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March 2022 Challenge Submissions

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The Challenge for March 2022 is showing us a picture of how you display your miniatures.

Here are the amazing submissions.

From Sue Ann Ketchum:

Here are a couple of photos of my mini displays.



From Marty Young:

This is one of my displays for quarter inch completed projects. It is a old stereo cabinet when opened it shows some market stalls from Suzanne and some small houses.





From Laura Reich:

Included are two pics. I bought a wall display, and finally did get it hung on the wall, BUT .. there is too much junk to be able to reach it easily. Also I realized I have a neat tiered display piece, but again, I have to move a lot of cans and bottles to fit upon the table, just under the wall display.

The second picture is how they are currently actually displayed ... on top of all the cans and bottles, and filling out whatever 'holes' that exists on bookcases.



From Gail Stuart:



From Shirley Foisy:

My whole house has minis spread throughout. Most of them are displayed in the living room where I can enjoy them the most. I have seasonal pieces that rotate in addition to my "permanent" pieces. Most of the 4 x 4 x 8 plexi boxes are club projects. They are a great way to do a small 1" vignette. The floor to ceiling bookcase houses many pieces of minis & my other collections. Several of these pieces are houseparty helpers I have won through the years.





From Pat Creagh:

Part of my collection is housed in my dining room china cabinet. That cabinet hasn't seen china or crystal in years. I try to keep other projects covered in domes or acrylic boxes on any open bookshelves.

I enjoy sharing what I have done with
others.





From Julia Greenhalf:

Since moving to quarter scale, the majority of my minis are displayed in two display “cabinets” in our lounge, although smaller one off projects have found themselves in a small mirrored case which I bought years ago to do a project in. The project never materialized and I didn’t want to part with the display case so I decided to put my one off projects in it. I have to say, when looking at others’ displays, mine looks quite small!

My 12th scale and 24th scale houses are on display in our lounge but aren’t covered, which they need to be, but one day I shall possibly do something about that, in the meantime, it means getting

the paint brush out to dust them from time to time.





From Suzie Aguilar:

I display my miniatures in various bookcases, shelves, and cabinets. This is one that contains mostly Christmas miniatures (my favorite). Most of my miniatures are in dust-proof boxes or display cubes, like the Santa Museum on top of the cabinet.

I love the unique round shape of this glass cabinet because it allows you to look in from all sides. It also allows me to keep all the individual, and small-scale, Christmas-themed pieces dust free. I have run out of space for displaying 1" scale roomboxes, so I have switched to 1/4" scale for all new projects. Cabinets like this one can hold many projects in the smaller scale. As you can see, my 1/4"

Santa's Workshop (Debbie Young) is safely displayed inside.



From Natalie Maguire:

I have my miniatures throughout the house. I have not been doing it as long so my collection is small in comparison to others I see. The photos are of a display case I received last Christmas from my daughter and son-in-law. The other photo is of my Helen Hartzell collection.



From Linda Grove:

These are some of my 1/4" scale miniatures that are displayed in a couple of cabinets in my living room alongside my favourite ornaments that I've collected over the years. I've been doing miniatures for nearly 30 years and have my 1/12" scale dollhouses and room boxes in my workroom and spare bedroom.





From Sally Lonn:

I live in Arizona. You can't see the dust but it collects daily, especially this time of the year when we open our doors for the fresh air. All of my major pieces are under plexiglass. I have done this for years. I had a wonderful man in Redmond, WA who made many of my cases and nothing compares, but I have resorted to ordering online. I am fortunate to have half walls in my living room and dining room and it provides a viewing gallery that our guests enjoy. I have at least 6 in my family room and many more on shelves in my art room. When we take the time creating works of art, I feel it is very important to keep them safe.



From Evelyn Gumina:

Like most, I display my Miniature Collection in Curio Cabinets throughout my home, but I wanted to share how I displayed the collection of freebies/surprises/gifts I received and embellished from the Hospitality Room/Table Souvenirs from the last "LIVE" NAME National Convention at Nashville. Using a shallow Shadow Box I came up with this display box.

I pass by it daily and it brings back memories of the fun times prior to pre-pandemic days. I cannot wait till life returns to normal and I can once again attend a "Live" National or Regional NAME Event.



From Pam Carroll:

This is how I display my mini secret books.



From Jackie Browder:

The display shown has temporary occupants, waiting for a new home. My approach to doing dollhouses is a little uncommon. I design and make many of my items, and love to swap. Often, I will join a swap, or get inspired to do a batch of something (this month it was a flock of Flamingos). I especially enjoy designing and making quarter scale furniture, but my interests drift in many directions. I do buy some furniture kits, but rarely buy a house kit, since it is so much less expensive to build my own. I collect little things, and when I get a big themed batch, I build a house for the collection. Sometimes, I might start with a vague house theme, and collect furniture for months before building the actual house. As you can see in the photo, I am often collecting for many future houses all at the same time. I found these cute metal dollhouse displays in a clearance bin recently, and I hung three of them in an out of the way niche, near my work table, and next to a closet full of craft supplies. They will stare at me, nudging me to

make the next house, and when their house is completed, I won't have to search for missing accessories and furnishings. They will be nearby and visible, but won't be cluttering up my small work table. This spring, I am making a fantasy tower, which will be a stack of individual Fairytale themed houses. So, I have labeled shelves for "Beauty and the Beast", "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves", and other Fairytales.

On the lowest shelf, I have my newly added flock of flamingos waiting to decorate the yard of a future beach house with a huge veranda, and a friend's wicker furniture. Last week I found a photo of the perfect looking real life mini Victorian beach house that will showcase her furniture and my flamingos! The empty shelves might be used for swaps in progress, the future clock shop and artist's studio projects that are tempting me, or prototypes for my next Quick Minis and RT offerings. The occupants of the shelves will be constantly changing and only visiting these shelves for a short time, so I do not need to be concerned about the open shelves getting dusty.



From Diane Fisher:





From Pam Doran:

I displayed my miniatures in a book shelf inset in our spare bedroom. My husband helped me pick out a bookcase for my craft room so that I could display more of my miniatures.



From Logan Wilhelm:



From Jean Scribner:







From Cathy Ellison:



From Tammy Witthaus:

I have minis in every single room of my house, in my hallway, and in my basement. I have them in Curio cabinets,

on shelves, hanging on walls, on
countertops, and in crates. Basically --
wherever I can find space! Only a
sampling is pictured.



From Bev Fleming:





From Mary Johnson:

I've have 8 antique cabinets through my house that display my miniatures and my antique dollhouse dolls & furniture.

Attached is my favorite Cabinet in the living room. Also attaching a picture of one of the smaller, acrylic cabinets I bought to display part of my antique dollhouse dolls and dollhouse furniture. I love the portability of the acrylic cases when I give programs and display at Senior Centers, library and at church groups.

Cabinets, are great because I can access items easily, rearrange displays for holidays, there is plenty of light and good visibility, (especially in cabinets with mirror backing to reflect the miniatures,) and being placed in various rooms, allows me to always enjoy my miniatures (some being precious gifts from good friends.)

The other nice thing about the cabinets is my house is very dusty, (minis don't become coated with dust in cabinets,) and when parents bring children on visits, they can see without grabbing delicate items. Cabinet shelves can also

be tiered with small boxes, to hold companion pieces.



From Betty Turmon:

I do have most of my quarter scale miniatures on display in my home. I took over the room that was a small library. It is now my studio and by removing some books I now have them on display in this room.



The next photo is in the family room. Again the minis are sharing with books on the shelves by the fireplace. I also have a cabinet in this room where I have a changing display according to the season.



From Carol Gill:

We live in a senior facility with limited options so my miniatures are displayed wherever I can find space throughout the unit. Most are in various sized bookcases or shadow boxes. To limit dust accumulation I went to Ace Hardware, had Plexiglas sheets cut, drilled holes in the top edges and hung the sheets from nails covered with some rubber caps I found browsing through the store's "odds and ends" drawers (great treasures to be found in them).

Miniatures kept me sane throughout Covid and I am so grateful for the Create site and the time and energy of so many dedicated people. Please know how much we appreciated all your efforts. You all truly helped me through the isolation and quarantines and I thank you.







From Judy Doe:

These two shelf units in my loft hold my minis from approximately 30 years of building - some 12" scale, but lately all quarter inch scale. I make plexiglass boxes for them to keep off the dust. I do move some of them downstairs to go with the seasons. I will have to start giving them away as I downsize my living

arrangements, but for now they are too precious to me to let go!



From Jodi Anderson:

This is my loft where I display my finished projects in 1:144, 1:48, 1:24 and 1:12 scale.



From Kathie Alexander:



From Alice Barber:

I have a room dedicated to miniatures, but also have small displays in almost every other room in my house. Who needs both a formal living room and a family room anyway?



From Carla McKinney:

I display many of my roomboxes on shelves in my dining room. I also have some displayed in a bookcase in my living room. I have a bakery on my kitchen table, and a work in progress on a table in my living room.



From Diana DeWalt:

When we redid our basement, my husband built oak shelves the full length of one wall for my minis. This is about a third of the unit.





From Alice Walker:

I have a collection of vases and other minis that I display on a wall shelf. Some of the tables I've made in classes, others were gifted to me. I made most of the flowers. It's fun to appreciate the individual pieces without having them in a dollhouse or roombox setting.



From Leah Leizear Smith:

My elf house. My current favorite.





From Colleen Walker:

How many ways can you display miniatures? How many miniatures do you have? Most of us have a house full of our precious treasures and have them on display in many different ways. I have two television credenzas- they really used to have TVs in them before we got a giant that hangs on the wall. How to use that empty space with doors? Display minis!



What a “great” display!

I have a room with bookcases lining the wall. How do you use that built-in space?

Display minis!!



What a “great” display!!

Our home has an empty “mother-in-law” apartment. How do you use that abundant space? Display minis!!



What a “great” display!!

With all this “great” display space you would think I would have room for lots more minis. But like most Miniature Enthusiasts I am running out of room!

From Julie Stuckmeyer:

Four years ago when my older son moved out I got a new room to display my minis. It is already overflowing and things are once again all over the house.

My favorite display piece though is probably the carousel which I bought when a local dollhouse store went out of business. I got to do twelve little vignettes and then had a custom case made that has a short notch cut out of the bottom front to turn the carousel.







From Barbara Hall:



From Julia Trent:

My only display for now of my completed miniatures.



From Vicki Scidmore:

My minis are all over the house. I have a lot of bookcases (my other hobby) and minis are on top and in front of books. These are some in the living room. The last picture is above my computer where I can look at them as I type!





From Terry Unnold:

This antique shelf was found close to home in Connecticut and immediately called out for some of Cat Wingle's dolls to line up and tell a story. Originally it held only Cat's wonderful Lady and Gentleman out for a stroll, perhaps in Covent Garden. Then they were joined in a couple of years by Cat's flower seller. He bought a single rosebud from her and

seems to be making up his mind (and he's been standing there like this for years) about giving the rose to his Lady friend or putting it in his lapel!



From Barb Antol:

Many of my completed projects are stored in our former guest bedroom now known as “ the mini room”. Many thanks to my husband for constructing two wonderful custom cabinets. They have built-in lights and plenty of room for projects. One unit even has custom narrow shelves on the end to hold small minis such as my “library” of Petworth book rooms.



From Debbie Colombo:

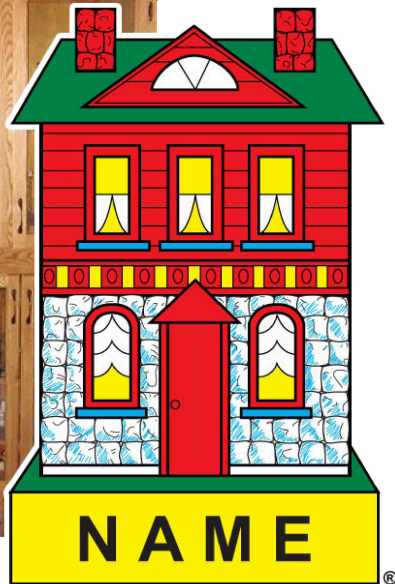
These are just two of the many ways I
display my minis.
These are some of the ones that don't
have a home, yet!





From Rita Crawford:

My husband made me this special cabinet for some of my miniatures.



From Julie Jones:

I am very new to miniatures so I don't have a big space problem yet. I like keeping mine sitting out and at this time, I don't keep any covers over them. Sometimes I like to go sit by one of them and imagine what it would be like to be a part of that tiny world! As you can see, I have a couple kits, a couple dollhouses, and a couple "room boxes". The dollhouse is a work in progress!



From Mae Karoli:

Some areas in my house resemble a miniature museum. The first picture show a few shelves in a large glass armoire I purchased several years ago. As you can see it's jammed full.

The next picture shows an antique secretary I purchased from a neighbor before he moved out of state. Another neighbor cut 2 additional shelves for it so there is room to display 5 of my 1/4" miniature houses and buildings. Starting on the top shelf is Kristie Norman's Nana Rose (2018 convention Sweet Tea and Sunshine), next is Kristie Norman's Just Peachy (2019 convention A Little Bit Country), then Debbie Young's

Toymaker's Workshop (2019 regional All About the Neighborhood), 4th shelf is Ruth Stewart's Yule Log Cabin (postponed 2020 Winter Wonderland class taught online) and bottom shelf is Camp Makamini (2021 Create class).

The brass and glass display case on the secretary was purchased at a church sale, holds ¼" and micro projects and fits perfectly on the shelf of the secretary.

The last picture is an antique curio cabinet with curved glass on the sides and in the door. I purchased it from someone in my suburb that had it for sale on NextDoor, a local online neighborhood with groups across the country. The price was so inexpensive they practically gave it away. The back inside wall had holes drilled in it and was painted so I covered it with large pieces of heavy paper to cover the holes and ugly paint. There's still space to display more minis!





From Debby Albert:

If you are fortunate to find a CD/DVD wall unit, it makes a great and spacious way of displaying quarter scale miniature room boxes.



From Carol J. Shea:



From Jackie Williams:

Here is how I decided to display some of my Creations and possessions lately. These are the inserts to Michael's craft store shadow boxes cut by Kathy Abdinoor of Kit Kat minis. The dolls I created are handmade of clay, wire and cloth and I call them my family of Darlings.





From Margaret Gordus:

Display miniatures: Since moving into an apartment, my miniatures are by the front door of my living room. I have one hanging on the wall in my living room. In my home, I had a board across the tub in guest bathroom & displayed roomboxes.



From Anita Myers:

I'm attaching a photo of some of my favorite miniatures on display. It was in the common area at my retirement community in Florida, where I now reside.



From Ruth Goodger:

I have miniatures consuming every flat space in my home and some wall space too! I use the cd cabinets for many of the quarter scale scenes. Have several of them. I put books on the bottom shelf to give some stability. For bookcases I like to use decorated risers I've made from pine or a piece of pine resting on decorative boxes. I am crazy for artwork on boxes. That gives a change in eye level and more opportunity to display. I try to get everything undercover because dust is my enemy. Here's an example of each.





From Carol Shea:

