

**MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS OF OTTAWA**

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**General Meeting May 6, 2009**

**The meeting was called to order by President Harriet Farmer at 7:45.  
Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting by Judy Kingsley. Seconded by  
Marg Burbidge.**

**Membership- Judy Kingsley, Joanne Smith**

**We had one guest.**

**Reminder : annual dues are due next month. \$20 per person, \$30 for family.**

**Treasurer- Lynne Patterson**

**Balance as of March 31/09 \$2306.63**

**Total Income \$37.00**

**Total Expenses \$00.00**

**Balance as of April 30/09 \$2343.63**

**Library-Steve Reid. Judy Smithson**

**Backlog of magazines were delivered.**

**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  
fines.**

**Correspondence- George and Marg Burbidge**

**Nothing to report.**

**Workshops-Christine Dierckx, Linda Beaupre**

**May 13 Delft tiles by Christine and Linda**

**May 27 Cancelled due to executive meeting**

**Discussion on future of workshops under New Business**

**Gathering 2010**

**April 23,24,25. The theme is "Royalty"**

**Help is required to try out Round Table Projects and to make exchange gifts.**

**Contact Harriet.**

### Food and Kitchen Duty for June Meeting

Lynne Patterson  
Barb Richmond  
Bobbie Walker

### Announcements

- **Ottawa Miniature Show at RA Centre June 21**  
MEO has one display table. Looking for a theme. Contact Harriet

- **Jan Sheridan**

Lee Valley Tools is a supporter of CANSAVE, an organization that helps Aids orphans in Uganda. They are asking for donations of surplus tools to be given to graduates of CANSAVE's trade school. Information is being handed out when you visit Lee Valley

Lynne Patterson

- **Home tour of Old Ottawa South May 31. Cost is \$25**

### New Business

#### New Executive

<b>President</b>	<b>Harriet (3 yr term)</b>
<b>Vice President * see addendum</b>	
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Marlene Thomas</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Bobbie Walker</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Lynne Patterson</b>
<b>Correspondence Secretary</b>	<b>Lorraine Tinsley</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Judy Kingsley, Jo-Anne Smith</b>
<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Linda Beaupre</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>Julie and Brian Dewar</b>
<b>Web Mistress</b>	<b>Terri Coleman</b>

**\*Under the new Rules and Regulations (see copy on MEO Website), we no longer include a VP as an Exec Position.**

**The position we have to find now is that of a Social Convener- basically they make the call for food at the meetings and things like the Pot Luck.**

**All these positions, as part of the exec team, help to find programs for the meetings.**

### Workshops

**It has been noted that attendance at biweekly workshops has been low and that the workshops for the months of February and March were cancelled as not enough**

people signed up. Ideas are needed to revitalize the workshops and get more people to attend.

A survey was filled out and collected asking for ideas.

Some suggestions from the floor were:

- Cutting down to one workshop per month.
- Have more people involved with planning workshops
- Bring in teachers from outside the club
- Unfinished projects night (possibly on regular meeting nights)
- Weekend projects ( Marlene Thomas has offered her basement as an alternate venue)
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Harriet noted the craft room has been booked, but can be cancelled with notice  
If anyone has any further ideas, please contact Harriet.

Anyone signing up for a workshop and not attending is still responsible for payment.

There will be no workshops July and August.

#### Show and Tell

Venetian Carnival Masks by Julie Dewar

Wine cellar work station by Steve Reid

Rustic furniture for Irish cottage by Judy Kingsley

Barb Richmond- rocks painted in miniscule scale by her uncle

Linda Beaupre- items from Gathering 2009

Gathering helper –a room box containing a chair and sports memorabilia  
The roll-top desk which Christine taught at the gathering.

#### Raffle

Antique Blue Jay by Robert Olzewski (1986) which was part of Rita's collection to be drawn next meeting.

Next Month's Meeting-Annual General Meeting and Lynne Patterson-mini bears.

Executive meeting- May 27 at the home of Marlene Thomas 60 Eisenhower Cres. Nepean. at 7:00

The main topic will be workshops

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker was our own Barb Richmond, Wicker Artisan

**Barb told us how she came to get started making wicker furniture, and displayed a lot of her creations. She also makes other furniture such as cupboards and trunks and has developed workshops to teach others the joy of creating miniatures. To learn more, visit her website [SecondChildhoodMiniatures.com](http://SecondChildhoodMiniatures.com)**