

# Furnishing Touch explores décor

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The Museum of Miniature Houses and Other Collections has a new exhibit called "The Furnishing Touch," which explores the history of home furnishings and décor in miniatures. The exhibit runs through May 28 and was created with the help of an employee.

Executive Director Elaine Mancini said the idea for the exhibit came about as she familiarized new Collections Manager Rachel Tavaras with the museum.

"As we're going through everything with her fresh eyes, we came to these realizations. We realized we're all about craftsmanship. We're all about creativity. We're all about fine art in miniature. We're also about history as decorative art," Mancini said. "We applied for a grant from Indiana Humanities Initiative, which we received."

The exhibit was created entirely from pieces the museum already owned.

"There is nothing that is borrowed," Mancini said.



The Furnishing Touch features the history of home furnishings and décor in miniatures. (Submitted photo)

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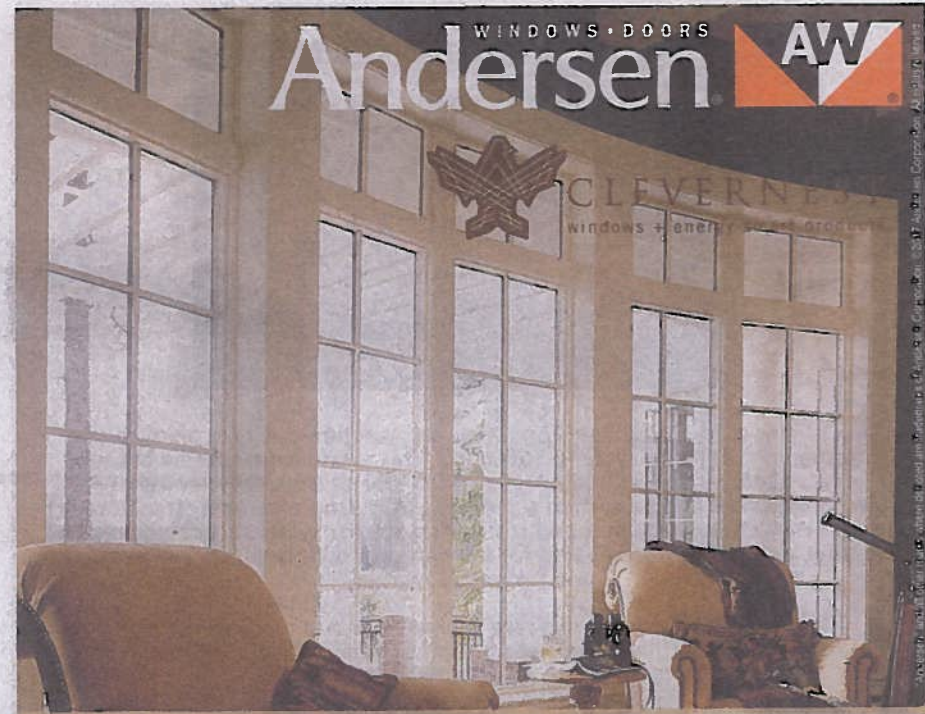
**When:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays through May 28.

**Where:** The Museum of Miniature Houses and Other Collections, 111 E. Main St., Carmel

**Related speakers:** March 22, Robert Brandt, The American Empire, furniture form the early to mid-19th century. April 5, Kristin Barry, Gothic Revival in domestic architecture and furniture. April 10, Elizabeth Brand Monroe, Early Industrial Age in America and Furniture Design and Production. All programs begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. No cost to attend speaker series.

**More info:** [museumofminiatures.org](http://museumofminiatures.org)



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