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We have been asking for volunteers to be State Reps for N2. It has come to my attention that many don't know what that means and perhaps they will be interested if they know a bit more about the job. A nutshell description follows:

All State Reps are part of the Regional Team which will work together to promote NAME in our N2 Region. The Regional Coordinators (RC) are the Team Leaders.

The job of the State Rep (SR) is to maintain contact with your area clubs and encourage them to join activities, become involved in community activities to promote miniatures, help with shows, workshops, exhibits, share their skills and knowledge with others, help start new clubs and most of

all keep the Regional Coordinators informed of their activities. The SRs are responsible for the clubs in their area and welcome new members, visit clubs and keep your clubs informed of what is happening in the Region.

The SRs will assist the Regional Coordinators when needed and provide them with an annual report of the clubs in your area. Each club is responsible for a President's Report which helps Reps make their reports to the RC.

The SR also sends information about their area to the newsletter quarterly.

Hopefully, this helps. You will see the areas in need of an SR in this newsletter.

Please let Ruth and Diane hear from you.



NAME Unity Day Chairpersons

Debbie Young &
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Don't these look
like people that you
can trust?

That's why we
love miniaturists!

Your Regional Team

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From The Regional Co-Coordiators

We have returned from National and it was a great convention. Our only wish would have been to see more N2 members attending. However, at the NAME business meeting, during role call, ALL 7 of us let ourselves be known LOUD and CLEAR! Hopefully, many of you can make it to Seattle next summer. It is a nice drive with a friend or two. This year we had some bylaw changes which were mostly wording. The bylaw concerning reconfiguring some regions was sent back to committee for clarification. Unfortunately, that put some State Rep changes on the back burner. Speaking of State Reps, we welcome Margaret Gordus of Our Little Mini Club of Chico/Paradise as the new Shasta/Trinity Rep. We understand she has been doing many of these duties without knowing it for years and we are happy that she is now OFFICIAL.

The NAME Unity Day we have mentioned before. It has gotten off the ground and Debbie Young and Barbara Thornton-Hill are chairing the national event. Yours truly are also on the committee and we have all approved a tentative project. You'll be hearing a lot more about this in the coming months, most likely under a new name.

You will also read about another interesting contest coming up. You will take a Hallmark ornament and build a miniature around it. We have no other details at this time, but it should be a lot of

fun.

We are pleased to announce that Eve Karoblis of Nevada City was nominated from N2 for the Ambassador Award. This award is for those who go above and beyond to promote MAME. If any of you attended the dozen "Welcome Teas" that she was responsible for, you know what we mean. We felt these teas were partly responsible for N2 having the most new memberships of all the Regions in the U.S. This nomination goes to the National Committee along with nominees from every NAME Region. One winner is chosen for the President's Award. We are proud to say that Eve is 2009 recipient of this prestigious award. Congratulations to Eve and Thank You from all your N2 friends.

Our own Cary Yerves, NAME 2nd Vice President, and Jan Costello, who has been a dedicated State Rep for the San Francisco /Oakland Region for years, have been received into the N2 Hall of Fame. Congratulations to them.

Through the Looking Glass Club and Jan Henderson of the MiniCals Club have received the Youth Mentor Awards. This award goes to those who promote our hobby among the youth of our community. TTKG has worked with the Girl Scouts for many years and Jan, a retired teacher, has been the key to the Children's Workshops at the Good Sam Show. Congratulations to all of the Ladies.

Your Regional Team

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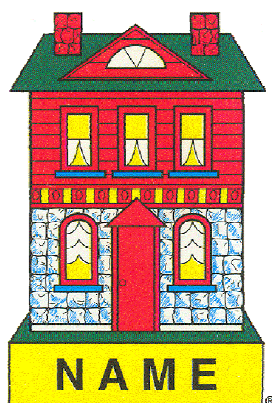
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The Rising Star Award is someone who works very hard behind the scenes and is relatively new to the hobby. This year's winner is Karen Laisure who has jumped in with both feet in assisting at Good Sam , sharing her knowledge and starting her internet mini business. Karen is an extremely generous person and we have her to thank for the gifts we are giving to clubs we visit. Congratulations Karen.

The Helping Hand Award is pretty much self-explanatory. Sharon Spencer is a constant motivator of her club and Kayenne Yung is constantly promoting the hobby through her business and providing the meeting place for her club. Carol Menge-Guimond is another motivator and at 82 years young is a sterling example. Keep up the good work ladies and being nominated proves your friends appreciate all that you do! Congratulations.

The Club of the Year has been a very busy club indeed. They are small but mighty. For many, many years they have been putting on the Tahoe State Day at South Shore, Lake Tahoe. We have attended several and will again this year. They do a fabulous job and you get a lot of "Bang for your Buck". As anyone who does an event year after year knows, as soon as you close the door on this year, you must open that one for next year. It is very difficult to come up with fresh ideas and gifts every year, but the Tahoe Miniacs have got that down pat! Congratulations Ladies on a job well done year after year!!

Please keep these awards in mind for Spring next year when we will be asking once again for nominees. This is your opportunity to honor those who exemplify the NAME tradition of sharing and truly enjoying our treasures. Those treasures are also friends and club members.

We have been pleased with our reception as we visit N2 clubs and are looking forward to picking up where we left off in the fall. We also have a few people looking for clubs and hope to find a spot for them.

Don't forget upcoming events. CHAMPs and Good Sam and the Peninsula's Flea Mkt./Pot Luck.

Ruth and Diane



E_{ditors} C_{orner}



Happy Autumn to everyone! The leaves aren't changing yet...but I know the time is near for this to start happening. The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting longer but what beautiful sunsets we are seeing this time of year. The miniature world is hopping this time of year! The Showcase of Miniatures (Good Sam Show) is coming in October. There is a Small Scale House-party in Utah. So many things to see and do in this miniature world of ours. I seem to have the best intentions of working on my minis...and alas...it is not happening yet. The real world keeps creeping in and taking up my time. Earning a living (or better known as work) takes up much of the time during the weekdays...which leaves not as much time to play. I love my job but I'm looking forward to retirement in 20 months...time to play with minis...build with minis...look at minis...I'm really looking forward to retirement! So...what inspires all of you to do things in miniature? I know for me...when September started...my fall decorations came out...but alas...not in my miniature house. I do have the Fall Window Waver in the door of my big dollhouse...and it looks cute as usual. I love Autumn! The leaves are changing...the weather gets cooler...all of this makes for a beautiful atmosphere inside and outside. I also brought out my Fall Bedroom Scene...with the birdhouse bed and nightstand, the wheelbarrow of pumpkins, the girl kneeling on her bed with thoughts of piles of autumn leaves to jump in and play! She is in the four different scenes I have...but I think that Autumn is one of the favorites for her...I'm pretty sure she whispered that to me! Share your miniature autumn stories and scenes with others...maybe we can get some new NAME members by doing that!

Yours in Miniature,
Leslie

Showcase of Miniatures (Good Sam Show)

Can you believe it? Here it is now only a few short weeks until "The Good Sam Show" at the Doubletree Hotel San Jose, on October 10th and 11th. A lot has been going on to make this, the 34th Show, one of the best ever. According to our new Dealer Chairperson, Janine Doezie, my daughter, we have an outstanding Dealer List. Please see our website for names of these wonderful dealers.

Our Friday "Workshops" are also listed on our website. They will be given by: Jim Pounder, Joan Wheatley, Judy Orr, Karen Carey, Sallie Evans, Judy Williamson & Nicole Walton Marble, and Valerie Casson. For pictures and more information on our Workshops please go to our website. If you don't have Internet access, the workshop listings will be in the mailer. There will also be our traditional "Kids Workshops"

Please do not forget that we will still be having our "White Elephant" table. Please bring your items that you want to donate when you come to the show on Saturday, October 10th.

Don't forget the date: Showcase of Miniatures (Good Sam Show) on October 10th and 11th, see old friends, meet new ones, and share a great time. After all, isn't that what the love of miniatures is about, "Friends and Sharing?" For more information, you can go to

www.goodsamshowcase.miniature.net or call Joan Hammon at 530-888-6348, or Email at hammono@att.net. Hope to see you there.

Joan Hammon

News From Around The Region

State Rep's Reports

North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma by Cary Yerves



Hello from the North Bay. The Redwood Empire Mini-Acs in Santa Rosa have gotten back together after a lengthy hiatus and are meeting again at member's homes. The meetings are more casual and not project specific, so members can bring anything they wish to work on, or bring nothing and just come to socialize. It was decided among the group that this less formally structured schedule worked best for members. They are planning a few field trips in the near future as well. Anyone in the Sonoma County area who would like to join is welcome. For meeting information please contact me at mrminimeister@yahoo.com or phone 707-484-8986.

I never seem to hear much from the other groups in the North Bay area, so if your club has projects, plans, group openings, etc, please let me know so I can pass on the information here in this column.

In the meantime, don't forget the upcoming CHAMP's Show on September 11th and 12th and the Good Sam Show at its new location, the Doubletree Hotel, on October 10th and 11th. If you are one of these shows, be sure and

look me up and say "hi" and let me know what we at NAME can do for you. As always, I'll see you around the region.

Also, we still need a State Rep for this area! I am filling in until we can find one but I sure could use a break from this! Please note the State Rep Job Description on the front page and really consider offering to do this for this area!

Cary Yerves

South Bay/ Peninsula by Laura Johnson

I hope you have all had a good summer and are all gearing up for a busy "mini" fall.

The Wee Housers are planning for the Flea Market, to be held in San Mateo on November 14. We had some great dealers last year and a lot of happy buyers. So plan to come and "lose" those minis you no longer need and find others you can't do without! Anyone can sell. Just bring your items and you will be given a space. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter.

The Wee Housers have reached a milestone this year. The club was chartered 30

years ago! That also means that I, too have been a member of NAME for 30 years, as I was one of the founding members.

Some of our clubs have been quiet over the summer, with so many members taking off for vacations but there is one, the Mini Attics, that has been very active. Here's what they have been doing this summer.

Mini Attics Report: The Mini Attics have received their Five-Year Club Membership from NAME, which gave us an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful friendships formed and the many projects we have enjoyed creating together. This is what our hobby is all about--the joy of making miniatures with people you care about, and learning from one another.

Our club is working feverishly to finish our Contest Houses; Shellie extended her deadline to Sat., Aug. 15--thank goodness! I hope many N2 people will have visited Shellie's on that day as she has planned a fun afternoon of food, a mini mystery author book-signing, and contest house viewing. Our club also plans to display their houses, as well as our Flea Market tables, at Good Sam.

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Several Mini Attics attended the Folsom Fiesta, had a great time, and plan to go again next year. They even inspired other members to sign up as well.

Happy Miniaturing!

Laura Johnson

dale – August 13-23. The club will again show their window boxes, there will of course, be items for judging and 10 of the 11 days at the fair, we will be working on different items from noon to four, so people can see some of the techniques used in making minis.

Redwood Small World is now busy planning for our next Play Day to be held March 12, 2010 at Scrapper's Edge again. The plan now is to do a Quilters room or shop, a small box and lots of kits.

As I help with kits, etc for River City Rendezvous, next February, I think the Christmas Tree is going to be great fun, with lots of ornaments and ideas. I believe there is still some room left. If interested contact:

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Folsom Fiesta was great fun. I have not finished my room yet, but entered the Lounge in the Fair in Eureka – it got a Blue Ribbon! Thank you Jack for the great teaching job!

Joanne Grundhofer



Northern Nevada
by Mary Ann VanBuskirk

No Report Received

Mary Ann VanBuskirk



San Francisco/Oakland
Open Position

No Report Received



Fresno
by Barbara Fairbanks

As I write this, most of our mini club are together here in Shaver Lake. The cabin belongs to Cathie Peterka's family and they were kind enough to allow us to spend a week of mini making and just plain R and R. So far we are eating

Yes! We did complete the doll house and presented it to CASA and we have an article to share. We also made it to our local T. V. News. We all feel good, but my two great grandchildren miss the house at Grandma's house. Yes, we are working on theirs now.

12 of our finished window boxes from last Play Day were on display at the Eureka District Fair in June. The judge thanked us for not entering them in competition, she also said it is getting more difficult to judge as the workmanship up here is getting better all the time. More and more people, I must mention the fair/library displays and the house to CASA. Mini's in Humboldt are being noticed more by the public.

We are in gear now for the Humboldt County Fair in Fern-

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and chatting up a storm. It is cool, overlooking the water, while the San Joaquin Valley is baking at well over 100. The rest of the club have said they will come spend a day with us.

Last year we lost 2 members of our miniature community plus our miniature store. This past June 26th, we lost another member Joan McLean. Joan was not only active as our State Rep. but was the leading force of our club. She was very generous with her ideas and supplies, keeping us in projects. She was involved with NAME, San Joaquin Valley Doll Club, and Newcomers. She will be missed by many friends.

Kayanne Yung has been building Sue Herbers 1/4 scale main street (3 shops) and is almost finished creating a Parisian sidewalk scene. In the meantime, the rest of us, Cathie, Carla Connor, Glendon Davis, Carol Menze-Guimond, and myself are busy making items to fill the shops. It will be donated to the Salt Lake City Houseparty for a Houseparty Helper.

We are still waiting for the Visalia club to join us. Due to health issues, they have postponed coming to Fresno. Brambly Hedge is ongoing with several members

working on their trees. Most are also working on Pam Junk-Knapp's salt box houses.

We are actively looking for new members but without any luck so far. We meet every Thurs. afternoon 1 - 4 p.m. at HobbyTown USA, Bullard and Marks in Fresno.

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East Bay/ Tri-Valley by Jennifer Rich

Christmas ornaments are in the stores already!!! I thought this year was flying by the last time the newsletter came out but seeing Christmas ornaments makes you realize how close we are to the end of the year.

We are also close to a lot of miniature events coming up before the end of the year.

Starting this weekend (as I write this) we have the Tom Bishop Show in Millbrae, then the CHAMPs Show put on by the Mini Dreamers in September (good show for a good cause) followed by the Good Sam Show in October!! (And for any of you without a car, all of them are accessible by pub-

lic transportation. The trips might be a little longer than by car but well worth it.) And in between the shows is the NAME Small Scale House Party in Salt Lake City!

Speaking of small scales, for those of you in the Bay Area my friends told me about a really great model train store, called Just-Trains in Concord. I was able to get a number of 1/4 scale items there including metal figures, shingles, brick paper and a few other things. Train stores are a good source for supplies (including landscaping) for all scale projects.

Both The Mini Dreamers (in the East Bay) and The Miniacs of San Francisco currently have openings for members if anyone is interested. The contact information for both clubs is located on the NAME website.

Please also contact me if you would like to start a club in your area, or just meet other miniaturists.

Contact me at
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State Rep's Reports (cont.)

Shasta/Trinity

Margaret Gordus

Carolyn Lott of Paradise has become a member of our club. Her specialty is working with *Fimo*®, and she showed us how to make chocolate cake, which looked good enough to eat. Ruth & Diane (Regional Coordinators) visited in June with projects to make Fiesta dishes or picket fence planter. We all had a good time.

Judy Orr was a guest at our July meeting where we worked on unfinished projects, and made *Fimo*® jack o lanterns.

Liz Driver & Carlene Brown attended the Folsom Fiesta Workshop in May and some of us met at the sidewalk sale at the Elegant Dollhouse.

Anne Walker is recovering from "broken" leg post knee surgery. We are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Margaret Gordus

Sacramento

Open Position

No Report Received



31st Bay Area Miniaturists' Potluck and Flea Market

Hosted by the Wee Housers Club



Saturday, November 14, 2008
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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1150 W. Hillsdale Boulevard,
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The Many Mini Adventures of Fric & Frac

Chapter One Following the Cracker Barrel Trail

We begin our story from the Land of Oz as we sit in our 13th cheap motel room off of I-70 somewhere in Kansas. This being our fourth cross-country odyssey to miniature conventions, we have happily come to the realization that we love The Cracker Barrel Restaurant and General Store. Sadly, we do not have them in California. This trip we have followed the Cracker Barrel trail from Indianapolis through Kansas on our way back home. That is not to say that we missed many on our way TO Indy.

Our first stop after leaving the NAME convention hotel in Indy, which was a great event, the UPS store to mail home our minis, all of our excess baggage and treasures gathered along the way. This was in addition to mailing 3 boxes from the hotel the day before. After all, we are in a little red PT Cruiser and are well known for our shopping stops. Half way home we realized we could have left the 2 back seats in California!!!

Next stop, the Speedway. We were able to hear a brief history of the track and take a lap in our own private bus---Only because no one else arrived. The size of the area within the track was amazing--just under 400 acres of garages, trailer & truck parking and the museum and much more we didn't see.

Upon leaving the Speedway, we traveled a few blocks to Long's Bakery, which came highly recommended by the UPS girls. They were right, the donuts practically melt in your mouth and they are so light. We were talked into more than we needed, but 1 week later they still taste good.

Now the real story begins. We stopped at a Cracker Barrel. We were like kids in a candy store. In addition to buying a great cast iron saucepan, we found Cracker Jack, Chocolate Necco wafers, old tins with Hershey's chocolate and mini wax soda bottles. We remember all of these fondly from childhood, however, the wax bottles were not as wonderful as we remember. Especially when they are left in a hot car! After spending two hours at the Cracker Barrel and sitting in their rockers on the porch eating our cheese and crackers, we headed down I-64 to Louisville. Our travels have never taken us to Kentucky so we decided to head South on our way West. Unbelievable--- The number of Cracker Barrels on I-64. At least eight in that 114 mile drive!

We visited Lincoln's birthplace, childhood home and a battlefield, which, strangely, is privately owned. At this point we believe we have traveled in circles because it is the 3rd day and we are still in Northern Kentucky and crossed the same time zones twice. We kept thinking the motel clocks were all wrong! An interesting fact we have discovered while driving on a fine Thursday through Kentucky is that it's the day they all ride their lawn mowers.

Day six and we are finally at the Miniature Museum in St. Louis. We saw some familiar names and examples of the early years of our hobby. We bought some supplies and were off the Ulysses S. Grant Farm. We have decided to try to visit more historical places since our homes are bursting with collectibles.

We ate lunch in one of our favorite settings----an old cemetery!

It is Monday and we are headed toward Kansas City only to discover the Doll and Miniature Museum isn't open until Wed. Fortunately, we were there during NAME's 25th anniversary houseparty in 1997.

We had developed a pattern. Find a Cracker Barrel then find the motel within walking distance. At this point we have run out of Cracker Barrels. Thinking of Plan B.

Fric and Frac

The Mini-Time Machine Museum of Miniatures Set to Open in Tucson August 2009

Tucson, Ariz.- July 6, 2009—The Mini-Time Machine Museum of Miniatures, quietly under construction since early 2008, will open its doors to the public in August 2009 making it the first museum of miniatures in Arizona. Centrally located in Tucson near Camp Lowell and Swan, the 15,560 square-foot state-of-the-art building is the first of its kind built for the specific purpose of displaying an entertaining and interactive array of antique and contemporary miniatures as well as enchanting artifacts.

The Mini-Time Machine presents visitors with a fascinating, world-class collection of miniatures that serves as an introduction not only to a unique form of art, but also to the people and craftsmanship behind it. Over 160 miniature houses and room boxes from notable artisans are only a part of this vast collection of founder, Patricia C. Arnell. Arnell entered the world of miniatures and began her collection in 1979 when she moved to Tucson with her husband, Walter, and their family. Every piece in the collection tells a story not only about the pieces themselves and the process by which they were built, but also about the culture and era they reflect.

The museum styles itself as a miniature time machine by which visitors set off on a self-guided tour through different lands and time periods both real and imagined. There is a hint of magic that enraptures visitors, especially prevalent in the Enchanted Realm. The tiny scale and intricate details of miniatures seem to naturally encourage thoughts of little people and the magical worlds they inhabit. The museum plays off this “wee sense of wonder” by introducing a cast of small-scale fairy folk who call the museum their home.

Museum founder Arnell is quick to note that miniatures can be enjoyed by everyone. “The collection in this educational and magical environment appeals to visitors of all ages, interests and talents,” said Arnell, a miniatures collector of 30 years. The museum collection will be of high interest to serious enthusiasts as well as those new to the craft. Highlights from the collection include one of the oldest miniature houses in the United States- circa 1775- and the only complete Brooke Tucker house, a masterpiece spanning 13 feet.

Construction of the building and exhibits is nearly complete, right on target for the August 2009 opening to the public. The grand opening celebration is planned for early October. The museum is currently seeking volunteers for a variety of positions.

For more information about the museum contact Gentry Spronken at gen-trys@theminitimemachine.org. For more information on volunteering, contact Lisa Hastreiter-Lamb at lisahl@theminitimemachine.org. Images available upon request.



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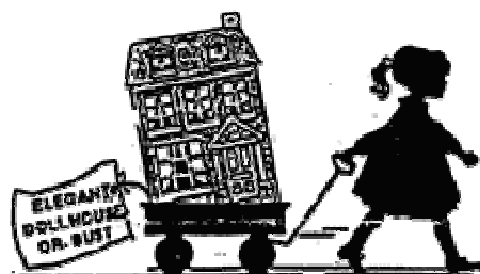
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Regional Calendar of Events

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Region A2 Small Scales Houseparty
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Salt Lake City, UT
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Oct. 10 - 11, 2009

34th Annual Showcase of Miniatures
The Good Sam Show
Doubletree Hotel, San Jose, CA
Info: <http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net>

Nov. 14

Bay Area Miniaturists' Potluck and Flea Market
11am to 2pm
College Heights Church
1150 W. Hillsdale Boulevard,
San Mateo, CA 94403

Printing Raffle Tickets

Please Note: This issue has printable tickets inside for the N2 Fundraiser Raffle. If you receive the newsletter online, you may print the tickets by using your drop down "File" menu.

Click File, then select "Print". When the printer dialogue box opens, look for the "Pages Range" you will see that "All" is selected. Change it to select "Pages" and enter the number 12. Then hit "OK". This will print only the page of tickets. For the address to send your tickets to, be sure to copy the address from page 11 in the newsletter.



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