

MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS OF OTTAWA

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General Meeting Sept. 1, 2010

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by Julie Dewar, seconded by Lynne Patterson.

Reports

Membership - Judy Kingsley, Jo-Anne Smith

We have 37 paid up members. Judy will send out reminder notices.

Please note: Christina Dierckx has a new email address mogen@rogers.com

Treasurer - Lynne Patterson

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| Balance as of June 30, 2010 | \$1785.17 |
| Income | 0.00 |
| Membership | 80.00 |
| Regular Raffles | <u>26.00</u> |
| Total Income | <u>\$106.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$50.00</u> |
| Balance August 31/10 | <u>\$1841.17</u> |

Library - Julie Dewar

Nothing to report

- DON'T FORGET if you have a library book due and are unable to attend the meeting, call Julie at 613-283-2122 to avoid the \$4 per book per month late charge.
- REMINDER- a mini potter's wheel can be borrowed from the library. You must leave a cheque for \$175.00 which will be returned when the wheel is returned.
- Please respect the libraries' holdings and return them in the same condition you received them.

Community Liaison/Historian - Gayle Baillargeon

Notices have been placed as usual. Harriet noted she has been getting inquiries stemming from the information that has been placed.

Workshops - Christina Dieckx (see pictures)

Sept 8 Picnic Basket - *cancelled*

Sept 22 - learn to paint plastic dishes by Harriet. No talent required. \$8.00

Oct 13 and 27 - camper trailer \$25

Social Convenor

Refreshments for October meeting:

Muriel Barber, Sylvia Crosswell, Lorraine Tinsley

New Business

Lynne presented the proposed budget for 2010-2011

Proposed Budget 2010-2011

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| Balance Forwarded June 1/09 | \$2157.00 |
| Income | 0.00 |
| Library Fines | 10.00 |
| Library Sales | 25.00 |
| Membership | 750.00 |
| Raffles | 500.00 |
| Sales | 50.00 |
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| Total Income | <u>\$1335.00</u> |
| <i>Expenses</i> | |
| Gifts | 100.00 |
| Hall Rental | 700.00 |
| Historian | 25.00 |
| Kitchen | 100.00 |
| Library Purchases | 100.00 |
| Library Subscriptions | 300.00 |
| Membership Table | 25.00 |
| Office Supplies | 25.00 |
| Post Office Box Rental | 125.00 |
| Raffle Prizes | 150.00 |
| Pot Luck Dinner | 100.00 |
| Website | 15.00 |
| Xmas Workshop | 200.00 |
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| Total Expenses | <u>\$1965.00</u> |
| Net Income | (\$630.00) |
| Projected Balance May 31, 2011 | <u>\$1527.00</u> |

Harriet pointed out that the proposed deficit is due to reduced membership. Also some of the proposed expenditures are purposely projected at a high range.

Joan Plouffe motioned the budget be accepted, Hope Finestone seconded the motion, Budget is accepted.

- MEO Executive meeting Wed. Sept 15 at 7:00 p.m. at McNabb
- Souvenirs from Gathering (Hat/Parasol and Silver Sphere) will be on sale at October Meeting.
- American Miniaturist Aug. 2010 contains an article by Gayle Baillargeon on the Ottawa Gathering.
- A former member of our club, Shelley Keele, now Shelley Harynuk is downsizing her collection. You can view what she has for sale at www.fabulousfoodies.ca/Miniatures_for_sale_.html. If there is anything you wish to purchase, contact Lynne Patterson at ldpatte@rogers.com. Shelley will ship everything at once to Lynne who will collect the money and distribute the miniatures.

Shows

Miniature Enthusiasts of Toronto 2010 Show and Sale

Sat. Oct 16 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sun. Oct 17 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre

6 Garamond Court, Don Mills, Ont.

\$8 (Children under 12 free)

Free Parking

For More Info Call Heather at 416-463-1817

Email: mrsmur@sympatico.ca or Surf:<http://met.miniature.net>

Raffle

Jewelry Box by Judith Blondell. Tickets to be drawn at October Meeting.

Show and Tell -Please see pictures sent separately

October Meeting - Lorraine Tinsley will be the speaker.

Tonight's Program Diane Sodja (Please see pictures)

Diane became interested in miniatures in 1989, when a friend purchased a dollhouse and she decided she had to have one too, but it wasn't until after the birth of her first child that she really became serious. The baby was extremely colicky and so to escape the stress, she would work on miniatures. She now has 13 dollhouses and numerous room boxes.

She later worked at the Rideauview Hobby Shop and displayed her works at the Stittsville Flea Market. Her mother helped soften the clay and accompanied her every Sunday at the Market. Her mother-in-law, Marga and her daughter Melanie (both MEO members) share her enthusiasm for miniatures.

The heads she creates have real hair made from discarded wigs. She is now learning how to dress her dolls.

She has tried her hand at food and at animals, but didn't feel her heart was in it. Her tastes go in the direction of the fanciful and macabre. She collects photos that capture her imagination and works from there. Her leprechaun, done from a photo is her favorite piece. She is collecting rodents from a taxidermist (to date a chipmunk and a red squirrel) to pose with her miniatures. She loves Halloween and brought in a Halloween room for display.

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