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Summer 2010

Good Sam Dealers Selected—Exciting Featured Workshops

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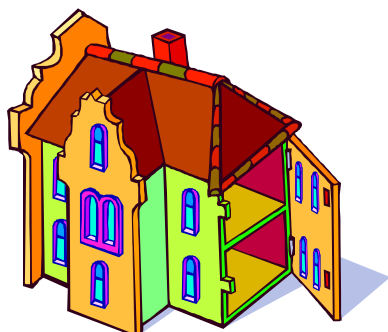
We are so honored to have such fine dealers attending the Good Sam Show in 2010. We have 10 foreign dealers, the most ever. We have about 30 IGMA Artisans and Fellows, and many more that are equally as talented. The dealer list is now on our web page. Look for your favorites and check out new ones such as Geoff Wonnacott from England and Taller Targioni from Spain.

We will have two featured workshops after the show this year, check our web site to sign up or wait for our mailer in late July. The Guys From Texas will teach "Cypress and Fog", appropriate for an artist's retreat on the north California coast, in the Craftsman style. Peter Tucker from British Columbia will teach a companion class featuring a lamp and a Morris chair, perfect for "Cypress and Fog". Each class will be a two day class with a number of skills taught. Check these out.

We will have several Friday workshops which will be posted as soon as possible after June 1st. There will be a choice of scales, techniques and items for you to choose among.

Be sure to have your parking ticket validated at our ticket table to receive our show parking rate. We listened to you and the exhibits will be re-located so you can see them better. We look forward to seeing you October 9th and 10th at the Doubletree in San Jose.

Barbara Jones, Show Chairman. For information see <http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net> or call me at 408-257-9385



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From The Regional Co-Coordinaors

We're back! Your Regional Co-ordinators have been on a month-long trip to Greece, Israel, Egypt and Turkey. We found a few minis and are happy to be home again. We will spend the next month playing catch up!

Our NAME DAY events are bringing in some new NAME members who are anxious to participate in the "Hutch" workshops. We also have a new club in N2 and we would like to welcome them. Diane has been making phone calls to welcome each of you. If you have slipped through the cracks let us know. We want you to know that we are here to answer questions or offer any help we can.

I have mentioned the three largest NAME DAY events in our area being in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada City and Morgan Hill. Check the N2 website for details of these three and all the fun things planned along with the project. I do want to stress that any NAME members and NAME clubs are eligible to do this project on a smaller scale in October- as a club or a small group, even one person. Contact us and we can help you get the kits.

We will be in Seattle looking for N2 members so if you see us, ask for your special N2 badge. Don't forget to purchase 50/50 tickets from us. This is a fundraiser for Regional Coordinator activities

and serves our area too. Half of the proceeds will go to RC funding and the other half will be drawn at the business meeting on Saturday morning. We've seen half be just over \$700. Great Shopping money for the winner!!

Join us at our Regional Meeting in Seattle and we have some surprises planned for you there. We will be presenting our Regional Awards at that time. At this writing, the only award known is the Ambassador's Award which will be presented to Cary Yerves in Seattle. Congratulations, Cary! Thank you to all the clubs and reps who got there nominated on time for other Regional Awards.

We will have two N2 members on the NAME board this term. Cary will be serving as 1st VP and Barara Thorton-Hill as Secretary. Congratulations and good luck in your upcoming positions.

Hoping to meet you in Seattle,
Ruth and Diane
Regional Co-Coordinaors



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Open Position

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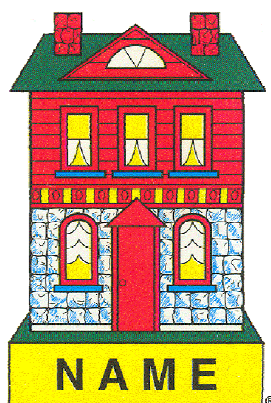
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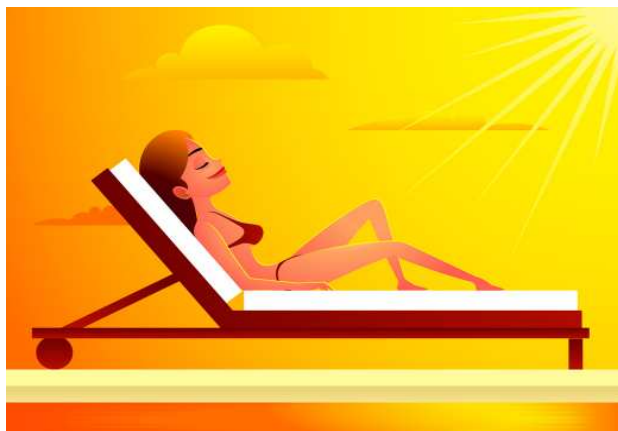
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Good Sam Show request!

From Pat Carter, Eureka, CA...

The Good Sam Show will be here soon and we are asking for donations for the White Elephant Sale...please bring whatever you can't use anymore, kits, partially finished doll houses, roomboxes, wall paper, wood, whatever...it all goes to support the show...



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Happy summer miniaturists!

The days are getting longer. The heat is coming and the rainy, cold, snowy days seem to be in the past for now. Here in the Sierra Nevada mountains...we thought that summer was never going to come...but it has! The gardens are growing everywhere, fruit trees are starting to show the beginnings of fruit, and some even have fruit that is being harvested. Hello summer!

What does summer hold for you? Are you a fisherman waiting to get the biggest catch of your life? Is water skiing your thing? What about those jet skis? Maybe those are the ones that strike your fancy. Or perhaps swimming in the blue clear water of those many California lakes, rivers and even the ocean!

There might even be some of us who hope to use summer as a time for more quiet. When the heat is turned up and so is the air conditioner...are you one of those people who enjoy sitting down with a good book or perhaps a mini kit that is calling to you from the miniature storage area of unfinished kits. I am really hoping that I can figure out a way to fit in some time for minis this summer. I have this pesky job that takes so much time and uses so many hours in the day that it is hard to find time to do minis. I guess the good news is that this time next year I will be retired and will have days worth of time to do the things that I love. I hope that summer finds you play time and mini time....and for me too!

Yours in Miniature, Leslie Swager

Picture, Pictures, Pictures



News From Around The Region

State Rep's Reports

North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma

by Cary Yerves

Open Position



No report received.

South Bay/ Peninsula

by Laura Johnson

Miniature activities picked up in our area after the holidays. There was a wonderful workshop at Shellie's Miniature Mania in February: Bluette Meloney's Richardsonian. Most of us were close to finishing our buildings at the end of the weekend. It was nice to be working in a group again. More workshops are being offered so check Shellie's web site.

There was a flea market in the San Jose area and most of the Mini Attics club members went to Folsom Fiesta. Still others went to the flea market in Sacramento. Clubs continue with their various projects.

The Mini Attics have been working on the shotgun house that was featured in the Gazette. They hope to display them at Good Sam.

The Wee Housers have set the date for the **fall flea market: Saturday, November 13**. It will be at the same location in San Mateo. Be sure to save the date.

We are in need of grab bag items. If you have items, get in touch with your state rep.

Happy Miniaturing!

Laura Johnson

North Coast
by Jo Anne Grundhofer

Time again to bring everyone up to date with the goings on up here in the north.

First, I need to brag a bit. Our son and Daughter-in-law raised 6 boys and 4 girls. We are on our way to Bakersfield to attend the Eagle Boy Scout Ceremony for the youngest boy, Nathan. All five of the older boys are already Eagle Scouts, Alan, Kevin, Nicholas, Jacob, and Mathew; all will be able to attend the ceremony. Should be a great day! Well, enough of that.

Our Redwood Small World Play Day on March 13th was a great success. The quarter

round room went over great we were able to get enough wood to show everyone how to install a wood floor. There were lots of kits and gifts (provided by club members). Lunch consisted of roll-up sandwiches, salads, and desserts. (we all ate too much). The club has been given a lot of old Mini Magazines and how-to-books; they were set out for anyone to take "Free" -- the left over ones will be taken to the two fairs along with some saved Hobby Builder Catalogues and given to anyone interested; one way to help grow our hobby.

On May 1st, the American Association of University Women (A.A.U.W.) will be having a luncheon at the world famous Cason House, also known as the Ingomar Club in Eureka. They have asked if we would share some of our minis -- the club jumped at the chance! We will share our Street of Shops. There should be 10 to 15 shops there. They are all the same building, but that is the end of the sameness. The buildings are 3 floors, approximately 18" wide, 9" deep, and 27" high. Carolyn Waldon will explain some of the work that goes into such a project. Should be a good sharing. Some of us will not

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be here for that as Folsom Fiesta and a parking lot sale will take us out of the county.

The District Fair will be in Eureka, June 23-27th this year. We will display our Street of Shops there too. Instead of having a judge go nuts, we have suggested letting the public vote on the best shop. (the shops will be displayed separate from the judged items). Club members will also have a table there and each day some one will be working on projects, passing out magazines and answering questions. All this means is we will have three different mini things happening. We hope to work the same plan for the county fair in August. Will let you know how this all works out.

'Til then, Happy Minis to all
Joanne Grundhofer

are busy getting ready for their June 12th ¼"workshop, "Step Back in Time". Great bunch of folks who really enjoy this hobby.

TAHOE MINIACS: We are deep in preparation for "Summer at Tahoe State Day Workshop – Last Deal in Deadwood", being presented August 27 and 28th (see ad). We are also offering a venue for the National NAME State Day on October 2, 2010, "A Country Hutch". If you can't get to the bay area or to Nevada City, sign up with us for a fun day doing miniatures at the same time NAME members are working on a project also.

Happy miniaturizing
Mary Ann Van Buskirk

San Francisco/Oakland

Open Position



No Report Received

Northern Nevada
By Mary Ann Van-Buskirk

I just returned home from Folsom Fiesta and Elegant Dollhouse Flea Market. We all had a great time, in spite of the gale force winds on Sunday.

CARSON CITY CLUB: They

Fresno
By Barbara Fairbanks

Fresno Tinker Belles have been very busy making 466 tote bag gifts for the Seattle National. This has been a club event working many meetings.

Luci Hanson came to visit us in March and taught us her new

"5th wheel trailer" workshop. It was a whole day class and we were joined by 3 members of the Visalia club. We learned quite a few new techniques and we are still working on finishing the trailer. It was a really cute project.

June Jones was able to attend the big Chicago shows and came home with lots of show and tell items.

Glendon Davis and myself went to the parking lot sale at Elegant Dollhouse in Sacramento last Sunday and had a great time. Due to finding and chatting with so many friends there, I only made it around all of the booths once. The wind made a big mess of everyone's table and most of the sellers were packing up by noon.

Six of us are looking forward to attending the Seattle National and we are busy making our table gifts in our "spare" time. We are packing up auction donations, houseparty helpers, and items for the garage sale.

Those of you who attended Joan McLean cabinet house workshops might be interested to know that I have many kits still available. Not all houses are available but

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A Tea Room Boutique

there are lots of Ark houses and also the Lighthouses. I am charging \$25. per kit and the entire amount goes to NAME.

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East Bay / Tri-Valley By Jennifer Rich

Spring is here and time for a little Spring Cleaning. I've learned that cleaning is actually a good thing. If it wasn't for cleaning and organizing my miniature projects and tools I never would have found items I forgot I had (or had misplaced.)

Just a reminder that there are several events coming up soon:

July is the 2010 National Convention in Seattle. There are a number of people from our region planning on attending. And for those of you who want to do some more shopping the Tom Bishop Show should also be in San Francisco that month.

The CHAMPS Show is on Friday, Sept 10, 2010 (5p - 9p) and Saturday Sept 11, (10a - 4p). The show has a new location: 7007 Moeser Lane in El Cerrito. Definitely put these

dates on your calendar. The Mini Dreamers (in the East Bay) do a great job with this show.

October 2nd is National NAME Day and the project will be a hutch. Pictures of the hutch are in the most recent Gazette. The week after is the Good Sam Show in San Jose (October 9th & 10th 2010 with classes on the 8th.)

The Miniacs of San Francisco have not been able to meet for the last several months but hope to start meeting again soon.

Jen Rich
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Shasta/Trinity By Margaret Gordus

No Report Received

Sacramento
Open Position



Barbara Thornton-Hill
 Still Temporary State Rep

Hello everyone! It's getting closer to the national NAME day event in October and our weekend retreat in Nevada City. The Gold Country Miniature Society has planned a 3 day retreat which will be packed full of activities. We are all busy making wonderful and unique gifts for everyone who attends. There is still time and room for more applicants. Plan on arriving on Friday, October 1st. and enjoying good food, meeting new friends and enjoying the beautiful woods at the camp. We will be crafting the NAME day hutch and gifting a framed box, kits and gifts to fill your hutch and roombox. Please take time to fill out the application supplied in this newsletter. Include your check for \$165.00 which includes meals for all 3 days, your room, the NAME hutch and all the kits and gifts. I can't wait to see you there and bring a friend!

Connie Younker



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NATIONAL NAME DAY
WEEKEND EVENT
“A TEA ROOM BOUTIQUE”
Sponsored by “Gold Country Miniature Society”



WHEN: Friday, October 1, 2010 to Sunday, October 3, 2010
5:00 p.m. Friday through lunch on Sunday

WHERE: Diamond Arrow Christian Conference Center
Nevada City, California
www.diamondarrow.org

WHAT: A weekend of fun and minis. We will be making a tearoom vignette using the NAME Day Hutch in the scene. There will be a roombox that fits behind a 9x12 frame in 1" scale OR a 5 x 7 frame in 1/2" scale. The box will only be 3-3/4" OR 2" deep so could be hung on a wall or will take very little space on a shelf.

ACCOMODATIONS: The cost of this event includes 2 nights lodging and 6 meals. We have had 2 other regional events at this conference center in the past and they have been Super FUN. Rooms have 3 beds (one is a top bunk)

COST: (includes workshop, 2 nights lodging, 6 meals and surprises)
NAME Members: \$165.00
Non-NAME Members: \$200.00 (the extra \$35.00 will go toward a one year NAME membership)



For you Quarter Scalpers, we are only offering the workshop in 1" and 1/2" scale but you won't be disappointed as we have many surprises in store that will make you happy

Workshop - Swaps - Food - Fun - Roundtables - Gifts - Sweaterbox Salesroom
(just a few of the fun events in store)

This event is for name members only. You can join name online at www.miniatures.org or by paying the non-member fee for the workshop

Make checks payable to: “Gold Country Miniature Society”

Send to: Barbara Thornton-Hill, 13703 N. Bloomfield Rd., Nevada City, CA 95959

Questions? Call Barbara 530-265-5704 Email at bathca@gmail.com

OR Eve Karoblis 530-477-2500 Email at emabe@sbcglobal.net

**** NOTES:** 1/2" scale kits will be available if registration made before July 31, 2010. After that date, only 1" scale kits will be available.

Applications must be received by August 31, 2010.

Refunds will be issued only if there is a waiting list and there is a \$5.00 cancellation fee.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR “TEA ROOM BOUTIQUE”

NAME: _____ EMAIL Address: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ SCALE OF WORKSHOP KIT: 1" _____ 1/2" _____

ROOMMATE(s): _____

NATIONAL NAME STATE DAY N-2 REGION

OCTOBER 2, 2010

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE MIDDLE SCHOOL, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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\$45 – INCLUDES BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACKS, GIFTS AND THE COMPLETE PROJECT. SEND CHECK TO:

M. A. VAN BUSKIRK

2639 LAKE TAHOE BLVD

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA 96150

QUESTIONS: CALL MARY ANN AT 530-541-0891 (HOME) OR 530-541-6487
DAYS - WEBSITE – www.summerattahoe.org

32nd Bay Area Miniaturists' Potluck and Flea Market

Hosted by the Wee Housers Club

Saturday, November 13, 2010

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 *(and a few copies of your recipe)*

To Preregister Send Check to:

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Regional Calendar of Events

June 12, 2010

Carson City Mini Makers 1/4 Scale Workshop

"Step Back In Time To Virginia City"

Carson City, NV.

Info: JoAnn Jacot - 775/265-2938 or jacot@clearwire.net

July 15-18, 2010

2010 National Convention

Merry Olde England, Now and Then

Info In the Miniature Gazette or www.miniatures.org

August 27 & 28, 2010

17th Annual Summer at Tahoe State Day

Info: Mary Ann VanBuskirk - 530/541-0861

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September 10-11, 2010

CHAMP's Show

New Location: El Cerrito Community Center,
7007 Moeser Ln., El Cerrito, CA 94530

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October 2nd, 2010 National Name Day

"Country Hutch"

San Jose, CA Info: Ruth - 408-997-1004

October 1st—3rd, 2010

National Name Day Mini Weekend

"Tea Room Boutique" Nevada City, CA

Info: Barbara Thornton-Hill, 530-265-5704,

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October 9th and 10th

Showcase of Miniatures (Good Sam Show)

Saturday 10 am - 5 pm., Sunday 11 am - 4 pm

Doubletree Hotel San Jose,

2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA

Information and Dealer Listing at

<http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net>

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