



Small Talk

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Summer 2017

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From Your Regional Coordinator

I'm sure everyone has had their fill of rain and are now seeing sunny days again.

Well, it was a dark and rainy day when my latest project blew its lights. What happened I'm still not sure. DISASTERS do happen but this was my brain child and I was working on it for over a year. So, I mourned its death for a few days and now I'm ready to move on to my next project. Disasters ever happen to you?? Hopefully, we can all laugh and learn over our "mistakes." I would love to hear your crazy stories. Send them to our editor, Laura, for our next newsletter.

Have any of you started to think how you will complete our next NAME Day project? October will be here before you know it.

Connie Younker, Regional Coordinator



The ABCs of Miniatures houseparty is just a memory now. It was so long in coming and seemed to be over in the blink of an eye. There was so much excitement and enjoyment. The Thursday night A to Z "how'to" event was a big success and Tool Time was hilarious! The houseparty was wonderful, thanks to Chair Barbara Thornton-Hill, Co-chair Carlene Brown and all the committee members and volunteers.



Jeff Packard demonstrates mold making at the A to Z event



One of the centerpieces



Ruth Stewart demonstrates rug making at the Thursday night A to Z event

"Tool Time" with Luci, the Toolperson, Hanson and Al...berta Thornton-Hill (Lucy Hanson and Barbara Thornton-Hill)



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State Rep Reports

East Bay/Tri-Valley

**State Reps Bobbie Schmidt
& Will Thomas**

Mini Dreamers: How fun was the Sacramento Houseparty? So great to make new friends and revisit old friendships. It's the part of our Houseparties that I like the best. Well, that and new projects. Jackie Rich, our Charity Chair, said that our response to the designated Houseparty charity, Bay Area Crisis Nursery, was wonderful. Sister Ann from Crisis Nursery spoke at the opening lunch, explained the mission of Bay Area Crisis Nursery and expressed their appreciation. Thank you for your generosity.

MiniDreamers of Pinole, CA are still meeting on Mondays and are recovering from the Sacramento Houseparty as well. They are mostly working on their own projects right now and looking forward to coordinating a NAME Day with the Benicia group this October. Aside from that, Melissa Holmes is working on designing a birch strip picnic basket. In 1" scale. Sounds great, love birch bark. The majority of the club members have switched to 1/4" scale, although not all. We can relate to that, although, I for one, still miss 1" minis.

CHAMPS Show: Terezinha Jusino has a new 1:12 scale workshop scheduled for the 2017 show in El Cerrito, September 8, 9 & 10, 2017. It's a combination Halloween Hutch & Vanity set by Jil Weisz. The other workshop is Making a Mini Japanese Doll with Dana Burton. Check out the workshops at www.champsshow.com/workshop. Both workshops are set for Sunday September 10, 2017.

Happy, Happy Summer,

—Bobbie Schmidt
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Delta DoLittles: After hosting the "Wonderful World of Miniatures" exhibit at the Antioch Historical Museum in February, reports Carole Ann Davis, three of the Delta Do-Littles—Sharon Mossman, Jerrie McIntyre and Carole Ann—were pleased to attend the Sacramento NAME Houseparty, "ABCs of Miniatures" in March. They not only had a great time, Carole Ann said, but "came home with lots of wonderful gifts

and ideas," thanks to table and tool exchanges and the Thursday night A-Z tools event. And back home in Contra Costa County's Far East, the rest of the Do-Littles were "most impressed with the beautiful cabinets designed by Ruth and Dan Stewart."

The club's current group project is a basic table, its accessories ranging from plants and desserts to Halloween and Christmas. "With this group, Carole Ann was quick to point out, "you can bet no two finished displays will be the same, and that is the fun of our hobby." Indeed it is; thanks for your report, Carole Ann.

—Will Thomas

North Central CA

State Rep Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club: The ABCs of Miniatures Houseparty has come and Gone, but not forgotten! What fun we had and getting to visit with our "mini" friends from over the years was an extra special treat. And having our new member, Sarah Skeels, there with us as a "first timer" was added excitement and we had fun showing her "the ropes!" We are proud of the three of our members who were on the Steering Committee: Carlene Brown was the Houseparty Co-Chair and Liz Driver and Vegie Maclean were Centerpiece Co-Chairs. We enjoyed our participation as a Club during the past two years while preparing for this event and, of course, thought it was a huge suc-



*New member Sarah
Skeels*



Carlene Brown in the sales room

cess! It took a lot of work on everyone's part and kudos go to the souvenirs. They were fantastic!

Carlene Brown also had a vendor's booth in the sales room.

Our members attended the sidewalk sale at The Elegant Dollhouse on May 7th. Shop till you drop!

At our next meeting, we will be making plans to start a new project in June.

Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

Fresno TinkerBelles: The Fresno TinkerBelles are having so much fun with our minis. Eight from the club attended the Sacramento Houseparty and we all agreed that it was one of the best Houseparties we have attended. Carol Menze, Cathie Peterka, Kayanne Yung, Glendon Davis, Marlene Foster, Terri Millar, and Donna Hall and myself.

The tools that we came home with are just outstanding. And of course we loaded up on new projects too.

April 1st we started a new project: Debbie Young's "Aurora." Some of us have the new model and some the old, worn out house. We only work on the building at club but they are going together fast. Several of the club members are planning on attending the Parking Lot Sale in Sacramento and some are going to the Stockton show. We have found that these two events are a lot of fun and sometimes great bargains can be found.

Kayanne Yung and Glendon Davis are going on the mini cruise to Alaska in June. They are looking forward to taking the workshop that Debbie Young is doing during the cruise. The trip sounds wonderful.

We are beginning to think about NAME DAY this year also. The project is great and will go with our bunk beds. Also a trip to San Jose for Good Sam.

Enjoy summer and remember to build a mini.

—Barbara Fairbanks

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Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

State Rep Laura Seibert

Itty Bitties: In February, we met at LaVerne Munz's home. We had a choice for how to finish the top of our mason jar housing our hutch. We could use our choice of design with counted cross stitch. Or, we could pick a pretty fabric, cut a circle of it with pinking shears, and spread it on the top of the jar, wrapping ribbon around to keep it in place. Either choice, we used foam to pad the top. Those who chose counted cross stitch, got started on that at the meeting. Those who chose the pretty fabric, got that finished and ready to go.

The Egg Show the end of February was fun! Several of our members attended, and a few of us met for lunch after, on Saturday the 25th.

We didn't have a meeting in March, so we could focus on the Sacramento Houseparty. Nine of our fourteen members attended, and we had such a good time!!! Wow, it was amazing. Just, it was the best. We hope to attend another one.

In April, we met at Frances Bigler's home. Karen Sandvick was our hostess, and she taught us how to make beaded purses. I got started at the meeting, and I finished one that evening. I made a second one the next day. They are beautiful purses! I made one in peach, and one in a pretty light green.

—Laura Seibert, President

Small Wonders: We started on our new room boxes at our February meeting. Sigrid Williams led us in this; she has made many of these. Our new member, Shirley Caskey, attended her first meeting today. Welcome, Shirley! We brought all of the supplies we were supposed to bring. We had painted some of the wood, already. This looks like a really cool project. We will be doing some of this project at home. We will be working more on our room boxes at a future meeting.

We didn't have a March meeting. Three of us attended the Sacramento Houseparty. We had a great time!!! What a fun event. Two of us were newcomers. We hope to attend another Houseparty, or a Convention.

On April 1st, I taught how to make clown toys out of fun foam using punched circles (and rectangles for the body). The colors were lavender and light pink. I had already painted the faces on the beads. The members had fun, also using colored pencils to decorate the hat excited about the new projects coming up.

—Laura Seibert

Quarter Persuasion: We are still working away at our quarter scale projects. Many of us went to the Sacramento Houseparty. What fun!!! We each got home with many 1/4 scale kits to do. Our next club project will be a scene in a picture frame. We will have about 2 to 3 inches of depth to fill with wonderful 1/4 scale items. Each one of us will do a different scene, but they will all look so good.

If you are interested in quarter scale, why don't you join us? We would love to have you come. You can contact me at peppermint_pattie@att.net or 530-432-3271.

—Pattie Hong

By Small Design: We are planning for NAME Day 2017, in the Sacramento area. Location and date to be determined. We will be sending registration forms to all who attended last year as soon as we have a date. Potluck, donation drawing, exhibits and gifts from the committee. Please plan on joining us. If more information is needed, please contact Pattie @530-432-3271 or peppermint_pattie @att.net.

—Carol Carton

No. Nevada, Tahoe

State Rep Mary Ann Van Buskirk

Tahoe Miniacs: Two members of our group went to the Sacramento houseparty and had a wonderful time! We especially enjoyed the lighting seminar by Lucy Hanson. Several from the Carson City club were present too. Had a good time visiting with them also. I have been trying to get to their club meeting but weather and doctor appointments have been in the way. I had a chance to visit with three or four members of the Reno club at the banquet, got a chance to catch up with them.

Here at Tahoe Miniacs we are very busy working on the Summer at Tahoe

workshop scheduled for August 5, 2017. Hopefully, we will have an update to our website soon.

We are seeing an increase in sunshine and warmer temperatures—so getting more done other than working and shoveling snow. It is my intent to retire from employment with El Dorado County this summer—maybe more time to do miniatures will result. We shall see. My husband and I closed our furniture store in 2013—not working seven days a week has helped a great deal.

Hope to see some of you at our workshop this summer!

—Mary Ann Van Buskirk

South Bay & Peninsula

Open Position

Mini Cals: The Mini Cals will be finishing our current workshop series with a mini shop in June. Other workshops this past year have included two with Deb Laue, Lingerie with Ruth Heisch, and needlepoint with Hong McKinsey. Our annual Spring Fling Flea Market attracted participants from all over the Bay Area and Central California with happy shoppers and sellers. Several of our club members attended the NAME Houseparty in Sacramento, and our workman hats and overalls were captured in a picture with Rosie the Riveters. Looking forward, we will host the NAME day armoire "catch all" cupboard on September 30, 2017 and are looking forward to the Good Sam show in October. Next year's workshops will feature a back porch project. For more information, contact Ruth Heisch at grouchybeartoo@aol.com

—Brenda Hough

Rosie the Riveters with the Mini Cals at the Sacramento houseparty



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MiniAttics: Four of our members, Carol Walls, Laura Johnson, Brenda Hough, and Hong MacKenzie, attended the ABCs of Miniatures Region N2 Houseparty in Sacramento. Laura was on the committee, and Carol and Brenda were workers for the event. Carol said her favorite part was the A-Z Thursday night workshop where there were 26 tables set up, one for each letter of the alphabet. Each table was hosted, and attendees each receive a gift, tool or new skill to learn. Carol discovered two new items to add to her mini supply kit—Washi tape and 3D Crystal lacquer. Hong was a dealer. She also taught a needlepoint pillow class at Morgan Hill in April.

Future club plans include working on exhibits for Good Sam and an exhibit for Redwood City Library. Member Meg Milani is looking into entering some mini exhibits at the San Mateo County Fair.

—Gerry Silberstein

Through the Looking Glass: has been busy working on our Club project. Wood kits were designed by Club members and were cut out by Club president Lynne Hoffman and her husband, Tim. We are having fun putting them together and giving each one our own touches. We are thinking and planning ahead to our joint NAME Day Workday with Mini Cals in September. In June we will celebrate our Annual Very Merry Unbirthday Party with tea and assorted goodies. Not miniature but very fun!

—Barbara Adams

Wee Housers of the Peninsula: Several of our members enjoyed attending the Sacramento houseparty. Nancy Wantiez, Denise Sanders and I were on the committee. Moonyeen Moeller was a table hostess.

We are finally finishing our artist studio roomboxes. I was delighted to get the light-

ing done. But it will still take some time to make, find and place all the furnishings. Then it will be on to the next project.

We are already missing Nancy, who moved to Reno and won't be attending our meetings.

Happy Miniaturing!

—Laura Johnson

Marin, Napa Valley

Open Position

North Coastal

State Rep Sharon Ocheltreer

San Francisco/ N. Peninsula

Open Position

Mini Cals Workshops

These workshops were offered by the Mini Cals in 2017.

January 21	Lingerie with Ruth Heisch	\$25
February 18	Fairy Tale Table and Wall Shelf with Deb Laue	\$35
March 18	Spring Fling Flea Market and Pot Luck	\$6 pre-registration; \$8 at door
April 29	Hong McKinsey's Needlepoint Rabbit Pillow	\$25
May 20	Raggedy Ann doll with trunk with Deb Laue	\$65
June 17	Shop with Back Porch with Karen Laisure	\$75 (full)

Contact Ruth Heisch at 408-997-1004 or grouchybeartoo@aol.com for more information.

CHAMPS Miniature Show and Sale

September 8 & 9, 2017

Friday 5-9; Saturday 10-4

Workshops September 10

Miniature Contest: Tree Houses

El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito 94530

Free Parking

Door Prizes

Benefiting Children's Hospital, Oakland

Admission: \$8 adult/ \$5 Senior/ \$3 Child (5-12); Two-day admission \$12 Adult

For more information contact Terezinha Jusino
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NAME Day

NAME Day is officially the first Saturday in October. Be sure to check the website (nameregionn2.org/events-calendar) or the Gazette for dates this year in N2 because it falls on Good Sam weekend and event planners may take that into consideration in choosing a date for their NAME Day.



This year's "armoire" is part 2 of the 3-year bedroom set. There are endless possibilities for filling it!

Please check the web site for dates in your area, cutters and deadlines.

Good Sam/Showcase of Miniatures October 7–8

Workshops October 6 Academy classes October 9

It's almost June and we are putting together some great workshops for the Good Sam Show October 6-9. We have some favorites and some new additions. Dan Stewart, husband of Ruth, will do a photography workshop while Ruth once again will teach one of her popular Fimo workshops. Jeannie Lindquist will be presenting a flower workshop. Valerie Casson will be a great addition to the line-up this year with an artist's paint box. We are pleased to welcome Ginger Seigel to the west coast with her fabulous papercutting art. If you aren't familiar with the work of Jim Larson, you soon will be. He is a new dealer to the show and will be presenting a wonderful Academy class on Monday. Julie Stewart will be teaching a stunning glittering gown also on Monday. Her shabby chic style is impressive. More information and other workshops will be revealed in living color in June on the website, [http: goodsamshowcase.miniature.net](http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net).

In the foyer will be the estate sale of Mel Profio, a long-time N2 miniaturist who began a career in purchasing other estates. The White Elephant sale, an always popular table, is looking for donations. Start cleaning and organizing; then call us! We're happy to pick up your donations if you like.

Tools and Techniques will be back on Sunday Morning along with some make/take workshops.

Kids' free and registered workshops available on Saturday or Sunday.

Also, a fun surprise in the foyer that I will reveal next time!

We'd love to see some new volunteers and exhibitors come forward this year. You can contact me at grouchybeartoo@aol.com.

See you in October,

Ruth Heisch, Chair of Showcase of Miniatures

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Name N2 Region Calendar

June 3	Stockton Miniature Show
June 17	Mini Cals Workshop
July 22	Flea Market in Sebastopol
July 27-30	NAME National Convention in Alexandria, VA
August 5	Summer At Tahoe State Day
September 8, 9	CHAMPS Show & Sale
September 21-24	NAME Houseparty in Scranton, PA
October 7	NAME Day
October 7-8	Showcase of Miniatures/ Good Sam Show

6th Annual Stockton Miniature Show

June 3, 2017, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Stockton Scottish Rite Hall, 33 East Alpine Avenue,
Stockton, CA 95204

Dealers and dollhouse enthusiasts selling: dollhouses,
furniture, accessories, electrical and lighting. Find
everything you need to start or finish that special
miniature project.

Raffle!

Admission: \$6.00 at the door
\$3.00 children 12 and under

Miniature Flea Market

Sat. July 22nd 2017, 10am – 3pm

Sebastopol Masonic Hall
373 N. Main St., Sebastopol, CA 95472

Admission \$2. Kids free.

Tables are available for \$40

Contact Lori Turner-Dolinsek, 707 829-0795
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Share Your Photos

Do you have photos from the Sacramento Houseparty?
Please share them with other N2 Region members who
may not have had the opportunity to attend the event.
The photos will be added to the N2 website and shared
with the newsletter editor. Please send your photos
to n2regionwebmaster@gmail.com

Workshops, Sales, and More happening in N2

Check out the many mini events happening in our re-
gion this Summer! nameregionn2.org/events-calendar
Is there a miniature-related event happening in your
area? Please email the info to n2regionwebmaster@gmail.com.

Thank you!
Carol

ARE YOU PLANNING AN ACTIVITY OR EVENT IN YOUR AREA?

Please remember that we have an Events Coordinator who is Leslie Swager (leslie@waveville.net, 209-293-4299). Please contact her regard-
ing your scheduling of regional events so you can be sure there is no conflict with the dates and that we get your events on the calendar.

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