

**MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS OF OTTAWA**

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**General Meeting August 5, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by President Harriet Farmer.

**Reports**

**Membership-Judy Judy Kingsley, Jo-Anne Smith**

We had 3 guests, two of whom found out about our club on the Website.  
One new member-Caroline Grimes

**Treasurer-Lynne Lynne Patterson**

Balance as of June 30/09		\$1802.11
Total Income	\$191.00	
Total Expense	\$203.46	
Balance as of July 31/09		\$1789.65

**Library Julie and Brian Dewar**

**Received**

- American Miniatures (Aug)
- Dollhouse Miniatures (July/Aug)
- Miniature Collector (Aug)

Julie and Brian have culled the Library so there will be books for sale.

The Potters wheel is now a part of the Library. To rent it, you will need to leave a cheque for \$175.00 with Lynne. Your cheque will be returned upon receipt of the wheel in good condition. The late charge for the wheel will be \$25.00 per month. **DON'T FORGET** if you have a book due from the Library and cannot attend the next meeting, call Julie or Brian Dewar at 613-823-2122 to avoid the \$4.00 per month per book late charge/

**Community Liaison/Historian Lorraine Tinsley**

Lorraine has put our advertisement in several community papers and is looking into doing more. She asked if anyone has suggestions as to other clubs which may have an interest in miniatures.

**Workshops Linda Beaupre, Christine Dierckx**

There are no workshops until September. Harriet asked Christine and Linda to provide her with pictures of upcoming workshops so that she could forward them to Terri (Webmistress) to be posted on the Website. This way members even those who cannot attend meetings, will be able to see which workshops they are interested in attending.

### Food for next meeting

Julie Dewar, Lorraine Tinsley

### New Business

A sale of donated items from Shirley Kearns will be held at the September meeting. She is the lady who recently donated two dollhouses. Lorraine will send her a Thank You note.

### Gathering 2010

Information will be sent to anyone who has attended a Gathering and to every club member and will be posted on the Website. Registration will begin Sept 15 and will remain open until gathering begins or all available spots are filled. However, all registrations must be in by October 23<sup>rd</sup> in order to be included in the first random draw for workshop assignment number.

We now have a full contingency of Miserable Riders. Brian Dewar is making the horses.

### AIM – Artisans in Miniature is a free e-magazine

[www.artisansinminiature.com](http://www.artisansinminiature.com)

Harriet says it is fabulous

MET Show- October 17/18. Julie Dewar will be selling there for the first time.

### Raffle Prize

Basket of vintage fabric/lace by Lori Ann Potts was won by Jo-Anne Smith. George Burbidge has agreed to stay on as “official ticket seller”.

### Show and Tell

Judy Kingsley- Morning After Poker Game

Steve Reid- Before and After Chocolate fountains

Marlene Thomas- A book entitled “Magnificent Miniatures”. We will be ordering this book for the Library.

Gayle Baillargeon- suit of armour and Faberge eggs ( both ideas for workshops)

Diane Sodja-figures which she has sculpted- a leprechaun copied from a picture, a fanciful face and a baby which was intended to be scary, but Melanie managed to make it cute.

Caroline Grimes [www.CarolineGrimes.com](http://www.CarolineGrimes.com)

Four miniature oil paintings and several cards depicting the large paintings she does. Caroline will be selling her paintings at future meetings.

### Next Meeting

Next month Christina Dierckx will talk about her progression as a miniature artisan and show some of her favourite pieces

### **Next Executive Meeting**

**Will be September 16 at McNabb in the craft room at 700 p.m.**

### **Other Business**

**Jan Sheridan will have tickets for a quilt raffle and Annual Fundraising Dinner for Canhave Children's Centre for sale next meeting. Tickets for the quilt raffle are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The dinner is October 24. \$35 each or table of 8 for \$260. More info at [www.ncf.ca/canhave](http://www.ncf.ca/canhave)**

### **Program**

**"Put-Abouts" by Julie Dewar**

**Brooke Tucker came up with the term "Put-Abouts". "Put-Abouts" are miniatures displayed anywhere in a home to create a vignette-not in a dollhouse or room box. Favourite items should come out of storage and be enjoyed. They can be under a dome, in a picture frame, shadow box or just on there own. Julie showed how to take a Dollar Store plaque and place items on it to create a scene. She also showed items displayed in Dollar Store shadow boxes setting on easels.**

**Several members who had brought in their own "Put-Abouts" spoke briefly about their items and how they are displayed in their homes.**

### **November Meeting { A HEADS-UP }**

**Julie came up with a theme of "Miniature Mercantiles" which would be in keeping with the holiday shopping season. Members will be asked to bring in their shops to create a "street of mini shops" even if it is mixed scales. A count will be taken at the Sept. meeting to see how many shops can be expected.**