National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Only through sharing can we truly enjoy our treasures.

NAME NEWS October 15th, 2026

🎃 October Create Challenge: Fill Those Empty Shelves!

What's hiding in your miniature cupboards or waiting to be displayed? October is the perfect time to fill those shelves with charm! From a well-stocked craft room to a china cabinet filled with heirlooms, even the smallest arrangement can reveal something about the people who live or work there.

We'd love to see your miniature shelves, bookcases, cupboards, and displays!

🧵 Spools of thread, folded fabrics & sewing notions

🫖 Teacups, china & pretty serving pieces

🌿 Flowerpots, gardening books & seed packets

🐚 Seashells, souvenirs & special keepsakes

Neat and orderly or full to overflowing, share the little details that make your shelves special! ✨

From Vicki Scidmore: The shelves of The Wooden Dog Coffee and Collectibles are filled with tiny things collected by my grandmother (tiny vases and toby mugs), mother (tiny dogs and copper items, travel souvenirs), and me. I made it as a

memory of our love of small things.



To participate, please include no more than two photos. If you have more, consider combining them into a single collage. A maximum of two projects may be shown across the photos or collages. Please submit your photos and a BRIEF description here. Don't forget to include your mailing address. After the end of the monthly challenge, you will receive a small thank you gift for participating.

🎃 Camp Make-A-Mini Has a New Twist!

We're spreading the miniature fun throughout the year! Beginning in 2028, Camp Make-A-Mini will move to February. But we couldn't let 2027 go by without a little camp magic, so join us for Summerween, June 25–27, 2027! We're looking for workshop instructors and Quick Mini dealers to help make it a wonderfully creative weekend. Have an idea to share? We'd love to hear from you! Check it out

at miniatures.org and head to the Events tab at the top. 👻🎀



🎄 ✨ **CREATE Annual Swap 2026** ✨ 🎄

There's still time to join the CREATE Annual Swap and put your creativity front and center! This year's theme is **"Centerpieces"**. Design something delightful for a miniature table, buffet, coffee table, or another special spot.

From flowers and candles to fruit, cornucopias, or tiny seasonal scenes, your centerpiece can celebrate a holiday, capture a season, or brighten everyday décor. Let your imagination set the table!

🎁 **Make 7 items and receive 6 wonderful swaps in return.** One item will be retained by CREATE for future use.

🗓️ **Sign up by October 30!**

Visit the 2026 Holiday Swap page to sign up and read the complete details and rules.

We can't wait to see what you bring to the table! ✨



Upcoming Create-ive Offerings

(Workshops and more)

November 1st & 15th, 2026
A Day at the Beach with Sun Lemmens
1" scale



November 8th, 2026
Hippy Highball with Alician Pearce
1/4" scale



November 14th, 2026
Leaded Stained Glass-Style Miniature Window with Rafe Acevedo
1" scale



December 6th, 2026
O Christmas Tree! with Preble McDaniel
1", 1/2", and 1/4" scales



All other Create-ive Offerings are sold out. For more information on this or any other Create-ive Offerings, please check out the website for more information.

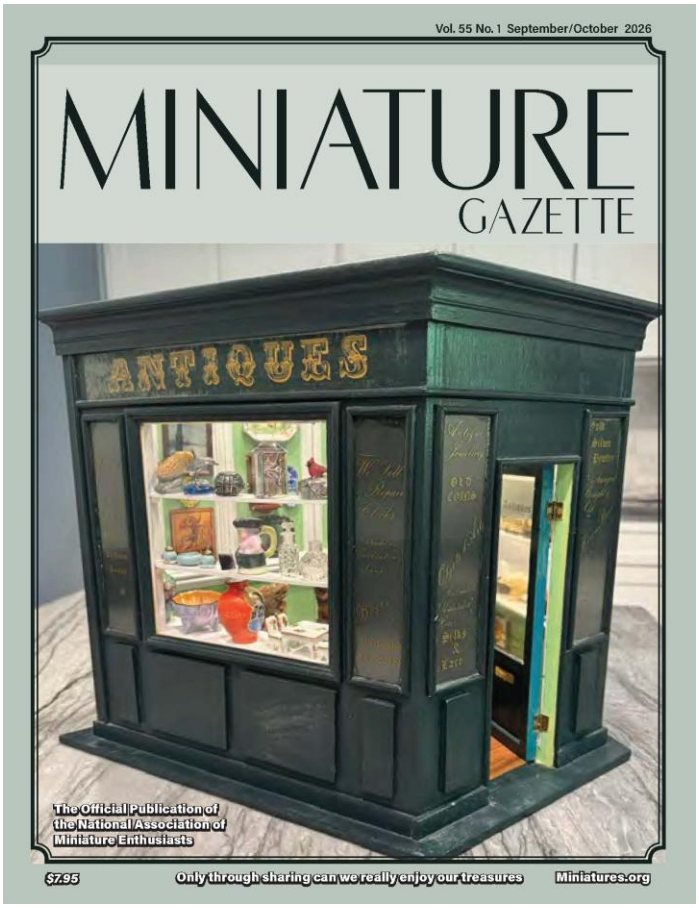
✨ **Dealer & Instructor Applications Now Open!**

Planning ahead for the 2027 NAME National Convention, “Glamping!” in Louisville, Kentucky? Applications are now being accepted for Dealers and Instructors for the August 12–15, 2027 convention.

🗓️ Application Deadline: November 2, 2026
🏕️ Convention Dates: August 12–15, 2027
📍 Louisville, Kentucky

Applications and additional information are available here.

September/October Miniature Gazette issue is available online now



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Not Required for older than 2 years.

✨ There’s Always Something Happening at NAME!
Looking for free miniature activities, live Zoom sessions, upcoming workshops, Create Shares, Gift & Gabs, monthly themes, or other ways to get involved? Whether you want to make minis, learn something new, teach a skill, or simply spend time with fellow miniaturists, there’s always something to discover!

🖼️ Visit us here and here to see the CYLC September updates

🗓️ Be sure to check the NAME Calendar for dates and times of upcoming events, and visit miniatures.org to explore all the activities, opportunities, and miniature fun NAME has to offer!

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And don't forget to check out the NAME Store for miniature goodies, clothing, pins, and more!

Upcoming Miniature Shows

🗓️ **Looking for Upcoming Miniature Shows?**

We're making it easier to keep up with miniature shows! Going forward, individual shows will no longer be listed in the newsletter. Instead, we'll provide a direct link to the **Miniatures.org Shows Calendar**, where you can find the most current information on upcoming shows and events.

Be sure to check the calendar regularly so you don't miss a miniature event near you!