



Midwest Miniature Guild

February 2026 Guild Newsletter

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



February 7, 2026 Meeting

Meeting Schedule

Sales Set-Up	8:00-9:30
Check In.....	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 January 20, 2026

- ❖ Meeting Registration
- ❖ Vendor Sales Registration

Board Meetings:

- Jan. 25, 2026 Zoom
- Feb. 7, 2026 NBCC

2026 EVENTS

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

October 3, 2026 MMG Membership Meeting, NBCC New Brighton, MN



Letter from the President

Greetings, Fellow Midwest Miniature Guild Members!

I hope the holidays were good to you and you were able to enjoy family and friends as well as our wonderful miniature passion.

Remember, when it is snowing outside and in the single digits, it is a good time to spend indoors working on our minis!

I am starting a planning committee for our **MMG 45th Anniversary**. It is best to start now and give the committee time to make it extra special. I would love 10 members to join me in this endeavor, please come talk to me at the meeting if you are interested or have ideas.

It has been my honor to be your president for the last 4 years! I look forward to being able to teach workshops again, as well as have a sales table. I love this great hobby. Know that if you have any questions at all, feel free to contact me!

We love seeing what you have been working on since our last meeting in October, **Please bring your displays to show off! Remember if you bring back your completed booknook for display at meetings you will receive a refund of \$10.00!** Speak to Mila at the registration desk regarding the refund.

At our February meeting we will be **voting on some board member positions**. Please remember that we are all volunteers donating our time and talents to make a great place to meet up with others that love our hobby. There are some fantastic opportunities for members to help out, not just at our meetings but in any of our board positions. Please consider offering your time and talent to our Guild! During your time on the board your annual dues are covered.

A huge **THANK YOU** to the nominating committee for the fantastic work they did regarding the upcoming election, Mary B., Carol M., and Cindy O. On page 7 find the **Candidates Statements** of those members wishing to run for the President and Vice-President of the Guild.

Have you thought about having a class after our Guild meeting in the afternoon? We do have the room available for longer workshops if anyone is interested.

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We are always looking into the future for what we should give out to our members as table favors and centerpieces. Following is our procedure for submitting Table Favors and Centerpieces for approval:

Any club or individual member is asked to provide a sample or idea of what they would like to create for a Guild meeting. The samples or ideas need to be pre-approved before they are to be made. This is a process that involves the board seeing a sample of a piece or design. The board then looks at your idea for a Table Favor or Centerpiece. The board then votes on the item or idea. Once you have received the go ahead, we ask that you have them ready a month or more in advance. A Board member will coordinate a time to receive the items a month prior to the meeting. Once they are actually used, is when we pay for your hard work. The value of the table favor/centerpiece needs to match what the Guild pays for it.

If you have created items without the approval of the board, we cannot guarantee that they will be accepted or used. We have had this process since 2008. Any questions please speak with a board member.

I want to thank all of our members that have participated in the past for making our guild work!

I look forward to seeing you all at our February meeting!

With Kindest Regards!
Eva Donaghue

February's Luncheon Menu from Kowalski's

Soup and Wraps

Tomato Bisque Soup or Rotisserie Chicken Noodle Soup
Half Wraps of Veggie, Smoked Turkey/Cheddar or Ham/Swiss.

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 FEBRUARY MEETING

- **Annual Memberships are Overdue!** Get them to Mila ASAP!
- **LIVE AUCTION** of wonderful miniature treasures after the business meeting. Bring your checkbooks!
- Walk-in registrants are not guaranteed lunches or table favors.
- Pre-order library materials
- Bring your booknooks if you want to work on them during the meeting. Help will be available.
- Review the Candidate statements on Page 7 in prep for the election.

Guild Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2025
Respectfully Submitted
Barbara Anderson, Secretary

Meeting called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:42am by President, Eva D. She welcomed and thanked those in attendance along with 3 new members (Elizabeth C., Jess M., and Mary B.) and 36 guests. Lunch was obtained from Kowalski's.

Approval of minutes from May 3, 2025: Moved and seconded.

Treasurer's report: The full report was previously emailed to the membership. Eva asked that anyone who did not receive a copy notify her. Approved as presented.

Nominating Committee: Three members have agreed to act as Nominating Committee for 2025 Board elections: Mary B., Cindy O., and Carol M. Eva encouraged members to come forward with an interest in serving on the Board.

Book Nooks: The Book Nooks have arrived and members can pick up their choices at the front of the room. Members finishing their Book Nook will receive \$10 back toward their purchase price of \$15. There is no time limit on completion. There will be work space available at the February 2026 General meeting for those wishing to complete the Nooks at that time.

Old Business:

1. **Scholarship Fund:** Members were reminded that the Guild has a Scholarship Fund which may be accessed by any Guild member who wishes to take a class with the intention of providing a workshop or demonstration of the acquired skill to the Guild.
2. **Crowne Plaza Doll Show:** October 5, 2025, will mark the final Doll, Miniatures and Toy Sale at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

New Business:

1. **Table Favors:** Additional table favors were available at a cost of 3 for \$5.
2. **Individual Clubs:** Please let the Guild know if your individual clubs are looking for new members or if you are interested in forming a new individual club to meet more frequently than Guild meetings.
3. **Centerpieces:** A drawing was held for table centerpieces. Members seated at the #3 chairs took home kitchen scenes prepared by Brenda L., Eva D. and Barb A.
4. **YouTube Programing:** Members were reminded that YouTube has many great channels devoted to miniatures. Content creators such as Ara Bentley, Lil Gretchen's Workshop and Reruns on Minis were noted as excellent examples.
5. Lynn M. volunteered as Librarian and Jim N. volunteered to be Assistant Librarian.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:58am.



OCTOBER MEMBER DISPLAYS



Rhonda Bauer



2004 NAME project when hosted here (Thanks to whomever brought it)



Amy Drummond



"Lady of the House"
Lynn Menk

I got the tub & "clay lady" from the share table. Thanks to Paonor



Left:

Future Workshop Idea!
Are you interested?

Members were interested so it is being offered this meeting!!!



A silent and a live auctions were offered at the October meeting.



WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS

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



CANNING JARS of FRUIT & VEGETABLES:

Description: You will make pickles, carrots, mushrooms, peaches, and colorful mixed vegetables from polymer clay. Add herbs and fill the jars, covering with liquid resin, cure, and add a cover. Arrange on a covered board.

Instructor: Pam Rouleau

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Tools/Supplies: Bring "Fast Grab" Tacky Glue, small scissors, tweezers, stylus, cheater eye glasses, and a container to bring project home in.

Cost: \$20.00

Class Limit: 12

Extra Kits: None



TEA CART VIGNETTE*

Description: Build back wall & floor, teacart, shelf & items on table & shelf. Cut & apply wallpaper & flooring. Assemble the Chrysnbon kit tea cart & shelf & paint them & small items. Cut, paint & glue the trim. Participants may work on project after lunch or take home to complete. The finished size is 8" x 4 1/2"; it's a 1" scale project.

Instructor: Mary Breslin

Skill Level: All skill levels

Tools/Supplies: Tacky glue, toothpicks, a gluing jig (if you have one), scissors to cut wallpaper and paper-based flooring material, size 2 and size 1 paintbrushes (bring 4 or 5 in all.)

Cost: \$20.00

Class Limit: 6

Extra kits: None



Rabbit Planter

Description: Paint a "concrete" rabbit planter and make tulips and gerbera daisies for a springtime bouquet.

Instructor: Jan Rasmussen

Scale: One inch

Skill Level: All

Tools/Supplies: Tacky glue, small paint brush (size 6 shader or similar size), sharp nosed tweezer, scissors for cutting thin wire, stylus.

Cost: \$10

Class Limit: 8

Extra Kits: None

For those who want to bring their **BOOKNOOKS** to work on during the meeting, a table will be set up and Eva will be assisting those with questions and hopefully members who have already completed theirs will also consider assisting. A good way to meet other members and will be much appreciated!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Find contact info in our Membership Roster

OFFICERS-Elected

President
Eva D.

Vice President
Kris B.

Treasurer
Mila F.

Secretary
Barb A.

Parliamentarian
Elyse P.

Appointed Positions

Membership
Jane S.

Librarian
Lynn M.

Assistant Librarian
Jim N.

Centerpieces/Favors
Brenda L.

Newsletter Editor
Joanne W.

Technology
Elyse P.

Website
Carson W.

Workshop Coordinator
Rick P.

Vendors/Garage Sales Coordinator
Position Open

Junior Member Coordinator
Karen F.

Directory
Janet R.

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

(Interested? Contact a Board Member)

- ✓ **Historian**
- ✓ **Vendors/Garage Sales Coordinators - 2**
- ✓ **Technology Committee - 2**
- ✓ **Workshop Teachers**

Committees:

Artisan Search Committee:

Jane S.-Chair/Board rep
Linda O.

Scholarship Committee:

Jane S.-Board rep
Mary B.-Chair
Alice R.

Notice of Clarification

Interested in Making Centerpieces or Table Favors for MMG Meetings?

Clubs or individuals are encouraged to present an idea, and/or a sample, for a favor or a centerpiece. They should present ideas to the Centerpiece/Favors Board Member. The idea must be pre-approved by members of the Board before items are made. After this approval and finished items are presented to the Board, reimbursement for the favors and centerpieces will be authorized. 12 centerpieces & 80-100 table favors per meeting are suggested needs. Items should be similar, but not necessarily identical. If you have questions please contact Centerpiece/ Favors Board Member.

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.

MEMBER NEWS

Welcome to our New and Returning Members!

Linda S. (Spring Green, WI)

Ruby S. (St Louis Park, MN)

221B Baker Street

In the December 21, 2025 State and Region section of The Minnesota Star Tribune is the article "Sherlock's home is back in the house". In the beginning of 2026 the restored miniature replica of Sherlock Holmes' apartment will once again be on display at the University of Minnesota's Anderson Library. The U's Sherlock Holmes Collection is the largest of its kind in the world.

The replica sustained serious water damage in 2020. Joe Balsanek of Hastings was commissioned to undertake the restoration. Some of you may know him as he had a dollhouse repair shop in downtown Hastings.

You will need to look on-line to find out when it will be on display and the hours the library is open to see what I imagine is a wonderful dollhouse.

Note: Due to multiple, repeated personal scams using our emails and text messages we have removed last names as best we can and phone numbers and emails from the newsletter. Please use our membership rosters for that information. Sorry for the inconvenience but it is in reaction to the times we live in.

"March Madness" in the miniature world means when you can't decide between finishing the project you didn't finish in time for Christmas or the one you won't finish for the May Guild Meeting.

Important

BULLETIN BOARD

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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. 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. 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. www.midwestminiatureguild.org Instructions to request items also posted on site. Send requests to: Librarian4MMG@gmail.com

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

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

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 at Meeting or on Website

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!

Vendors



Favors were fruit & vegetable teapots!



Kitchen Centerpieces - above and below



WORKSHOPS