THE MUSEUM OF MINIATURE HOUSES AND OTHER COLLECTIONS INC.

FRIENDS Newsletter
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New Exhibits … Now through May 31, 2020

On the Job

*Pictured: Post Office by **Mark Stockton**, dolls by **Carol Kubesh***

On the Job is devoted to all kinds of trades and professions. The exhibit includes an architect's office, an office inside an old computer monitor, a fisherman's shack, and a quilt shop with more than 100 bolts of fabric.

The Museum is especially pleased to support local miniaturists by featuring creations from two area clubs. The **Hoosier Mini Makers**' exhibit features finely detailed 1/4" scale miniature scenes and the **Hoosier Mini-Mizers**' exhibit includes various club projects, mostly in 1-inch scale.

EXCITING NEWS FOR MINI ENTHUSIASTS!

The Museum's shop underwent major renovations during its January closing. Cabinets were repurposed to allow for more display space, new countertops were installed, and the overhead and cabinet lighting were replaced.

It's now much easier for shoppers to see all the fine miniatures the shop has to offer. **Kathy Birk**, Board V.P. and Shop Manager, spearheaded the renovations.

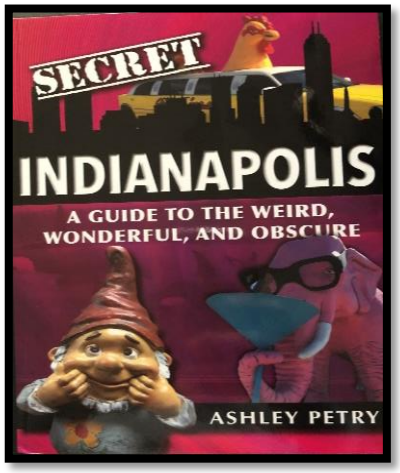
Start saving……..

On April 11, 2020, starting at 9am, the Museum shop and its front room and the Lions Club next door will be packed with miniature enthusiasts for the annual **Attic Sale**. This fundraiser for the Museum is so popular, shoppers are lined up outside at 8:30, rain or shine. The sale runs until 3pm.

WEIRD and WONDERFUL PUBLICITY

Ashley Petry included a 2-page spread about the Museum in her new book, "**Secret Indianapolis: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure**."

Titled "A Short Trip Around the World," the article stresses the breadth of the Museum's collection and its rotating exhibits, "meaning there's something new to see every time you visit."



DatingExperts.com says the Museum is **"one of the area's top date spots!"** The dating site analyzes ratings and reviews from couples worldwide. *Fun fact: In 2017 a female visitor to the Museum was proposed to in front of a miniature bridal display. She said yes!*

Paul Ross, with **talkSPORT radio in London**, was looking online for a unique museum to feature on his show. He found the Museum of Miniature Houses! Ross interviewed Executive Director **Elaine Mancini** on air November 26, 2019.

MAY 23 WORKSHOP

Kristie Norman of Normans Country Creek online store presents her "**Lilacs & Lavender Gazebo**" workshop on **Saturday, May 23**. Please note the workshop will be taught in 1/4-inch scale only. When finished, the gazebo will measure 3.87" W x 2" D x 2.5" high. All materials will be provided. Experience with 1/4-inch is not required.

Workshop hours are 9am to 12pm. Cost is $30 ($25 for Museum members.) Minimum age is 18. Deadline to register and pay is May 9.

This laser cut kit will be a beautiful addition to your miniature collection!

*Coming later this Year: "Crate House Cellars Tasting Room" by **Judy Reichert** on October 17 and 18, and "What Can We Do with LEDs?" by **Carl Sahlberg** on November 7.*

GRANTS UPDATE

The **Allen Whitehill Cloves Charitable Foundation** has awarded the Museum a $14,000 capital grant.

The funds will allow the Museum to add room-darkening window treatments in Room 1. These automatic blinds will help protect the exhibits from sun damage. The grant will also pay for a new state-of-the-art audio tour.

The Museum is honored once again to be awarded a $7,500 grant from the **Clay Township Board of Trustees** to help with operational expenses.

The Trustees' grants are provided to *"improve the lives of Carmel residents in impactful – and often unseen – ways."*

In Memoriam

Joanna Jagger lost her courageous battle with cancer on October 12, 2019. A long-time supporter of the Museum and a past volunteer, she enjoyed traveling, playing golf, singing and collecting miniatures. The Museum extends its sincere condolences to Joanna's family.

Honors

The following people made donations in 2019 to honor a special person in their lives:

Diana Dalton in honor of **Diana Dayton-Dalton**

Courtney Locke in honor of **Jenson Locke**

Lynn Montgomery in honor of **Marion Haerle**

Calendar of Events

Events are free unless noted otherwise.

Mar 25	12pm-1pm	Celebrations of Creativity & Craftsmanship	**Shari Wagner**, reading by former Poet Laureate of Indiana
Apr 8	12pm-1pm	Create Your Own Mini-Art	Reservations required. Kids are instructed on how to make miniature rooms using paper and trimmings.
Apr 11	9am-3pm	Annual Attic Sale	See page 2.
Apr 22	12pm-1pm	Celebrations of Creativity & Craftsmanship	**Lynne Medsker**, mixed media artist
Apr 25	11am-2pm	Breyer Fun Day	Paint your own Breyer 4-inch "Stablemate" to take home. Regular admission applies.
May 13	12pm-1pm	Celebrations of Creativity & Craftsmanship	**Rosaleen Crowley**, paintings and poetry
May 23	9am-12pm	Workshop	**Kristie Norman** teaches 1/4-inch gazebo
May 27	12pm-1pm	Celebrations of Creativity & Craftsmanship	**Brynn Tyszka** performs a mix of arias, art songs, and musical theater hits.

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