

**MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS OF OTTAWA**

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**General Meeting September 2, 2009**

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

**Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Joan Plouffe, seconded by Julie Dewar.**

**Membership-Judy Kingsley, Jo-Anne Smith**

**We welcomed two new members- Holly Jones-Whitney and Sonja Keeler. We had one guest.**

**Treasurer- Lynne Patterson**

<b>Balance as of July 31/09</b>		<b>\$1789.65</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$18.59</b>	
<b>Balance as of August 31/09</b>		<b>\$1896.06</b>

**The proposed Budget for June 1/09 to May 31/10 was presented (attached) Harriet suggested the amount proposed for the Xmas Workshop be raised from \$100.00 to \$250.00. This was agreed upon unanimously by a show of hands.**

**Library – Julie and Brian Dewar**

**Received**

- **American Miniaturist (Sept)**
- **Miniature Collector (Sept)**
- **Dollhouse Miniatures (Sept/Oct)**
- **New hardcover – Magnificent Miniatures**

**Books which had been culled from Library were for sale. Any things left over would be taken to Salvation Army.**

**DON'T FORGET- If you have a book due from the Library and cannot attend the next meeting, call Julie or Brian at 613-823-2122 to avoid the \$4.00 per month per book late charge.**

**Community Liaison/Historian- Lorraine Tinsley**

**Lorraine has been putting pictures on the Website. Check them out.**

**Workshops-Linda Beaupre and Christine Dierckx**

**Workshops until end of year were laid out-**

**Sept 9**

**Cheese Display- Judy Kingsley \$7.00**

**1" scale ¼ on request**

**Sept 23**

**Faberge Egg-Gayle Baillargeon \$12.00**

**Oct 14**

**Gilding (silver or gold leafing on picture frame) Marlene Thomas \$7.00**

**Oct 28**

**UFO (unfinished objects) Christina and Linda will be there to provide assistance. Please let them know if you need any particular help.**

**Nov 11& 25 –(if there is enough interest) a room box with a fireplace and backlighting- Christine \$75.00**

**Dec 9**

**Tiny Fimo Raggedy Anne and Andy- Linda \$5.00**

**Food for next meeting**

**Murielle Barber & Sylvia Clarke**

**New Business**

**We had a sale of items donated by Shirley Kearns at break.**

**Three houses donated by Diane McLeod were given away in a free raffle**

**The winners were Corrinne Atkins-Sheldrick, Diane Sodja and Margaret Sanders.**

**MEO is now listed on miniature.net**

**Gathering 2010**

**Registration opens Sept. 14. Anyone who has attended a gathering in the last 3 years will receive info. Anyone else can go to our Website or miniature.net Registration will remain open until all spots are filled but in order to be included in the random draw for workshops of your choice, your registration must be in by Oct.23.**

**The price is \$380.00. This includes 2 nights, 6 meals, souvenirs, gifts and entertainment. An artisan's mini-mart is also available.**

**There are 112 spots available. It will be held at the Travelodge Hotel 1376 Carling Ave.**

**MET Show- Oct 17/18 at the Japanese Cultural Centre. Gayle Baillargeon, Julie Dewar and Barbara Richardson will be selling. Barbara will be teaching a workshop (a wicker changing table).**

**Raffle Prize**

**Two room boxes made by Rita Valois- a baby boy nursery and a lamp shop  
Two tickets will be drawn next meeting- first pulled gets first choice.**

**Show and Tell**

**Barbara Greene-Flindall-1/4 scale furniture by Best Pack. Barbara is the sole distributor.**

**Sylvia Clarke- ladies jewelry stand made at Christina's workshop.**

**Christina- large scale Raggedy Anne and Andy table and chairs.**

**Judy Kingsley- 1/4" cheese plate and a book entitled Maison Miniatures which she recommends for the library. It is written in French, but pictures will be of interest to all.**

**The program for next meeting will be Crown Molding and Wallpaper presented by Julie and Brian Dewar,**

**The next executive meeting will be 7:00 p.m Sept. 16 at McNabb Arena in the Craft room.**

**Program**

**Christina Dierekx gave a talk on her progression as a miniature artisan.**

**Christina grew up as an only child in war torn Holland. She always liked to make things but materials were not available. She started by making Christmas ornaments out of the silver paper from cigarette packages. At the age of 12, she took a course in fashion design using a Barbie-size doll. Since fabric was scarce, she was taught to make clothing using crepe paper. She began to make miniatures twenty-eight years ago. Twenty years ago, she taught her first workshop at a Gathering and has been teaching at Gatherings ever since. She now has five houses and approximately 75 room boxes and vignettes. She buys very little for her collection as she prefers to make everything herself. She displayed a vast selection of furniture and musical instruments. Her earlier instruction in fashion design has proven useful in dressing her dolls. She will be teaching two workshops at the 2010 Gathering- a ladies vanity with light, which will be a full day workshop and a ladies jewelry table which will be a half day workshop.**

**Christina invited everyone to visit her home and view her collection. Just give her a call.**