

Good Sam Show Coming Soon

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As I'm getting ready for the Tom Bishop show tomorrow evening it is hard to believe that the Good Sam Show is only two months away. I am so excited by the dealer list. It is truly outstanding. Besides our many long time dealers such as Ferd Sobol, Pete Acquisto and Charles Harville, we have 14 dealers from other countries, our most ever.

We have our very first Japanese dealers, Miyuki Nagashima and Isako Furuhashi. Taller Targioni is coming back from Spain, and Cristina Noriega is coming from Spain as well. Sandra Wall Rubin is returning after a long absence. In fact, we have 32 dealers who have become IGMA Artisans or Fellows, plus many others who are equally as talented.

A special tour of 22 miniaturists will join us this year, as they attend the show on Saturday. They will also be enjoying a lunch with Ferd and Millie Sobol, a visit to Connie Sauve's collection, a stop at Rik Pierce's home and studio, a visit to the Smallsea Museum in Carmel, and stops at Larianne's, Shellie's, and the Elegant Dollhouse. Sounds like a fine tour to me.

We also have a bus load coming from Sacramento, thanks to Renate Winter's planning, and several are coming in by train. We look forward to seeing everyone, and hope the show will be a very special one for you.

Further information can be found at <http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net> or by emailing or calling Barb Jones at northbaj@att.net or 408-257-9385.

And now, on to Tom's show tomorrow and the CHAMPS show in El Cerrito Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9 and 10.

Barbara Jones



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From The Regional Co-Coordiators

We are just back from National in Cleveland and our usual "Cracker Barrel Trail." It was a great time and we were lucky to have a very cool hotel since one day the temperature was about 114 degrees. Yours truly won a front porch Houseparty Helper that was going to cost \$97 to ship home. It's MDF and a little heavy. Needless to say, we found some extra room in our already stuffed car. That didn't stop us from adding more as we drove back to San Jose. We stopped in Carmel, Indiana to visit the Museum of Miniature Dollhouses that we missed at National 2 years ago. We turned over our proceeds from the Joan McLean workshop when we visited with a Kim and Toni at the NAME house, They showed us some of the nearby downtown area of Carmel. It is a very quaint and beautiful little town. If you're ever in the area, be sure to stop by The NAME house/office and the Miniature Museum around the corner. At the NAME house, it was fun to see the different centerpieces and souvenirs from all the Conventions/Houseparties. There were even some we worked on and most of the 23 we have at tended. The Museum of Miniature Dollhouses is developing a fairly good gift shop with some new minis to purchase and sales of donated estates. Some of our Regional artists are on display. At our Regional Meeting we had a very small turnout but Board

Member, Rhonda Keef, presented pins to the following members: Mary Barker of Rancho Cordova, 5-year pin; Cary Yerves of Santa Rosa, 10-year pin; Diane Ruess of Redding, 25-year pin; and Donna Bahls of Sacramento, a 35-year pin. There are more members receiving pins who were not in Cleveland. Let us know if you should be receiving one and don't have it by mail in the next month or so.

Our Regional Awards were also given out. The Regional Ambassador Award goes to Leslie Swager for her dedication to this newsletter and all the wonderful changes and additions to make it more interesting and colorful. Quite a change from a mimeographed page. Thank you and Congratulations Leslie!

Barbara Thornton-Hill is our inductee into the N2 Hall of Fame. The different hats she wears are too numerous to name here but she is a tireless worker for the promotion of NAME and our Region in particular. Congratulations to you Barbara!

Pat Carter of Eureka is our Helping Hands winner. Pat can be counted on whenever she is needed. She is there with her donations for Regional events and has worked magic with the "White Elephant" tables at Good Sam. Last year she sold every last item. Way to go, Pat. Congratulations.

The Club of the Year is the Red-

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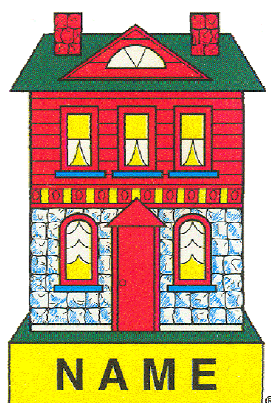
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National Name Day Work Center Project

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wood Small World club on our Northern California coast. They consistently exhibit and donate with much of their activity for the community. Good work up there in the Redwoods. Congratulations.

These winners are wonderful examples of our NAME motto. It's a pleasure to share our hobby with them and the work they do is much appreciated. On that subject, if there is someone you think deserves some recognition, let us or your State Rep know about them and what they do. Don't wait! Let us know now or anytime someone comes to mind. There working all year round, not just when the nominations come in the spring!

At the business meeting, it was announced there will be an estate committee to help members or their families with the liquidation of their collections if and when that time arrives. Having dealt with a few in our area, this seems a much needed service.

The NAME Day committee had an exhibit in Cleveland of some of their "Work Centers" for the 2011 NAME Day events. It showed many ways to use the project; as a very "used" potting shed, a kitchen island, a baby's changing table, a scrap booking table and a hobby bench. Hopefully you have checked the N2 website and signed up for an event in your area. Don't miss out!

We are looking for State Reps for the East Bay/Tri-Valley, San Francisco/No. Peninsula and Marin/Napa Valley. It's a great way to learn how NAME works and meet the people who share your love of miniatures. We've learned so much the last three years as RCs and it's eye-opening to see how much every little bit we can do helps to support the region and the hobby. We'd like to talk to you if your the tiniest bit interested. We would be there for you with any support you may need. We know you will be as glad you volunteered as we have been! We'll be visiting the new Benicia Club in a couple months and look forward to meeting them.

Let us hear from you, Ruth & Diane

E C ditors orner



The calendar says September but fall is not yet in the air, at least where I live. It is still quite warm outside and the garden is growing like crazy! I'm sure that fall is coming soon and I will miss the bounty of my husband's beautiful garden. I've been retired for 5 months now and I have no idea how I ever worked. I am busier than ever, with many days filled with an assortment of things that need to be accomplished. I'm doing all the things that have been put aside, sometimes for many years. Not all of them are fun...but are necessary. So my plan to do minis and play the guitar etc. have been put aside, but only for a while.

I was saddened to hear about the cancellation of the Miniature show in Seattle. It seems like more and more miniature shops and shows are being closed and cancelled and it makes me feel bad. When I started into the miniature world more than 30 years ago...the shows and the shops were some of the things that peaked my interest even more and allowed me a place to go where people understood this mini world that I loved so much. My hope is that the economy improves and allows some of the shows to come back again...and new miniature shops to open, but I know that this is very optimistic.

I'm still hoping to find some time to work on my minis...let's wait and see what the fall weather brings! How about all of you...do you have minis calling to you from boxes and shelves?

Yours in Miniature, Leslie

White Elephant Sale at the Good Sam Show

It is nearly that time again and I am sorting thru those plastic storage boxes for stuff I don't need to send to the White Elephant sale in October...in the bottom of one I found a lot of those \$5.00 Roundtable kits, and going thru them I cannot reason why I bought any of them or what I am going to do with them, so into the W.E. box...on a shelf is a stack of good wallpaper, one sheet of each that I have had for way too many years...some one must be able to do something with them.. and the wood...boxes and drawers full of odd sizes and shapes of wood...I don't even build, so why keep them...also, one box full of other kits that I had to have at one point and will never use again...into the box, .box just got full, so another box, ..this time with odd ball furniture and accessories that I do not need any longer...one item I found...the first piece of Shackman that I bought in the early sixties...it is a good piece and have never used it...into the box.



Please come by the sale at the Good Sam Show and say Hello...if you have stuff to donate please bring to the sale and then look over our table ...you will probably find stuff you can use.

Pat Carter

News From Around The Region

State Rep's Reports

North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma
by Cary Yerves
Open Position



No Report Received

Cary Yerves
Acting State Representative

South Bay/ Peninsula
by Lynne Hoffman and
Barbara Adams

Club reports from Bay Area:

Through the Looking Glass is building the Work Table Project in preparation for NAME Day as well as working with the Mini Cals on planning and conducting a workday for NAME Day in our Area. We are also preparing for a Girl Scout Workshop and working on our own Club's Theme Table Project. We plan on displaying our Theme Tables and the NAME Worktable at the Good Sam Show.

Barbara Adams

The Mini Attics (Redwood City) celebrated Christmas in June when we had a Poinsettia Workshop. Member Lynne Miller created kits for the club which were compete with a photo of the project, printed directions, materials to construct five poinsettias and

a pot to hold them. Lynne was there to instruct and help when needed. It was a fun one-day project. We feel fortunate to have Lynne as a club member. In October the Mini Attics will display literature-based room boxes at the Redwood City Public Library. They will be on display for the entire month, and, hopefully, will spark some interest in our great hobby.

Gerry Silberstein
Happy Miniaturing!

Summer is once again flying by. Behind the scenes there is much activity in preparation for upcoming Fall miniature events. I'm looking forward to the CHAMPS show in September, NAME Day and Showcase of Miniatures in October, and the Mini Flea market/Potluck hosted by the Wee Housers in November. Hope to see you at these events.

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

North Coast
by Jo Anne Grundhofer

Our little mini world was going great, up here in Humboldt County, until May. Late in that month, serious health issues

hit several club members. Joanne Grundhofer, the State Rep for our area, was rushed to the hospital and diagnosed with a severe case of pneumonia. After weeks in hospital and then a nursing center, she is finally back at home and slowly starting to get back in the saddle again. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our 'GIANT mini Sale' scheduled for early June, in part because we were going to hold it at Joanne's house! We tried to notify everyone we'd personally contacted about the sale, but unfortunately we could not notify people who had heard about it through-the-grapevine. Our apologies to the woman who drove 4 hours from Petaluma just to shop at our sale... only to find no one was home! We will re-schedule the sale for next Spring.

Our club is also mourning the unexpected passing of Andy Banks, husband of club member Shirley Banks. Andy always supported Shirley in all her "adventures", including her miniatures, and the club benefited from that support, too. Andy made all the intricately cut Market Stall kits for our club's Play Day this year, and helped us with other projects when we needed it. Andy was a retired Marine awarded both a Silver Star and six Bronze

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Stars during his career. In retirement he was always in demand as the quintessential Santa at Christmas. He is greatly missed by all of us.

Club members participated in the Redwood Acres Fair in June. We were very pleased with the way our displays turned out. Besides judged entries, the club had a non-judged display of quarter-round room boxes decorated with quilting themes. The room boxes were started at our 2009 Play Day, and this was the first time we'd assembled the finished boxes for display.

We are now getting ready for the larger Humboldt County Fair, held in Ferndale in August. We will display our Street of Shoppes at the fair, again this year, with some new additions. As the State's funding for local fairs is being greatly reduced, we hope our miniatures...which always seem to be popular with fairgoers...will help keep people, young and old, coming back to visit the fairs and help keep them profitable.

We will be displaying our miniatures at the Humboldt County library branch in McKinleyville for the month of September. We also display our miniatures at the Ferndale branch of the library, which allows us to use their large

floor to ceiling case from October through December. We change the display at the beginning of each month, finishing with a Christmas theme in December. The 'Ferndale Public Library' is the only Carnegie Grant Library in northwestern California still functioning as a library.

Sharon Spencer and Joanne Grundhofer

Northern Nevada
By Mary Ann
Van Buskirk

We have added a new miniaturist to our ranks! My youngest daughter, Elizabeth, had her first child, a little girl on July 29th. It happens to be my birthday also. They named her Harper Elizabeth Dean and reported that she weighed 8 lbs 8 oz and was 20 inches long. Now we know she will not be crafting for a little while but she is doomed to be exposed to the miniature world from birth.

At the time of this writing we are busy putting the last touches on "Our Mountain Cabin" – 18th Annual Summer at Tahoe State Day. It is another "as you like it" project where the participants can use their creativity to finish the cabin/cottage.

We will get right to work planning the next workshop. Hope to see some of you there.

Happy miniaturizing
Mary Ann Van Buskirk

San Francisco/
Oakland
Open Position



No Report Received

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

Fresno
By Barbara Fairbanks

The TinkerBelles club from Fresno are really enjoying our new meeting space at HobbyTown USA. Most of the club helped with the big move and for those of you that would like to visit, the new building is at 102 E Barstow.

We meet every Thurs. at 1:00 p.m. and would love to have you drop by.

None of us have been able to attend either of the House-parties this year but several of us are looking forward to attending Portland OR next

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

May.

We have invited the NAME members from Visalia to join us for NAME DAY and the kits have been ordered. We will all be working in different scales but I know that we will all have a good time. We are planning on the workshop being from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a short lunch break and gift exchange.

Not much news this time as there is always so much to do during summer and minis have to take a back seat.

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Shasta/Trinity
 By Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club Chico/Paradise

In May we went on a field trip to Forest Ranch to see a collection of antique doll houses, many of which were so creatively furnished with antiques of the period. The early German doll houses were of special interest. At our meetings, we have been catching up on unfinished projects and repairing broken minis. We are in the process of making a room or scene of choice in purchased boxes with a trunk-shaped lid.

We are also planning a Surprise – so watch for future news!

throughout the day along with their potluck fare at the Sylvan library in Citrus Heights on Saturday, October 1st. There are still openings for this event. You may pick up an application at "The Elegant Dollhouse" or contact me @ olposminis@att.net This club is fairly new to the area and this will be their first hosted event. Don't miss out on this fun day.

Another group the "May Day Minis" have also been busy planning their 27th Folsom Fiesta State Day for next year. I hear the Safari themed room is bigger and better if that's possible.

Anyone in the Sacramento area interested in joining or forming a NAME club please contact me. Until next time keep working on those unfinished projects we all have!

Yet another opportunity to help the region!

Contact our Regional Coordinators for more information!

Margaret Gordus

Sacramento
 By Connie Yonker

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you might have. Til next time.

Connie Yonker
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Hello all! It's already the middle of August! How did summer pass so quickly? We all lead busy lives but one club stands out as being very busy this summer gathering and making gifts for their upcoming NAME Day event. "The Itty Bitties" plan to have raffles



Cary Yerves Wins Top RC Award

Former Regional Coordinator, Cary Yerves, won NAME's highest award for Regional Coordinators at this year's National Convention in Cleveland. The NAME Founder's Award has recognized exceptional Regional Coordinators since 1991. Recipients have served with outstanding attitude and ability in promoting NAME. They travel all over promoting NAME and miniatures as well as working with State Representatives and clubs as the contact with the Board of Trustees. One to three individuals may be chosen each year, with the Award Committee considering all qualified nominations. This year, in addition to Cary, co-RC's Romaine Eyler and Helen Sparks from Region E-1 also won a Founders' Award.

The last time an RC from our region won the Founders' Award was in 2000 when Laurel Gross earned the honor. Reading from the nomination letter for Cary, Janet Smith, Board RC Liaison, noted his achievements as RC, which included, serving as the Regional Webmaster, improving the Regional Newsletter and putting it Online, making gifts for attendees at numerous State Days and earning our region the Membership Award for most increased membership during his term of office, among other things.

The award is always kept secret until it is announced at the Convention's Opening Luncheon. After hearing he was the winner Cary said: "I am both honored and shocked to have won. Listening to the nominee's accomplishments I was thinking 'I did some of the same things as that person.' I had no idea she (Janet) was talking about me!"

Congratulations on the well deserved award Cary!!

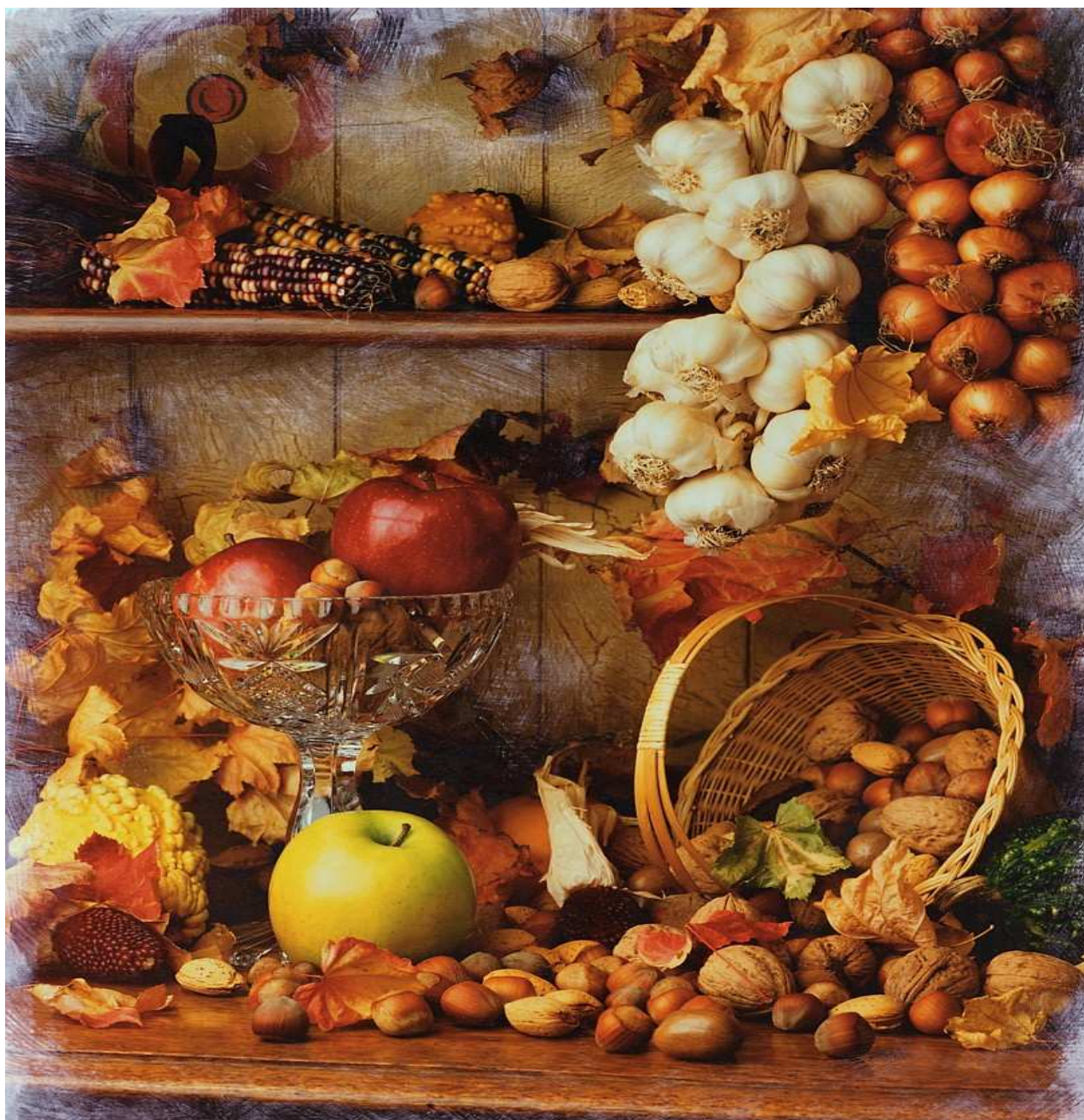


**The NAME House
In Carmel Indiana**

**Courtesy of
Ruth Heish**

September Seattle Miniature Show Cancelled

It has come to this editor's attention that the miniature show in Seattle this year has been cancelled. That is a sad thing for the people in the Seattle area, and also for the folks who made their way to Seattle for their miniature show. This are becoming more challenging in the world of miniatures, as many miniature shops have closed and shows have been cancelled. Here's hoping that this sad trend will stop soon.



33rd Bay Area Miniaturists' Potluck and Flea Market



Hosted by the Wee Housers Club

Saturday, November 12, 2011

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

College Heights Church

1150 W. Hillsdale Boulevard, San Mateo, CA 94403

\$6 for preregistered; \$8 at the door

Bring a potluck dish to share

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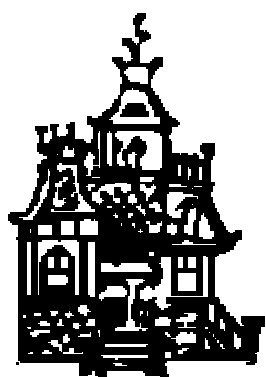
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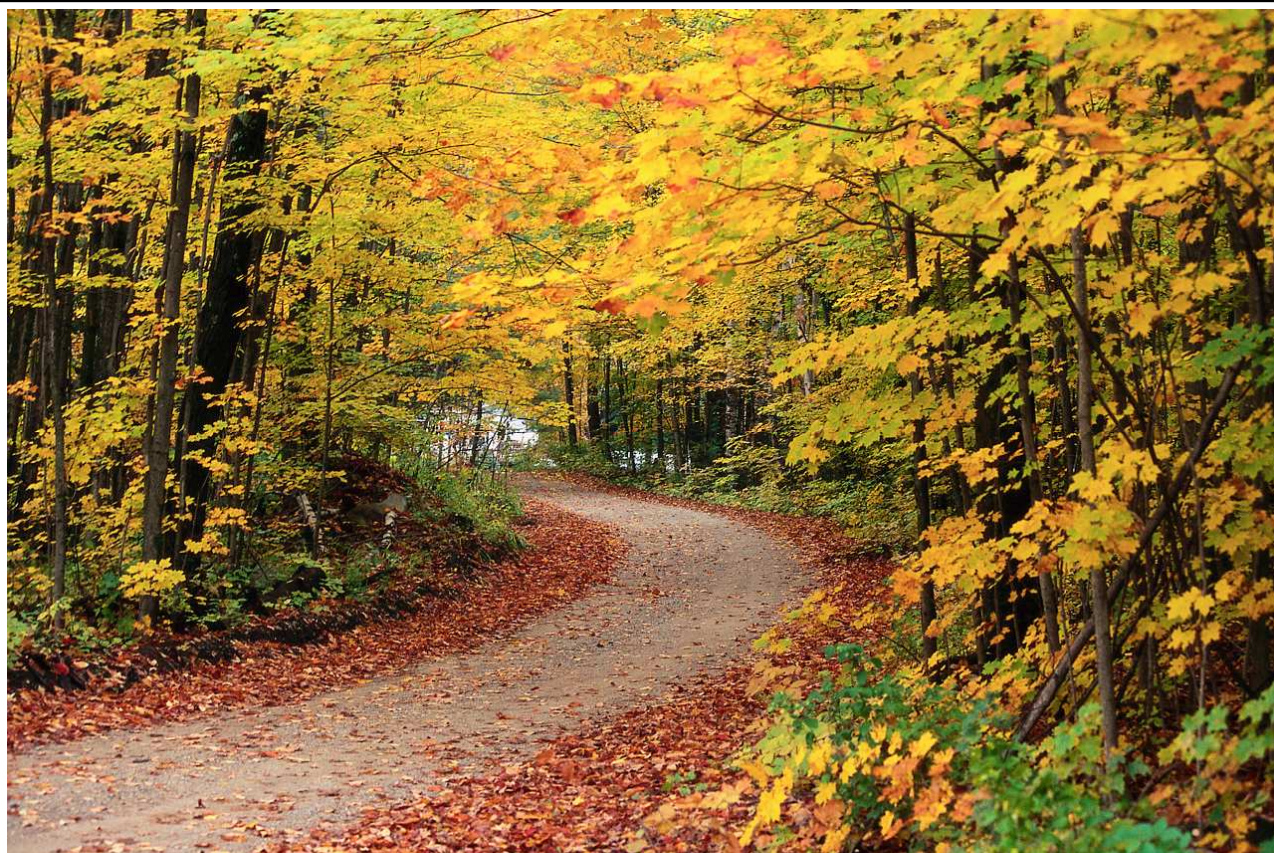
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Regional Calendar of Events

October 1st**2nd International Name Day****N2 Groups Hosting an Event****Santa Rosa—Redwood Empire Mini-Acs****Citrus Heights—The Itty Bitties Club****Morgan Hill—Mini Cals Club****Chico—Our Little Mini Club****Note: All Groups Have Filled Their Slots****Thank You To All Who Signed Up****Watch For Next Year's Event!****October 15 & 16th****Good Samaritan Show****Doubletree Hotel****For more information go to****<http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net>****November 12th****33rd Annual Wee Housers****Potluck & Flea Market****College Heights Church****1150 W. Hillsdale Boulevard,****San Mateo, CA 94403****\$6 Prepaid—\$8 At the Door****Info & Checks To:****Nancy Wantiez****4102 Mystic Court****Hayward, CA 94542****(510) 581-2356; wantiez@sbcglobal.net****N.A.M.E.****PO Box 69****Carmel, IN 46082**