

MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS OF OTTAWA

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General Meeting May 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by President Harriet Farmer.
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Julie Dewar, seconded by Joan Plouffe.

Membership - Jo-Anne Smith

A reminder that membership renewal is due June 2010.
We had two guests. One lady was visiting from Korea.

Treasurer - Lynne Patterson

Balance as of March 31, 2010	\$2036.44
Total Income	22.67
Total Expenses	NIL
Balance as of April 30, 2010	\$2059.11

Our application to rent our space at McNabb has been accepted.
It was noted the price will increase in July due the HST.

Library - Julie and Brian Dewar

Magazines received:
Miniature Collector - Apr/May/June
Dollhouse Miniature - May/June
American Miniaturist - Apr/May

Julie noted that items have been cut out of magazines. Please respect all of the Libraries' holdings and return them in the same condition you received them.

DON'T FORGET if you have a library book due and are unable to attend the meeting, call Julie or Brian at 613-283-2122 to avoid the \$4per book per month late charge.

REMINDER - the mini potter's wheel can be borrowed from the Library. You must leave a cheque for the amount of \$175.00 which will be returned when the wheel is returned.

Community Liaison/Historian – Lorraine Tinsley

Lorraine was not in attendance

Workshops

May 12- Fimo Fruit Bowl- Shannon Smith

May 26-Teddy Bear- Judy Smithson (The bear she will teach is about 6 inches. This will give a feel for working with the fabric. Patterns for a scale bear will be available for those who wish to give it a try.)

June 9 and 23-An interest sheet for a ¼ scale house made from salt boxes. If not enough interest is shown, they will provide something else.

Social Convenor - Marg Burbidge

June is the Annual General Meeting- we will enjoy a sheet cake made by Lorraine Tinsley.

July - Since Marg will not be at the June meeting, she asked for volunteers to bring refreshments for July. Julie Dewar, Caroline Grimes and Jan Sheridan volunteered.

New Business

A report from the Election Committee (Diane Sodja, Terri Coleman, Judy Kingsley) was expected but none of the committee were present.

There are three positions to be

- Social Convenor
- Librarian
- Community Liaison/Historian

The members currently filling the positions of Social Convenor and Librarian are willing to stand another three years, so it only the position of Community Liaison/Historian which needs to be filled.

The duties of the Community Liaison/Historian are:

- To issue notices to the news media to promote MEO in the community (Lorraine has a list of about 20 contacts which are notified each month).
- Maintain the historical records of the Club including taking pictures at events to be posted on our Website.
- Send out Get Well, Sympathy and Thank You Cards.

June Mini Show - Sunday June 20th 10:00-4:00 at RA Centre

Table Displays are needed to promote MEO. Preferably something that has not been shown before. A variety of scales would be appreciated.

Gathering 2010 was a huge success. Gathering souvenirs which were left over including a hat, a parasol and a sterling silver sphere which was made especially for the Gathering were on sale at meeting with proceeds to go to the Club.

Gathering 2011

Invitations were handed out for London Gathering. The theme is Safari Adventure.

Future Programs

Two more Demos are required for August meeting. Judy Kinglsey will be doing candles.

Show and Tell

Bobbie-Corgi painted at Gathering (Workshop by Carl Blindheim)

Harriet- articles from Gathering (table gifts, souvenirs, purchases from Artisans Mart and a beautiful Queen Victoria Doll which was her exchange gift)

A portrait of a bride by Caroline Grimes

Sylvia Clarke-Articles from Gathering - ¼ Scale 50's Kitchen, Ladies Lingerie taught by Catherine Ten Dem and two shields taught by Gayle Baillargeon.

Caroline-a Harry Potter Diorama. The witch's hat by Julie Dewar and stand by Christina.

Program

Landscaping - By Lynne Patterson

Lynne explained how a lot of material used by model railroaders can lend itself to Miniature landscapes. A good source of these materials can be found at Hobby House on Montreal Rd.

Items she showed included rock moulds, plaster cloth, cork (to make brick), brick on net, bushes, foliage and easy-pour water.

Gayle carries the brick and stone on net. Another good source of material is Aquarium stores.

We then went on to look at displays brought in by members.

Next Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be a social event with live entertainment.