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NAME Web Page: www.miniatures.org

Local Teen Builds Dollhouse for Girl with Leukemia

Submitted by Grace Shaw

While attending the Frederick Fall Miniature Fair at the Holiday Inn in Frederick, Maryland in October, 2008, teenager Alexandra Burt from Hagerstown, Maryland and her mother, Amanda, purchased a marked-down dollhouse kit from vendor Grace Shaw of Virtual Dollhouse.

Grace had had the Coventry Cottage dollhouse kit, by Greenleaf, for some time when she took it with her to the Frederick show hoping to find a home for it. Towards the end of the show, she marked it down in hopes that she would not to have to transport it back home again.

Alexandra (Alex) and her mother, who had made several previous purchases from Virtual Dollhouse, came back for one last look. Seeing the dollhouse was marked down, Alex asked her mother if they could purchase it for their neighbor, Mackenzie McCarter, a little girl who has leukemia. Alex assured her mother that she, herself, would build the house for the neighbor's child. Amanda was thinking, "Great, another kit sitting around my house for six months." She did help Alex buy the kit, though.

In January, Grace received an e-mail from Alex with photos of the finished Coventry Cottage. "She did a wonderful job of building this house," says Grace. "This is the sort of thing that our teenagers should be honored for."

Amanda said that Alex had great fun building the cottage for Mackenzie. She wanted to hang photos on the wall and chose Alice in Wonderland pictures to frame and hang. She painted all the furnishing that are in the house and gave the completed dollhouse to Mackenzie on January 26, 2009.

Little Mackenzie had just had a chemo treatment and was feeling shy, so her photos didn't come out as well as we'd hoped. However, her mother said that as soon as Alex and Amanda left, Mackenzie got up from the sofa where she was resting, and raced right over to play with the dollhouse.

If you'd like to help children like Mackenzie, contact
<http://www.CaringBridge.org>

(See photos next page)



House exterior



Alex puts the finishing touches on the house



House interior



Another view of the interior



A shy Mackenzie with her mom



Mackenzie and her mom study her new dollhouse

Regional Coordinators' Corner

We hope everyone has recovered from the holidays and all the illnesses we have been hearing about this winter.

Now we are entering our busy spring season, and although the shows are fewer there is still a lot to do in our region. The Calendar of Events and list of Shops and Museums later in this issue can help you find a show to attend, a new shop to visit or a museum exhibit to view.

Don't forget the Virginia State Day coming up in May.

If you don't belong to a club, seek one out.

Become more involved in NAME by joining one of the event planning committees or volunteering to serve as the Newsletter Editor or Welcome Chair.

Attend the National Convention, "Our Family Reunion" in Indianapolis this summer.

Many of you look forward to attending the Frederick Dollhouse and Miniature Show each March and October. Please note the change in location for the show to be held on March 8:

Independent Hose Company Fire Station
310 Baughman's Lane
Frederick, MD

For additional information contact Barbara Morgan 301 662-8025.

We hope to see you at the show, but unfortunately this move does not allow space for a NAME table.

America, Great and Small

This was the title of the Star Spangled Banner Flag House Museum and Region E-1 miniature display this year. The show started on November 8, 2008 and ran until January 10, 2009.

The Flag House is under a new director this year and fewer exhibits were requested. Except for the row houses there was a request for no duplicate displays. The final number of displays accepted by the museum was 54. The Flag House staff did a wonderful job of setting up a stunning display.

Workshops were not requested from the miniaturists this year. The gift shop director asked for several items for the gift shop salesroom. We provided Maryland Crab Feasts and Teddy Bears holding the Star Spangled Flag. All items sold well.

In addition to the Maryland clubs who participated, we were excited to have Peninsula Heritage Miniature Society, VA Miniature Enthusiasts, and the Mount Vernon Miniature Club contribute exhibits. We were also fortunate to have the First State Miniature Club of Delaware, Minis of North East Pennsylvania and Central PA Society of Miniature Enthusiasts participate in the display.

Thank you everyone for a job well done!

Sample of Displays



Baltimore Row Houses



Arab Wagons and Door Way



Reef Encounter



Beach Cottage



VW Workshop



Weaver's Cottage

From Your Maryland State Representative

I wanted to take this time to wish you all a very Happy New Year. I know that it is February;

However the year has hardly begun. As we think about the memories that we will make in the New Year we can't help but think of the wonderful ones made in 2008.

Many of our clubs were Blue Ribbon clubs and many people achieved their AIM pins. These awards were handed out at a wonderful National Convention in Nashua, N.H.

Although our area shows are becoming fewer, those that we attended in 2008 were wonderful. Molly Cromwell and Barbara Morgan need to have our heartiest thanks and support for their continued effort in bringing miniature artisans and vendors to our area.

We can't forget a really fun Maryland State Day. Have you finished your "Beyond the Garden Wall?" How about your second garden? It would be a truly neat way to spend a winter's day.

"A Winter Evening by the Fireside" was a wonderful mid-December event. There were delightful centerpieces created by various members of local clubs, door prizes by and a wonderful opportunity to meet friends from other clubs. We once again want to thank the committee for their efforts to bring together miniaturists in the area for a time of networking and fun. We are excited that next year's event will be chaired by Mary Myers from the MEOW club.

2009 will bring us new challenges as the economy is in turmoil and finances are carefully watched. We need to look into our

communities to find ways to promote the love of miniatures and to invite and mentor new members to our organization.

As a Club President, I have devised a year of suggestions for our members as a means to encourage them to continue their love of miniatures and to share it with others. One of the suggestions that I have made is to find someone who wants to do miniatures and has not yet found a club home, and invite them to their house or club for a "play day". Another is to call someone in their club and/or another club just to check on them and see how they are doing; especially if they are a new member.

Our Club, Maryland Half-Scalers, have meetings every other month and those attending bring whatever it is that they want to work on and haven't completed. We also have a make-and-take project that is easy and inexpensive to create. Our club members have taken on the challenge of creating those projects. We have some wonderfully creative people in our club.

Another thing that our club will be doing is visiting a miniature shop. Our miniature shops are dwindling in number so we need to support them. Check the Tiny Tattler for those that are within driving distance of where you are.

There are a few events at which I hope to see many of you: on March 8th, the Frederick Dollhouse Show; on March 29th, the First State Miniature Exhibit, Show and Sale; July's National Convention in Indianapolis, September's Baltimore Miniature Show and November's Philadelphia Miniaturia.

Meanwhile, as I look out of the window today and see snow coming down – keep warm and keep "miniaturizing"!

Olivia Beard-Wall

AIM Award

Please look in the January/ February Issue of the Miniature Gazette for the application for the AIM (Achievement in Miniature Award) It is not too late to send it in and receive the lovely pin. It just cost you the cost of a stamp. Put on you thinking caps, because I know you can get it if you just think about all the things you have done this past year. Two clubs have handed out the form at club meetings. Members were helped to remember all the activities they have taken part in over the year. Everyone reached the 100 point goal or more. It si hard to remember all you do in a year with out referring to minutes or keeping your own list. To qualify you need to send in the AIM form to NAME by February 28, 2009.

Editors Note

The opening article for this issue is a great example of how miniaturists contribute time, effort and money to help others. Please share with everyone else the great things you do either as a group or individual. We know these things are being done but with out you telling us we can not share you good deeds.

Maryland State Day 2010

The committee for the 2010 Maryland State Day is now forming. If you are interested in being on one of committees for this fun event contact Romaine Eyler 410-840-8538 or romaineeyler@comcast.net.

A number of suggestions with one prototype have been submitted, they include:
Three Gables
Preakness

State Days Past
Maryland: America in Miniature
Garage with Apartment over garage

If you would like to help but do not want to be on the main committee let us know what you are interested in, there are a number of subcommittees.

Club Presidents Retreat

The next club president's retreat will be on Sunday, April 26, 2009 from 10 am to 3 pm. We will meet at the restaurant Time Out in the Town Mall in Westminster. We will have our own separate room to meet. Remember if you are not able to attend you can send another club member to represent your club. Everyone is welcome to bring a friend so no one has to travel alone.

We will each buy our own lunch from the menu. The food is very good there.

There will be a small project which will cost \$5.00. Please RSVP by April 15, 2009 to Romaine at 410-840-8530 or romaineeyler@comcast.net.

From Your Northern VA State Representative



Hi everyone, hope you are all having fun with minis and that you have marked your calendar for Virginia State Day, 16 May 2009. Our project will of course reflect the theme "A Wine Tasting in Virginia" and is being offered in 1" or 1/2" scale. The Registration

form is in this issue and on the Region E-1 web site:

<http://www.nameregione1.org>

At Molly Cromwell's Tyson Corner show we again hosted a Children's Workshop. We offered the same kit we had made for the Springfield Days event and it was a great success. I think the following pictures say it all !! We had a wonderful time and so did the kids. Wow, amazing the colors they chose and how great their finished project looked! Thanks to Donna, George, Linda, Judy and any others I may have missed for giving of their time to help make this a success!

HARD AT WORK



The finished project:



Registration opens—1 January 2009

A Wine Tasting in Virginia

Virginia State Day

Hosted by

Northern Virginia Miniature Clubs

16 May 2009

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Location: Evergreen Firehouse—Social Hall, 3515 James Madison Highway (Route 15), Haymarket, Virginia

Registration fee: \$75.00 [includes Project, Continental Breakfast and Lunch]

Information: Annette Hammond 703-753-9609 Email: annetteh2007@comcast.net

Registration is limited to 75 applicants only.

Cancellation policy:

A partial refund of \$60.00 is available upon the following contingency, that another applicant will replace you at the workshop. No refund after 1 March 2009.

Registration confirmation: Applicants will be sent a confirmation receipt, workshop information, tool list, supplies and other options.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

:

STREET
ADDRESS; _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Email address: _____

Make check payable to: Castles and Cottages.

Mail registration and check to:

Diane Elmore
1417 Valebrook Lane
Herdon, VA 20170

TOTE BAG FAVORS

Calling All Miniaturist...Virginia is having a State Day—"A Wine Tasting in Virginia".

In keeping with the tradition of NAME events we are requesting your participation in contributing Tote Bag Favors. Tote Bag Favors are small, inexpensive, well-crafted gifts, donated by clubs or individuals, and given to each attendee in what else; a Tote Bag! We will be filling 75 Tote Bags for State Day. We realize that not everyone will be able to donate one item for each bag. However, we would appreciate a minimum of 50 of any one favor.



"Thank you" in advance for your willingness to share with other miniaturist. Please send all Tote Bag Favors to the below address NOT LATER than 1 May 2009:

Ms. Donna Lulchuk 10007 Whitefield St.
Fairfax, VA 22032 703-764-3213 E-mail:
miniski2000@yahoo.com

"A Wine Tasting in Virginia" covers wonderful possibilities for tote bag favors. Below are suggestions which perhaps will get your creative ideas to come to mind—Tote bag favors will be accepted in 1" and 1/2" scale:

Barrels, Grapes, Pruning shears,
Burlap, Grape leaves, Shovel ,
Camera, Grape vines, Rake, Cheese,
Gold Medal, Wheelbarrow,
Coasters, Napkins, Paper lantern,
Crackers, Photos, Straw,
Wine Bottle, Wine magazines, Wine
charms, Wine glasses, Wine crates,
Wine labels, Wine opener, Wine rack,
Wine Tote, Stool, Serving tray,
Wooden crate.

TOTE BAG FAVORS

NAME/CLUB:

TELEPHONE:

STREET ADDRESS;

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

Email address:

DESCRIPTION: QUANTITY:

From Your Southern VA State Representatives

If you haven't ever been to a NAME National Convention, now is the time to sign up. With the 2009 convention just around the corner I wanted to tell you about my "Top Three" favorite convention moments of last year. Each year when we as a family (my grandmother, mother and I) are able to go to a convention, it just seems like they only get better. So without further ado, the countdown:

1. When you go to conventions they are usually in places you haven't been before. This past year the National was in Nashua, New Hampshire. I myself had never been to New Hampshire so it was nice to see somewhere in the US I haven't yet. Now, usually, I along with my family go to a convention and literally never step foot outside until after the closing banquet. This year we were just minutes away from Earth and Tree Dollhouse Miniatures. So we just had to check it out, and it was wonderful. Everything you could imagine and more, of a miniature store; and we got a discount for being at the convention. Every miniaturist loves a discount...That's how we justify buying more mini's. So I have learned that it is not all bad to venture out of the hotel once in awhile.
2. One of my favorite things about conventions is that they are all different. Something my mother and I have started doing recently is selling roundtables. It is a lot of work but also a lot of fun and it is always interesting seeing how the roundtable committee will set up the roundtables. I rarely have anyone "make" a roundtable with me, but this year I did. It was a lot of fun and

always enjoyable to meet new people even if it is just for 30 minutes.

3. Finally my favorite part of last year's convention was the dinner banquet. If you haven't been to a house party, the "thing to do" is to dress up. My grandmother, mother and I have dressed up for all the ones we have attended together. They always say they do it for me; however, deep down I know they love dressing up as well. In conventions past we have been Prom Queens, Disney Characters, All American USA Girls, and this year Fairies to complement the Castles and Cottages Theme. Each year seems to get better and this year we have our greatest costume idea yet. Hope to see you in Indianapolis, Indiana for "Our Family Reunion".....Literally!

Alexis Hunley

Happenings and Events

Historical Society of Baltimore County Exhibit

In October, Maryland Miniatures Unlimited once again hosted an exhibit at the Historical Society of Baltimore County, located in the old Alms House in Cockeysville, Maryland. Although attendance was down from the previous year, the exhibit was well-received by those who viewed it.



Exhibitors relaxing after a hard day's work

A Winter Evening by the Fire

The third annual Maryland Holiday Party, held on December 13 at Dutch's Daughter in Frederick, Maryland, provided the opportunity for 40 some miniaturists from Maryland and surrounding areas to share food and fun during the holiday season. Beautiful centerpieces (which went home with lucky winners) were designed by Olivia Beard-Wall and depicted a variety of indoor-outdoor winter scenes. Attendees received a totebag of goodies that were packaged in stocking caps that had been hand-knit by Jean Brown's mother. Many of the stocking caps were later donated to Neighbors in Need in Carroll County and will help keep warm some of the folks who are "down on their luck" this winter. Door prizes collected by Mary Martin were so abundant that everyone present was a recipient.

Participants also had the chance to swap items in three scales and create a laser-cut Victorian style rocking chair and a basket of pine cone fire starters. Plan to attend this event next year or, even better, help make it happen by joining the planning committee!

**Contact: Mary Myers at 301-865-1023 or
E-mail: marymomo@comcast.net**



Santa greets the youngest





Sample Holiday Party



Centerpiece

Money Back Guarantee

As some of you may know, the venue for the Holiday Party was changed. You may not be aware that in 2007 we held our Holiday Party at Boulevard and Beyond in Westminster. This was our second year there, and although it was now under new management, we decided to put a deposit down for 2008. In January 2008 there appeared to be another change in ownership. We immediately started trying to get our deposit back. It took a little over a year and a case in small claims court, but we did it on February 9, 2009, - a great day for Region E-1! Never give up if someone takes advantage of you.

NEWS FLASH!!! DOWN SIZING? JUST LOOKING? Plan ahead and put us on your calendar now!

MAY YARD SALE

We are pleased to announce that we have found a wonderful place for our next mini yard sale. We will be holding our yard sale at the Church of the Ascension on May 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. We have room for about 34 tables, so if you are interested in reserving a table, please email Olivia at ruthsam1@comcast.net.

Directions to the church from the Baltimore Beltway: 695 to 795 to 140 to Center Street. Turn left on Center Street and proceed to the first stop sign. Turn left at the stop sign (Willis Street) and go to the next stop sign (Court Street). Turn right onto Court Street. Church of the Ascension is straight ahead. There is an alley just before the church. Turn left as parking is in the back of the building. We will be in Holy Cross Hall. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Calendar of Events

FREDERICK MARYLAND DOLLHOUSE AND MINIATURE SHOW

Sunday, March 8, 2009
9:30 a.m. Preview - \$10

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. General Admission –
Adults \$6/Children under 12 \$3
NO STROLLERS AND NO ANIMALS, PLEASE!

NEW LOCATION!!!
Independent Hose Co. Fire Station
310 Baughman's Lane
Frederick, Maryland

Free Parking in rear of Fire Station
Contact info: Barbara Morgan (301) 662-8025

FIRST STATE MINI CLUB SHOW & SALE

Sunday, March 29, 2009
10am - 4pm

Admission:
\$5.00 adults

\$4.50 for senior citizens
\$2.50 for children under 12

No baby strollers are permitted at the show

Holiday Inn Select Hotel
630 Naamans Road,
Claymont, Delaware.

VIRGINIA STATE DAY

(Registration form online and in this issue)

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Registration fee: \$75.00 [includes Project,
Continental Breakfast and Lunch]

Evergreen Firehouse—Social Hall,
3515 James Madison Highway (Route 15),
Haymarket, Virginia

Contact: Annette Hammond 703-753-9609
Email: annetteh2007@comcast.net

NAME NATIONAL CONVENTION

"Our Family Reunion"

July 16-19, 2009

Check the NAME website or the *Miniature Gazette*
for details

Shops and Museums

A Little Something Special

#6 Rocky Ridge Collectables
14716 Pennsylvania Ave
Hagerstown, Maryland 21742
301-797-6171

Antique Toy Museum

222 Read Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-230-0580
<http://www.antiqtoymuseum.com/>

Bells Exclusive

4 East Nine Mile Road
Highland Spring, Virginia
804-328-0121

Gibby's Gifts and Miniatures

241 East Green Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
410-840-3408 / 888-716-7493

Forever Friends

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

Happily Ever After

15A Catoctin Circle SE
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
703-777-7869
FAX: 703-777-1869
www.happily-ever-after.biz

Once Upon A Time

120 Church Street
Vienna, Virginia
703-255-3285
www.uponatime.com

Studebaker Miniatures Studio

17411 Lakefield Road
Round Hill, Virginia. 20141
540-338-9760
studebakerstudio@comcast.net

Tammy's Heirlooms

Online ordering only
www.tammysheirlooms.com

'Tis the Season & Miniature Cottage

101 South Main Street
Bridgewater, Virginia 22812
540-828-1400 or 866-328-1225

Virtual Dollhouse the STORE

Online specializing in 1/2", 1/4" and 1/144" scale
furnishings, accessories & building supplies.
Inch scale may be special ordered.
410-239-2377
www.virtualdollhouse.net

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 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:
<http://www.miniatures.org/NAMEonlineRegion/join.html>
For more info or questions, please contact Pat Frost, Online Regional Coordinator, at frostpl@aol.com.

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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: Romaine Eyer

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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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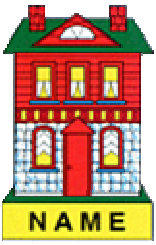
Submissions for the Winter/Spring Issue are due on or before February 1, with the publication to appear on February 15. Submissions for the Summer/Fall Issue are due on or before August 1 with the publication to appear on August 15. Event updates and other timely information will be transmitted between 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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