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September 2012

WOW! IT IS BAY AREA SHOWTIME AGAIN!

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Good Sam Show News

It is show time, once again. The 15th annual CHAMPS Show is Sept. 8 & 9, followed by the Good Sam Show Oct. 6 & 7. Again this year we are delighted to have the most foreign dealers in the history of the Good Sam Show, 15 in all, including 3 from Japan and two from Spain. Our oldies but goodies will be with us, and about 20% of our dealers will be new or returning after an absence. We'll have Natasha, first time since the 80's, Michele Carter will be back, the list just goes on and on.

Martha and Michael Puff are posting new pictures to our blog every Saturday. It is a great way to pre-shop the show, as almost all dealers will have been featured before the show. The blog is at <http://goodsamshow.blogspot.com> and if you check it out you will not be disappointed.

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Tom Roberts, a long time area miniaturist with pieces in many museums, has moved from his San Francisco home to a group home in Oakland where he does not have room for all of his wonderful rooms. If you want a treat, check out his outstanding work at <http://www.TomRobertsMiniatures.com> and look at the eye candy. Tom's father, Guy Roberts, built furniture for John Blauer of old, and Tom himself is now in his 80's. Probably only a few of us even remember the two of them, but they were special.

We will have wonderful exhibits once again this year. Connie Sauve is our new exhibit chairman, and is looking for more exhibits. There is an exhibit form on our web site to fill out and send to her. Greg Anton will be there again, with a new masterpiece.

I think the Friday workshops are very exciting this year, and hope you look them over. If you are on our mailing list you received your mailer, and if not, you can see the workshops at <http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net> on our web site.

I look forward to seeing you at CHAMPS and at GOOD SAM. CHAMPS benefits the Oakland Children's Hospital and Good Sam benefits the PlaneTree Health Library. Call me at 408-257-9385 if you have questions.

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From The Regional Co-Coordinator

A Big Hello!

First I would like to thank Ruth Heisch and Diane Piziali for their service as Regional Coordinators. Being the new Regional Coordinator I hope to hear from our members and hopefully get all our State Reps. together for a group discussion on ways to promote NAME and to achieve more cohesion.

A few upcoming events in our areas like Champs in El Cerrito on September 7th and 8th and Good Sam in San Jose on October 6th and 7th. Our 3rd annual NAME Day event hosted by our local club The Itty Bitties in Sacramento on October 13th will keep us busy.

For those interested in attending this years NAME Day event please contact Renate Winter at:

renate1942@yahoo.com or phone 916-878-7598. There are cutters listed in the May/June Gazette but contact early as most of them have deadlines for ordering.

Here are the awards for N2! Ambassador Award goes to Karen Laisure: Youth Mentor award to Erin Packard: Helping Hands award to JoAnn Jacot Kathy Pedroni and Vegie MacLean: the Rising Star award goes to Judy Pick and Jane Sindorf: Hall of Fame award to Karen Sandvick. Congratulations to all! Membership pins this year are as follows:

Barbara DeBenetto	10yrs
Jeffery Packard	15yrs

Nancy Wantiez	15yrs
Joan Murdock	30yrs
Ruth Heisch	35yrs
Debbie Young	35yrs
Diane Piziali	35yrs
Leslie Swager	35yrs

Thank you all for all your outstanding efforts to make NAME the success that it is today. Without you NAME would not be as strong as it is.

We have a new Sacramento State Representative named Darwin Spring. We also have a new State Rep in East Bay/Tri Valley. A huge congratulations and thank you for volunteering to help!

We need members to fill several openings as State Reps. and I want to let everyone know that it isn't a hard job at all. In fact it take so little time per month and you get so much more out of it than what you put into the position!

Remember that our NAME members holding offices are volunteers and without their efforts we wouldn't be the great organization that we are today.

Our local clubs exchange holiday gifts so we usually make enough for each member. That way we get more back! It's like being a kid all over again. Bur we have to start early as time seems to fly during the fall/ winter time. Maybe it would be fun to exchange gifts between clubs! Just a thought. Happy Halloween!

Connie Younker
New Region N2 Regional Coord.

Your Regional Team

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**North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma
Open Position**

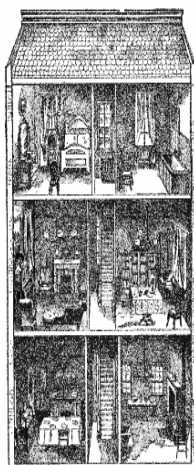
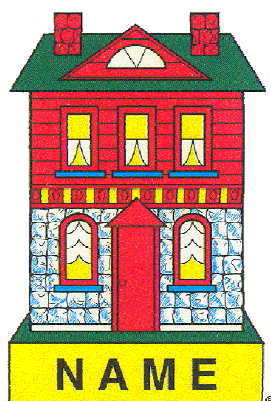
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Fall is in the air. The weather is getting cooler finally, which I'm sure that everyone appreciates! I attended the NAME National in North Carolina...a Happy Birthday Party for NAME. What fun we all had! Happy 40th Birthday to NAME! The thing about conventions is that you get to see people that you haven't seen in a while....you get to be around people who love minis like you do...you get to see exquisite exhibits...and there are wonderful dealers who sell the coolest mini things ever! It rejuvenates my love of miniatures and makes me want to go into my mini area and pick up one of me many kits that need to be assembled. I know that I will have some time coming up as the fall happens around me...so minis will definitely be in my future.

I want to remind everyone again that we still have two open positions for State Reps. We need a State Rep for North Bay/Napa/Sonoma. Cary Yerves has been filling that position but now that he is the President of NAME he is a little busy so the position needs to be filled by someone else. We also have a State Rep position for San Francisco/Oakland. There has to be two people that live in these areas who would be able to help out and contribute to N2. Connie Younker is the new Regional Coordinator and she is enthusiastic and will be very helpful for anyone who choses to fill these positions. Come on...you can do it!!

Yours in Miniature,
Leslie



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Event, "The Alcove" sponsored by MiniCals and Through the Looking Glass clubs. This will again be held in Morgan Hill.

ups already and lots of goodies to go with the project and our "By the Sea" theme. NAME Day pins will be available at our event.

No Report Received

October 6 and 7- Showcase of Miniatures

We will be doing our workshop series again. January will begin with a shadow box "Boulangerie" in a picture frame. February will be using different clays and coloring techniques for breads and cakes to fill our window setting in the shadow box.

South Bay/ Peninsula
by Lynne Hoffman and
Barbara Adams

Club reports:

MiniAttics:

submitted by Kathleen Sliter

The MiniAttics are busy working on some teacups to display at Good Sam inspired by the articles Sue Herber wrote for The Gazette. We will have our second annual display at the Redwood City Public Library in October. We are looking forward to all the fun fall mini activities including Name Day, CHAMPS and Good Sam.

We ask that you send prayers and good health to our member and long time miniaturist, Mel Profio, who is currently bedridden and struggling with a great deal of pain.

Through The Looking Glass:

Submitted by Barbara Adams

Through the Looking Glass is looking forward to their upcoming field trip to Dolls, Trains, Miniatures and More in Novato. We are all feeling the need to shop for miniatures and can't wait for Good Sam!

Speaking of Good Sam- Under the guiding creative spirit of members Lynne Hoffman and Karen Sesody, TTLG is again preparing this year's Girl Scout Workshop to be held at Good Sam. Happy 100th Birthday to the Girl Scouts of America!

It's been a busy time here – at least behind the scenes! The Mini Cal workshops were a lot of fun....so much so that they are already planning for 2013 classes. NAME Day and Showcase of Miniatures are coming up fast. Many of our members are busy preparing for one or both of those events.

We want to welcome our new Regional Coordinator, Connie Younker. We look forward to getting to know her. A big thank you to Diane Piziali and Ruth Heisch! Your term as regional coordinators went by so fast. It was a pleasure to work with you both. So glad they are in our area and we will continue to work with them on NAME Day and at Good Sam.

Remember to save these dates:

September 29- NAME Day

MiniCals:

Submitted by Ruth Heisch

Three of us went to National and had a great time. It was a huge birthday party. We saw some of the old centerpieces redone and Ruth Heisch won a houseparty helper that cost a fortune to mail home. Wouldn't you know the year they don't drive there!! Maybe she can share it at Good Sam.

MiniCals is getting ready for our joint NAME day with TTLG on September 29, 2012. We have a good sign-

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

Our group has been working with Mini-Cals to get ready for our NAME Day celebration in Morgan Hill. Our theme is "By the Sea" and both groups have come up with exciting favors, kits and projects.

Happy Miniaturing!
Lynne Hoffman and
Barbara Adams
Bay Area State Reps.

North Coast by Jo Anne Grundhofer

We've had a surprisingly cool and foggy summer up here in Humboldt County so, more literally than most people, we are all asking ourselves "where did the summer go?!"

At the Humboldt Made Fair in June (Eureka, CA), the members of Redwood Small World presented a display of Market Stalls (built at our 2011 Play Day) and Peddler's Carts (built at our 2012 Play Day). Together, the judged entries and display attracted a lot of attention from fairgoers. Club members "worked" at the fair each afternoon and evening demonstrating various techniques through projects we were working on, and talking to people about our hobby.

At the Humboldt County Fair in August (Ferndale, CA) we

were invited to display our always evolving Street of Shoppes for the third year. Club members also entered their work for judging, and took turns demonstrating different miniature techniques each afternoon. As well, we talked to many visitors about the hobby, and had donated copies of Miniature Gazette and other miniatures magazines that we offered to fairgoers who wanted to learn more about the hobby.

A few club members are now helping their young grandchildren (grandsons, as well as granddaughters) build their own miniature creations to enter in the Youth Division at these fairs. Hopefully these youngsters will grow to be the club and NAME members of the future.

We are also looking forward to our annual display of miniatures at the Ferndale Library. We open the display on October 1, to coincide with National Miniatures Month. The club changes the items on display at the first of November and December.

Sharon Spencer, for Joanne Grundhofer



Northern Nevada By Mary Ann Van Buskirk

At the time of this report, it is early August and the Tahoe Miniacs are busily preparing for Summer at Tahoe State Day workshop. The weather is beautiful – afternoon temps in the low 80's, the nights are even warm enough to not need a sweater but cool enough to sleep.

This is the 19th annual workshop and is a lakeside beach patio setting. Several attendees are donating luscious raffle prizes and we are very excited.

Of course, we are always looking forward to the next workshop and preparations start, sometimes, even before the current workshop occurs. Included in this report is an advertisement for the 20th annual workshop. The project is still in a state of evolution but pictures should be available soon on our website at www.summerattahoe.org.

Mary Ann Van Buskirk

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

San Francisco/Oakland

Open Position



No Report Received

An open position and a great Opportunity to support the region!

Fresno

By Barbara Fairbanks

TinkerBelles of Fresno are busy getting ready for NAME DAY on Sept 29 this year. We all know that it is to be in Oct. but no one wants to miss Good Sam. We are happy that we will have our group from Fresno plus members of Visalia's club and a guest from Porterville. Some are talking of making special boxes to show off our NAME DAY project. I plan on doing this and will start measuring the frame for the box.

Now that we are retired, my husband and I are happy with out quiet life but our granddaughter Lisa just made our life so much more exciting. July 15 she made us great-grandparents with the birth of Kailey Faith. She had a rough beginning, staying in Childrens Hospital for the first 16 days but is home now and I finally got my hands on her this week!!!

Carol Menze-Guimond is also

looking forward to becoming a great-grandmother very soon.

We have a very large 1" scale house kit that we will start in the fall and make as a donation to a worthwhile charity. We have just been given a large donation of 1" scale supplies and will use this to furnish the house. This is the second donation we have received so we will have a good place to put the furniture.

We are very thankful for a newer member of our club. She loves to cook and bake and has been bringing the tastiest cobblers for us to share. Her trees have given her so much fruit that she also brings in bags and bags of fresh fruit for us to take. Thanks Carolyn Cave!! Our "sweet tooth" appreciates you!!

We are all still working on finishing our own minis but will soon all be working on one project again. We have several plans in the works and just waiting for everyone to return from summer trips and health issues.

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East Bay / Tri-Valley
by Suzanne Harrington

Brand New Rep
Will do report next time!

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Nothing to report!
Busy with summer!!

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This is an upcoming State Day for February 2013. It will be in one inch scale!

State Day

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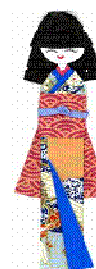
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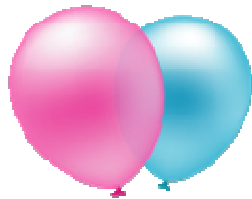
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Saturday, November 10, 2012

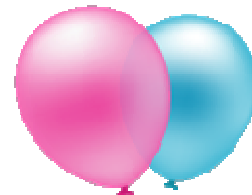
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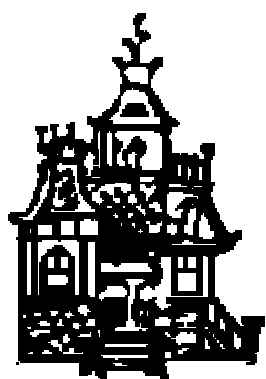
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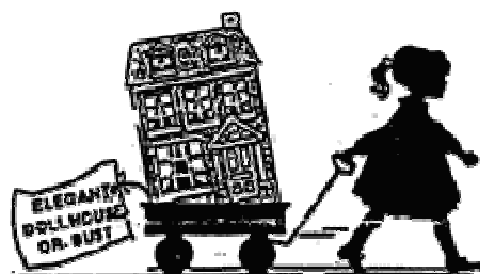
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October 6th and 7th, 2012

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Doubletree Hotel, San Jose, CA

Saturday November 10th, 2012

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