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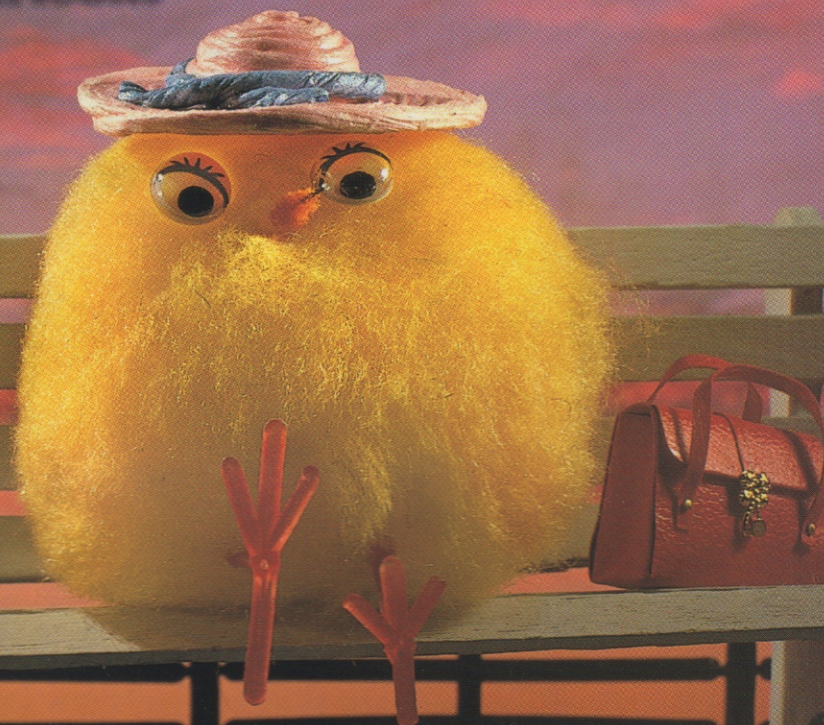
Sloane Tanen's 3-D Cartoons
Amuse and Amaze

Josephine Meyer's
Impressionist Art

Room box retreat
for a retired Army pilot

To make:

- Joann Swanson's
Restaurante Mexicano
- *Knit Area Rugs*
from Joanne Weinberg
- *Spring Wicker*



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Lauren Walker
Editor

We've been having fun here at *Dollhouse Miniatures*. For starters, this month we compressed our production schedule in an effort to get the magazine to you closer to the beginning of the month. After adding Larry Marshall's shop column last month, this month we are delighted to introduce a regular department on making and modifying kits, by Helen Cottrell. Helen has an extensive résumé in miniatures and miniatures writing, and her expertise and humor are equally invigorating—as are her energy and productivity. In addition to her department this month, Helen has also provided a small how-to project on basic wicker technique, and she contributed the report on the spring Miniatura show in Birmingham, England. In future columns, Helen will evaluate kits and provide tips for easy assembly, plus at least a few “kit-bashing” options. If there is a kit you'd like to see Helen cover, please send your suggestions to me at lwalker@madavor.com.

I'm also delighted to introduce our new graphic designer, Erica Jaffin, and our new staff photographer, Victoria Masters. Both have already made strong contributions to improving the quality of the magazine, and I am looking forward to sharing their work with you in future issues.

Erica has taken on the design and layout of our pages and has also been a vital part of the push to get the issue to you sooner. With her help and your suggestions, we will be tweaking the look and readability of the magazine over the coming months. As a first step, in response to comments from many readers, Erica has already found a larger and clearer typeface for our features. She has also done remarkable work in presenting our projects this month.

Victoria shot Helen Cottrell's pansy projects and Joanne Weinberg's knitted rugs. Having a photographer of her talents on staff will allow us to give you better pictures of the artwork and projects contributors send to us.

In our efforts to make *Dollhouse Miniatures* the magazine that you want it to be, we continue to appreciate your suggestions and comments. We will be making changes, and we want and need to know what you think of them as we go forward. Please contact us at lwalker@madavor.com.

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 Hours: Sat. 10am-4pm

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 Tokyo Trade Center
 Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm

SAN FRANCISCO - July 8, 9
 Clarion Hotel
 San Francisco Airport
 Preview: Fri. 7pm-9:30pm
 Hours: Sat. 10am-4pm

SO. CALIFORNIA - July 15, 16, 17
 Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn
 Preview: Fri. 7pm-9:30pm
 Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 12pm-4pm

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL - Aug 12, 13
 Days Inn at Mall of America
 Preview: Fri. 7pm-9:30pm
 Hours: Sat. 10am-4pm

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