



NCC Silver Rush 2017 25th Anniversary Gathering

Club Seminars on Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Membership Recruiting

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. in room Palm D

All club officers and members are invited to participate in this informative and interactive, group session in which attendees will learn the importance of recruiting Members and Retailers/Sponsors for club growth. Topics covered will include Establishing Goals and Motivating the Membership, Prospecting and Why Growth is Important, The Importance of Recruiting Tools, How To Approach Potential Members, Creating A Need and Want with Potential Retailers/Sponsors, and the importance of Social Media and modern technology in today's society.

Keeping It Fresh: Meeting and Program Ideas for Your Club

2:15 p.m.—3:15 p.m. in room Palm D

Club Officers and members are highly encouraged to attend this very important breakout session devoted to the challenges of keeping meetings fresh and new as well as the importance of ensuring that members are engaged. This group participation meeting will challenge attendees to think outside of the box while sharing successful programs that have been proven to be effective in clubs throughout the NCC membership.

Club Presidents and Officers Round Table

3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m. in Palm D room.

All Club Presidents and Officers are invited to join the NCC Executive Board and Board of Directors, as well as representatives from Department 56 in an open forum discussion regarding the unique challenges and opportunities that they face. Participants will be encouraged to share individual thoughts, experiences and ideas with fellow club officers in search of overcoming obstacles and barriers that they have experienced.



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Tentative Gathering Seminar Schedule*

Friday, June 16, 2017				
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4
8:30 AM	NCC Silver Rush 2017 Gala Kick-Off , including remarks by Department 56 Division President, Michael Griffith			
10:00 AM	Department 56 Artists Panel			
11:15 AM	Shirley	Taylor	Collander	Display Room (Pepin / Trimmer)
1:15 AM	Somerwill / Meyers	Taylor	Clinedinst	
2:30 PM	Sanders	Wyllie	Mitchell	
Saturday, June 17, 2017				
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4
8:30 AM	Department 56 Presentation with Michael Griffith and Jackie Geiger			
10:00 AM	Sanders	Wyllie	Mitchell	Display Room (Pepin / Trimmer)
11:15 AM	Shirley	McKevitt's	Lauritzen	
1:15 AM	McLaughlin	Taylor	Collander	
2:30 PM	"Treasures in the Attic" with Department 56's Ms. Lit Town, Melinda Seegers			

*Schedule subject to change, check the gathering book when you arrive at the gathering



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Seminar Speakers

The Gathering Committee is excited to bring the following seminars (subject to change at any time).



Lottie Clinedinst: Treasure Hunt

There are unusual places to search for the little extras that make your display unique. I'll share my vision for searching out hidden treasures and methods for transforming an object from its intended purpose to one that suits your purpose.



Dan Collander: 100 Display Tips and Tricks in 60 minutes—The Fastest 60 Minutes in Gathering Seminar History

Over 100 tips and tricks to satisfy your every display need. Whether a seasoned veteran of years of displays or a newbie to collecting, you will find numerous ideas to enhance your display, ease the time and cost of set up and add terrific detail to your displays!

These ideas are quick and easy.

Tips for everything including solving common electrical problems, snow, glitter, glue, display bases and set ups, vignettes, working with Styrofoam, carving tips, storage ideas, collecting tips and software, ideas for lighting and sound. If you collect or display this seminar is for you!



Jan & Ridi Lauritzen: Personalize Your Village Through The Use Of Ornaments and Themes

Jan and Ridi are presenting many ideas for making your villages unique. Ornaments of all types can give your village a special touch. The use of ornaments will be emphasized as well as ways of finding and creating new

and original accessories. They will also discuss the idea of themes for your villages.



Nicholas & Scott McKeivitt: Through a Child's Eye

Nicholas, with the help of his father will demonstrate how he customizes Department 56 pieces through the use of paints, stickers, lights, accessories and even Lego's to create unique items for your village. Many of his ideas might seem out of the box, but he thinks you will definitely be happy with the results. Included in this presentation will be a discussion of various alterations he has made in the

past to buildings such as the "NCC Pinshop." So bring an open mind and your imagination to see what you can create to "wow" your friends and family the next time they see your village!



Brian McLaughlin: Painting Techniques and Supplies (without spray paint)

For those who don't have access to spray paints, or don't have the space to use spray paints (either because of overspray concerns or fumes), Brian has come up with several techniques and supplies that can give similar and in some ways better (in his opinion) results.



Nichole Mitchell: Is that really made of Styrofoam?: How to craft polystyrene foam to have the appearance and texture of wood

Nichole will demonstrate how to sculpt and paint Styrofoam to imitate the look of wood poles, planks and pillars using hot wire tools and acrylic paint.



Mike Sanders: Lights, Camera, Action

Mike has been collecting Department 56 since 1993, but has been collecting materials to make villages since he was a young boy; Tinkertoys, Lincoln Logs, American Plastic Bricks, (forerunner of Legos) Lionel Trains, Kenner Building sets, and just about any toy that could be utilized to create a village scene.

We all love creating our own village masterpieces for our homes, and now we have Department 56 buildings and accessories, as well as many new products available to create the ultimate village creation. To help in this endeavor, Mike will share some of the most requested subjects he has covered in his *Village D-Lights* magazine column: *Lights, Camera, Action*. Topics will include: Incorporating model railroads in your village, adding animation and lighting where Department 56 did not, building modular displays and storing them, stunning backdrop ideas, mood lighting techniques and materials, water effects; various techniques and materials to create them (materials by Woodland Scenics). Expect to see actual samples and photographic depictions of his many village creations—not so much a detailed “how to” presentation but rather a brief overview to stimulate your own creative genius.



Ken Shirley: Building Glacier Bay

Glacier Bay was one of the features in Ken's DVD “Building An Epic Village” and he will demonstrate the use of plexiglass, underwater lighting and cliff lighting, the use of action animals with surf as they frolic in the water, special cliffs, icicles and painting techniques to give that frozen, icy look.



Ellen Somerwill & Joe Meyers: What's Happening At Your Village Church?

Do you display your church with a minister, with a wedding, a sign, a graveyard? We will share ideas on how to bring your church alive. Examples of displays inspired by actual church activities will be shared. Have you ever been to a baptism for animals, a bingo, fair, etc. at a church? After hearing easy to implement ideas you'll never display

your village church in the same way.



Brandon Taylor: Rehabbing a Village

A splash of paint, a dab glue or a dash of glitter. Rehabbing Villages have become increasingly more popular. The reasons for it varies from a lack of a piece or the need for a piece that hasn't been made. Department 56 has been outstanding at making sure our village is well rounded but sometimes our village needs something different or unique. In this seminar there will be examples of several different rehabs with ideas on how to rehab a house or accessory for your own display. Repainting a village piece is a time consuming art. There will also be a discussion of techniques and paints used. Brandon will share a slideshow of his past rehabs (including gathering award winning Black & White North Pole) included in the slideshow will also be rehabs from other collectors. This is the first time that rehabbing will be discussed in a seminar at a gathering, also a first at this Gathering is a display contest dedicated to rehabs. Be prepared to share your own rehab experiences.



Kirk Wylie: Running Out of Room?

Do not think you have the space for the one (1) more building? Wonder how to create levels in your display, especially in those small spaces?

Well, this is the party place for you!

I know, I know, have heard it all... I do not have room for another building, accessory or tree. Honestly, that is not totally true. Have you thought about the end or coffee table in your living room? How about the night stand in your bedroom? What about the back of the toilet in your bathroom?

Yes, these are all locations that are more than appropriate for a Village display! I know, sounds strange, but you do not always have to the BID displays of every building, nor the small vignettes of one (1) or two (2) buildings. I can show you how to get 4, 5 and 6 buildings into an area as small as 2 feet square! Yes, I said 2 feet square!

If this sounds impossible, come play with me and I will show you how!