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FRIENDS Newsletter
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New Exhibit

Judy's Dream

This exhibit is a tribute to **Judy Berman**, the founder of **Chrysnbon Miniatures**. Known as the Queen of Miniatures, Berman founded Chrysnbon in the 1970s after being inspired by a miniature organ given to her by her son, John. She began to create and sell 1" scale replicas of her real-life antiques. The displays in this collection reflect the versatility of Chrysnbon as well as Berman's creative talent. She used old recipe boxes, lamps, and even a coffee table to create vignettes that could easily be incorporated into her home decor. She also added miniaturized pictures of her family to personalize the room boxes. Berman used subtle lighting techniques and backdrops to create a realistic and peaceful feeling.

White Colonial Dining Room by **Judy Berman.** Gift of **The National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts.**

Inspiration Room

Biedermeier Living Room by **Suzanne Landshof**.

Because we have so many wonderful pieces in our collection, but only so much room to display them in the museum, and because our shop isn't big enough to hold all our inventory, we have expanded. Not only is this location an additional place to shop for minis, the "Inspiration Room" has 81 room boxes and vignettes on display, all of which show the artists' unique approaches to building or decorating their pieces. Come see these examples of innovative techniques and get inspired for your next project!

The Inspiration Room is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 4pm. Admission is $5.00 and is refundable towards same-day shop purchases of $5 or more. Admission is free for museum members. The Inspiration Room is located at 1089 SW 3rd Ave., Suite 204, Carmel. Enter the second set of double doors at the end of the building. Look for the poinsettias in the planter.

Christmas Time by **Kathy Birk**. Structure by **Ray Whitledge.**

How You Can Help

Kroger Community Reward Program

Did you know that by using your Kroger Shopper's card, you can help the museum receive yearly monetary donations to the museum? Follow the instructions in the link below to set up a community rewards account. Moving forward, your Kroger purchases will automatically link with the program, at no added cost to you.
https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards

AmazonSmile

If you don't have one already, you can set up a free AmazonSmile account. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the same prices and selection as your regular account, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the museum.
https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?q=Museum+of+Miniature+Houses+And+Other+Collections+Inc&orig=%2F&ie=UTF-8

Bronze Native American by **Jim Pounder.**

Donating:

The museum relies on generous donors like you to help us share the joy of miniatures.

- To donate financially, go to our donation page at www.museumofminiatures.org/donate/.
- You can donate miniatures for us to sell in our shop and at our annual attic sale, donate office supplies to help keep our costs down, offer handyman services, and so much more. Contact us at info@museumofminiatures.org or call 317-575-9466.

221B Baker Street by **LaVerne Sullivan**. Loan of **Lisa Sullivan**.

Why New Volunteers Are Vital Right Now

The museum is looking forward to reopening on Wednesdays and Thursdays. But before that can happen, we need new volunteers. Due to various circumstances, some of our past volunteers are unable to return and we simply don't have the staff to make up for those losses.

What is expected of a volunteer? Just one 5-hour shift per month! Our docents (museum guides) do the following and we provide all the training needed:

- Greet guests and handle admission payments
- Give out audio tour guides and treasure hunts
- Help shoppers
- Check in on guests periodically and ensure each room is tidy

Our volunteers receive benefits, too:

- A 10% discount in the shop
- Free family membership
- Discounts on workshops
- Meeting a lot of nice people!

Learn more at www.museumofminiatures.org/volunteer/.

Bridal Staircase, made by **Judee Williamson.** Gift of **Rose Chevrolet.**

Volunteer Spotlight

Phyllis Schultz has been a docent since February 2018. She fell in love with miniatures when she got her first metal dollhouse at the age of 5 and she now has a 1930s dollhouse with the same floor plan. Phyllis is currently working on a **Frank Lloyd Wright** room box. Outside of miniatures, her other interests include volunteering at her church, biking, and walking her toy poodle puppy, Ringo. Phyllis' husband, Floyd, is a drummer in two classic rock bands and she loves to join in on the dance floor during his shows.

Volunteer **Phyllis Shultz** standing next to the Yellow Georgian Colonial by **Dorothy Stickles.**

HGTV Visits

A crew of professional television show folks spent several hours at The Museum recently. A short segment of "Sweepstakes: Urban Oasis" featuring Museum exhibits was the result.
The HGTV television show based on an Indianapolis house is planned to air later, but now some of it can be viewed online at https://www.hgtv.com/sweepstakes/hgtv-urban-oasis/hgtv-urban-oasis-2021-insiders-look/video/hgtv-urban-oasis-2021-around-the-area.Go to the second page and watch *A Day at Indy's Museums*. The Museum is featured after The Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

Moonshiner's Cabin by **Barbie Andreason.**

Past Workshops

- "Let's Make a Light-Up TV Console"
  - November 20th & 21st, 9:00-4:00
    - One-hour lunch breaks
  - $295 for members & $305 for non-members
  - Visitors 16+

Michael Yurkovic, internationally known IGMA Artisan,was back with another amazing workshop: "Let's Make a Light-Up Console TV." Students learned how to create this oh-so-cool version of a 1950s-style television (with rabbit ears!), just like the ones Americans gathered around to watch I Love Lucy and The Twilight Zone. They even got to pick their own TV show for the screen image! This class was fun and easy even for those with limited miniature-making experience.

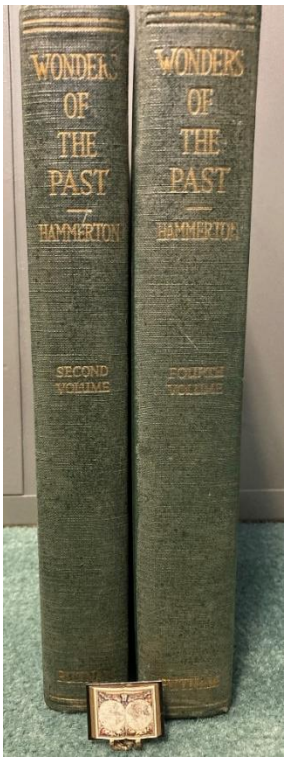
Light-Up TV Console by **Michael Yurkovic.**

Calendar

December 4, 4:00-6:00pm, **Miniatures by Candlelight**. This free event will be extra special this year thanks to updated lighting by **Carl Sahlberg**. Exhibits that already had lighting are now much brighter and several exhibits have lights for the first time!

Winter Workshops are currently being scheduled. Please check for updates at https://museumofminiatures.org/category/events/.

World Map Book borrowed from The Sahlberg.



New Member of the Team

Mary Mauer is our new Event Coordinator. She has a Master's in Museum Studies from the University of Leicester, and extensive experience working in small museums. She will be responsible for event planning, keeping the museum's website and social media accounts "fresh and exciting," press relations, collection organization, tours, and more.

Mary Mauer

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