

MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS OF OTTAWA

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General Meeting February 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by President Harriet Farmer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Hope Finestone, seconded by Julie Dewar.

Reports

Membership-Judy Kingsley

- One new member, Barbara Richmond – a well known wicker artisan.

Treasurer- Lynne Patterson

Balance as of Nov. 30/08		\$ 2031.44
Total Income	\$88.21	
Total Expenses	\$43.68	
Balance as of Jan 31/09		\$ 2075.97

Library –Steve and Mary Reid

Received- American Miniaturist Dec 08, Jan 09

Dollhouse Miniatures Jan/Feb 09

DON'T FORGET- If you have a library book due and are unable to attend the meeting, call Judy Smithson at 613-731-2113 to avoid the \$4 per book per month fine.

Correspondence- nothing to report

Workshops

Feb. 11 Valentine collage- Linda Beaupre
Feb 25 Sewing stand – Christina Dierckx

Gathering 2009- Peterborough

Still spaces available

Gathering 2010

Theme is to be "The Royal Gathering" (royalty through the ages)

Colours are to be purple and gold.

Cost will be app. \$375.00 which will include room, meals and lots of goodies

Old Business

Thanks were extended to Barbara Greene-Flindall and her husband for hosting the January pot luck. Hope, on the behalf of everyone who attended thanked Harriet for the mind bending games which she arranged.

Food and Kitchen for March Meeting-

Corrine Atkins-Sheldrick, Julie Dewar and Christina Dierckx

Announcements-

- **Coreen Athkins-Sherldrick announced that the Hobby Centre from Bank St. is relocating to Rowdon Place behind Costco on Merrivale and Hunt Club. It will be a much bigger store. The owner is planning a special program for March Break. He is inviting our club to put on a display. Anyone interested can contact Harriet.**

- **Petworth Miniatures**
Gayle Baillargeon will be setting up a satellite store at each meeting.

- **Sales Table**
- a reminder that at each meeting there is a sales table which is available to anyone who has items for sale free of charge

- **Mini Cruise**
Harriet announced that she and some other members will be setting sale on an 8 day cruise with other miniature enthusiasts Oct 24. The cruise
The cost for the cruise is
 - **under \$1000 and there are good deals on airfare. The brochure will be posted on the Website.**

Show and Tell

**Barb Richmond-beautiful pottery website Almeda Pottery.com
an extremely delicate silk cardigan and hat and a sock monkey which she made.**

Harriet- a dome displaying hats, umbrellas and other feminine items

Hope- a kimono shop in a birdcage

Joanne- display of hats by Shannon

Gayle- 1/4 scale southwestern room

Julie- her first commissioned piece done for customer in memory of her mother who loved hats. Julie is now open to do orders on commission.

Steve –various miniature characters sporting hats as well as an actual size man's and ladies hat which belonged to Mary's grandparents.

Lorraine- hutch filled with Christmas dishes

Coreen- set of dishes purchased from Petworth Miniatures, doll with crocheted dress and hat, a trunk and some hat boxes from Jim Collins Printables
<http://www.printmini.com>

Shirley Fawcett- small picture frames, one of which contains a cartoon done by a family member.

Guest Speaker

Ruth Mills is well known and respected for historic reproduction millinery. Her work can be found at the Canadian War Museum, Museum of Civilization and the Canadian Aviation Museum. She creates custom millinery for any occasion. She spoke on the importance of hats through out history not only as protection from weather but also to indicate religion, military rank and class distinction. She showed several materials used in the making of hats including banana leaves, wool felt and rabbit felt.

She had brought along her own personal collection of very rare and very fragile calesh hats, which were used as protection from weather by ladies riding in wagons. The material, silk or cotton, covered a series of wire hoops. When extended, into a full bonnet, it gave protection to the entire head, and when no longer needed, it could be pushed back.

Next Month

March Mini Mart

There will be no charge for tables. All proceeds go to vendor.

The sale will commence after the break. Vendors will be allowed to buy from one another during the break.

