at their Annual Holiday Party & Gift Exchange



Kirsten Enzinger, concentrating on her masterpiece

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Mt. Vernon Miniatures Club

Preparing an exhibit is much like making "stone soup." If you take one miniature club of any size, add two tables, a tablecloth and some stacking tables, you can assemble a fairly impressive display.

Our Mt. Vernon Miniatures Club displayed its two tables with 20 exhibits at the April 30th IPMS: International Plastic Model Society Show, which filled a high school cafeteria and adjoining hallways. The mostly male visitors attending this show termed our display "very impressive."

Things you might include, should you decide to stage a display at such an event, are:

1. Something with wheels to attract men... we used a Gypsy Caravan.
2. A display showing several scales... we used hutches in five scales, and we posted a list of scales.

A breakaway box was admired for its engineering, and everyone enjoyed the fun of each of the displays... varied for spice.

Spread the word... ***"Miniatures are fun..."***

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Inch by Inch Miniatures Club

As usual, Inch by Inchers have been busy with lots of activities. We recently completed 500 totebag favors for the NAME National Convention in Cleveland. We also participated in a “Ladies’ Night Out” at True Value Hardware Store in Cape St. Claire, and are planning a Baker’s Rack class with Sue Ann Ketchum in June.

Our recent various projects include a “Gentleman’s Study in a Sewing Machine Drawer,” using old sewing drawers obtained from an antique dealer.



“Gentleman’s Study in a Sewing Machine Drawer” by Sarita Speros

Our latest project has been a see-through vignette which can also be made into a music box. And we’ll be thinking ahead to our Summer Pool Party, with swaps, pot luck, and flea market.



“Christmas Wrapping” by Pat Johns



“Japanese Serenity” by Lory Stoner

DATES TO RESERVE

NAME Day 2011: “The Work Center”

National Name Day will be held on the first weekend of October 2011. Mark it on your calendars now so you don't miss out on this fabulously fun event! The plans will be similar to last year's... inexpensive and lots of fun for all. The project will be available to all NAME members again this year.

If you are interested in sponsoring an event this year, please let you're Regional Coordinator and State Representatives know. They are listed on the front page of the Tattler.

The project is a “Work Center” in a design that can coordinate with last year's hutch or can be a stand-alone project. It will be available in three scales. Stay tuned for information as it develops. Watch the web page at [nameregione1.org](http://www.nameregione1.org) .

One Maryland event has already been scheduled for October 1, 2011 from 10 AM to 3 PM at Bullocks Restaurant, Westminster, MD... the same place it was held last year. Contact is Romaine Eyer – romaineeyer@comcast.net. **See the registration form on page 9 of this newsletter.**

Virginia Miniature Enthusiasts (VME) are planning to host The NAME Day event in October for Southern VA, on October 1st, 2011 9-4, at the Ridge Baptist Church, 1515 Eastridge Road, Richmond, VA 23229

For more information Contact: Kelly Caprio, 804-530-9044, e-mail kec1216@gmail.com or Cindy Lucas, 804-730-1190, lifecourse@aol.com

Hope to see you all at some planned NAME event for that weekend!

HALLMARK Contest

The Hallmark contest will be held again this year with most of the same rules as last year. The major change this year is that the contest will be open to members instead of clubs. Stay tuned for more information as the rules for this year's contest have not yet been finalized. Watch the web pages at <http://www.nameregione1.org/>.

6th ANNUAL MARYLAND HOLIDAY PARTY

December 3, 2011 ~ 10 AM to 3 PM
~ “Holiday Traditions,”

Bullock's Family Restaurant, 2020 Sykesville Road, Westminster

Contact Mary Myers: marymomo@comcast.net
Watch for details in the Fall issue of *Tiny Tattler*

MARYLAND STATE DAY - 2012

“The Corner Store”
April 27-28, 2012 ~ Reserve the Dates!
Elks Lodge
289 Willowdale Drive
Frederick, MD

“The Corner Store” is a 1/2” scale companion piece to the Baltimore City Row House which was offered in 2006. Friday Roundtables: 6 to 9 PM. Saturday: 9 Am to 4 PM. Make sure to mark this event in your 2012 calendars and watch for details. Plan to attend! Contact: Helen Sparks – Helens@carr.org

Registration opens October 1.

National Name Day



The purpose of this event is to welcome all NAME members, old and new, and to offer them a special members-only project. NAME members all across the country will meet on the weekend of October 1-2, 2011, to work on the same project.

The project is a work center designed by Barbara Thornton-Hill. Plans and one sample kit will be made available to any club or individual member desiring to host a NAME Day event. The kit for the sample (event) will be available in the scale your event is being planned, including all three scales if that is what you plan to offer for your event. The event will work somewhat like a State

Day or Mini Weekend. Each sponsoring club or group will decide how they want to develop the work center project, secure a location, organize the event, and set a reasonable price. You are free to make your day whatever you would like it to be, using the work center as a starting point, your creativity for accessorizing it, and your enthusiasm to make this a fun day for all involved. The great thing about this project is its flexibility, which allows for a variety of finishing techniques and creativity in accessorizing. Your excitement and individual tastes are sure to shine through. The work center can be used in many ways; as a stand-alone showcasing a collection, vignette, shadow box, roombox, or in a picture frame scene. Anything goes!

Events are in the planning stages for Maryland (Romaine Eyler romaineeyler@comcast.net); Northern Virginia (George Pendergraph, pender@yahoo.com, and Donna Lulchuk, miniskl@yahoo.com). VME in Richmond is working on plans to host The NAME Day event for Southern VA. Watch for details.

These events are planned to be open to all NAME members in our Region. If you or your group cannot attend one of these larger functions or would prefer to sponsor your own smaller event, the Regional Coordinators and State Representatives can help you plan your program and get the kits that you will need. Individuals may order a kit to work on in their own home on October 1 or 2, 2011, and there will also be an on-line option for those members who are unable to participate in a group setting. Further details will be in the next issue of the MINIATURE GAZETTE.

Kits should be ordered as early as possible so the cutters have time to plan and cut the number of kits the members need. Kits will not be shipped to event planners until mid September, but in time for your event. ***If you are planning to order kits from Carol Ann Frost, please have your request to her by August 15.***

Sneak Peek: The Maryland Committee is planning a "Fall Fest" theme for their workshop at Bullocks Family Restaurant on October 1.

Your regional team is available to assist you in your planning and can help you get the word out to NAME members in your area. They are listed on the first page of *The Tiny Tattler* on the left hand side.

For additional details watch the web at www.NAMEregion1.org and www.miniatures.org. If you are interested in planning an event, you need to contact Romaine Eyler, NAME Day Events Coordinator, at romaineeyler@comcast.org.

2011 NATIONAL NAME DAY
“Fall Fest”
October 1, 2011

10 am – 3 pm
Bullock’s Country Family Restaurant
2020 Sykesville Road
Westminster, MD 21157
410-857-3563

Open to NAME Members Only
~ Join NAME at www.miniatures.org ~



Registration opens June 1, 2011

To register, please complete the form below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

E-mail address: _____

Select your scale(s) ~ (maximum one kit in each scale per registrant). Price includes a set of “Fall Fest” souvenir accessories in the appropriate scale:

1” Work Center \$20.00

½” Work Center \$15.00

¼” Work Center \$12.00

Total amount enclosed _____

Purchase your lunch from the cafeteria or the deli and choose from a wide variety of sandwiches and dinners, ranging in price from a hot dog for \$2.95 to a steak dinner for \$17.95.

Mail your check, payable to Olivia Wall, and this registration form **no earlier than June 1, 2011**, to:

National NAME Day 2011
Romaine Eyler
550 East Nicodemus Road
Westminster, MD 21157

Upcoming Events

May 13-15 – M-1 Small Scales Regional Houseparty, Hyatt Regency, Rochester, NY ~ “Somewhere in Time”

<http://www.miniatures.org/newsite/HPs/Rochester/index.shtml>

June 1 – Registration opens for NAME National Day 2011 “Fall Fest” celebration at Bullock’s Restaurant.

July 17 – Small on Scale Miniatures Club’s 34th Annual Dollhouse & Miniatures Show & Sale, Holiday Inn, Fogelsville, PA. 10 AM to 4 PM.
www.LehighValleyMiniatures.com

July 21-24 – National Convention, Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, OH – “A Song in My Heart”
<http://www.miniatures.org/newsite/HPs/Cleveland/index.shtml>

September 11 – Baltimore Miniatures Festival – Crowne Plaza, 2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium. Early Bird Preview with refreshments at 9:30 AM. General admission: 10-4. www.molllcromwell.com

October 1 – NAME National Day, 10 AM to 3 PM at Bullock’s Restaurant in Westminster. The project, although not completely finalized, will compliment the Hutch from last year and will be available in three scales. Stay tuned for information as it develops. Watch for details on our website: nameregione1.org.

October 1 – Registration opens for Maryland State Day – 2012.

October 9 – 28th Tysons Corner Fall Miniatures Festival - Westin Tysons Hotel, 7801 Leesburg Pike/ Route 7, Falls Church, VA. Early Bird Preview with refreshments at 9:30 AM. General admission: 10 AM to 4 PM.
www.mollycromwell.com

October 16 –Frederick Dollhouse & Miniature Show, 11 AM to 4 PM, with preview (\$10) starting at 9:30 AM. Independent Hose Co Fire Station,

310 Baughman’s Lane, Frederick, MD. Admission: Adults: \$6; Children under 12: \$3. Barbara Morgan: 301-662-8025.

November 4-6 – Philadelphia Miniaturia – Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2349 W. Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, NJ. Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM; Sunday – 11 AM to 4 PM. NAME invites you to join other miniaturists in the

Terrace Room for their annual NAME Nite party from 7:30 – 9:30 Thursday evening. Goodies, roundtables, demonstrations and lots of fun for all Philadelphia

Miniaturia attendees! You do not need to be a NAME member to attend, and it’s all free! 267-684-6276. <http://www.philadelphiaminiaturia.com>

December 3 – “Holiday Traditions” ~ Maryland Miniaturist’s Holiday Party, 10 AM to 3 PM - Bullock’s Family Restaurant, 2020 Sykesville Rd., Westminster, MD. Contact: Mary Myers – marymomo@comcast.net

April 27-28, 2012 – MD State Day 2012 – “The Corner Store ~ A Companion to the Maryland Row House”
Friday Roundtables, 6 to 9 PM; Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM.
Frederick Elk’s Lodge, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick Contact: Helen Sparks – Helens@carr.org
Registration opens October 1, 2011

May 2012 – Small Scale Houseparty, Portland, OR – “Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall ~ Celebrate Them All”

July 2012 – National Convention, Charlotte, NC – “NAME’s 40th Birthday Party”

July 2013 – National Convention – Tucson, AZ – “At Night in the Museum (Where Miniatures Come Alive)”

October 22 – Annual Flea Market at the home of Kirsten Enzinger, 289 Sigma Drive, Harwood, MD. 410-867-0798

Shops and Dealers

Maryland

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

Frizellburg Antique Shop
(Specializing in antique dollhouses, dolls & furnishings)
10909 Old Taneytown Road
Westminster, MD 21158
410-848-0664
<http://www.frizellburgantiques.com/Home.html>

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

Granny's Little Things
8804 Tuckerman Lane
Potomac, MD 20850
301-299-7310

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<http://www.virtualdollhouse.net>

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<http://nonniesdollhouses.com>

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101 South. Main Street.
Bridgewater, Virginia 22812
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www.tistheseasonandminiaturecottage.com

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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 Eugene Kupjack Miniature Rooms.

Name Online Region

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 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:
<http://www.miniatures.org/NAMEonlineRegion/join.html>

Advertising:

The newsletter will accept camera-ready ads under the following rates:

1/8 page \$2.50

1/4 page \$5.00

1/2 page \$7.50

3/4 page \$10.00

Full page \$15.00

An additional charge will be added for non-camera ready ads.

Classified Ads:

\$.10 per word (minimum of 10 words)

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Olivia Beard-Wall.

Clarification of paid and unpaid advertising:

Any function that is *non-profit*, such as a workshop, Fun Day, State Day, museum event, miniature art show, NAME club show, or display is included in the Calendar of Events or listed under the appropriate heading free of charge.

Vendor shows that offer tables for the use of the NAME Regional Coordinator or State Representatives are also listed in the Calendar of Events free of charge. If more than a simple listing is desired, advertising rates will apply.

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Event updates and other timely information will be transmitted between issues and may also be found on the Regional Web Site.

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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