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National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N-2's Seasonal Newsletter: Summer 2013



FOLSOM FIESTA



The 28th Annual Folsom Fiesta, held on May 4 in Antelope, Calif., has come and gone. As usual it was a sold-out event.

Over 70 people attended, putting together a Moroccan room box with onion-shaped windows and a recessed daybed area. Everyone was given many exciting gifts including a laser cut wood top for a table. I saw several bright colors being used and some unusual wallpapers and fabrics. The Folsom



committee members who deserve recognition for their hard work are: **Ethel Anderson, Judy Andre, Norma Buck, Lagenia Chrisman, Margaret Guidi, Jack Rainey, Lynn Ruona, and Karen Sandvick.**

Several of the club members had their boxes on display for all to see to get ideas of their own (page 4). They were all exceptional! A table was prepared to show attendees last year's project, the "Safari Room." A contest voted on by attendees picked **Cary Yerves** room box as the people's choice and his prize was a free ticket for next year! The following day the Elegant Dollhouse shop hosted its annual parking lot sale and after a windy start, it turned out to be a beautiful day.

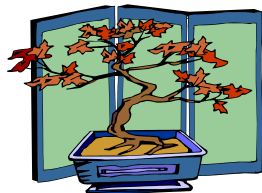
There were many returning vendors, including **Gloria Kent, Judy Orr** and **Jan Kimbro**. NAME wishes to thank many of the vendors who donated items, especially **Glendon Davis**, who donated many items from the estate of **Molly Lawler**, and Renate Winter, who donated the estate of **Jody Maple**. These estate gifts are a large part of NAME's funding resources so we all thank you.

—**Connie Yunker**, Regional Coordinator, and **Darwin Spring**, State Rep

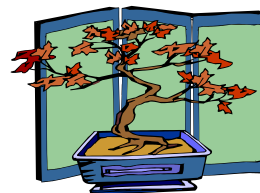


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REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT



Finally spring and summer are upon us and they came early this year! I use this time to “spring clean” (again) my craft room. How it gets so built up with stuff laying everywhere is a testament to my enjoyment in making minis but not in the cleaning up of them!



We had a few wonderful miniaturists pass away recently, including **Molly Lawler** and **Jody Maple**. Both of these ladies had some of their mini estates donated to NAME. A big Thank You! to **Renate Winter** and **Glendon Davis** for donating those minis so they can be loved all over again.

We still have one opening in the Marin/Napa area for a State Representative. Anyone interested? We now have a new newsletter editor, **Chris Cordner**, who also happens to be our San Francisco/N. Peninsula State Rep. I want to thank our former newsletter editor, **Leslie Swager**, on behalf of everyone in the N2 area. Leslie, you did such a great job as editor of the newsletter. We know you will find some new capacity to continue your passion for volunteering for NAME.

I have only received a few bids on the Franklin Mint Japanese room box seen in the pictures below. Email me with your bid or any questions about its details (olposminis@att.net). Bidding started at \$150. Remember that the money received for this stays in our N2 region fund. I hope this summer brings everyone a boost of energy to make mini projects like the projects for the House Party in the new Gazette.

Talk to you soon!
Connie Younker



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MEET YOUR N-2 STATE REPRESENTATIVES



MARY ANN VAN BUSKIRK

I'm your State Representative for the Nevada area. Born in New Mexico but a California resident since 1960, I became interested in miniatures in the 70's and I joined NAME in 1978. I attended the second year of Folsom Fiesta and I was hooked on workshops. I have been a Folsom chair for three years and co-chair twice. I have been active in the Summer at Tahoe workshops for twenty years. Both of my daughters, Elizabeth and Linda, and granddaughter Stephanie are involved in minis. Elizabeth and Stephanie won Best of Show awards at the State Fair. Mini interest runs in the family!

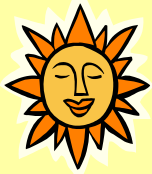


MARGARET GORDUS

I'm your State Representative for the Chico/Redding/Paradise areas. I grew up on a farm in Wisconsin and I am a retired RN. While living in Ventura, I visited a miniature shop and was in awe of all the little things! After moving to Paradise in 1982, I discovered a miniature shop in Chico. There were six of us who started "Our Little Mini Club," meeting at each other's homes every month. Members have come and gone, but there are four of us that are charter members. I am an avid worker in wood. I have two saws, drills and a router and I like to electrify my room boxes. I enjoy all aspects of miniature making except for sewing. Give me a bottle of glue! I so enjoy miniatures as we do so many different things and get to meet so many wonderful people who enjoy this fascinating hobby.

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EDITOR'S CORNER



HAPPY SUMMER!

I hope you are enjoying my first go at laying out Small Talk! A hearty thank you to **Leslie Swager** for all your help in the transition and for all the N-2 state reps for contributing to this issue as they do four times a year. My goal as editor is to bring you more color and design as I know mini folk love those things and of course, more news—always send me or your state rep any news! I am adding in more visuals about events and activities so if you are interested in taking photos at a workshop, show, club meeting or the like, please send them my way and I will make sure to put them in the next issue. We have many wonderful events and the national convention coming up for opportunities. I look forward to sharing more of what you are doing out there in the mini world.

See you again in September,

Chris Cordner



FOLSOM FIESTA ROOM BOXES



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STATE REP REPORTS



Marin/Napa Valley *Open Position*

South Bay/Peninsula

Mini Attics: Five members participated in the **Folsom Fiesta** workshop where we had fun creating our rooms and selecting exotic fabrics and accessories for them. Next year **Folsom Fiesta** "travels" to Hawaii. It should be fun. On Sunday morning we went to the **Elegant Dollhouse** flea market where we all found bargains to further stuff our car's cargo space. Back home we are still working on our Christmas markets and Japanese houses from the Oroville workshop. The challenge now is to finish these projects!

—Gerry Silberstein

MiniCals: We have been very busy this spring with our workshops and flea market. We are looking into a paid teacher for one or two of our workshops next year. They have been lots of fun. As one of our attendees wrote us, "I love being one of your workshop groupies." We'd like to hear from anyone who has ideas or teachers for our workshops. We are gearing up for NAME Day with **Through the Looking Glass** and already have several signed up for the Oct. 5 date. We should be starting our committee's carts soon so that we can

share them with our NAME Day attendees. Again, we hope to exhibit our NAME Day projects at **Good Sam**. Some of us will be looking forward to the **Good Sam Academy** in October. We have hardly had time for our regular club doings so we are treating ourselves to lunch and a field trip to the **Huntley House of Miniatures** in Riverbank. They are planning a "make and take" for us. It should be a fun-filled day for us. June 1 is the Power Tool demonstration that some are attending. I know I have a tool that's never been out of the box. Three or four will be attending National in Tucson and have been busy making tote bag favors. Three of us attended the **Tea House State Day** in Oroville put on by the **Chico Mini Club** and it was a great day. A few of the group are planning to be at the **Stockton Marina show** so hope to see you there!

—Ruth Heisch

Through the Looking Glass: We have been working with **Mini Cals** on planning for our upcoming Christmas-themed NAME Day. We will be meeting soon with them in Morgan Hill to work on kits and gifts for the big day. TTLG will be meeting in May at member **Monya Johnson's** for a club workday. In addition to putting together sample peddler's carts for NAME Day we will be having lots of fun, conversation and yummy food. The annual Girl Scout Workshop at Showcase of Miniatures is an on-going project. —Barbara Adams

Wee Housers of the Peninsula:

We have set a date for our annual flea market in San Mateo: Saturday, Nov. 16. Please save the date. We'll send out more information closer to the date. We had a good crowd last year, with lots of sellers and buyers and lots of wonderful bargains. Many of us went home with items we just had to have. We have mostly been working on our own projects but in April we made lots of breads. Thanks to **Moonyeen Moller**, who gave us wonderful handouts and shared many of her tips and techniques with the rest of us. —Laura Johnson

Northern Nevada/Tahoe

Tahoe Miniacs: We are busy getting ready for our **Summer at Tahoe State Day** workshop. See our ad in the newsletter, the project is called the "Crafter's Niche." Everyone gets the room box, window/wall, desk, desk chair, easy chair, two lamps, wallpaper and carpet, wall shelf, and a tiny log cabin dollhouse! Registrants are encouraged to personalize it however they wish, with their own choice of wallpaper or carpet and whatever hobby they pursue. There are only six openings left so don't delay in registering--www.summerattahoe.org for a photo of the project. Almost all of us attended the **Folsom Fiesta** workshop and had a great time making a Moroccan room. **CARSON CITY:** I get updates

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monthly from the club. They are really active and do amazing projects each month. I hope to get an opportunity to visit them this summer.

—**Mary Ann Van Buskirk**

San Francisco/ Northern Peninsula

I am the new representative for the area. I haven't gotten much response to form a club so please contact me if you are interested in joining so we can get the ball rolling. I look forward to hearing from you!

—**Chris Cordner**

Fresno

Tinker Belles: We have been emptying their storage areas of minis that they do need and donating them to the Tucson National. We have boxes of Houseparty Helpers, door prizes, and garage sale items. Many, many boxes will be going. We have lost another long time member, **Molly Lawler**. She is very missed! Molly was a very talented miniaturist and a good friend. **Kayanne Yung, Glendon Davis**, and myself are going to Tucson for the National. We are all doing the happy dance that we got into the class that we all loved. Quarter scale and should be a fun class. **Carol Menze-Guimond** is moving and cleaning out all of her beautiful miniatures. Those buying tickets at National will be anxious to see if they win one of her Houseparty Helper donations. Just about the whole club was able to attend the parking lot sale in Sacramen-

to on May 5. Many items were bought and sold by our members. I went with the idea of not buying anything and came home with three house kits. Now I have so many ideas in my head of which one to work on first. **Glendon Davis** made a donation to N2 that will make some wonderful grab bags so be sure to buy some next time you see a NAME volunteer with the bags for sale.

—**Barbara Fairbanks**

East Bay/Tri-Valley

Benicia Mini Magic: We all came home from the **Folsom Fiesta** with a glow in our hearts from the great day. There are so many things that can be done with a Moroccan room. I can hardly wait until next year to see what people create. The African rooms from last year were so well done. I love spring! All the flowers are blooming and everything is so green. We celebrated spring by decorating straw hats with lace, ribbons and flowers. It was just a fun project to let the imagination run wild. The month before we made decorated bird houses. The kits were made by one of our club's husband (thank you **Jim Cooper**) and were

easy to assemble. Of course, everybody had a different idea on what they wanted. The club also participated in Benicia in Bloom. We were asked to display our "House in a Teacup" projects (see photo below). It was fun to show people that minis are more than just large houses with expensive furniture. **Karen Cary** was kind enough to cut the houses for us, which left us with the fun of decorating each house to match the cup. This was the centerpiece theme for the Seattle Convention and I fell in love with it. We've expanded the idea and one of our members made them into log cabins and put them in a small box. It's a project that a member can complete in a couple of hours and the results are great. I plan to make a couple more with Christmas themes that can be hung on a tree or put on a stand. The **Mini Dreamers** are working diligently on the **CHAMPS** show in El Cerrito. There will be many vendors and great displays. If you would like to participate as a vendor, share a



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project or just help with set-up or clean-up, please contact:

Diane Walters

(jandi2000@comcast.net).

The proceeds from the show are donated to the Children's Hospital, but it takes a lot of work to pull it all together. **Mini Dreamers** is also accepting new members, so if you'd like to be part of this caring group, call Diane.

—**Suzanne Harrington-Cole**

North Coastal

Redwood Small World Club:

We held our 2013 Play Day on April 13. Eight miniaturists from the area joined club members to build their version of a souvenir room box from the NAME 2006 National Convention. The original room box was designed to look like it was made of books. For the Play Day, wallpaper was designed to look like a wall of bookcases. Both fabric carpet and printed wood flooring were available. A variety of dust jackets from books about dollhouse miniatures were available to choose from, and these were decoupaged to the exterior of the room box and to faux book spines that decorated the front of the room box. The completed room box can be furnished as a library, a book store, or a library in a home. Club members made kits or gifts for Play Day participants, including a book press, table, potted cactus, books, and more. On May 1, we set up a display of miniature projects at the McKinleyville branch of the Humboldt County Library.

Three club members had their "book" room boxes ready to display, including one that is actually made of old books! A variety of other miniature projects completes the display. Local miniaturists are gearing up for the Humboldt Made fair at the Redwood Acres Fairgrounds in Eureka, where we enter and display our work in the Miniature Arts category. The fair dates are June 23-26 this year. In August, we enter and display our miniatures at the 117th Humboldt County Fair held Aug. 14-25.

—**Joanne Grundhofer**



North Central

Our Little Mini Club: Participants are still raving about the **State Day "Tea House of New Moon"** which we hosted in February and happy that a good time was had by all. Thanks to the generous raffle donations, we were able to make contributions to both NAME and N2. We are currently working on a scene using paper clay as some of the members had never used that medium before. Five of our members attended **Folsom Fiesta** and en-

joyed the Moroccan Room project and always look forward to visiting with our mini friends. Of course we couldn't miss the side walk sale at the **Elegant Dollhouse** on Sunday.

—**Margaret Gordus**

Sacramento/ Central Valley

Quarter Persuasion: We started a quarter scale club in January in Northern California. We have ten members who have been attending our monthly meetings, with other eager quarter inchers inquiring about joining! Meetings are held at member's homes on the third Saturday of each month. Our first project was a Fairy Tree house made of cardboard tubes, covered in Styrofoam, then spray-painted. The paint shriveled the Styrofoam to look like tree bark. Add moss, lichen, acorns and anything that looks woodsy and we all have tree houses to be proud of. We made twig furniture, in quarter scale, of course. That was really a fun project. Our next project will be a house made from plans in the Miniature Collector magazine. We will all make the same house, but no two will look alike. We can choose to feature a season or do a particular room such as an artist studio, a planting shed or just a room to relax in. Quarter scale is new to most of us. Being used to one-inch scale, quarter scale is really little. What an adventure we are having!

—**Darwin Spring**
and **Pattie Hong**

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Join us for the 15th Annual

CHAMPS

Dollhouse and Miniature Show & Sale

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Presented by: Mini Dreamers Club and Live Oak Branch

As always, the weekend after Labor Day

September 6-7, 2013

Friday 5-9 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm

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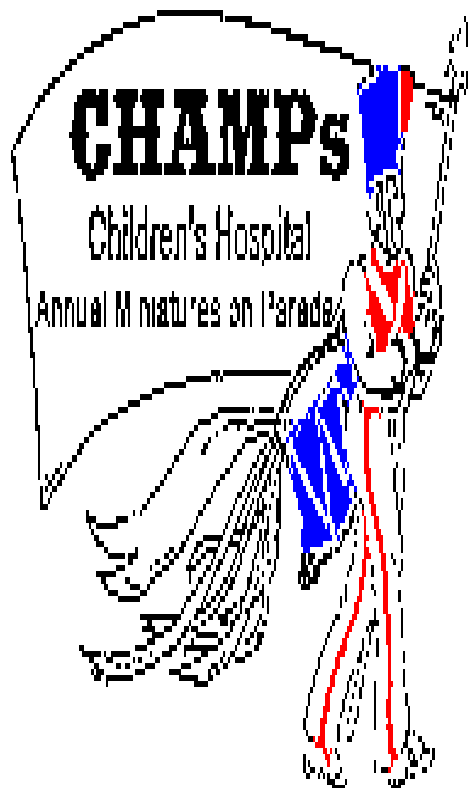
Admission: \$6 Adult/\$3 Child 5-12/Two-Day Pass \$8

No Strollers or Pets/Food Available/Ample Parking

Door Prizes/Raffle to benefit Children's Hospital

For information, contact: Diane Walter

510-724-0587, jandi2000@aol.com



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Saturday, June 15, 2013

10 am to 4 pm

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Stockton, CA 95202

\$6 entry for adults; \$3 for children 12 and under

Dealer space available/Hotel rooms at \$99

For more information, contact Leslie Flint

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NAME DAY 2013

"A Cart for All Reasons"

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013



Event Hosted By: By Small Design

11 am — 5 pm
Sacramento Area
Location TBD

***Project Goody Bags/Donation
Drawings/Exhibits/NAME Grab Bags***

**\$15 for NAME Members
\$50 for non-NAME members**

Registration fees exclude kit cost.
Kits Costs: 1" scale—\$18;
1/2" scale—\$11; 1/4" scale—\$8;
1/144th scale—\$3.50

Please bring a potluck dish to serve ten,
tools, small jig, clamps,
paints (stains provided), and glue.

Send check payable to:
Renate Winter, 6660 Markley Way
Carmichael, CA 95608

Questions?

Contact Renate at 916-878-7598
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Event Hosted By: MiniCals and Through the Looking Glass

10 am — 4 pm
M&L Precision Machining Shop
315 Digital Dr., Morgan Hill, CA

***Door Prizes/Silent Auction
Shoe Box Sales***

\$40 for NAME Members

***Fee includes registration,
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Other scales will be
available for purchase.

Our theme is
"Christmas is the Reason"
so come with
wintery ideas for decorations!

Send check payable to:
Ruth Heisch, 7197 Wooded Lake Dr.
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Contact Ruth at 408-997-1004
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Registration Form

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Showcase of Miniatures



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REGIONAL WEBSITE

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N-2 REGIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 15, 2013

Miniatures on the Waterfront
Dollhouse, Accessories Sale
Stockton, CA

August 16-17, 2013

Summer at Tahoe
State Day Workshop
South Lake Tahoe, CA

September 6-7, 2013

CHAMPS Charity Show and Sale
El Cerrito, CA

October 5, 2013

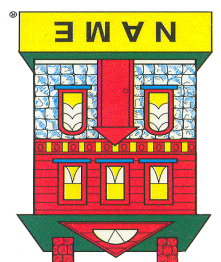
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Workshop Events
Morgan Hill & Sacramento Area, CA

October 12-18, 2013

Good Sam Show and Academy
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San Jose & Morgan Hill, CA

November 16, 2013

Wee Housers Potluck/Flea Market
San Mateo, CA



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