



Good Sam Show Revisited

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The show is over. The dealers seemed pleased, and we expect most of them back next year. The Guys workshop and Peter Tucker's workshops went so well. Walking into the Friday workshop room was a delight, with happy sounds all around. The White Elephant Sale was a huge success. We had dollhouses, many kits of all kinds, Hallmark Christmas Ornaments, woods, magazines, furniture, etc. It was all sold to our bargain hunting customers. Thanks to all of you who donated and all who bought. I could go on and on.

The children's activities were well attended, and Sunday's Tools & Techniques attracted quite a crowd. As always, the exhibits you brought were outstanding. Dealers donated wonderful things to the Sunday drawing, and we had some interesting things in the silent auction.

Next year's show will be October 15th and 16th at the Doubletree Hotel, with workshops on Friday the 14th. We are working on a special featured workshop to follow the show. Follow progress on that on our web site, <http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net> or watch for our mailer in July of 2011.

By the way, I attended the CHAMPS show in September in Emeryville in their new location. Don't miss it in 2011 (weekend after Labor Day), the new location is really super.

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Name Day Hutches!!



Your Regional Team

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From The Regional Co-ordinators

Catching up a bit.....we re- turned from our drive to Seattle with a car full of House Party Helper and centerpiece winnings. Barbara DeBenedetto was lucky enough to win 2. Lynne Hoffman won her auction bid and Diane Piziali won the centerpiece and a 5-year pins. Let us know if you House Party Helper. (She can no longer tell me how unlucky she is. That is her third centerpiece win.)

I also one a House Party Helper several won some great prizes. We had lots of fun with 7 of our club members joining us this year and lots of familiar faces in N2. Once again we were a force at roll call. There could be some exciting classes in N2 because 2 of our people took a class and bought Potter's wheels. Two of us purchased great new mini saws. We received three beautiful souvenirs and our tote bags were loaded with about 5 dozen goodies. Quite an impressive number. Now doesn't that make you not want to miss the next Convention??

We had a very good regional meeting with so many N2 mem- bers attending National. Club members shared projects and prizes and talked about our up-coming NAME DAY events in the region. We presented two 10-year pins, a 30-year pin and two 5-year pins. We presented two 10-year pins, a 30-year pin and two 5-year pins. Let us know if you have not received a pin marking your years (in 5yr. Increments) with NAME. The winners of this years awards were announced at the meeting. Cary Yerves is the recipient of the Ambassador Award. Jack Rainey has received the Hall of Fame Award, Liz Driver the Youth Mentor Award, Billie Rounavaara the Rising Star and Mini Dreamers of Pinole as Club of the Year. Congratulations to everyone and know that your efforts have been appreciated. Keep nominees in mind for next spring. We're finding out you're doing a lot of great things out there.

We have some new members to welcome to your Regional Team. Connie Younker will be replacing Barbara Thornton-Hill in the Sacramento Area and Barbara Adams will replace



Diane Piziali addressing attendees



NAME Day Hutch

Your Regional Team

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North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma Open Position

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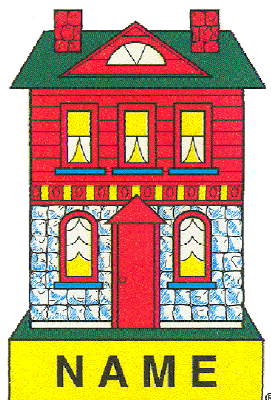
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From The Regional Co-ordinators (Continued)

Laura Johnson in the South Bay as State Reps. Also, Jan Henderson will be the Welcome Chairman. Her job is to contact new members and/or clubs and bring them up to date on area happenings and assist them in whatever way she can.

We hope you attended a NAME DAY! They were lots of fun and with all the positive feedback there will be a NAME DAY 2011 on October 1. The project is undecided at this time, but the committee is back at work tossing around ideas. Stay tuned.

We did get several new members from the NAME Day events. If you are a new member looking for a club, please let us know. Also, clubs, we'd like to know if you are taking new members. Please update your club info on the NAME website.

Look for the annual Spring Fling Potluck/Flea mkt. on March 26 in Morgan Hill

Ruth and Diane



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Hi Mini Friends! Well...winter is certainly here, at least at my mountain home. We have 3 1/2 feet of snow on our deck and the summer table and chairs are put away. The nights are longer and the days are shorter. This should be a time when you can be home, sit by the fire and work on minis...hour after hour! But alas, work makes that impossible. So I do a mini thing here and there...and look forward to the time when I'm retired and can spend more time on minis and other things. I attended the National Name Day at the beginning of October in Nevada City, CA. The event was wonderful and exciting to be with a room full of miniatures. I brought with me a friend who is new to miniatures and it was quite fun to see her ohhh and ahhhh at all the beautiful mini things that were on display and were also being made that weekend. She has never been to a miniature store, other than a combined hobby/miniature store in San Jose, so we are planning on making a trip to Sacramento soon, so that she can see the amazing world of the miniature store. Her excitement and awe at the miniatures brought back many memories to me, of those days at Shellie's Miniature Mania in San Mateo, and the time that I spent in the club that made Phelan Village with Virginia and a very young Debbie Young (17 I believe). My friend reminded me of me...when I discovered this new and amazing mini world more than 30 years ago. I still have the brass baby crib that I saw in the window at Shellie's...it holds a place of honor in my 3 floor, multi room bookcase type of dollhouse that I designed and built...it only took 20 years! It was nice to have that reminder...of a newly discovered miniature world. Perhaps next year at this time I will be spending some time building those many mini house/furniture kits that I have!

Yours in Miniature, Leslie

Welcome to the FUN Club - The Friendly Underwriters of NAME!

Every miniaturist knows that while our passion is based in FUN, it has also been built as a labor of love by thousands of NAME members who have come before us. Their dedication has supported clubs, provided communication, fostered inspiration, and made miniatures a joy for so many of us. To continue their good work, we've formed a group to support their efforts and invite you to join us. In appreciation for joining the FUN Club, we'd like to recognize your generosity with these special gifts, along with our thanks. We hope you find them to be a FUN addition to your miniature creations or collections! Our goal is simple - supporting the organization that supports us.

\$25 - \$49 2010 FUN Club pin pictured above - third in a series of exclusive Robin Betterley designs

\$50 - \$99 Pin and sanding block by Mt. Fanny Miniatures

\$100 - \$249 Pin and magnetic gluing jig (3" x 5") by Smaller Than Life

\$250 - \$499 Pin and choice of 1/4" scale wicker daybed by Claire Downard or 1" scale bird bath by Wilhelmina

\$500 - \$999 Pin and 1" scale 'worn' leather work boots and toolbelt with tools by Prestige Leather

\$1000 - \$2499 Pin and clowns on elephant (approx. 4" to top of clown's hat) by Maureen Thomas

\$2500 - \$4999 Pin and 1" scale toybench from Chris Okubo or 1" scale spelling board by David Krupick

\$5000 + Pin and 1/4" scale living room set by Bespaq or 1" scale wicker set by Wilhelmina

(Pictures available at www.miniatures.org)

Contact NAME for additional information!

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State Rep's Reports

North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma
by Cary Yerves
Open Position



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Please...can't someone volun-
teer for this position??*

South Bay/ Peninsula
by Lynne Hoffman and
Barbara Adams

*No report received.
They will do one for next time*

Happy Miniaturing!
Lynne and Barbara

North Coast
by Jo Anne Grundhofer

The Redwood Small World Miniatures Club displayed our "Street of Shoppes", and gave demonstrations of different miniature projects and techniques each afternoon, in August at the Humboldt County Fair in Ferndale. Fairgoers showed a lot of interest in the display of twelve shops (and in a bare undecorated plywood shell used to illustrate our starting point), which prompted many conversations between fairgoers and club members working at

the fair. Fair staff said it was the most popular display in the Hall, and asked us to bring it back next year. Another four shops should be available for display at the next fair, and others will probably acquire "new stock". The shops are too large to fit into most display cases, so we really appreciate the space made available to us at the fair.

The club set up a display at the McKinleyville Library branch for the month of September. Our theme was "Christmas in September" and, while out-of-season, the library reported that it was very popular. Well, who doesn't love Santa? We did manage to fit one of the large shops, decorated as a toy and Christmas shop, into the library's display case. We always display our miniatures at the Ferndale Library branch starting on October 1st and running through December 31. We change the display each month, including Halloween displays in October and Christmas displays in December. In October, we displayed two roomboxes that especially appeal to children: one featuring 28 vintage dog figurines and another that features cats up to much mischief in a bathroom. Small signs prompt viewers (young and old) to see how many dogs or how many

cats they count.

A few club members have been busy building a sample 1inch scale 'market stall' for our upcoming Play Day in mid-March. The market stall kit was designed by a club member who saw antique French market stalls at a dollhouse auction last January. The husband of another club member cut the intricate kits for us and wrote the assembly instructions. This project is more complex than many we've presented at previous Play Days, but the kit is rather ingeniously built as modules that are then assembled into a complete stall. We'll have color copies of the original antique market stalls, along with the samples completed and decorated in advance by three club members, to inspire Play Day participants in decorating and stocking their market stall when they take it home from Play Day.

We always adjust our club's monthly meeting from the 4th Thursday of the month to make room for family holiday celebrations in November and December. The club has a Christmas party meeting each year, which includes a Christmas gift exchange. The "rule" is that gifts must be miniature related, and cost no more than \$5, regardless of inflation.

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

However, we've always allowed up to \$5 in materials for hand-made gifts, and over the years more and more members started making their exchange gifts. For many members, there is as much planning and work in their Christmas exchange gift...and our delicious pot-luck Christmas lunch...as there is in a Play Day!

As I write this, we are waiting for the first storm series of the winter to hit Northern California. We are used to a lot of fog and damp and moisture up here behind The Redwood Curtain, so it shouldn't be a big deal... but it just seems a bit early for storm "warnings" instead of just a little more rain. It's complicated moving miniature displays in wet and windy weather but, on the other hand, it's a good excuse for holing up inside and working on projects that were ignored when we enjoyed the summer sun whenever it showed itself up here. We hope you all enjoy your holiday celebrations, get lots of mini work done over the winter, and stay warm and comfy regardless of what Mother Nature throws at us all this season. Sharon Spencer

for Joanne Grundhofer

Northern Nevada By Mary Ann Van Buskirk

TAHOE MINIACS CLUB:

Wow, what a summer! It started off with a ¼" workshop in Carson City and wound up October 2nd with the NAME National State Day.

August 28th and 29th, Tahoe Miniacs celebrated their 18th annual state day, "Last Deal in Deadwood", an old-time saloon. Forty five miniaturists had a great couple of days making their version of #10 Saloon in Deadwood, North Dakota. Wild Bill Hickock can rest easy now, he has been remembered. We sandwiched in a fast trip to the CHAMPS Show in the bay area and had a wonderful time there also.

The National State Day was quite unique in that everyone was basically working on a similar project – all over the US, Canada and some European countries. We had only 12 participants but enjoyed every minute.

We have a great web site – www.summerattahoe.org – with slideshows of our projects and workshops. Check it out when you have a moment. When Elizabeth gets a breather from college homework, she will put up photos of this years workshop and a prototype of next year's project. We are planning a fan-

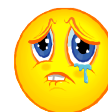
tastic two room cottage for next year's project. You will be able to customize it to be a cabin, cottage, store, railroad station – you name it. Please see our ad in this issue of the newsletter. A photo of the prototype will be on the website soon. If you cannot wait, email me at mavb2003@yahoo.com and I will forward a photo to you.

We just received word that a close friend, Betty Lindvig, has passed away. Words cannot express our loss. She was a dear, cheerful, helpful person in every way.

Have a beautiful Fall season and enjoy the winter (as best you can).

Happy miniaturizing
Mary Ann Van Buskirk

San Francisco/Oakland
Open Position



No Report Received

*Hello there!
Wouldn't you like to volunteer for this position?*

I knew you would!

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

Fresno
By Barbara Fairbanks

Hi N2 members,
After putting an ad in the Fresno Bee last winter looking for additions to our club I have been very busy!!! Most of the calls have been for me to pick up and distribute dollhouses and furniture. My garage has turned into a sorting station. One of the ads brought in some people that needed help in lighting a house for a friend and they have joined us on and off since the spring.

We have also begun to add to our membership. We are so pleased that a very talented lady, Anne Semrick Fisher, has returned to minis. We had missed her and it is nice to have her back. She and Vickie Throop both joined NAME as soon as they were able to come back.

Kayanne Yung, Glendon Davis, Carol Menze-Guimond, Vickie Throop, Cathie Peterka, and myself drove to join the Gold Country club in Nevada City for the NAME day Oct 1, 2, and 3. What a great time we had!!! Most of us built the 1/2 scale project and were so happy to receive a 1/4 scale hutch also.

It was like a small convention with friends coming from So. CA, No CA, WA, OR, NV, and UT. That club worked very hard and put on a wonderful NAME DAY. It was very meaningful to me to be building the project and think that there were miniaturists from all around the world doing the same thing. It was great to be a part of such a huge project. Thank you to all that worked so hard to make this idea become a real happening.

The next project will be a workshop taught by Rik Pierce taking place the beginning of Jan. He will be teaching the Tudor Loo in 1" scale.

The next show closest to Fresno will be the Morro Bay show and sale over the Washington birthday holiday in Feb.

Enjoy all the holidays and be sure to ask Santa for a mini for yourself.

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East Bay / Tri-Valley
By Jennifer Rich

This Fall had a few miniature events in our area.

In September The Mini Dreamers (in the East Bay) did an-

other great CHAMPS Show. I thought their new location was perfect (very bright and cheerful.)

The National NAME Day was at the beginning of October. I heard from several people how much fun they had going and working on the hutch project with others. My friend Jackie and I worked on the kits at her house (and Jackie did a great job setting up our workspace so I thought I was at an actual NAME event....we did a swap and she provided souvenirs for us along with decorations.) We were able to order the kits from one of the groups and received them on time (with some really great gifts/souvenirs.)

October also brought Good Sam in San Jose. There was a lot to buy and the displays were fun to look at. It was great that some of the miniaturists displayed their finished hutches at Good Sam... seeing someone else's finished work really inspires me to finish my projects.

In the last month I was able to visit Cooper's Doll House Studio in Benecia at their newest location (they have been there a while but this was my first time there.) It's at 125 Kuhland Alley - Benecia, CA

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94510. Phone number is 707-745-9411. It's in a popular section of Benecia that has restaurants and a lot of stores. We had a nice lunch by the water and then walked a few blocks over to the Studio.

From the other end of the East Bay, The Antioch Historical Society and the Delta Dolittles are inviting all miniaturists in the N2 Region to participate in a special Miniature Exhibit (to be held during the entire month of February 2011), to help celebrate the Centennial of the Museum building, located at 1500 West Fourth St., Antioch, CA.

For further information and an application (due back by January 8, 2011 but the sooner you get them back the better), please contact:

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I resigned from being a State Rep so this will be my last writing. I hope to see you all at miniature events in the future. (Speaking of the State Rep position, I don't know if they have filled the position yet. If you are interested in being a State Rep please contact one

of our Regional Coordinators and let them know.)

Jen Rich
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Shasta/Trinity
By Margaret Gordus

We received a certificate from NAME stating our club as a "Blue Ribbon Club", with each of us receiving a blue ribbon to wear. Eight of us went to the Name Day event for the "Hutch" on Oct. 2 which the Gold Country club put-on. The weekend workshop was extra special & Hi Tea was beautifully presented. Thanks again to Gold Country for a wonderful weekend.

Billie, Kathy & I went to Reno for the Miniature Sale. Found lots of great stuff.

We had our Miniatures at an Exhibit with the Oroville Historical Society from the middle of Sept. through the month of Oct. It was well received.

Three of our members are in the N2 Hall of Fame 2010 -- Hall of fame inductee- Jack Rainey: Youth Mentor- Liz Driver: Rising Star- Billie Ruonavaara

Margaret Gordus

Sacramento
By Connie Yonker

The Gold Country Miniature Society gals put on a great "National NAME Day" retreat event in Nevada City at the Diamond Arrow Christian Conference Center. Over the special weekend 57 people arrived to construct a tea room/boutique vignette. Several of the club members worked tirelessly to create special kits and gifts to add to everyone's boxes including scones, candies, jam dish, a three tiered tray, pictures, bowls, salt and pepper on a tray and flowers in a pot. Unique hats from Nancy Wantiez, tea pots from Ginger Landon-Siegel, JoAnn Jacot gifted her clocks and lotion bottles from Ruth Mazur were just some of the wonderful gifts given to all who attended. A special gift kit of a quarter scale hutch from Debbie Young was given to everyone hidden in a tea bag and placed in a cup and saucer of choice. The club members, all dressed in lacy aprons, served tea, sandwiches and cakes. The weekend ended with attendees looking forward to the clubs next event. Club members asked themselves "How do we top this ladies?!" Here are some samples of what we did.

State Rep's Reports (continued)



Attendees room box in process
Quarter scale hutch scene



Attendee working on roombox
Dawn Cecil's tea cup



I would like to welcome a new NAME club of avid miniaturists in Sacramento. They called their club "The Itty Bitties" and now have 11 members. They meet on the second Sunday of each month at each others' homes. This year they planned a book box project. Each member purchased a hollow faux book and planned an individual vignette interior. A toy shop, sewing room, an underwater theme and a quarter scale house are some of the planned settings. Everyone will complete their box projects by December. I'll post pictures in the next newsletter. Good luck to our newest club.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you might have at olpos-minis@att.net See you soon!
Connie Younker

Victorian Dollhouse on display In the Museum Gift Shop

For the month of December the Victorian Dollhouse created by Robert and Betsey Bowen on Coos Bay will be on display in the Morris Graves Museum of Art Gift Shop. The dollhouse will be completely furnished in a contemporary style by local miniaturist Pat Carter from her private collection showing the family preparing for Christmas. The Morris Graves Museum of Art Gift Shop will have hand-crafted miniature items for sale along side the dollhouse and a new children's book, *The Enchanted Doll's House* by Robyn Johnson.

Pat has collected and worked with miniatures since 1960 and has been affiliated with NAME (National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts) since 1972. Each October, she volunteers for the "Showcase of Miniatures," a fundraiser for the Plane Tree Health Library in San Jose. Currently, her collection of Storyland and Mother Goose Fairy Tales are featured at the Clarke



Victorian Dollhouse with
Pat Carter and
Chelsea Griffith

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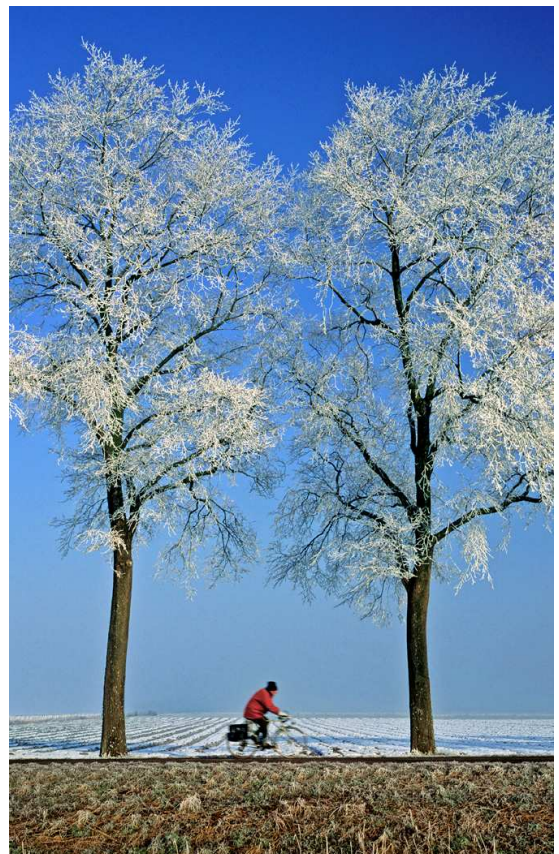
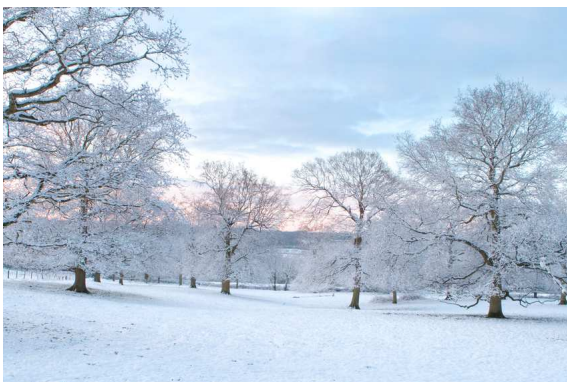


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Regional Calendar of Events

March 26 , 2011

Annual Spring Fling
Potluck/Flea Market
in Morgan Hill, CA

July 21-24, 2011

National Convention in Cleveland , OH

August 12 & 13th, 2011

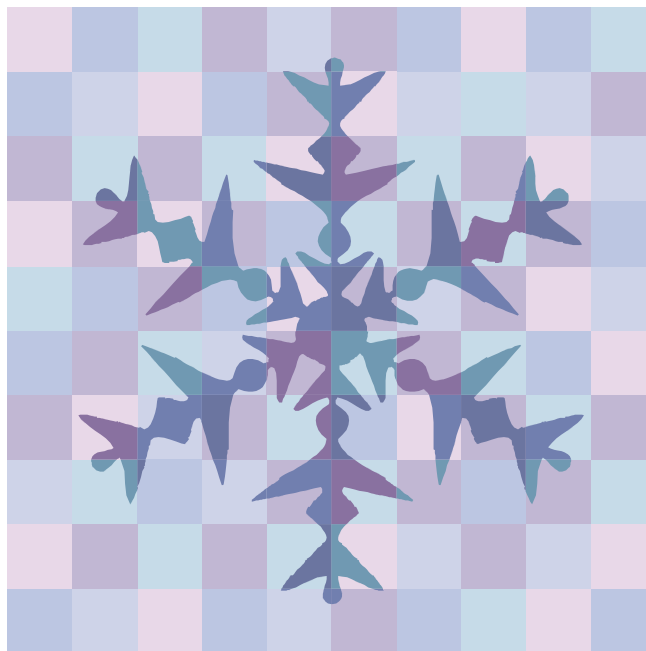
18th Annual Summer at Tahoe Workshop
"Our Mountain Cabin"
(See ad in this issue)

October 15 & 16th

Good Samaritan Show
Doubletree Hotel

For more information go to

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