

THE MESSENGER

SUMMER 2017

THE FALL SHOW



The Fall Show is moving right along. Registrations are coming in and classes are filling – so if you haven’t already registered, we suggest you do so soon! Be sure to reserve your hotel room as well before our block is filled. The “busy bees” are making gifts galore and we think you’ll be very pleased. A special **Night Lights preview** in the Exhibit Room on Fri-

day night from 9 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. will be open and free to all, as is the Evening with the Experts Event on Thursday from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

We are always **looking for volunteers** to help at the show, so if you are willing to give an hour or two (or more), please let us know, Also, be sure to let the Exhibit Committee know about any of your treasures you are willing to share.

Be sure to look through your spy glass as our mystery unfolds and join us for a fun weekend !

For more information or

questions, call Dona Mandell [\(303\)321-1078](tel:3033211078).

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Miniatures Estate Sale July 29th!*
- *Fall Show surprises!*
- *New Programming!*
- *A complete calendar of events!*
- *Capital Campaign update!*



JULY 29TH ESTATE SALE!

We are pleased to announce a very special sale. Thanks to the estates of Mary Anne Sine, Eileen McDanal and Eddie Parish, we’re having a fundraiser!

These three legendary miniaturists have left box rooms, miniatures, supplies

and more to be sold to benefit the Museum.

This is a not to be missed sale of both one of a kind artisan items and miniature scale supplies.

We are so grateful that the estates of these members have created this fundraising

opportunity for the Museum. We’ll see you there!

**Jefferson Ave. United Methodist Church
4425 Kipling St.
Wheat Ridge, CO
At the Corner of Kipling and 44th.
10am-3pm**

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Wow! This summer is flying by and the Museum has been a very busy place. The Garage Sale was a big hit with some participants almost completely selling out! Kudos go to Wendy, Stasia, Judi and volunteers for all your hard work at the sale.

We are getting ready for a fabulous Dollhouse Miniatures Estate Sale on Saturday July 29. This was made possible, thanks to the generous donations from the estates of Mary Anne Sine, Eileen McDanal and Eddie Parrish. You don't want to miss this!!

See the information later in the newsletter for location and times.

Excitement is in the air as the final preparations are being made for the 37th Annual Denver Fall Show and Sale! There are some exciting new dealers as well as wonderful workshops with a few openings still available. You can check out the dealers by going to our website and clicking on the link for the Show. You won't want to miss this exciting event!

I am very excited about our

new building search! The wheels are turning mentally as well as mechanically in search of a great new home for us. Your input is much appreciated. So send us ideas of places to check out, volunteer in the effort to prepare and ultimately pack the museum for the move, donate to the effort or just tell all your family and friends and help us spread the word!

See you at the Miniatures Estate Sale and then the Show!

Barbara



HELP US GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE FALL SHOW! SHARE ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA, OR DISTRIBUTE FLYERS. WORD OF MOUTH IS OUR BEST ADVERTISING!

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Summer at the Museum continues to be busy and even more so with some great publicity from 9 News and the Denverite!

Staff has been working hard to make sure every visitor has a great experience. Addition-

ally, we've had a renewed focus on adult programming with a focus on people new to the world of miniatures.

As we transition towards autumn, our focus is turning to the Fall Show, inventory and packing of the collection. We

are taking very few items for the collection and encourage you to hold on to any donations until we find a new location.

See you at the Fall Show!

Wendy

EDUCATION

Education workshops have really taken off this summer. We've been hosting summer day camp groups multiple times a week, teaching a series of free workshops sponsored by the National Miniatures Trust at the Byers Branch of the Denver Public Library the First Friday of every month, and expanding our series of adult programs.

This summer August and September we'll be partnering with Atlas Obscura, an international event and curator of the cool and unusual to offer a lecture on interesting toy facts and a whimsical Alice in Wonderland themed event! Please check out our website to find out more information.

We continue to offer fun fam-

ily programming once a month and on the first Sunday of every month at our SCFD sponsored Community Day. Please see a full listing of events on page 5.

Please share our events with friends and family, or sign up for a workshop yourself!



Fairy and Gnome workshops
July 29 and August 5

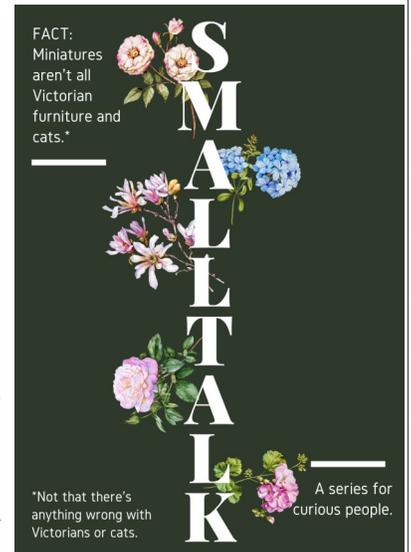
SMALLTALK

SmallTalk is a new program organized by Program Staff Misha Fraser and Virginia Griebenaw, meant to appeal to the Millennial and Gen X audiences that the museum has seen an uptick in attendance from. So far, it has been successful, with the first workshop in the series ‘Altoids Box Diorama’ selling out its initial run of tickets quickly. In response, more spots were added and a second workshop will take place

on August 26th. On July 17th, Misha held a Kitbashing event at RedLine Contemporary Art Center as part of their Make/Shift Monday program to help bring the museum to a new audience. 14 people came to the event, most of which had never visited the museum before and the feedback received was excellent. Staff is continuing to line up further collaborations with local spaces and organization to help us reach

new people. The following SmallTalk workshops taking place at DMMDT are also planned:

- August 12th: Mini Perfume Bottles
- August 19th: Mini Landscapes
- August 26th: Altoids Box Dioramas
- September (date TBD): Southwestern Scene



HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you so much for all of your questions, donations and support as the Museum looks for a new building. The board and building committee continue to look for new funding avenues, research buildings and run down all leads, but we still need your help!

You may have seen us on 9 News in July, or in the Denverite newspaper in June.

This coverage is essential to helping bring in new supporters during our campaign. The 9 News piece came directly from one of our members writing in to the station and suggesting that they cover our story. If you have a favorite culture reporter, send them an email letting them know what DMMDT means to you.

If you drive past a building you think DMMDT should look at, have a family or social connection to someone who you think may be able to help, please let us know.

HELP US SPREAD
THE WORD THAT
DMMDT IS
LOOKING FOR A
NEW HOME!

ALICE IN WONDERLAND EVENT!

Curiouser and curiouser! As part of DMMDT’s collaboration with Atlas Obscura, the museum will be hosting an 21+ only Alice in Wonderland themed event on September 16th. Inspired by Atlas Obscura’s focus on weird history and the museum’s architecture and collection, the event will feature plenty of quirky facts about Alice’s

time, tea-infused beer and cocktails, beautiful Wonderland-themed décor and snacks, as well as a MAD-DENING scavenger hunt through a museum peopled by strange and wonderful characters. If you are interested in helping to create some of the decorations, have some Alice in Wonderland objects or collectables you like to

loan us or would like to dress up and give be a Wonderland denizen on the evening of the event, email education@dmmdt.org to get involved!



NOTES FROM THE GALLERY



This summer has been so much fun. We've had so many visitors, day camps, tea parties and volunteers it has been hard to keep up.

While we haven't been able to make major exhibit changes, we have been able to spend time cleaning many of our miniatures. The Silver case got a fresh dusting, the 1880s House (aka the Cat House) was thoroughly cleaned, and Somewhere in Time town got a good dusting

and will hopefully be on view from all sides soon.

Additionally, we've been highlighting our Japanese Doll collection. A lovely set of Hina Matsuri dolls from the 1700s was put on display in July. These delicate dolls have bodies made from paper, silk clothes, carved wooden hands and detailed faces made from gofun.

The exhibit from the Boulder Valley Doll Club will be leav-

ing in August and depending on time, staff will be adding an exhibit of Native American Dwellings.

If you have loaned anything to the Museum that is still on display and have not checked in with staff, please take a minute and give us a call.

“TO CATCH THE READER’S ATTENTION, PLACE AN INTERESTING SENTENCE OR QUOTE FROM THE STORY HERE.”

NOTES FROM COLLECTIONS

Staff continue to work diligently on collections. Consultant Jessica Simpson and Program Staff Misha Fraser are focusing on our doll collection. This detailed review of our collection, while slow, has been a lot of fun. By ensuring that we have photographs of all of the dolls in our collection, we will be able to better plan exhibits and track condition of arti-

facts.

Program Staff Virginia Griebenaw is continuing work on items found in collection and unaccessioned donations. This will give us a way to track all items in our possession and help potential collections items move one step further towards board approval.

Staff continue to box items to

move to off-site storage in preparation for our move. If you are a careful person who has access to a SUV or truck and would be interested in helping move objects, please contact Wendy at director@dmmtdt.org

WISH LIST



- Altoids Tins
- Trash bags
- Miniature mink dusters
- Yarn dolls
- Yarn
- Paper tubes
- Items for the Fall Show Kids Table
- Fall Show volunteers
- Front desk volunteers
- Digital pictures of you with our childhood toys email them to education@dmmtdt.org
- A digital projector
- Staples
- Postage Stamps
- Volunteers for an Alice and Wonderland themed evening event for adults on Sept. 16th
- Volunteers to help produce decorations for a Victorian/Alice and Wonderland themed event for adults.

CALENDAR

Memorial Day-Labor Day:
Blue Star Museums. Free Admis-
sion for Military Families *

July 29 [Estate Sale to benefit the Museum 4425 Kipling St. Wheat Ridge, CO](#)

July 29: [Fairy and Gnome Family Workshop](#) *

August 5: [Fairy and Gnome Homes Family Workshop](#)*

August 12: [Mini Perfume bottles](#)*

August 19: [Miniature Landscapes](#)*

August 19: [Dolls, De-mographics, and Dysentery Lecture in collaboration with Atlas Obscura](#)*

August 26: [Altoids Box Dioramas](#)*

September 6-10: [Fall Show at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Denver Tech](#)**

- Sept. 6: Elegant Room-box preregistered all day workshop
- Sept. 7: Preregistered workshops
- Sept. 7, 7pm: An Evening with the Experts free lecture
- Sept. 8: Preregistered Workshops
- Sept. 8 1-3pm: Roundtable workshops
- Sept. 8 Banquet and Preview Shopping, ticket

- required
- Sept .9: Sales and Exhibit Rooms Open
 - Sept. 9: FREE kid's workshop
 - Sept. 9: Banquet with Oral and Silent Auction, ticket required
 - Sept 10: Sales and Exhibit Rooms Open
 - Sept 10 1pm: Preregistered Children's Workshop

September 16: Alice and Wonderland Atlas Obscura 21+ event*

September 23: [Smithsonian Free Day Live](#)***



* at DMMDT

** offsite

*** multiple sites

OAK AND BERRIES TEA ROOM

Schedule a tea time with the one and only Oak and Berries Tea Room!

Join hostess Roxanne for delectable sandwiches, light as air scones, to die for deserts and a proper pot of tea.

To make a reservation call 720-351-5123



ROSE COTTAGE SPECIAL AUCTION

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If you haven't signed up for the Banquet yet, get your ticket today!



A Rose Cottage similar to the one that will be auctioned.



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Grandma's House



Dollhouse Miniatures

Estate Sale!

July 29, 2017 10am-3pm

Estates of Mary Anne Sine, Eileene McDanal & Eddie Parish

Box Rooms, Miniatures, Supplies and more!

Proceeds benefit the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys

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