



# Midwest Miniature Guild

## May 2025 Guild Newsletter

Objective: "to collect, create, assemble and share mutual interest of miniature(s)... and share our knowledge and skills with the membership."



### May 3, 2025 Meeting

#### Meeting Schedule

Sales Set-Up .....	8:00-9:30
Registration .....	9:00-9:30
Morning Activities .....	9:30-12:00
Morning Vendor Sales .....	9:30-12:00
Lunch .....	12:00
Business Meeting .....	12:00-1:00
Afternoon Activities .....	1:00-3:00
Board Meeting .....	3:00-4:00

#### Due April 17, 2025

- ❖ Meeting Registration
- ❖ Vendor Sales Registration

#### Board Meetings:

April 26, 2025 Zoom  
May 3, 2025 NBCC

### 2025 EVENTS

April 25-27, 2025 Chicago International (Tom Bishop Show), Chicago, IL

May 3, 2025 MMG Membership Meeting, NBCC New Brighton, MN

May 10, 2025 Spring Hobby Show & Sale, MN Fairgrounds

August 1-2, 2025 MN Miniature Show NBCC New Brighton, MN

October 4, 2025 MMG Membership Meeting, NBCC New Brighton, MN

October 12, 2025 Dolls & Toys & Bears OH MY! Crowne Plaza, Plymouth MN

## Letter from the President

Hello Fellow Midwest Miniature Guild Members,

Our February meeting went by fast and we got a look at one of the finished book nooks that the guild is having for choices. We have 5 different book nooks for you to choose from. **The Book Nook information is on Page 5 of the newsletter. Mark your choice of 1 Book Nook on the meeting registration form.**

We are always looking for **volunteers** to be a part of the board. We are all volunteers and there are some perks for being on the board. Wonderful members that are willing to donate their talents and time. We greatly appreciate them. Knowing that you can donate at least 3 guild meetings and 3 board meetings a year is all that we really need to make our meetings work well. It comes down to a year of just showing up on zoom and our guild meetings depending on which way you'd like to help out. **See page 8.**

We're still working out how to proceed with online payments using Zelle. Which won't cost anything to use for either party. It's now the logistics of how to process registration for workshops, etc.

I'm looking forward to our May meeting and seeing everyone again! Hope you have been staying warm as spring is teasing us with warm weather then chilling down again.

Are you going to the Tom Bishop show in Chicago? We'd love to hear how it was, pictures are great too! Did you know there will be another miniature show here at the community center this coming August? The guild will again have a table and we ask any members willing to help talk about the guild.

Work is still being done on updates we are looking to adding to our bylaws as we get into the electronic age.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in May!

Kindest Regards,  
Eva Donaghue

## May's Luncheon Menu from Kowalski's

### Executive Salad and Sandwich Meal

Choose from Turkey & Brie, Tavern Ham & Provolone, or Caprese\* on ciabatta bread. Comes with Gourmet Raspberry Almond Salad, fruit, a Kowalski's Signature Chocolate, mayo and mustard packets. \*Caprese variety is made with vegetarian ingredients.

As always, water, coffee, hot water and tea bags are provided along with morning snack items. Remember there is a refrigerator available to store food items if the meal is not acceptable to your diet.

## MAY MEETING MEMBER GARAGE SALE!

Once again, we will hold our annual member garage sale in the afternoon of our May MMG meeting. Register for a table on the meeting registration form. Start cleaning out your excess or no longer loved items!

You may set up your table in the morning, but you have to cover your table with sheets until after the meeting when the sale starts. There is no preselling! Tables are \$10 donation each and you can reserve a table with your registration form. Not enough stuff for a whole table? There may be someone interested in sharing a table with you. Contact Mila [mfalbaum8@gmail.com](mailto:mfalbaum8@gmail.com) and she will see what can be arranged.

A starter pistol will announce the start of the sale! (Just kidding)



**Guild Meeting Minutes February 1, 2025**  
Respectfully submitted, Barbara Anderson, Secretary

**Meeting called to order:** The meeting called to order at 11:37 a.m. President Eva Donahue welcomed Guild members, new members Cassandra A., River B., Marilyn M., Suzy N., and Tiffany R., returning members Priscilla and Henrietta and guest Wendy G.

**Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2024, as posted in the Newsletter:** Motioned and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved

**General:**

**Open Positions:** There are several positions on the Board and Committees currently open or will be open soon. These are posted on the Guild website. Members were encouraged to look into the positions and consider supporting the Guild by volunteering or running for one of the elected positions.

**Displays:** Participating members were thanked for bringing in displays to share.

**Library:** Helen T. and Cinda P. received prizes for returning and checking out library materials.

**Door Prizes:** The following members received door prizes: Rebecca B., Amy D., Brenda L., Peggy M., Cory M., Marilyn M., Suzy N., Peggy N., Suzanne N., Rick P., Cinda P., Pam R., Caroline S. Chelsy S., Mary S., Marge S. Sue T., Helen T. and Rebecca V.

**Old Business:**

1. **Scam Emails:** Members reminded they should disregard any Emails they might receive purporting to be from the Board or other Guild members requesting money or any form of funds transfer. The Guild does not and will not request funding of any type other than annual dues reminders, registration for Guild meetings or workshop expenses. Any additional expenses will be presented to the membership at meetings. If a member receives any such Email request, they are to ignore the request and forward the Email to Eva.
2. **Online Payments:** The Board continues to work on a reliable online payment system for submission of dues, meeting fees and workshop registration. It is expected that a system will be in place soon and information on its use will be included in the May Newsletter. Checks will still be a payment option.
3. **Bylaws Revision:** The May Newsletter will also contain proposed revisions to the Bylaws to ensure that the Guild is in compliance with requirements for tax-exempt status under government regulations. The Bylaws will be posted three times for review before being brought before the membership for a vote.
4. **Book Nook:** A completed sample of one of the types of Book Nooks being considered was on display. A vendor has been sourced and there will be three options to choose from. Members interested in participating in the Book Nook project will make their choice and prepay \$10-\$15 of the project cost, which is expected to be in the \$35-\$40 range. The Guild will cover the remainder of the expense. A portion of the prepayment will be refunded to the participating member when the kits are delivered. The prepayment is being instituted to ensure that the Guild is not left with the expense of unused kits.

**New Business:** No new business or announcements were received from the floor.

**Silent Auction:** Auction of items from Guild Storage. Members were invited to inspect the items on display and bid to the corresponding bid sheet. A total of \$235.00 was raised by the auction.

1. Pool Table and Cue Rack – winner, Chelsy S.
2. Blond Bench and Chair – winner, Kris B.
3. Cradle – winner, Eva D.
4. Victorian Settee and Chair – winner, Barb A.
5. Lawn Furniture Set – winner, Chelsy S.
6. Polymer Clay Tool Set – winner, Mila F.
7. Houseworks Room Box Kit – winner, Cinda P.
8. Modern Living Room Set – winner, Rebecca V.
9. Golden Oak Swivel Desk Chair – winner, Pam R.
10. Modern Bed – winner, Linda O.
11. Modern Bed – winner, Rita C.
12. Golden Oak Hall Stand – winner, Sue T.

**Centerpieces:** Members at seat number 4 received the table centerpieces, provided by Brenda L. and depicted a leprechaun's pot of gold outside a hollow stump with landscaping.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.



## FEBRUARY MEMBER DISPLAYS



Lynn S.



Mary V.



Eva D.

"I ought to be finishing my miniatures projects so I can bring them to meetings to display, but I'm too busy finding more miniature ideas off the internet."



Jan R.



Rick P.



Marilyn M.



Suzy N.



# BOOK NOOK PROJECT



Book Store



Greenhouse



Sakura



Arcade



Flower Shop

Here is the long awaited information for our Guild member Book Nook project! We finally found a way to order these Rolife book nook kits at a discount.

You do not need to participate in this project if you do not want to, this is a voluntary project.

Here are the details - The Board has decided that there will be a small fee for this project.

There is a \$15 dollar fee when you make your choice of book nooks. Please choose only one at this time. We may be able to order more at another time.

Here's the good part. Once you have completed your book nook and brought it to show off at a meeting, you will receive \$10 back! Making it only \$5 in the end.

Below are your choices. Look on the internet if you want specifics on a **Rolife** nook using the name in parentheses.

1. Book Store (Shakespeare)
2. Greenhouse (Garden House)
3. Sakura (Falling Sakura)
4. Arcade Dating (Paris Street view)
5. Flower Shop (Floral Corner)

Guild Members need to mark their choice on the Guild meeting registration form and send to Mila with the \$15.00 deposit by April 17th. You do not need to attend the meeting to make this choice. Once the deposit and choice has been made, we will be able to process our order to the manufacturer. When the shipment has been received we will contact you and set up your delivery at the next meeting or sooner. This depends on when we receive delivery.

# WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS

## MORNING WORKSHOPS 9:30 am – Noon



### 1" PREPARING A STEW

**Description:** Work with Premo polymer clay & Resin to make stew with vegetables & liquid. Fill "LeCreuset" pot with chopped vegetables, cover with a resin liquid, & mark up the board to give it a well-used look. A small knife will be include. You prefer to have beef in your stew? As time allows us, we will discuss how to make meat & other veggies to use in your stew. Start in morning, finishing in the afternoon

**Instructor:** Pam Rouleau

**Skill Level:** Beginner to Intermediate

**Tools/Supplies:** Bring an xacto-knife, tweezers, paint brushes (fine liner, medium), Fast Grab Tacky Glue, 1 double-sided or 2 stylus 1/8" & 3/8", a container to bring board home in.

**Cost:** \$35.00

**Class Limit:** 12

**Extra Kits:** None



### BEACH TREASURES IN 1 INCH SCALE

**Description:** Fill a chest with treasures inspired by the beach. Work with various inks, powders and varnishes on a variety of surfaces. Approximate size of the chest (LxWxH): 3 x 1.4 x 1.7 inch (when closed).

**Instructor:** Jan Rasmussen

**Skill Level:** All

**Tools/Supplies:** Tacky glue, small paint brushes (size 0 – if you don't have these, they will be provided in the class), sharp nosed tweezer, scissors for cutting material/thread.

**Cost:** \$20.00

**Class Limit:** 8

**Extra Kits:** None



### TREE STUMP IN POLYMER CLAY

**Description:** Create your very own tree stump using polymer clay, there will be a base to attach your tree trunk to. Also, flowers, other foliage and grass to choose from.

**Instructor:** Brenda Lutter

**Skill Level:** All skill levels

**Tools/Supplies:** Please bring with you; X-acto knife or a clay cutter Stylus for detailing clay 2 paint brushes - one for paint and one for glue Your favorite glue, Acrylic rolling pin, Wet wipes

**Cost:** \$23.00

**Class Limit:** 8

**Extra Kits:** None



## *Attention All Juniors*



*Spring has sprung,  
Lots of gardening to be done,  
Potting table, soil, tools - even a rake,  
Pots, seeds, flowers, for goodness sake!*

*Join Us in the "Garden"*

*At the Guild meeting*

*All juniors at no cost-please pre register*

*(If there are open spots (Adult) Guild members can sign up at the registration table)*





## MINI CLASS AT YOUR TABLE



### **Mini Class: Perfume Bottles**

Perfume bottles: up to 50 kits available @ **\$5 each**. Register for class or buy kits if any left on day of meeting.

Instructions will be given by Peggy and you will work at your spot at the tables.

Kits includes beads for 4-5 bottles, a mirror, foam square to work on, and pins

**Supplies:** Bring Tacky or Instant Glue, and tweezers

**Instructor:** Peggy Newgren/Pam Rouleau

## FREE ACTIVITY



### **USE THE GUILD'S PUNCHES!**

Bring your own papers & use the Guild's punches at the meeting. Please return punches to the box after using them so other members may use them. **Punches are not intended to be taken home.** Thank you.

## **AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

### **MAY MEETING MEMBER GARAGE SALE!**

Shop to your hearts delight!

Please follow the rules of the sale: Member sales tables will be set up in the morning, but must be covered with sheets until the meeting has been adjourned. There is no preselling! The reason for this is to give the sellers time to get their tables set and to give buyers an equal chance at the treasures found on the tables.

May you find a treasure!





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**\*\*\*Members Needed to Fill Positions\*\*\***

(Interested? Contact a Board Member)

- ✓ **WORKSHOP COORDINATOR**
- ✓ **Vendors/Garage Sales Coordinators - 2**
- ✓ **Technology Committee - 2**
- ✓ **Workshop Teachers**
- ✓ **Nominating Committee - 3 openings (Elected at Oct meeting)**

**Committees:**

**Artisan Search Committee:**

Jane Sanem-Chair/Board rep  
Linda Olson

**Scholarship Committee:**

Jane Sanem-Board rep  
Mary Breslin-Chair  
Alice Roberts

**Thinking Ahead to Elections**

Guild elections will be held at the Guild meeting February 2026. Start thinking now if you would like to run for a position. Ask the Board questions regarding the duties of the 5 elected positions and the appointed positions.

We need 3 Nominating Committee members to be elected by the Guild at the October Meeting. Their job is to call members to find out who is willing to volunteer for elected positions and those interested in appointed positions. They will then present the list of candidates to the Board. Please consider volunteering.

Check out the position opportunities on this page.

Either in the fall or winter, those wishing to run for the elected offices should send to the Board a short introduction and background for the Membership chair to send to all the Guild members before the election in one email.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Guild. Please consider lending your talents to our group

## MEMBER NEWS

*You say tax refund.  
I say craft supply replenishment.*

### *Welcome to our New and Returning Members!*

*Tiffany R. (Roseville)  
River B. (Minneapolis)  
Marilyn M. (South St Paul)  
Suzy N. (South St Paul)  
Cassandra A. (Champlin)*

*Nicole G. (White Bear Lake)  
Meadow G. (Jr) (White Bear Lake)  
Katy S. (Plymouth)  
Beverly H. (Edina)*

### Volunteers Needed for Shift Work

Volunteers will be needed to cover a Midwest Miniature Guild table at the August 1-2, 2025 MN Miniature Show at the New Brighton Community Center, New Brighton, MN. Contact Jane Sanem, Membership Chair for details. The Guild will pay your entrance fee for the show!!!

She likes two members to staff the table at a time during a shift. All you have to do is speak to prospective members about our passion, show them the display, and hand out a favor. Hopefully, sign them up!

Since you will be going to the show to buy new treasures anyway, take a turn at the table. Remember your fee will be paid. Thanks!





## BULLETIN BOARD

### Interested in Making Centerpieces or Table Favors for MMG Meetings?

Clubs or individuals will be reimbursed for what they make. 12 centerpieces & 80-100 table favors per meeting are needed. Items don't have to be identical but should be similar. Questions? Contact Centerpiece/Favors Board Member.

### Scholarships Available

The Scholarship Program promotes the advancement of the hobby of miniatures by supporting members who wish to learn skills that can be shared with the Guild. In exchange for the scholarship, the recipient agrees to teach a workshop within one year of taking the workshop. Questions may be directed to Mary Breslin at [mary.breslin55@gmail.com/](mailto:mary.breslin55@gmail.com/). The application and instructions for scholarship are on our website <https://midwestminiatureguild.org/>

### MMG Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/midwestminiatureguild/>

Share projects, fun finds, tutorials, and ask questions!

First time at the site, click the blue "Join Group" button. Once joined, SHARE! Type your message where it says "Write something" and add your photos by clicking "Photo/Video." Don't have a Facebook Account? You can view the group but won't be able to post at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1053410018407866>

You can also share by emailing your project and notes to Elyse at [elissapaigephillips@gmail.com](mailto:elissapaigephillips@gmail.com). She'll post them to the page.

### NEWSLETTER

We welcome interesting articles or personal submissions to share with guild members thru the newsletter. Please send items to: [jwasmund@nuveramail.net](mailto:jwasmund@nuveramail.net). Thanks!

### MMG Library

**We are continually looking for donations of books and magazines related to miniatures and dollhouses that can be added to the permanent MMG Research Library. Please bring any donated materials to the MMG Library table at the next meeting. Thank you!**

You can access the MMG Library Inventory on our MMG website.

[www.midwestminiatureguild.org/ads.htm](http://www.midwestminiatureguild.org/ads.htm)

### MMG WEBSITE

Our website has a page, at no cost, for members to list miniature items & supplies to sell or give away or to request items one is looking for. Also you can find old newsletters and listing of Library items.

[www.midwestminiatureguild.org/ads.htm](http://www.midwestminiatureguild.org/ads.htm)

### Business Cards and Brochures

If you need MMG business cards or brochures to promote our hobby, please contact Jane Sanem. They will be available at the August Mini Show and at the Guild meetings.

### Chicago International - World's Largest Miniatures Vendor Show & Workshops

Chicago International (aka Tom Bishop show) is held in April every year in Chicago. Miniatures dealers from 20 countries & 32 states assemble. Check out <https://www.bishopshow.com/>. You may book a hotel room at special show rate; register for workshops before the vendor show; buy a preview ticket for a day of shopping before opens to general public. Other miniatures shows may run at the same time with a shuttle running between the shows. Speak to a member who has gone, it is fantastic!



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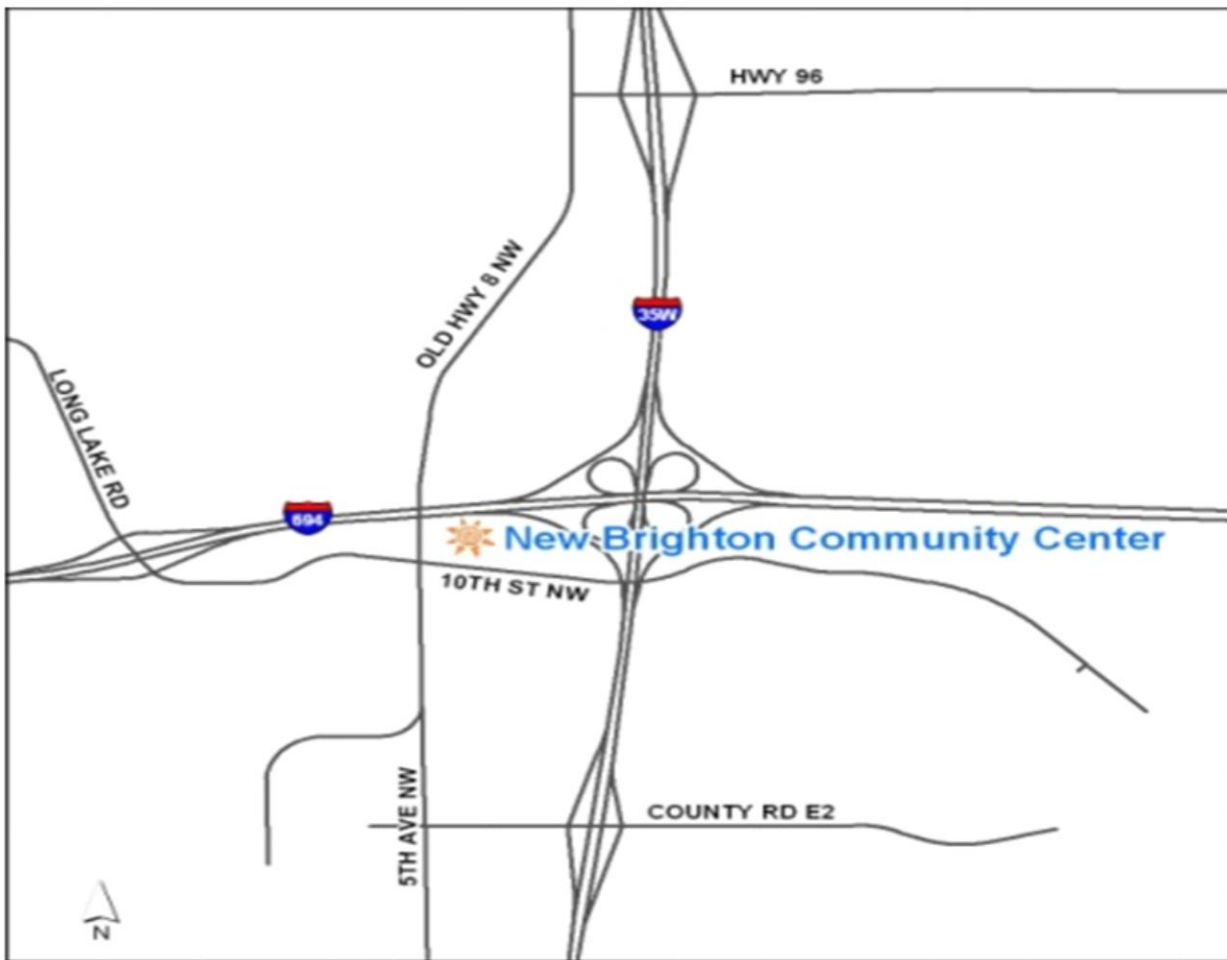
### FOR SALE

For Sale Ads by members may be placed on an actual bulletin board displayed at the Guild meetings and also on the Midwest Miniature Guild webpage under Ads, and the Facebook page. Both links on newsletter Bulletin Board.

## Support out Advertisers and Vendors.

Many show their items at the August 1-2, 2025 MN Miniature Show at the New Brighton Community Center, New Brighton, MN. This show brings in many other vendors as well and classes.

## MAP AND DIRECTIONS



### **DIRECTIONS TO THE NEW BRIGHTON COMMUNITY CENTER** **400 10th St. NW** **New Brighton, MN 55112**

#### **From South:**

35W north to County Rd E2, west (left) on County Rd E2 to 5th Ave. NW, north (right) on 5th Ave. NW (which turns into Old Hwy 8 NW) to 10th St. NW (second stop light), turn right and then left into parking lot.

#### **From North:**

35W south to Hwy 96, west (right) on HWY 96 to Old Hwy 8 NW, south (left) on Old Hwy 8 to 10th St. NW, turn left at stop light and then left into parking lot.

#### **From West:**

694 east to Long Lake Rd., at the top of the exit go south (right) onto 10th St. NW, go straight through 2 stoplights, turn left into parking lot.

#### **From East:**

694 west to Long Lake Rd, south (left) onto Long Lake Rd, which becomes 10th St. NW, go straight through 2 stoplights, turn left into parking lot.



## Snapshots from the Last Meeting!

Workshops, sharing ideas and skills, mingling with old friends and new!



- St. Pat's Centerpiece
- Snowman Yard Ornament
- Mini Drink Cup Favor



- Workshops
- Silent Auction
- Future Projects
- Box Lunch
- New Inspiration!