

Miniature Enthusiasts of Edmonton Club

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General Meetings: Held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month: 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at McClure United Church, 13708-74 Street, Edmonton. Workshops are held every 1st and 2nd Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There are no meetings or workshops during July, August, and December. Meeting only (no workshops) in January (assuming temperatures of over minus 25C)
Admission: \$2.00 Membership: \$20.00



Upcoming Club Activities

Workshops: The next workshops are November 1st, 2005 and November 8th, 2005. The November 1st workshop will be with Monica LaVoie, making a poinsettia in a vase. The November 8th workshop will be with Bonnie Maio, and we will be making an origami Japanese kimono, with real sandals.

General Meeting: The next general meeting will be held on November 15, 2005. Cheryl Prentice, June Koch, and Georgie Prokiw will bring food. Linda Austin is responsible for coffee and cream.

Printable of the Month – Halloween Symbols

This month's "printie" is a set of Halloween symbols for you to cut out and scatter around your Halloween vignette or roombox. You can also cut out tombstone shaped pieces of balsa, age them with acrylic paints and add some interesting epitaphs.... (these are mostly real tombstones!!!!)

- Ben Des Membered
May he rest in Pieces
- I. M Gone
I told you I was Sick
- Here lies Johnny Yeast.
Pardon me for not rising....
- Here lies Clyde whose life was full
Until he tried to milk a bull.
- Here lies my wife. I bid her goodbye.
She rests in peace, and now so do I.
- Here lies Lester More
Four slugs from a forty-four
No Les no More.
- Fester N. Rott: Soon ripe, soon rotten
Soon gone, but not forgotten.
- Here lies Butch. We planted him raw.
He was quick on the trigger but slow on the draw.
- Here lies the body of Jonathon Blake.
Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.
- Here lies an atheist.
All dressed up and no place to go.
- Owen Moore - Gone away
Owin' more than he could pay.
- Here lies Margaret Daniel.
She always said her feet were killing her...
But nobody believed her.

Minis On-Line

This set of links is dedicated to Halloween!

- <http://www.virtualdollhouse.net/Customer/SmallProjects.htm> - visit this site (and scroll down) to see lots of pictures (click on them to enlarge) a Teen Witch Slumber Party and The Old Crone's Pantry where Hagee and Esmeralda concoct a Halloween stew just for you!
- <http://community.webshots.com/photo/211430282/213196824JnGJLM> - decorate the front of your dollhouse with this trick and treat vignette.
- <http://mpminis.com/rozroost.html> - come and see Roz' Roost - Halloween Store.
- http://wolfstone.halloweenhost.com/HalloweenTech/dectt1_TinyTown1.html - or view a tiny Halloween town...
- http://www.oakridgehobbies.com/121_scale/121_halloween.html - order Halloween goodies on line.
- http://www.rlweewonders.com/halloween_minis.htm - another places to buy Halloween miniatures.

Hints and Tips – Miscellaneous

- A simple and inexpensive way to create miniature ferns is to use green twist ties from dry cleaning. These are usually larger than your average garbage bag ties. Cut them to the appropriate shape, then, with a pair of pointed scissors, make a series of cuts up each side. The completed fern leaves can be curved to shape, then “planted” in a miniature planter. If the particular shade of green is not appropriate for your purposes, paint and shade with acrylic paints before cutting the fronds.
- Yet another use for baggie ties is as an emergency source of fine, pliable wire. In an emergency, just peel or slice off the paper wrapping and scrape any remainder away with a blunt blade and you have some useful wire for a variety of jobs. A great idea when you run out of wire late on a on Sunday night and the stores are closed.
- If you are looking for miniature pictures with equally miniature glazing, you could have your picture laminated in clear plastic before framing. Laminating is done inexpensively by most quick printing services, Michael's or even your neighbourhood license bureau.
- If you look carefully at packaging for cheap paint sets, you will see a number of depressions in the plastic or .you to mix paints in. Carefully cut out, they make useful cereal bowls fore your kitchen.
- If you need some Halloween wallpaper, visit your local fabric store.... They have lots of small Halloween prints, tiny black and orange checks and plaids - and cheaper than dollhouse wallpaper, too. They also have some black and orange braids and trims on sale that work well for ceiling trim and chair rails.

“Tool” of the Month – Leather Crafting Tools

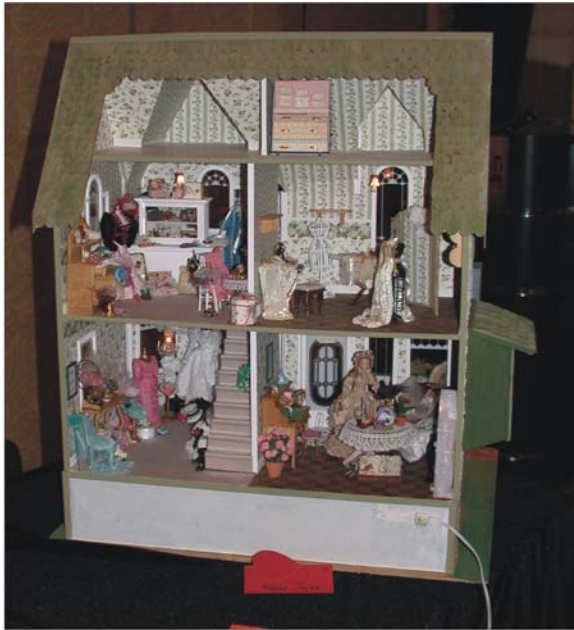
When my mother was no longer able to do leather carving, her tools languished in the basement of her house for years. At least, they collected dust until I found them one day. These tools are hardened stainless steel and are designed to be used with a leather mallet (although a hammer works fine, too) on a very hard surface, like a granite countertop or a cement floor. I have been experimenting with them, and have found the following.

1. Used on balsa or basswood, the tools make a nice impression, and in combination, can emboss many patterns on the wood. Some of the tools (there are hundreds of designs) are merely used as a stamp, punching a variety of designs into the wood (e.g. acorns, eaves, flowers). Others are used to shape and inscribe the wood. When used to shape the wood (as in the two tops for chests illustrated), the pattern is first drawn on the wood. Where raised impressions are required, a sharp X-Acto knife is used to cut a line around the pattern to define the edge. The craft knife is then used to cut out the deepest holes. Then the bevellers and shapers can “raise” the design from the surface of the wood. (This requires a workshop demonstration to be really clear.... Sorry about that!)
2. Used with Fimo, the tools make hollows that can be used as moulds. When filled with plaster or resin, you can make a number of identical raised mouldings, architectural details, etc.



Leather tools can be purchased at Tandy Leather Factory, 17720 107 Avenue. Each tool costs about \$10.00 so you had better be very sure about what designs you want.... Or borrow from an actual leather crafter.

2005 MEE FALL SHOW



People's Choice Award - First Place
Karen Jones



People's Choice Award - Second Place
Linda Austin



People's Choice Award - Third Place
Wendy Spitzer



Laurie Houle



Teena Krause



Myrt Smeaton



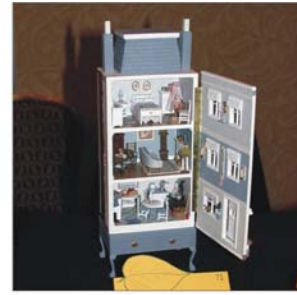
June Koch



Teena Krause



Luba Barnes, Linda Austin, Lorry Saunders, Lil McPhee and Teena Krause



June Koch



Judy Mitchell



Monica LaVoie



Linda Austin



Judy Mitchell



Luba Barnes



Luba Barnes



Cathy Verbicki



Linda Austin



Linda Austin



Linda Austin



Linda Austin



Cheryl Prentice



Cheryl Prentice



Gilbert Funk



Gilbert Funk



Gilbert Funk



Celia Benedict



Teena Krause



Lorry Saunders



Gaytha Heighes



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Tina MacDonald



Luba Barnes



Karen Jones



Sunni Dixon



Lorry Saunders



Bonnie Maio



Laurie Houle



Nora Ferguson



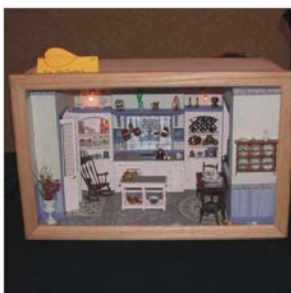
Sunni Dixon



Linda Austin



Linda Austin



Tina MacDonald



Moving In



FOR SALE

Partially completed Beacon Hill. Stairs are in. Some windows, doors and porch railings remain to be done. Some rooms are decorated. Comes with instructions and all remaining kit pieces and a box of shingles. It is not wired. 32" w. x 40" h. x 19" deep. \$75.00 Call Maureen at 418-5198 or e-mail at mheucher@shaw.ca



Happy Halloween!!!

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