

# Midwest Miniature Guild

October 2025 Guild Newsletter

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



### October 4, 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 September 20, 2025

- Meeting Registration
- Vendor Sales Registration

#### **Board Meetings:**

Sept. 26, 2025 Zoom Oct 4, 2025 NBCC

### 2025-26 EVENTS

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

<u>February 7 2026</u> MMG Membership Meeting, NBCC New Brighton, MN

April 10-12, 2026 Chicago International (Tom Bishop Show), Chicago, IL

May 2, 2026 MMG Membership Meeting, NBCC New Brighton, MN

July 31 & Aug 1, 2026 MN Miniature Show NBCC New Brighton, MN

### Letter from the President

Greetings fellow Midwest Miniature Guild members,

How was your summer? Have you started a new project or finished one? We would love to see it. *Please bring your newest creation to share.* We love seeing what you have made! It inspires us to create more miniatures!

Did you travel to any museums or shows/sales this summer? Did you find goodies that piqued your artist side? **Share your experience with us.** Write an article and submit for our newsletters.

**Volunteer**: Think about adding your voice and talents to the Guild. Volunteers keep our guild running. On average our board members attend zoom meetings pre- and post- our Guild meetings as well as run our Guild meetings. We need you and your valuable time and talents to keep sharing our miniature passions. Please sign up to help out when requested. Please consider being on the Board. Your opinions make a difference and help keep our Guild fresh and progressing.

Are you part of a miniature club? Our Guild was started by miniature clubs getting together to share the miniature world. If you are part of a current club, please let us know. Even if your club isn't looking for more members, we'd love to know how many clubs we have. Also if you are looking for a club that meets once a month, please reach out to me. We are trying to find those willing to make new clubs for our members searching for a club to join.

**Booknook update** - They have been ordered and we are currently waiting for their arrival. We will let you know when they are delivered.

**Online payments update** - We are still reviewing options for payment processing. I realize this process is going slowly. We want to make it as smooth as possible and done correctly. We do not want to make registering more complicated than it currently is.

**Ideas**: Do you have a knack for creating miniatures? If so, have you ever thought about showing your friends at our guild how you made an item? You could demonstrate your idea in front of just a couple of us. You don't need to worry about talking in front of everyone, just a few us as if you are talking with your best friends. You do not need to teach or run a workshop. If you have an idea to present, we can make that happen.

We are also going to be asking for members to step up and be on the **Nominating Committee** as we have a Board in February.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Kindest Regards, Eva Donaghue Midwest Miniature Guild President

### October's Luncheon Menu from Kowalski's

Pretzel Roll Sandwich Market Meal: Either Ham and Swiss, Roast Beef and Cheddar or Turkey and Cheddar. This meal includes a Pretzel Roll sandwich, grapes, Kowalski's kettle chips, and a Kowalski's family favorite cookie.

If you walk into Saturday's meeting without a registration, please bring your own lunch.

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.

### PLEASE NOTE FOR UPCOMING OCTOBER MEETING

- <u>LIVE AUCTION</u> of wonderful miniature treasures after business meeting. Bring your checkbooks!
- Renew your DUES for 2026! Pay on registration form now or by Jan. 1, 2026 deadline.
- Walk-in registrants are not guaranteed lunches or table favors.
- Pre-order library materials

### THE ART OF PAINTING SMALL PICTURES

by Gina Chase Sanderson

I don't quite remember how I discovered my talent for mini-painting, but I found out when it happened when I reread my diary: it happened in 2014. I started, innocently enough, scribbling with my pastel chalks on some colored paper. Almost before I knew what I was doing, I saw a painting emerge—my eyes were doing tricks! Because in fact, it was just a few smudges of color. I had just stumbled on a startling truth: when the image is tiny, tiny, our eyes fill in the image with all manner of nonexistent detail—grasses, trees, shrubs, forest! Here is one of the paintings I did on that wonderful day (Fig. Left). You'll have to admit there's not much in it—but oh what my imagination makes me think I see!





And here's a caution: it's that way in the larger world too. We misread or embellish much of what we see, filling in the blanks left and right. In fact, I'm beginning to think that sight is a two-way street, a collision of what's out there with all the bric-a-brac already in my mind—all the dreads and denials, expectations and longings.

Well, so much for the first pastel paintings. They got better as I added more detail. To a point. I got it right in this one (Fig. Right)

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### **Guild Meeting Minutes - May 3, 2025**

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Anderson, Secretary

<u>Meeting called to order</u>: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President, Eva Donaghue. She welcomed new members Ray S., Aiden M., Susan M., Patricia R., Beverly K. and Rochelle K. and thanked the vendors also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2025: Motioned and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Guild balance is \$27,019.39. Approved as presented.

<u>Book Nooks:</u> May 30 is the deadline for ordering a kit as part of the Guild Book Nook project. There are 5 choices: samples were on display. The kits are manufactured in China. Due to recent tariff events, delivery may be delayed and prices increase. Kit assembly can be a feature of a General Guild meeting subsequent to delivery.

<u>Online payment feature:</u> The Board is still determining the best application for direct payments to the Guild Treasury for dues, meetings and workshops.

<u>Elected Positions:</u> The Board is still looking for members to fill open or soon to be open Board positions. Requirements include the ability to attend 3 General meetings and 3 Zoom Board meetings per year. The Board is looking for 2 people to fill the Librarian position and 1 person to handle Workshops. There are other non-elected positions also available. Members were encouraged to participate in support of the Guild.

### Old Business:

Scam Emails: The Guild was reminded that scam emails purporting to be from Board members soliciting funds are ongoing. The Board will never request money from members except for standard dues, meetings, projects or workshops. Do not respond to requests to cover some type of financial outlay because a Board member is not available to pay it. These do not come from the Board or any Board member. Please report these as spam and let the Board know if you receive them.

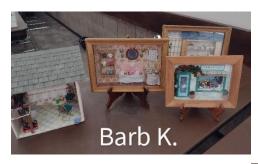
#### **New Business:**

- 1. <u>Miniatures.com</u>, formerly Hobby Builders Supply (Lynn Snyder) is going out of business. The deadline for shopping with this supplier is June 9.
- 2. <u>New Brighton Community garage sale:</u> currently going on in the parking lot during and following the meeting.
- 3. <u>Miniature Show and Sale:</u> The next local Miniature Show and Sale will be held in this space (New Brighton Community Center) on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 8 pm and Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm. Volunteers are needed to man the Guild information booth. Volunteers will get free admission. Please contact Jane Sanem if you can help out.
- 4. There is a <u>Lady Kathleen Doll House</u> available for free, located in Edina. Contact information is available if you are interested.

<u>Centerpieces:</u> Drawings were held and members at seat 2 took home table centerpieces. Door prizes were won by Saeidh, Jay S., Kathleen S. and River B. Mary B. took home a prize drawn from members participating in the display table. Additional prizes were won by Priscilla S., Patrick K., Sharolyn E., Judy M., Mary H., Mary Ann C., Rebecca O., Barbara A., Lou H., Gina S. and Jeanne F.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.

### **MAY MEMBER DISPLAYS**











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#### Book Nook Project 2024

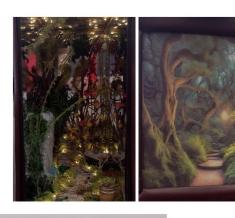
I did this workshop as part of the T&D Miniatures show in August 2024 - right here in this very room. The workshop teacher: Andi Vinciquorra – was a delight, and so was her workshop, Bookshalf Mugic. Before we arrived to take the workshop, she saked us to gather rivejs and such from our yards to put into the scene. She provided a very basic MDF book nook kit (just the unassambled box) and got us started with glucing in lights on the floor and coiling, I added some lights of my own to highlight the water feature I made (iffs like a diny waterfall grotto, on the left woll. I used the techniques I learned in Sue and Eamon O'Rourke's workshop.)

Part of the magic of this nook is the refloctive paper Andi had us inetall on the walls, ceiting and floor of the inside of the nook. We made liberal use of the sticks we collected, which some as trees and large branches in the nook. Andi site provided moss and other alements, such as the weoden slats that form the walk-way (made of coffee sits sticks.)

My main "value add" to this nook was the exterior. The teether-tooking stuff is traux loother repeir material I purchased on Amazon, then figured out how to cushion some balsa wood and cover it with the faux leather. The images were generated by Al (Canva.) I experimented a bit and figured out how to hide the batteries with a hinged flap at the back.

I added some stuff from my and my sister Jan's stashes, and -voila! A book nook,

- Mary Brest





### Colorado Wilderness Scene: A Workshop with Sue & Eamon O'Rourke

(Tom Bishop show, 2024)

The gray outside walls are MDF, while the structure or basis of the inside is foam insulation (like the pink stuff you see contractors put inside the walls of homes under construction.) We used a saw to shape the MDF and a hot foam knife to shape the foam insulation, then glued the pieces of insulation. I bought the wood trim for the exterior and got it cut to fit, then stained it.

Some of the rocks are plaster castings, but mostly the rocks were made by covering the foam insulation with Sculpt-a-Mold. We learned some clever painting techniques to get the striated effects that you see on the rocks. The waterfalls were made by pouring very thin layers of Woodland Scenics' Water Effects over waxed paper, then carefully peeling them off when dry.

The top pool is Realistic Water, also by Woodland Scenics. The lower pool is two-part clear resin (of which there are many brands.) We painted the bottoms of the pools before pouring the resin to make the water look blue (versus adding pigment to the resin.)

We experimented with applying "grass" using static electricity to make it stand up. Sue & Earmon provided much of the ground cover and the dead or fallen trees. I rounded things out with some plants mostly from Hub Hobby (and a gift of a tree and a rabbit from my sister, Jan.) The lynx was purchased from Karl Blindheim at the 2024 Bishop show. The black bird I had in my miniatures stash, origin unknown.

The workshop was 4 full days, but I still had quite a bit to do at home to complete the project. Sue & Eamon were wonderful, and I learned a lot. I shared photos of the finished project with Sue, Eamon and Karl at Bishop this war.

- Mary Brestin

#### Above and to the left:

Mary B. brought two displays to the May meeting that she had completed in two different workshop opportunities in which she had taken part. Mary is an exceptional miniaturist and included wonderful write-ups to accompany the displays.

# MN Mini Show was a Success! By Jane Sanem

Our annual Mini Show held on Friday, August 1 and Saturday, August 2, had steady traffic and show promoter, Theresa Zweiner said our numbers were similar to last year. <u>Dates for 2026 are Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1.</u>

We had lots of traffic at the MMG/NAME table. Always a good way to gain new members! Thank you to table helpers - Becky H., Carol M., Lynn S., and Helen T. Your willingness to help and talk about the Guild is so valuable! Plus it gives me a break - to shop! Congrats to MMG raffle winners: Carol B. (tractor), Karen B. (wicker furniture), and Eva D. (doll).

The workshops were great - pizza and pancake breakfast were well done. Taylor was a delightful and talented teacher. She'll be back in 2026.

A special thank you to our MMG members/vendors - Patrick Kinney, Carol Sherry, Eva Donaghue, David Omer and Kathleen Stewart - you are truly the backbone of the show. Thank you!





### **WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS**

### WORKSHOPS 9:30 am – Noon (unless noted\*)



### **PLANT SCAPE**

**Description:** Work with a variety of plant materials to create collage shapes of butterflies, leaves & a wall. Lots of materials will be available to enhance shapes. Adapted from a Charita Teague workshop.

Instructor: Jane Sanem Skill Level: All Skill Levels

Tools/Supplies: Sharp small scissors, Tacky glue (Fast Grab works well),

pointed tweezers and Stain Markers (Some will be available).

**Cost:** \$20.00

Class Limit: 10 Extra Kits: None



### **FIREPLACE**

Description: Make a beautiful 1:12 scale Shaker Style Fireplace from a

kit. The Kit includes all the parts to make the fireplace.

\*Workshop will take 4 hours to complete.

Instructor: Patrick Kinney Skill Level: All levels

Tools/Supplies: Sandpaper (150 and 220 grit), Hobby Tool Kit, Square

or Gluing jig, Tacky glue.

Cost: \$50.00 Class Limit: 10 Extra Kits: A few



### **CHARACTER PUMPKINS**

**Description:** Students will make two Fimo pumpkins with facial features which will be the main focus of the class. The pumpkins may

be stacked as shown or separate for use in your own scene.

**Instructo**r: Joan Purcell and Caroline Sharp

Skill Level: All skill levels

**Tools/Supplies:** Please bring clay tools if you have some you like to use. Tooth pick or needle tool will also work. Tacky glue, small scissors, small paint brush for eyes & a 1/4 inch soft brush for dusting faces.

Cost: \$20.00 Class Limit: 10 Extra Kits: None

### Junior Workshop



The harvest is finally done! Now the crows and
I can have some fun.

This class is free to Junior Members. Register for class on the "Member Registration Form". Young Juniors should be accompanied by an adult for the class. There may be open spots for adults to take the class. Adults may sign up at the registration table the day of the meeting. There is an \$18.00 fee for adults taking the class.

Students will be taught how to assemble most of the items in the picture and making baskets. The background will be already completed on which the items will be glued.

### MINI CLASS AT YOUR TABLE



#### Mini Class: Fall or Winter Container

Make this 1/12 scale, easy for beginners project. Directions will be given, you will receive everything in the picture to complete 1 of the containers. Feel free to bring other objects to place in your planter.

**Bring:** Tacky glue and or hot glue gun, wire cutter, paint or stain, brushes, clamps (clothespins), toothpicks.

**Instructor:** Rick Petersen

We have a limit to 15 of each containers at \$4/each.

### 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. <u>Punches are not intended to be taken home</u>. Thank you.

### **Auction**

There will be a live auction after the business meeting.



### MiniatureCrush.com Acquired Miniatures.com

As you know, this Spring MiniatureCrush.com acquired Miniatures.com and its Houseworks Brand of Dollhouse Building Supplies. "Two great brands (they) could not let disappear." Here is the backstory from our own MMG member:

"It was all very sudden for us (me and my husband Steve). We found out when everyone else did about them retiring. We were at the Tom Bishop Show in Chicago and were in disbelief. We had never spoken to them before and asked a mutual contact (Aztec Miniatures) to put us in touch with them and it took off from there. They were really just going to shut it down! We were originally going to take over their fully built website but realized the systems they used had been around since they originally started selling online and it would be difficult to import our own data into it. With 9 days before their scheduled shutdown we had our son build a brand new copycat site to launch on June 9th. We tried to include as much of the previous miniatures.com site as we could including Creatin' Contest winners, we thought that was important since so many people put a lot of effort into those and they are great inspiration photos. Unfortunately we couldn't transfer customer data so everyone needed to make a new account.

We did have to do away with the catalog. A big difference between us and the original <u>miniatures.com</u> is the amount of different items. They ran around 1500 different items where we have over 4000. That means we have low quantity and a big selection but items sell out fast. By the time a catalog could be printed, half the items would be out of stock. They had much larger quantities but not as many items.

We don't know if the Creatin' Contest will continue, I think we would need a few more employees to launch something like that and we are just not there yet. Miniatures.com was a much larger company with years of experience behind them. I started MiniatureCrush in 2018 and slowly grew it at a pace I could handle, then all of the sudden miniatures.com was thrown in the mix so we are going through some growing pains.

About MiniatureCrush: We have 3 family members that work in the business (Me, my husband and my 20 year old son) along with 1 FT person that does shipping and 3 PT people who also help with shipping and receiving. We work out of a 5000 sq foot office space in downtown Savage. I started the miniature business in my basement after a 20 year run in the book business."

Christine Olson www.MiniatureCrush.com www.miniatures.com

We wish them all the best!



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS-Elected

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

(Interested? Contact a Board Member)

- ✓ WORKSHOP COORDINATOR
- ✓ LIBRARIAN
- **✓** Assistant Librarian
- ✓ Historian
- ✓ Vendors/Garage Sales Coordinators 2
- ✓ Technology Committee 2
- **✓** Workshop Teachers
- ✓ Nominating Committee 3 openings **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 one email to all the Guild members before the election.

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

### **Library News**

We probably have the most extensive miniatures library as any group with our interests. Please make use of it by looking at on-line list of items and order from the librarian as per instructions on Bulletin Board.

Our library welcomes donations of any books and magazines you are ready to part with. Thank you.

### **DULUTH LIBRARY DOLLHOUSES**



20 years ago, Carol Dyson, with her teachers, were instrumental in donating a dollhouse to each of the three libraries in Duluth, MN. Pam Rouleau has been caring for the large Victorian dollhouse located in the main downtown library for about five years now (after Carol passed away). Pam changes the dollhouse seasonally and for the holidays. She says: "It is always fun to see or hear the positive reaction from those that visit the libraries. I recently rescued the tree from the free table at our Miniature Guild meeting and downsized it to fit the yard. I sculpted the three children, playing in the front yard, many years ago." When in Duluth, be sure to stop by at the 3 libraries to see these beauties.



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In this next one I may have gone a little too far. It's quite insistent on what it is. My mind wants room to play—to interpret, to embroider the canvas with a viewer's curiosity and imagination.



I loved doing these little paintings. However, I soon stopped producing pastels when I realized I'd have to frame them. And not just frame them! Pastels—of any size—require special treatment, because they (however much hairspray you use on them, and you'd better not use too much or you'll darken the color of the painting disastrously) *shed chalk particles*.

In the big world of pastel artists, the artist must not only mat the painting, which keeps the painting from touching the glass, but must also use "spacers" under the mat, so that the mat *itself* does not touch the painting. And be sure to use glass! That go-to of miniaturists, acrylic, is ruled out—can't be used over pastels of any size. Pastel particles jump onto it, magnetically attracted.

So I have learned how to cut micro glass, but not by making tiny picture frames. Instead, I recently got around to building and installing 13 windows on my dollhouse (a dollhouse 25 years in the making, sigh. Wait a minute. I bought it in 1991. The box sat under my bed for a year. That's—33 years! Sigh). I maniacally used real glass for the windows. They open and shut, and even have window handles and little locks on each window. I am very proud of my windows!



So now I am an expert miniature-glass cutter. Next up, I want to learn to cut miniscule mats. As you know, mats have a 45-degree beveled edge, which I will have to cut by hand with one of my vast selection of Exacto blades. You will never guess what I found to be the perfect mat board—in thickness, in finish, in its white core that looks so great with a 45- degree cut: paint chips, thank you Sherwin Williams.

I recently learned a way to circumvent all of this hard work of cutting glass and mats for pastels. I began using acrylics! Acrylic painting, like oil painting, follows its own historical tradition: no glass, no mat. Yay! I even found a way to simulate mini-canvas, by using a thin silk fabric or antique cotton handkerchiefs, primed with white gesso. Perfect texture, perfect scale: canvas! And, oh yes, paintings on canvas need to be varnished, and so I varnish. The perfect finishing touch: I almost fainted.

The whole subject of frames still has me flummoxed. I can buy them from dollhouse supply sources, but most of them are too thick, too blunted and stodgy—and blurry, if embossed. So now I'm buying frame stock, learning how to miter corners with my sophisticated little miter box, learning how to sand and stain and paint my frames, with a big thank you to David Omer, who has been generous with his tips for making great frames.

David's frames are accomplished. I spent a long time admiring them at the May meeting—even as my heart sank. It would take a good long time to learn to make frames that even approached the quality of his frames. So you will find on display at our October MMG meeting a wide selection of my paintings, in frames ranging from great (probably purchased) to—well, okay. I'll be there smiling, as I host my own very first sales table.

I'll have a magnifier ready for you to view the little pictures. It's a little uncanny, looking at them through a magnifier. It seems as if you shrink into a little person looking at a life-size painting, an illusion I cherish. I'm always imagining myself walking through my dollhouse rooms.

A word about me. I was a teacher most of my life, of French, English, and humanities. But I had been an art major at the University of Minnesota in 1956 (don't do the math), and all my life I had wondered if I could have been an artist. So when I retired from teaching I started studying art. I ended up getting a BFA in art from the University of Minnesota in 2011. And have been painting ever since . . . I look forward to meeting you!

### MEMBER NEWS

### Welcome to our New and Returning Members!

Wendy G. (Forest Lake) Laci K. (Minneapolis) Ruby 8. (8t, Louis Park) Beverly K. (White Bear Lake) Rochelle K. (White Bear Lake) James N. (Eagan) Returning member

### **October is National Miniature Month**



The Midwest Miniature Guild was formed in 1984 by Twin Cities miniaturists after hosting a N.A.M.E. (National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts) Regional House Party. They established a non-profit organization to promote the hobby of Miniature creation and collecting.

### Minis at the Wayzata Public Library

By Jane Sanem

Once again, we had the opportunity to show off our minis at the Wayzata Public Library. I've done this for a couple of years but first time solo! I've measured, checked and rechecked the Library's locked, glass case. I knew about how much mini stuff to bring, then brought more. I like Halloween, so I had a shelf devoted to all things Halloween- even a bat sign labeled "Halloween". Maybe you can see it, second to the bottom shelf!

We usually exhibit for a month, but the Library had a cancellation. So the display was up from June 2 - July 21. We always get positive feedback back from the librarians and several MMG brochures are picked up.

It's nice to get visibility and interest in our hobby! If you are interested in displaying some of your minis next summer, let me know. I would be happy to share space with you!



### REMEMBERING

Barbie Cohen Andreason, a former and very active member of MMG passed away in May.



### **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.

### **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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1053410018407866">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1053410018407866</a>

You can also share by emailing your project and notes to Elyse at <a href="mailto:elissapaigephillips@gmail.com">elissapaigephillips@gmail.com</a>. She'll post them to the page.

### **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

### **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 <a href="mary.breslin55@gmail.com/">mary.breslin55@gmail.com/</a>. The application and instructions for scholarship are on our website <a href="https://midwestminiatureguild.org/">https://midwestminiatureguild.org/</a>

#### **NEWSLETTER**

We welcome interesting articles or personal submissions to share with guild members thru the newsletter. Please send items to: <a href="mailto:jwasmund@nuveramail.net">jwasmund@nuveramail.net</a>. Thanks!

### **MMG** Library on Website

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. <a href="mailto:www.midwestminiatureguild.org">www.midwestminiatureguild.org</a> Instructions to request items also posted on site. Send requests to: Librarian4MMG@gmail.com

### **Business Cards and Brochures**

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

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

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Members may place for Sale Ads on an actual bulletin board displayed at Guild meetings.

Our website has at page under "Ads" for members to list miniature items and supplies to sell or give away or to request items one is looking for. Ads also can be the Guild's Facebook page. Both links on newsletter Bulletin Board.

Remember to Support our Advertisers and Vendors.

Check out our MMG
Website, Facebook and
Instagram Pages.

### 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!



Right: 3 houses were given free to good homes. One from the guild and 2 from a private party.







### 4 VENDORS!!!





Centerpieces were patio scene and favors were potted flowers like the ones in the planter. Made by the Duluth Mini Club.

> Below: Workshops and Free Activities











**Junior Workshop** 





