

MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS OF OTTAWA

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General Meeting November 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Julie Dewar, who was sitting in for President Harriet Farmer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Steve Reid and seconded by Joan Plouffe.

Discussion arising from minutes-it was decided the value of the Christmas Exchange gift was previously set at approx. \$15 not \$5 as had been mentioned at the meeting.

Membership-Judy Kingsley, Jo-Anne Smith

Judy reported we had 49 paid up members. The names of anyone who has not paid have been removed from the roster.

Treasurer-Lynne Patterson

Balance as of Sept 30/09		\$2239.73
Income		
Membership	60.00	
Regular Raffle	105.00	
Total Income	165.00	
Expenses		
Historian (Camera)	143.40	
Dec Mtg workshop	145.80	
Total Expense	289.20	
Balance as of October 31/09		\$2115.53

Library- Julie & Brian Dewar

No new magazines as Barb Martin has been ill.

Community Liason/Historian- Lorraine Tinsley

Nothing to report

**Workshops- Christina Dierckx, Linda Beaupre
Nov 11 & 25
Room Box with backlight –Christina
Workshop will begin at 7:00**

**Dec.9
Raggedy Anne and Andy- Linda**

Lynne commended Christina and Linda on their first UFO workshop. She said it was a fun night and some project actually got finished.

**Social Convenor-Marg Burbidge
Food for next meeting has been organized. Marg will give people involved reminder calls a few days ahead of time.**

**Potluck Dinner-
January 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. To be held in the party room at 1025 Richmond Road. Sign up sheets will be available at the December Meeting. Members are asked to bring their own place settings (dished, cutlery, beverage glass-except coffee/tea cups which will be provided). Please bring a plastic bag to take home your dirty dishes.**

**Gathering
Julie reported the horses and the music for the Miserable Ride are done.
Lynne reported 75 people have registered for the Gathering so far. Total capacity is 112.
Requests for workshops are quite spread out, so it looks as if everyone may get their**

**Shows
Julie asked Pat Gorgas and Marg Burbidge to say a few words about the shows they had attended.
Toronto-Pat said the in honour of Breast Cancer Awareness week, the Toronto Show had raffled off a room box, with proceeds going to this cause. She found the show to be on the slow side and word is that it may take place only one day next year.**

Bowmanville- Marg Burbidge said this is her favorite show. The facility is large and airy and the people are friendly and helpful.

**Raffle Prize-
An elegant tool shed by Rita Valois. Draw to take place at December meeting.**

**Show and Tell
Christina- collection of 9 Faberge Eggs which she created after the workshop by Gayle Baillargeon.**

Christina and Linda- 2 salt container houses, which may be taught as a workshop.

Next Month's Meeting – Christmas Party

Please bring-

Exchange gift- value approx. \$15.00 wrapped, with your name inside. If you give one, you get one.

For your roundtable project, please bring

- **Small box to carry it home**
- **Small paintbrush (i.e. 10 zero)**
- **Small container for water**
- **Work surface (so we do not get paint on tables)**

MEO will supply the paint and paper towels.

Program: MINIATURE MERCHANTS led by Julie Dewar

Starting off down the miniature street, we came to Steve's Florist Shop, stocked with some Christmas decorations as well as year round arrangements. Outside the shop, a farmer was standing next to his cart of vegetables and an old woman had for sale various trinkets on a tray. Also, there was a tiny shop inside a Twining Tea Can. Continuing on we came to Pat's Parrot Shop (Pat Gorgas) which was packed with parrots and parrot accessories. The beautiful stained glass shop door, depicting two parrots was done by Catherine Thomas. Next we came to Laird's Pharmacy. Behind the counter was Pharmacist Muriel Barber (doll by Georgie Proctor). She is surrounded by actual boxes of drugs and remedies. (Muriel had flattened actual boxes from the drug store before she retired, and miniaturized them.) Laird was her maiden name and the address of the store was her Pharmacist reg. number.

Next we came to Julie's General Store. Surely one could find anything you need in here from vegetables to furniture, mops to delicate candle stick holders. Last on the street was Sweet Things Bakery by Bobbie. On display were cakes and pies, cookies and candies. Order Now for the Holidays. (This shop was a workshop by the Brockhursts-nothing in it is permanent, so it can be changed easily into another shop.)

At the end of our stroll, Julie thanked everyone who had brought in a shop