

Small Talk

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Summer 2015

From your Regional Coordinator

Oh, WOW! I just returned from the Madison Houseparty in Wisconsin. The theme was "NAME County Fair." We had so much fun there. See report on the Houseparty later in this Newsletter.

Because I seem to travel so much I have not been around to go to all the events in our Region. I hope most of you are attending and enjoying the activities. I have heard that the Folsom Fiesta was a wonderful last memory and there are still rumors that maybe someone might consider keeping it going in some form. Perhaps we'll have real news about that soon?

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with so many activities in our region. Without our volunteers, NAME could not operate nor could Region N2. Of course, I still need even more volunteers so here's another ad. Please contact me if you are willing to help out with any of these activities.

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WANTED in N2

1. A Welcome Chair to contact and welcome new members to our region. We have a packet to send out. You would not have to create one. Please contact me if you are interested.
2. There are still Steering Committee positions available for our upcoming Houseparty in May, 2017. Contact me for information about the positions.
3. A State Rep for the Sacramento area.

I'm sure you have all read the recent Gazette about the financial status of NAME. I believe it has improved since that went in thanks to so many donations to help out. There has been the "Duck Race," the "Love of NAME campaign and the new "Dollar Club," which was formed by Roy Moore. Thank you so much if you have contributed to one or more of these and if not, please donate by volunteering if money is not your thing.

Have a good summer and I'll see you around the region.

Barbara Thornton-Hill
Regional Coordinator, Region N2

From the Editor

My apologies for the lateness of the newsletter. I'm sure you are all aware of the recent upheaval at NAME. We wanted to wait until everything was settled and NAME was back on track. Please see Karen Barone's email regarding the new board. —Laura Johnson

From the NAME Board

Dear NAME Members,

Your Board of Trustees met tonight and made the following motions based on our ByLaws. A ByLaw committee member was consulted before the meeting to ensure we follow them correctly.

1. Board voted and approved to rescind the motion to make Karen Barone President on May 12, 2015.
2. Board officially accepted the resignations of Babette Overman, Karla Smith, Cary Yerves & Maxine Rudder.
3. Board approved Karen Barone to serve as 1st Vice President.
4. Board approved Karen Barone to serve as President thru July 2016
4. Board approved Barbara Thornton-Hill to serve as 1st Vice President and in July 2016 will become President of NAME
5. Board approved Bruce Steinke to serve as Past President until July 2016.
6. Board approve Terri Reasor to serve as Parliamentarian until July 2016

The Board is currently working on finding a member to serve as our HP Liaison and we hope to have that final by the end of the weekend and we are working to place several members at large.

All other Board members have remained in their current office.

Thank you all and we will let you all know when we have finalized the last couple of open Board positions.

Karen Barone

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State Rep Reports

East Bay/Tri-Valley

State Reps Bobbie Schmidt & Will Thomas

The Delta DoLittles in Contra Costa County's Far East communities of Antioch and Brentwood worked on a cardboard book from Michaels for a seventh anniversary project recently.

The nine-member club agreed to a theme evolving around each of their mother's interests. Right away, that choice led to an automatic variety in results, such as crocheting and knitting, rock jewelry and sewing. There are plans now to make see-through eggs at the next work session in Brentwood.

Several of the miniaturists attended the recent flea market at the Elegant Dollhouse in Sacramento.

—Will Thomas

Meanwhile, the **MiniDreamers** of Pinole are finishing a birdbath planter project led by Melissa Holmes. They have learned a variety of flowers such as pussy willows, daffodils, sunflowers, flowering vines and hyacinths among others. Melissa Holmes and Diane Walter attended the last Folsom Fiesta Workshop (sad to say goodbye) and eight of nine club members attended the parking lot sale at the Elegant Dollhouse in Sacramento. Apparently lots of treasures were brought home by this active group. Way to go!

Welcome to the three new members Cathy Ellison, Aimee Ragusa and Kammy. I know you'll have fun. Diane Walter mentioned that they have room for one more member. She also said that the contracts are in the works for the 19th (!!!) CHAMPS Show (benefits UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital). New and longtime vendors are welcome. Also, they are specifically looking for a youth group that is interested in running the food court as a fund raiser for their group. Contact Diane Walter at jan-di2000@comcast.net.

And lastly: A correction for Diane Walter's email address. It should be Jan-di2000@comcast.net. One of the zeros went wandering off in the last newsletter. Thank you for correcting your address book.

—Bobbie Schmidt

Delta Do Littles: the East Contra Costa County's Delta Do Littles, always busy with minis, are finishing up individual shed and cart projects. The nine-member, six-year-old group has held two miniature shows at the Antioch Historical Museum that were well received by East Bay and Tri-Valley visitors. The club meets on the fourth Saturday of each month in Brentwood. Email Nancy Thomas at place1@comcast.net.

Keep your eyes peeled for future updates on the 2017 Sacramento Houseparty.

North Coastal

State Rep Laurie Parker

Humboldt Small World Club: This year another successful play day for Eureka Small World Miniatures has come and gone! The theme was "What's Hiding in Your Attic" which was created by Loren Parker who volunteered to cut out and build each kit. Many thanks to Loren and Laurie who put the kit together, Sharon and Dorelee for organizing and teaching class, Gail, our club president, for coordinating and bring Play Day together, Shirley for a delicious luncheon sandwich, club members who provided salads and desserts, every club member who donated wonderful items to give to each participant.

Our Play Day was held at Scrappers Edge in Eureka, CA on April 18. Not only did each participant create a 1/12" scale attic but received many individual items and gifts designed by each club member to personalize their attic rooms!

We couldn't have had such success without all members and participants help! Thank you everyone!

Next in the busy club schedule will be Humboldt County Fair displays and entries. This is one of our best ways to share with the public examples of just how fun creating miniatures can be. We have daily demonstrations for clever mini kits taught by club members. Each member displays their miniature creations and we look forward to who will win award for "Best of Show" this year!

—Laurie Parker, Club Secretary



Eureka Small World project

Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

Marin, Napa Valley

Open Position

San Francisco/ N. Peninsula

Open Position

Central CA

State Rep Margaret Gordus

No. Nevada, Tahoe

State Rep Mary Ann Van Buskirk

Tahoe Miniacs: The Tahoe Miniacs are very busy working on this year's workshop at Summer At Tahoe State Day workshop, "A Book of Memories." Please see our ad in this issue. You will create a memorable vignette inside a 3" deep book box and personalize it to suit your memories. Join us in beautiful Lake Tahoe for a Saturday to remember, August 8, 2015.

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Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

Open Position

South Bay & Peninsula

State Reps Barbara Adams and Lynne Hoffman

The South Bay Area/Peninsula clubs are busy as usual. There are a couple mini get-togethers in our area coming up: Round Table Day, May 30 in Morgan Hill. Contact Ruth Heisch grouchybeartoo@aol.com for more info or to sign up.

Make-Up Day June 27 in Morgan Hill hosted by your state reps, Lynne Hoffman & Barbara Adams. Bring a UFO to work on and lunch. \$5 Please contact Lynne to sign up lynneandkatie@yahoo.com There may be a few surprises!

I hope that we will see each other soon. How about bringing a friend along?

—Lynne Hoffman

MiniAttics: The Mini Attics have slowed their pace a bit, what with some members traveling and otherwise involved in other things. We had two attendees to the Folsom

Fiesta—Caryl Lepelly and Diane Phillips. Two members had their Good Sam exhibits from last fall displayed in on the Good Sam blog. Majorie Milani's Grandma's Kitchen and Lynn Miller's Jasmin's Cupcakes were both featured along with work of Connie Sauve and Rhona Lee.

Jasmin Schwarz and Lynn Miller will be teaching roundtable classes at the MiniCals final spring class, the Roundtable Day, on May 8; and Jasmin and Hong McKinsey will both be dealers at the Stockton show, Miniatures on the Waterfront.

We are planning and beginning work on our Good Sam group exhibit project for next year, which will focus on creating a project using the book boxes available at craft stores. Each person will use the book in ways appropriate to their chosen theme. Between garden markets and Halloween, and travel, plus a few more yet to be revealed, there should be an interesting variety.

—Gerry Silberstein

MiniCals Club: The MiniCals have been busy being hostesses to a delightful set of workshops this spring. We had Joan McLean projects in April and were able to donate almost \$1000 to NAME. Our Spring Fling sale was also very successful and well attended and we are looking

forward to a Roundtable workshop day at the end of May and to next fall's NAME day project with the Through the Looking Glass club. For more information on these activities, contact Ruth grouchybeartoo@aol.com

—Brenda Hough

Through the Looking Glass: Through the Looking Glass is looking forward to working with MiniCals on our NAME Day 2015

Workday. We are getting together soon to plan our activities, kits and gifts to accompany the construction of this year's store window project. The next few months are sure to be full of challenge and creativity!

—Barbara Adams

The Wee Housers: The Wee Housers are mostly working on individual projects this year. We do have a few group projects sprinkled in. We decided to try meeting during the day and so far it is working out just fine. Our meetings may be sporadic over the next few months as people travel. Several of us plan to attend the national convention.

We have finalized the date for the flea market. Put Saturday, November 14 on your calendars!

Happy Miniaturizing! —Laura Johnson

Folsom Fiesta Finale

May 2nd was "The Finale" for our Folsom Fiesta State Day. It was a bitter sweet day ending a 30 year workshop. The project was a room box with the "Merry Christmas" theme Ethel Anderson had chosen before her passing in January 2015.

We were able to set up our festive holiday room on Friday night so it wasn't such an early start for us on Saturday.

When we arrived and opened the doors the day of the workshop it was like Alaska inside the room. Seems we were in the holiday spirit not only in mind but body.

The night before we were told someone had turned all 4 of the air conditioner controls to 47 degrees. When participants arrived for the workshop we got warmed up with smiles and hugs. We had a wonderful day.

Karen Sandvick
President, MayDay Minis



The Folsom Elves
Becky Seward, Norma Buck,
Lagena Chrisman, Kathy
Weinrich, Margaret Guidi,
Karen & Paul Sandvick

Left: Margaret Guidi's room box

Right: Lagena Chrisman's room box



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Mini Weekend

NAME Online Weekend

It's happening! A NAME Online Weekend Event sponsored by NAME'S Online Group! All the fun of a State Day without the travel. Just hang out with us in front of your computer all weekend! Come in your PJs, bring your favorite food and drinks. Bring your tools and supplies and join us in a free project! (Photos coming soon and parts lists coming before the event!) Want more information? Read on!

When? August 14-16th

Where? Online Information will be at specialevents.name/Online_Weekend.html and in the chat room (registered users will receive chat room credentials).

What's happening? There will be a free project, using things you can probably find in your home or miniature "stash." There will be chat room sessions with games and laughter and miniature talk (and maybe even some prizes!). Also, a "shoebox sales" that will be right there on the Special Events website.

What scale? This is a multi-scale event! Instructions will be provided in 1" 1/2" and 1/4" scales, but can be adapted for other scales.

How do I sign up?

Registration will be on the Special Events site, starting June 1st.

How much does this cost?

This is a donation only event. Recommended donation is \$35/person, but you can give whatever is comfortable for you.

Want to offer your wares as part of our shoebox sales? While participation in the event is open to all, only NAME members may offer wares for sale. Go to the link above to obtain application for Shoe Box Sales

Other questions? Contact Janet Smith, desertminis@gmail.com or Luci Hanson, hansonminis@me.com

NAME Day, Saturday, October 3, 2015

For 2015, NAME Day will be Saturday, October 3, 2015. However, check with your local event to see for sure that they are celebrating on that exact day. A lot depends on venue access.

The theme this year is "Window Shopping." It is a framed shallow setting in which you can create a shop window display. Sidings will be optional and the interior will be a theme of your choice. Here you see only one basic example of the 1" prototype. Watch the Gazette (March/April) for a variety of what some of the NAME Day Committee and Kit Testers have created. Watch this newsletter and the Gazette for lists of Event groups or create your own event (what about a PJ party?)



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Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures 40th Birthday October 11–12, 2015

Come to the party! We will be celebrating the 40th birthday of the Good Sam Show (Showcase of Miniatures) on October 10 & 11, 2015 at the Double-tree Hotel. You will see over 100 dealers from near and far, some very far!!

Children's Area

The free children's area will be in full swing along with Sat. registered kid's classes and a special dollhouse door prize for some lucky winner. The Dealer's Donation Raffle, Silent Auction, Exhibits and the ever so popular white elephant sale will take place during the show. Sunday Morning's Tools and Techniques is sure to be a hit with "make and takes" and demonstrations.

Friday Workshops

will feature The Hairy Potter, Layne Halliday, Lynn O'Shaunessy, Peter Tucker, Beth Freeman-Kane, Carlene Brown, Sallie Evans and Ruth Stewart. A super lineup makes for a great opening day of festivities.

Morgan Hill Workshops

Monday following the show we are privileged to have three very special classes available in Morgan Hill. Alan Hamer will be teaching a copper workshop with much to learn in making your own metal pieces. Fern Vasi will be dressing your choice of a male (a shopkeeper/toymaker) or a female



(maid) doll with added props. Pete and Pam Boorum will be teaching two half day classes. The Morning will be a small table to learn tapered legs and mitering the surround for a patterned table top. The afternoon will be weaving the seats of two beautiful Ladderback chairs. These three Academy workshops and the Friday workshops will be pictured and have additional information on our website by June 1. [http://goodsamshow-](http://goodsamshow-case.miniature.net)

[case.miniature.net](http://goodsamshow-case.miniature.net). Also check our blog every Saturday for new info on dealers, artists and some of our exhibitors. <http://goodsamshow.blogspot>. Martha & Michael Puff do fabulous work on the articles and photography.

In closing I would like to stress the importance of signing the information ticket you are given at admission. We cull these regularly so if you haven't revised/confirmed your personal info and emails you could be dropped from the mailing list. You can do it while you take a break to rest your feet after all the morning shopping.?!!

You won't want to miss the Party. There's likely to be a gift for you!!!

Ruth Heisch, Chair

For additional info or questions grouchybeartoo@aol.com or 408.997.1004

NAME Houseparty Coming to N2



Yes, we are having a Houseparty in Sacramento in March of 2017 (exact date not determined yet). We have not had a Houseparty in N2 since the Fresno Small Scales in 2007 and, before that, Reno in 1999.

The theme is "ABCs of Miniatures" with emphasis on tools and techniques in the workshops and activities. This will be primarily a 1" and 1/4" Houseparty but 1/2" and 1/44" will be juried for workshops, dealers and roundtables just as every other scale. Souvenirs, doorprizes, tables and swaps will be only in 1" and 1/4" and you will have to declare a scale when you register. This is a new concept and we hope you will all enjoy it.

We need a lot of worker bees and a couple of Steering Committee Chairs yet so contact me if you want to volunteer to work on this Houseparty. **Barbara Thornton-Hill, bathca@gmail.com, 530-265-5704**

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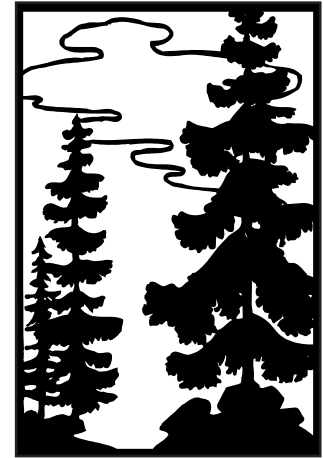
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36th Bay Area Miniaturists' Potluck and Flea Market

Hosted by the Wee Housers Club

Saturday, November 15, 2015

2nd year at this location

Congregational Church of San Mateo

225 Tilton Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94401

(parking and entrance in rear of church)

\$7 preregistered; \$9 at the door

Bring a potluck dish to share

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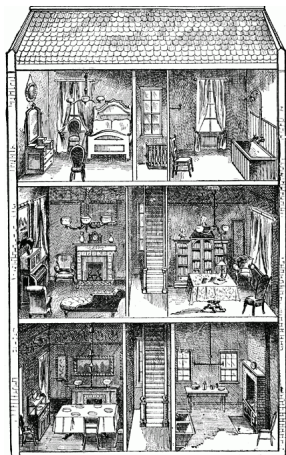
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Social Time and informational meeting at 11

Lunch approximately 11:30

Sale begins after lunch



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Name N2 Region Calendar

July 30–August 2, 2015

NAME National Convention

“What’s Cooking?”

Indianapolis, IN

Info: www.miniatures.org

August 8, 2015

Summer at Tahoe Workshop

South Lake Tahoe, CA

August 14–15, 2015

Dog Days of Summer NAME Online Weekend

September 11, 12, 2015

CHAMPS Show

El Cerrito, CA

October 3, 2015

NAME Day

October 11–12, 2015

Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures

San Jose, CA

November 15, 2015

Bay Area Flea Market

San Mateo, CA

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