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We are so pleased to be offering two featured workshops at the Good Sam Show this year. Both are 2 day classes, Monday and Tuesday after the show.

In 1" scale Geoff Wonnacott from England will teach a Chippendale Cupboard on Stand that is to die for. It is also a steal at \$290. Besides being a master furniture maker and excellent teacher, Geoff has a delightful sense of humor as well.

In 1/4" scale Karen Cary is offering the best Japanese House I have ever seen. This 9 room beauty with all of its furniture can be yours for a mere \$225 and two days of your time. Karen has been one of our favorite Friday Workshop teachers for several years, but this is her best yet.

More information can be found at http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net/featured_workshop.htm or you can phone me at 408-257-9385 to reserve your space in either of these workshops. We will also have this information in the mailing that goes out in July.

The 2011 show dealer list is on the web site now, and it is super. We are looking forward to a great show and hope you can join us October 15 and 16.

And don't forget the Tom Bishop show in August and the CHAMPS Show the weekend after Labor Day.

Barb Jones



Your Regional Team

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From The Regional Co-Coordiators

Regional Coordinators Report - May, 2011

From Ruth & Diane

Everyone should have read their May/June Gazette by now about NAME Day 2011 and the latest "Work Center". This project was designed to complement your 2010 Hutch or used as a new project. All the information is there to organize your own special event. We'd love to have more workshops, large and small in our area. Contact us with any questions you may have about organizing your own NAME Day event.

At this time, MiniCals & Through the Looking Glass have the only registered NAME day in N2. The workshop will be a dollhouse/hobby work center at the location where last year's event and the Spring Fling were held. We had a great time last year so we hope to see more of you. There's lots of prizes and happenings again on October 1. I'm trying to think of a special gift for all my mini friends since it is also the day of my (Ruth's) 50th wedding anniversary.

Diane and I have many inquiries from people looking for a club, particularly in the Cupertino/Sunnyvale area. Since most clubs in the area are not taking new members we are thinking the time may be right to start a new NAME club in San Jose. Please contact us if you are interested in this new and exciting proposition. (grouchybeartoo@aol.com). I can still recall our group meeting with Marion Lyon and some of her club members who helped us start Mini-

Cals in 1977. We'll be with you every step of the way with perhaps a spokesperson from other clubs to attend your meeting and explain what they're doing and have done in the past. It's very interesting to hear about what each club does in their community and for their own fun days. We'll introduce you to your State Reps., Lynne Hoffman and Barbara Adams. In reading President's reports, it is amazing what BIG things some of the smallest clubs can do. We can attend as many meetings as are necessary to get the ball rolling and all feeling comfortable with your new club.

We are still looking for volunteers for State Representative in the Napa, East Bay-TriValley and San Francisco areas. Join our group of Regional Volunteers and you'll be surprised at all you can learn about NAME and it's Clubs and meet some great folks along the way. We keep learning about old and new things and more about our people out there who depend on us and look to us for help. It's very gratifying. Is it time you got involved? You'll be glad you did!!

I am on a mission to ORGANIZE my minis. I guess you can call it spring cleaning. We have lost several club members in recent years and I have seen what their families must contend with. I was helping Lorry Long's family with her things and found something which gave me a great idea. She had a roll of paper and posters with a note on it that read, "These are of no interest to anyone but me." There was no question what to do with that item. Those junk/

Your Regional Team

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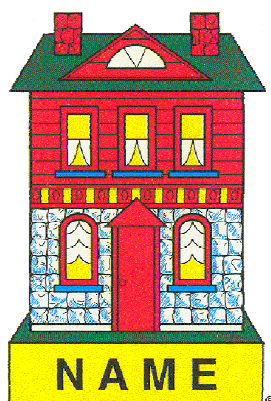
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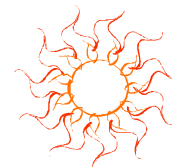
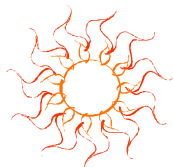
recyclables like toothpaste caps, milk bottle caps, acorns, various push pins, little boxes, golf tees, pizza tables, dead mini light bulbs-----I think you get the idea----- I have put them in a set of plastic drawers where, amazingly, I can find them in a wink. They are labeled "When I am gone these can be also!"

We will be announcing N2 Awards in Cleveland so plan to attend our Regional Meeting. As always we must make ourselves known at the NAME business meeting. We hope you'll look for us in Cleveland. We'll be driving back and hoping to get there on time. Oh so many antique and quilt shops along the way---and oh so little time!!

Ruth and Diane



E C ditors orner



Hello there fellow miniaturists! Summer is here already! I am currently on my first retirement trip in our trailer and am staying in an RV park in Columbia, SC. It is quite hot and humid here so summer has certainly come to this part of the country. I'm retired now and looking forward to being able to spend some time on minis and also attend more frequent Houseparties. I noticed the Small Scale Houseparty in Oregon next spring...and also the National is in NC...just a little ways from my son and daughter-in-laws house...that one is a must! It will be fun to attend shows that I have only known about but didn't have the vacation time to do.

I hope that this summer finds all of you doing well! I haven't heard from anyone telling me about your personal miniature journey but I know that folks are involved...and even heard about Ruth (our regional co-coordinator) doing a n organizational thing with her minis! Wow...that could be interesting. Bet she will find things she didn't know she had...and what fun it is to look at all that small stuff again! My minis are already organized...I had to do that to put them away in some logical order...but I still remember the fun I had seeing everything again! I'm visiting my daughter-in-law Jennifer, who has been working on doing paper clay for her castle. Such fun to see her excited about doing something in mini again...and actually having the confidence to start using a small table saw in the process. This mini world is filled with fun and excitement. What exciting thing are you doing this summer???

Yours in Miniature, Leslie



German
Market
Stall

From

North Coast
Play Day!

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State Rep's Reports

North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma
by Cary Yerves
Open Position



Please contact us if you have any questions from our area.

Happy Miniaturing!
Lynne and Barbara

forward to seeing the stalls fully decorated, "stocked", and displayed together.

We are now preparing for the Redwood Acres Fair, held in Eureka June 23-26 this year. The Redwood Small World club sponsors a cash prize for the Best in Show exhibit in the Miniatures category. Club members and other miniaturists in the area enter their work for judging in a variety of divisions and classes. The club also provides miniatures for a non-judged display. This year we will be displaying the Quilt Room quarter-round room boxes we built on our Play Day 2009. Those of you who may be planning a visit to Humboldt County this August should try to visit the Humboldt County Fair, held in Ferndale August 11-21. The Redwood Small World club is working on a special display of miniatures for the County fair, too.

The club is also holding a 'GIANT mini Yard Sale' in Fortuna on June 11. We are advertising this sale by passing the word along to local miniaturists, as it will be held at the homes of two club members. N2 members who will be in the area and would like to shop at the sale (or, perhaps, sell) should contact Joanne Grundhofer at (707) 725-5049 for more details.

No report received.

Cary Yerves
Acting State Representative

North Coast
by Sharon Spencer
(& JoAnne Grundhofer)

South Bay/ Peninsula
by Lynne Hoffman and
Barbara Adams

Well, it seems that Spring is upon us here in the Bay Area. Mini happenings are beginning to pop up here and there. The Spring Fling in Morgan Hill, sponsored by the MiniCal club was well attended. Lots of tables full of mini items to purchase, lots of good food, and lots of time to visit with friends. It was fun to see so many of you there. On May 1, I was able to attend the parking lot sale at the Elegant Dollhouse. I found a few treasures, ran into some old friends, and met a friend for lunch and show/tell. These kinds of events are a fun opportunity to meet with other miniaturists, and perhaps to sell some mini items you no longer need, or maybe find that item you just have-to-have!

Humboldt County had its third wettest March on record this year. Highway 101, the only direct route in and out of Humboldt County, was closed by a landslide for almost a week. Many of us have had colds, flu and even pneumonia this winter. Ah well, they were all good excuses to just stay home and work on our miniature projects. Despite the weather, Redwood Small World's annual Play Day on March 12 was a big success. Our project was a German Market Stall designed by club member, Jackie Taylor. Shirley Bank's husband, Andy, cut the wood kits for us, which was quite a project itself. Though the bag of 50 intricately cut pieces of wood was a bit daunting at first glance, thanks to a very precise set of instruction everyone successfully built a freestanding market stall before the end of the day. Club members really look

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

And finally, the Redwood Small World club has been approached by a new business in Eureka, Origin Design Lab on 3rd Street, about participating in an Arts Alive evening next October. The club would display miniature projects at the lab all month long, and present a round-table project the evening of the event. Participation in Arts Alive requires a Eureka business sponsor, and we are flattered to be invited to participate. The design lab offers work space, classes, and supplies & materials to artists and craftsmen for many different types of arts and crafts. As there is no miniatures shop in our area, they are starting to stock key tools that miniaturists use. The club held our February meeting at the lab. We made 20's style felt hats, using wool blend felt the lab stocks in a rainbow of colors, as one of our projects that day. We also made miniature "pastries" using vintage buttons, also available at the lab. Andrea and Jodie, the shop owners, gave each club member a sampler of beautiful woven ribbons and trims... perfect for making miniature draperies, runners, wall hangings, etc.

With our miniatures yard sale, two fairs to work with, and planning for the Arts Alive event, we are all going to be

very busy this summer! (P.S. We send a "hope-you're-having-a-great-time" greeting to club and N2 member, Carolyn, who is traveling in France and England visiting miniatures shops, shows and museums wherever she can find them. We hope you are finding some wonderful minis. Carolyn has access to the internet over there, so we hope she reads the newsletter.)

Sharon Spencer (& Joanne Grundhofer

Northern Nevada
By Mary Ann
Van Buskirk

SPRING IS FINALLY BEGINNING TO CREEP AROUND THE CORNER HERE IN TAHOE, SNOW IS MELTING AND NO NEW SNOW HAS FALLEN FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS. MY HUSBAND FELL OUT OF HIS PICKUP TRUCK BED ON MARCH 4TH AND HAS BEEN HOUSEBOUND WITH A SHATTERED RIGHT LEG FOR OVER TWO MONTHS NOW. HE IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE THE IMMOBILIZER REMOVED ON MAY 13TH. HOPEFULLY, WE WILL BE A LITTLE MORE MOBILE THEN. I WAS SCHED-

ULED TO ATTEND FOL-SOM FIESTA IN APRIL AND COULD NOT GO. MISSED SEEING EVERYONE AND HAVING A DAY TO JUST HAVE FUN.

TAHOE MINIACS: WE ARE BUSY WORKING ON "SUMMER AT TAHOE STATE DAY – A MOUNTAIN CABIN". WE HAVE A FEW SPACES LEFT, SO SIGN UP. THERE IS AN AD IN THIS ISSUE WITH THE DETAILS.

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?***

It is really fun you know!

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

Fresno
By Barbara Fairbanks

This past week we became a
100 % NAME club!!!!

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Sacramento
By Connie Yonker

The Fresno TinkerBelles have been super busy this spring. First was the move of Hobby Town (our meeting place). We all pitched in to help with the move by packing up the inventory and cleaning the shelving. They were able to get the move done in about half the time as they expected. For those coming into Fresno the new store is on Barstow Ave at Blackstone. They will also be enlarging the miniature department. And there is a wonderful big room available for our meetings and classes.

During the move we had a meeting at Glendon Davis' house and had a surprise "Grandma" shower for Kayanne Yung who will be a grandma for the first time in June. We were extra happy that Kayanne's mother, Annie Quock, was able to join with us. Our newest NAME member, Carolyn Cave, baked and decorated a special cake for the party.

Due to so many different reason, mostly the economy, none of our club will be going to Rochester or to National this year. But we are looking forward to making a trip to Portland, OR next year.

East Bay / Tri-Valley
Open Position



No report received.

But I'm sure someone will consider taking this position!

Come on people...it is really fun and rewarding!

Shasta/Trinity
By Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club
Chico/Paradise

Thanks Folsom Fiesta for a wonderful workshop. Seven of us went to the workshop and had a fun day with all of our Mini friends. We hit the pavement for the Elegant dollhouse sidewalk sale early Sunday a.m. where we found 'stuff' we couldn't live without.

Rose Mary Whitenton has joined our club & is also a member of NAME. Welcome!!!

The 26th annual State Day Folsom Fiesta on April 30th was a tremendous success. There were 3 times the entries{About 15} from last year for showing off completed "Spanish Kitchen" themes. Congratulations to Jan Kimbro for her winning entry. Jan gets to go to next years event free! This years project was a conservatory and of course those gals made loads of wonderful gifts to use in the room box. Thank you, MayDay Minis ladies for putting on another great event. Next day was the annual parking lot sale at "The Elegant Dollhouse"and we at last had great weather and a good turnout. Anyone looking for a club in the Sacramento area and are interested in forming a new club please contact me. Have a wonderful summer and keep making minis! Please contact me with any questions or concerns you might have at olposminis@att.net

Til next time,
Connie Younker

Margaret Gordus

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK (Well Almost!)

Many of our members do not really know what all the Board of Trustees is responsible for and what they do. In my column, Role Call, featured in the Miniature Gazette I try to address some of the issues that come before the Board. I thought you might also like an overview of how we operate and what we do. Maybe after reading this, some of you might even consider running for an office on the Board. It is really educational, and very rewarding to oversee the organization and hobby we love and help ensure that both will continue long into the future. I thought for simplicity sake, I would address some of the most common questions people have about the Board.

Q: How can you become a Board member?

A: Anyone who has been a member of NAME for at least 3 years, can run for the Board. If you are interested, let your President know and you will be contacted by the Nominating Committee.

Q: Are Board members compensated (paid) for serving?

A: No, service on the Board is strictly voluntary and no one receives any compensation.

Q: What exactly do the Board members do?

A: That question could take pages to answer, but briefly our By Laws state: "The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Corporation and shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the Corporation, except for mat-

ters that require a vote of members at the Annual National Business Meeting, such as the amendments of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or Code of Regulations."

In short that means the Board is responsible to ensure that NAME remains financially stable, by planning events and making sound business decisions; to ensure that business practices are carried out in accordance with IRS guidelines for non-profit corporations, and for guaranteeing that NAME continues to grow membership and improve events. We are also responsible to promote the miniature hobby as an art form and provide education information to the public regarding miniatures.

Q: How often does the Board meet?

A: The Board meets via a conference call for 9 months of the year and at two face-to-face meetings; one in January and one in July. We do not meet during December.

Q: How do Board members carry out these goals?

A: The Board operates from a Long Range Plan. This is a set of goals the Board establishes based on member input, as well as what needs to be done to meet our on-going obligations. The LRP changes as some goals are accomplished and new ones are added.

Each Board member has a specific area of responsibility; i.e.

Membership, Fundraising, Club Liaison, Technology Liaison, Office Relations, and Marketing to name a few. Board members set goals within their area of responsibility that they want to see accomplished and this also makes up part of the Long Range Plan.

Q: Does the Board really respond to member comments?

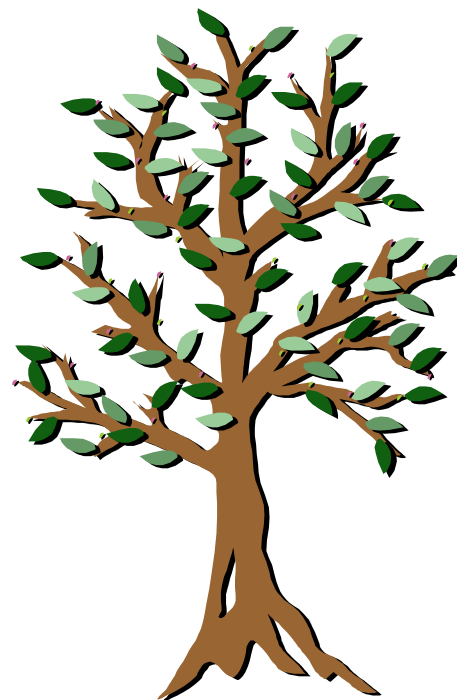
A: Yes. Every time we get a letter or email from a member, we discuss it at our meeting or via email. The Board member who's area of responsibility the subject falls under sends a personal response.

Want to know more? Follow my column in the Gazette, feel free to write any Board member listed in the Gazette regarding your issue or email me at:

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Cary Yerves

1st Vice President—NAME Board



TRAIN TRIP TO GOOD SAM MINIATURE SHOW

For those interested in taking the Amtrak train to the Good Sam Miniature Show this year, please contact Renate Winter to verify your interest.

Amtrak has again this year a special discount price of \$207.00 for their 10-Ride Ticket Plan. Each 10-Ride Ticket is for 5 round trip tickets. This allows 5 persons to go for \$41.40 each round trip from Sacramento to San Jose and back.

This trip will be for Saturday, October 15th only. We will board the train at 5:40 AM at the Sacramento train station; get to San Jose at 8:45 AM. We can then share cabs to take us to the show. We will need to catch the 4:25 PM {or earlier} train in San Jose and we'll be back in Sacramento at 7:20 PM.

Please send me your money any time BEFORE the end of September. I will obtain the tickets thereafter. We will meet inside the train station the morning of October 15th at 5:15 AM. There is ample parking outside the station for your cars.

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Show Your NAME Card For A 10% Courtesy Discount

The "Itty Bitties" club of Sacramento

is hosting a **potluck NAME Day on Saturday, October 1st** at the Sylvan library in Sacramento area {6700 Auburn Blvd. Citrus Heights, CA 95621}

It will be open to anyone interested from 11AM to 5PM. The club will furnish refreshments and any paper items. The room seats 60 persons. People interested should bring a dish for 12 of a casserole, salad, finger foods or desert or whatever their specialty is. Contact me by e-mail olposminis@att.net or call at 916-663-9592 if you are planning on attending. We are asking for the cost of the work table and \$3.00 to cover the expenses. A few of the work tables will be finished for viewing and for ideas on how to complete. It will be a fun day to work together!

Thanks, Connie Younker

Regional Calendar of Events

July 21-24, 2011

"A Song in my Heart"
National Convention in Cleveland , OH

August 12 & 13th, 2011

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

September 9th & 10th, 2011

CHAMP's Show
El Cerrito Community Center
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October 1, 2011

2nd Annual National NAME Day
Various Locations Throughout
The Region - See Inside for Details

October 15 & 16th

Good Sam Show
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