

# MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS OF OTTAWA

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## General Meeting March 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Harriet Farmer.

Minutes of previous meeting

Amendment:

Under Treasurer's Report

Final line should read: Balance as of November 30, 2010      \$1759.41

Motion to accept minutes with amendment by Jean Plouffe, seconded by George Burbidge.

### Reports

Membership-Judy Kingsley

We have 45 paid up members.

One new member – Catherine Murphy

Two Guests-Carine Cote and S. Claus (Jim Paterson)

Treasurer-Lynne Paterson

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### Income

Interest	.08	
Library Fines	4.00	
Membership	20.00	
Regular Raffles	71.00	
• Sales		4.00

Total Income      \$99.08

### Expenses

Gifts	80.00
Kitchen	16.29
Pot Luck Dinner	65.33
Special Raffle Prize	80.00

Total Expenses      241.62

Balance as of February 28, 2011      \$1616.87

Library-Julie Dewar

Received:

- American Miniaturist Dec/Jan/Feb
- Dollhouse Miniatures Jan/Feb
- Miniature Collector Jan/Feb/March

Check out American Miniaturist Feb. 2011: page 44, 45 features ¼ scale furniture exclusive to Barbara Greene-Flindall.

Workshops-Linda Beaupre and Christina Dierckx

- March 9 – French style working clock \$35
- March 23- Bookcase Table (see picture)  
McNabb Craft Room 7:30  
\$10
- April 13 and 27 ½ scale outhouse by Judy Kingsley.  
This is a Do It Yourself Project. You will be expected to do the cutting, etc.  
on your own.  
McNabb Craft Room  
\$10

Social Convenor-Marg Burbidge

Refreshments for next month:

Lorraine Tinsley, Lynne Paterson

Marg Burbidge gave a special thanks to Harriet for her challenging quiz game at the Pot Luck.

Community Liaison-Gayle Baillargeon

All advertising has been placed.

New Business

Shows

1. Ottawa Miniature Show May 29 at the R.A. Centre.  
For more information go to MEO Website. [www.MEOminis.com](http://www.MEOminis.com)  
Entrance price includes the Doll Show.  
This show will be help opposite years from the Kingston Show.  
Please note: If you are selling off an item of which the original craftsperson is selling the same item, you will be asked to remove it from your table.
2. First Annual On-Line Miniature Show- March 19/20  
<http://aminiminiatureshow.weebly.com>  
There will be Dealers, Workshops, Round Tables and prizes.  
You can register online now.

Gayle Baillargeon will be teaching a workshop. (see photo of workshop in Show and Tell)

3. Toronto Miniature Show-March 13  
Japanese Cultural Centre  
6 Garmound Court  
Toronto

4. Montreal Show-March 26 and 27  
Holiday Inn Pointe Claire  
6700 Trans Canada Highway <http://mem.miniature.net/>

5. London Gathering:  
There are still some spaces available  
<http://www.miniture.net/gathering/2011>

Registrar [gjeffrey@oxford.net](mailto:gjeffrey@oxford.net)

The next annual Gathering will be held in Peterborough.

#### Raffle Prize

Cat and Dog by Karl Blindheim

These items were purchased with the last money earned from sale of articles belonging to the Late Rita Valois, one of the founding members of the Club.

Two tickets will be drawn next month. The first one drawn will have first pick of either the dog or the cat.

Show and Tell-Please see photos

Program- Mike Hamer H.O. Model Railroader

Mike has been a school teacher for 33 years. In 1992, when Canada was celebrating her 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday, his class of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders decided to build a model railway to commemorate how the railway united Canada. Since then, he has been hooked on model railroading.

He gave us several useful tips on landscaping. Instead of buying trees and shrubs, he makes his own using the flowers of trees and bushes.

His favorites are the flowers of Spirea, Hydrangea (cone shaped) and Sedum (telephum such as Autumn Joy).

Method:

Shape flower to resemble part of tree

Mix white glue and water 50/50

Add 2 or 3 drops of dish detergent

Dip flower

Allow excess to drip off

Over newspaper, sprinkle with ground foam (excess foam on newspaper can be used again)

Scrape trunk and branches to remove foam

Allow to dry

Two or three can be assembled together to form a realistic tree.

If you are concerned about bugs on the plants, they can be washed first with water and a little dish detergent.

Rocks- made from Styrofoam. Most people would paint the white Styrofoam gray, but Mike prefers to paint it black and then remove some. This gives more colour variation. Any grassy areas, he also paints black instead of green, then he covers the area with a little ground foam.

#### April General Meeting

April Mini Mart- BRING MONEY (including small bills and change).

If you have anything to sell: The tables are free and all profit returns to the vendor.

Next Executive Meeting - March 30 at McNabb 7:00.

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