

Miniatures featured at museum exhibit

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A special exhibit of interest to children as well as adults will be set up at the Westford Museum for this weekend, consisting of scores of carefully crafted miniatures dated from Colonial to modern times.

The models and scenes are worked down to one inch from one foot in size. A variety of shops, in separate buildings or in "boxes," will depict a country store, clock, antique, barber, toy, sweet and other shops of various periods.

Bronze Beatrix Potter characters will be set among various backgrounds. Children will thrill to her characters.

Miniature rooms include a New England sitting room, Thoreau's cabin, an English drawing room, a greenhouse, Shaker bedroom and a pantry.

In charge of the exhibit is Mrs. Richard "Sandy" Ingmanson of Crown Road, founder and first president of Concord Small Impressions and associated with the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts. She teaches art in the Concord Adult Education classes.

In addition there is a group of scenes, all with tiny figures of early Americana, swan boat

rides, a complete library, a group of holidays (including Valentine's Day, Father's Day, Fourth of July and Christmas).

Small pieces of furniture, both Colonial and Victorian, will be on display along with a scaled down doll house, (one half inch to the foot) and dolls no taller than six inches.

Although the museum is usually open only Sunday afternoons, this special exhibit demands that the 1794 original Academy building open its doors

on Saturday, June 15, from noon to 5 p.m. to coincide with the Strawberry festival on the Common. The same exhibit will be repeated the next day, Sunday, with the usual opening hours of 1 to 4 p.m.

There is an admission charge of \$1 for adults and 50¢ for children. Children under age six are free. Proceeds benefit the museum.

Curator Beth Shaw and members of the Friends of Westford Museum will act as guides.