

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Winter 2016–2017 http://nameregionn2.org

From Your Regional Coordinator

Hello everyone!

I'm sending out a SOS for ladies (or gentlemen) to volunteer for positions as State Representatives in Marin/Napa Valley, San Francisco and South Bay Peninsula. It's not difficult and you might be surprised how fun it can be.

This newsletter is by us for us so send in your projects pictures and a brief description. I've been working on a project for 18, soon to be 19, years. I just did not have the expertise, especially about electricity, to complete the house. Now I'm back at work on the house and I'm enjoying seeing my progress completing it. I hope to get it done soon. (Isn't that what we all say!)

Now it's your turn to show off your talents and share your pictures and stories.

I'll chat with you soon,

Connie Younkers Regional Coordinator





ABCs of Miniatures

Sacramento Regional Houseparty, March 22–26, 2017

The theme is "ABCs of Miniatures," with emphasis on tools and techniques in the workshops and activities. This will be primarily a 1" and ½" Houseparty but ½" and 1/144" will be juried for workshops, dealers and roundtables just as every other scale. Souvenirs, doorprizes, tables and swaps will be only in 1" and ½" and you will have to declare a scale when you register. This is a new concept and we hope you will all enjoy it. The Houseparty will be held at the Doubletree Hotel on Arden,

across from the Arden Fair Mall. We have wonderful facilities and are looking forward to a fabulous time for everyone.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR "ABCs of Miniatures" Sacramento Houseparty, March 22-26, 2017?

Registration opened on August 1 and there are some spots left. If you have not yet registered for this Houseparty, get it in quickly so you can have your choice of scale in souvenirs: One inch or Quarter Inch. There is a Registration form in this Newsletter.

The souvenirs from our great souvenir artisans are incredible: Ruth & Dan Stewart and Stephanie Engeseth. A "Drive It Yourself Tour" to see some of our Miniaturists' Work Areas and Collections, Thursday Evening of ABCs with 26 Specialists and 26 surprises to go with it, amazing Theme Luncheons and Workshops, Theme Dinner leading into Roundtables and Mega Roundtables, Salesroom and then there are the Centerpieces (one lucky person at each table will win one).

Of course there are the other traditional activities of a Houseparty: Table exchanges at the Saturday night banquet, an active Hospitality Room, Exhibits, Houseparty Helpers, Silent Auction, and please don't forget one of the greatest things about a Houseparty or Convention...spending this time with old and new friends who share your love of miniatures and all the camaraderie of the weekend.

Are you wondering what some of these terms mean? Go to the NAME Website at miniatures.org and pull down the Events window. Go to Houseparties & Conventions and then scroll down to see what a Houseparty is and click on some of the activities for explanations of what they are. See you in Sacramento next March!

Barbara Thornton-Hill, Houseparty Chair

State Rep Reports

East Bay/Tri-Valley

State Reps Bobbie Schmidt & Will Thomas

Lots of activites in the last months. Just off the top of my head, we had CHAMPS, Good Sam and the Sebastopol Flea Market. What's not to like? As always, Good Sam had wonderful dealers (the list is getting more international vendors, as well as keeping our local favorites! Yea!), beautiful exhibits and a super garage sale. Congrats to the committee.

The Sebastopol Flea Market provided a lot of fun for both dealers and shoppers. What a wonderful venue and great way to search and find that one thing to make a mini scene complete. This year was Lori and Cary's third year and they are already planning for 2017. Dealers: Don't forget to call Lori at 707-829-0795 to reserve a table for next year.

A big Thank You to CHAMPS for giving NAME a table for their show. That is very much appreciated. Thank you also to Laura Seibert and Barbara Thornton-Hill for manning that table in my absence. Did you buy any of the grab bags? Hope so, as all the money goes to support NAME. This was Diane Walter's last year as promoter of the show, but she will assist in the transition this year. "It was a wonderful experience. I met so many friends, dealers and miniaturists alike, and am so thankful for the support of the miniaturist community for the last 20 years," said Diane.

Terezinha Jusino is the new head of the CHAMPS Show. She is very excited about CHAMPS and was implemental in the show staying on, as she didn't want to see it going away. Neither did we, Terezinha. Thank you. There is a new website for CHAMPS: www.champsshows.com. No excuse for not checking up on the new activities that she has planned. Check out the doll workshop by Dana Burton from Chicago and the contest for adults and children. There will be prizes! Put it on your calendar. Get your creativity going!

Happy Winter!

—Bobbie Schmidt artbum@aol.com

Delta DoLittles: Contra Costa County's lone organized miniature club, the Delta DoLittles, is made up of artisans from Antioch and Brentwood who bring quality and innovation to their projects. Theresa Court, who has assumed the mantle of hostess in her Brentwood home since the death of my wife Nancy, reports members are "working on different things."

Those independent and varied artistic efforts include putting finishing touches to decoration-of-the-month doors, which are turning out marvelously, and putting their talents to the fore with paper clay houses. And I have tardily resumed work on a modified Santa-themed house project Nancy envisioned years ago.

Theresa has expressed hope the "club can pull together in the new year and we all can work on the same project," an effort not foreign to any of them, so it is a plausible goal.

Meanwhile, the club as a group already is planning another miniature exhibition at the Antioch Historical Museum on February 1-18, 2017. Bay Area miniaturists are invited to display their fine examples of wonderful miniature artisanship. Interested? Please contact Antioch resident Carol Ann Davis at 510-501-3957 or cammini@aol.com.

Joining members Court and Cammini are DoLittles Jan Hughes, Jerrie McIntyre, Laura Jacques, Phyllis Heibert and Sandy Riggins, all of Antioch, and Will Thomas of Brentwood.

—Will Thomas

North Central CA

State Rep Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club: Our club recently had an exhibit at Elks Local Artists & Jewel Show in Paradise, CA. It was well received and during the exhibit a gal that had just purchased a doll house showed an interest in what we do. We gave her a Gazette and invited her to our meeting. Sarah Skeels is now a member of our club and has joined NAME.

Sarah joined Liz Driver, Anne Walker and Margaret Gordus at NAME DAY to make a



Liz Driver, Margaret Gordus, Melba Wellsfry and Joanne Schaefer

bunk bed put on by the "By Small Design" club in Sacramento. Sarah's talent for minis became evident. We had a great time and thanks to the gals for hosting this event.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the ABC Houseparty in March. In the meantime, we are keeping busy making center pieces, tote bag gifts and door prizes.

-Margaret Gordus

Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

San Francisco & Northern Peninsula

Open Position

Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

State Rep Laura Seibert

Itty Bitties: We have had some fun meetings and events these past three months. In August, I taught how to make Tote Bag Favors for the upcoming Sacramento Houseparty in March. We went home with homework. Five of us attended Summer at Tahoe—it was a lovely day!

At the September meeting, fifty tote bag favors were turned in, so we're halfway there already! LaVerne Munz taught us how to dress a man's bust (made of resin) with a vest and tie. She supplied patterns, fabric, ribbons, and beads. They turned out really charming! Eight of us attended the 20th (and not final) CHAMPS event—that was so much fun. We didn't have a meeting in October, so everyone had time to vis-

it Good Sam and/or Sacramento's NAME Day event. Ten members attended Good Sam, and they had a great shopping experience. Eight of us attended NAME Day, and we had a wonderful time. We had fun making bunk beds!

-Laura Seibert, President

By Small Design: By Small Design held is annual NAME Day October 29th. Fran Bigler, Pattie Hong, Darwin Spring, Linda Vertrees and Carol Carton spent seven months planning the event. Fun was had by everyone, from the kits which almost everyone finished. The friendship, laughs a great potluck—oh the food, we could have fed 50.

Connie Younker RC and Laura SR manned the NAME Table with lots of Grab Bags. All and All a good day. See you all next year.

—Carol Carton

Quarter Persuasion: It is hard to believe the year is almost over. It has been a busy year with a lot of projects. We have so many talented miniaturists in our club.

Carol Carton taught us how to make cakes with frosting, cookies, bread and all kinds of wonderful goodies out of Femo. We used molds and also shaped things by hand. She showed us how to decorate these things to look real. Have you ever seen a quarter scale wedding cake? It is truly amazing. Anne Walker made kits of baby cribs and changing tables. They turned out so cute. Now I have to find a tiny 1/4 scale baby! Connie Younker taught us how to make beautiful tables with inlaid pieces of wood. A little polish and we have great tables. Lynn Hamel had chalk paint and showed us how to paint with it. This type of paint was new to many of us. Frances Bigler and her husband, Frank, made wooden toy boxes with real hinges for us to paint.

Barbara Thornton-Hill will be hosting our Christmas party. She invites us to stay over-night and enjoy a nice time. We each make (or) buy a gift for each club member. That is always a challenge to make something different each year. There is usually a white elephant exchange that can get really wild. I wonder where I can find quarter scale elephant? Should it be white?

We are starting to plan for next year's projects. We are talking about doing a year

long project using a picture frame with a box built behind it. This is to show depth. 2017 promises to be another busy and fun year. If you live in the Nevada County or Sacramento area and want to join us for our adventures in quarter scale, you can contact me, Pattie @ 530-432-3271 and I will fill you in on our club.

-Pattie Hong, President

Small Wonders: The Small Wonders club started just a few months ago. It is officially a "Stockton" club, but besides three members in Stockton, we also have a member each in Lodi, Rancho Cordova, and Winters. Two preparatory meetings were held, where plans for the club were discussed. We then held a meeting in September where I brought kits for us all to make up. These kits were donated by Connie Younker, our Regional Coordinator, to help us get started. I made up a set ahead of time, and then showed everyone who attended how to put them together. It was a set to dress a table at a restaurant, with a trivet, a menu holder. menus, napkins, and napkin rings.

We met at Sigrid Williams' home, and she made a lovely lunch for us. She also showed us all her miniatures! She had a room box to match her pink bedroom, a room box to match her black and white bedroom, and then there was her big upstairs bedroom. In that room, she had several full size (one-inch scale) completed dollhouses! We were all overwhelmed. Sigrid does a wonderful job. We planned to take the month of October off. We will be meeting on the first Saturday of most months at noon. Our next meeting will be a road trip November 5th to the Sebastopol Mini Sale and Flea Market!

—Laura Seibert

North Coastal

State Rep Sharon Ocheltreer

Redwood Small World: North Coastal Redwood Small World Miniature Club: It's Fall, with a nip in the air and rain in the forecast. Rainy days mean days filled with mini projects. Who can complain about that?! Right now we are busy displaying our talents at several libraries in the area. At Fortuna we will be doing a two-month display featuring holiday themes for fall and the Christmas season; also at the McKinleyville

Library later in the year.

Our October meeting was held at Sue Kuhnhausen's home in Blue Lake. It was a costume event with a gypsy fortune teller, a radical postal employee, a chain saw packing mama, and a 70's year old teen in a flannel poodle skirt! Susie had her home decorated to the max with fall and Halloween flair. She served a delightful lunch of a pasta dish looking like bugs and grubs, jello brains with gummy worms and flies, and stuffed orange bell peppers looking like jack-o-lanterns. Her mini project for the day was a 1" scale hutch filled with anything from pumpkins to potions. We assembled the hutch and even made pumpkins to fill it.

Our summer was spent working on entries for the Humboldt County Fair held in



Hutch decorated at Susie's home

Ferndale. Our own Linda Scarpellino took best of show in the miniature art department for her Pergola. Dorelee Heisler also brought home ribbons for her pergola and other entries. A new member was added to our roll from the fair exposure, BJ Fitzpatrick from McKinleyville.

In April we held our annual Play Day event with the project being a 1" scale pergola, designed by myself and Dorelee Hiesler. It was a successful day with everyone taking home a standing pergola. It always amazes me to see how different everyone does their own spin on a single project. Linda added a back wall of a house with French doors and cre-

ated a relaxing backyard setting; Jean German is creating a forest setting with fairies in attendance; one has an outdoor fireplace with raccoons having a picnic while roasting marshmallows and hot dogs. Every pergola is an individual inspiration.

I've mentioned several different towns here in Humboldt Co. Our members travel anywhere from a half hour to two and a half hours to attend meetings and events. We are spread throughout Humboldt and Trinity countries. But we all say, nothing gets in the way of our time together as friends and miniature fun.

-Sharon Ocheltreer

South Bay & Peninsula

Open Position

It has been our pleasure to serve as South Bay Area/Peninsula State Reps these last six years. We have enjoyed making connections with NAME members and clubs in our area and beyond. We are fortunate in this area to have active miniature clubs, workshops, and the best miniature show on the west coast. NAME's mission statement, "to promote miniatures through education, collecting, and building friendships and skills through the sharing of experience and ideas," is alive and well in this area. We thank you all for your support of NAME, and for sharing your talents and friendships.

—Lynn Hoffman & Barbara Adams

MiniCals: October is always a special and busy time of year for the club. Many of us are involved with the Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures show in October, and with Through the Looking Glass we sponsor the NAME Day Project the week before Good Sam. Our two clubs assembled a fine collection of "extras" as our attendees assembled their bunk beds and added western lamps, clocks and bearskin rugs to their rooms. Many thanks to all the folks who shared the fun-filled day. The club is currently working on tote bag favors for the Sacramento Houseparty.

-Brenda Hough

MiniAttics: Our Traveling Display—The Mini Attics display from the Good Sam Show traveled to the Redwood City Public Library (main branch), and will be there November and December. Our two-part display shows off our Ski Lodges, which



MiniAttics library display

were a product of the MiniCals Morgan Hill workshop, and a display of the camellias made at Lynn Miller's workshop for Mini Attics. The beautiful needlepoint pillows were designed and crafted by our talented member, Hong McKinsey. (See the MiniCals' workshop notice for info on Hong's Needlepoint Rabbit Pillow workshop in April!)

—Gerry Silberstein

Through the Looking Glass: September and October were busy months for us. We worked on organizing the NAME Day Workshop in Morgan Hill with Mini-Cals. Many of us made one or more cabin-themed miniature gifts for each participant as well as donating door prize and silent auction items. It was a very fun day and we are already looking forward to next year!

The Showcase of Miniatures here in San Jose was awesome, as always. Members of Through the Looking Glass displayed their rooms and settings in company with many local and talented miniaturists.

We are now taking a deep breath and looking ahead to the holidays, both miniature and full-size. Visions of present and future projects are dancing in our heads!

—Barbara Adams

Wee Housers of the Peninsula: Our members were scattered all over during the summer and we are just getting back to regular meetings. We are still working on our artist studios. We just finished a storage cabinet and Moonyeen has other kits for us to do.

We met at the Good Sam show in October just long enough to draw names for our Christmas exchange so that we could shop. What a good show it was, Moonyeen exhibit-

ed her finished artist studio. In December we will have our Christmas celebration with dinner out and our gift exchange.

Happy Miniaturing and Happy New Year!

—Laura Johnson

No. Nevada, Tahoe

State Rep Mary Ann Van Buskirk

"Summer at Tahoe" workshop was held in August and was viewed by those attending as a huge success. Plans were started almost immediately for next year's workshop and invitations will be going out soon.

Many participants from this area attended the NAME Day workshop held in Sacramento on October 29, 2016. Among those attending were six members of Tahoe Maniacs, the Van Buskirk family and others. Also enjoying the fellowship were JoAnn Jacot, Debby Klingelhoets, and Lola Gordon and Nan Wytman from the Carson City Club.

The bunkbeds were greeted with enthusiasm and the potluck was delicious. All of the participants received a door prize and the opportunity drawing was extensive. Linda Van Buskirk won a wall shelf with four roomboxes, Elizabeth Van Buskirk dean won a lazy susan filled with paintbrushes of all sizes and Stephanie Van Buskirk won the name prize of two marble plant stands. Quite literally, a good time was had by all.

—Mary Ann Van Buskirk

Carson City Mini Makers: Our miniature club that meets on the second Sunday afternoon in Carson City is getting down to four active members. We have one lady come from Reno; I live about a half hour away from there. We used to have someone come down from Virginia City. So there is time to get there by the 2 p.m. time we meet. Would love to have more members who like to do miniatures with us. Our club is listed on the NAME website. If anyone is interested in coming, please email me at Bearsathought@Charter.net.

Several of us will be going to the Sacramento NAME Day this Saturday. Looking forward to it.

—JoAnn Jacot

Marin, Napa Valley

Open Position

MiniCals Workshops

These workshops are going to be offered by the Mini Cals in 2016. We invite everyone to attend!

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

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

2016 Good Sam Show

What a party we had this year. The 41st annual Good Sam Show was exciting for shoppers, dealers, and workshop takers. At least two dealers completely sold out of their products, most were very happy.

Shoppers left with lots of purchases and smiles on their faces. The Friday workshops were held upstairs so the hotel could renovate the break-out rooms on the first floor, and that went very well. Our foyer and sales floor had already been renovated with lovely paint and much more attractive carpeting.

We had many excellent exhibits. The white elephant sale was a barn burner. The silent auction included all price ranges, including a gorgeous room donated by Bluette. The dealer donation drawing on Sunday was very popular, thanks to our generous dealers. The children's workshops did less business this year, but we hope to pick it up and have more children in the free workshop next year.

Tools and Techniques was a barn burner once again, with lots of fun things to do or to see done, and all for free on Sunday morning. More of the Mary Scholl estate was in the foyer, and lo and behold,

there were Rik and Marcia Pierce in the foyer selling Rik's moldings and a very complete book of his works, written by our own Martha Puff and Deb Weisler, with Michael Puff's stupendous large photographs. What a picture book!

Monday featured Ruth Stewart and Ken Byers teaching Academy classes in Morgan Hill. Can't get much better than those sold-out classes.

Place October 7 and 8 on your 2017 calendar, with Friday workshops on the 6th. And remember, this is a volunteer effort and we really could use 2 to 3 hours of help from you during the show. Keep abreast of the news and contact info at http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net and www.facebook.com/GoodSamShowcaseOfMiniatures

-Barb Jones, Show Advisor



Camellias on display from a Mini Attics workshop taught by Lynn Miller



1785 Florence Pavilion by Greg Anton on exhibit at Good Sam

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 regarding 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.

Name N2 Region Calendar

January 21 MiniCals Workshop
February 18 MiniCals Workshop
March 18 MiniCals Workshop

March 22–26 ABCs of Miniatures Houseparty

April 29 MiniCals Workshop

May 20 First Renaissance Miniature

& Fairy Show & Sale MiniCals Workshop

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ABCs of Miniatures March 24-26, 2017

Registration Opens - August 1, 2016* Cancellation Deadline - February 5, 2017 Registration Fee \$220



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Dollhouse Toolbox Workshop

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