

Small Talk

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Spring 2019

<http://nameregionn2.org>

From Your Regional Coordinator

Well I, for one, am done with Winter. Way too cold for me this year. On the other hand, a good time to get in some mini time.

I recently received a call from our N2 Regional Coordinator, Carlene Brown, to say she feels she needs to step down as RC due to the fact she has had to relocate to Burney, CA and so is more remote from all that goes on in our region. Carlene will certainly still be coming to shows and teaching workshops. Thank you for doing this job, Carlene, and we all understand what you and your group from Paradise have gone through. We look forward to seeing you at events and welcome you as the new Welcome Chair for N2.

So, as you can see, I've taken on this job for the third time, but only until we can find someone else to fill this position. If any of you are interested in the Regional Coordinator position for N2, please contact me at bathca@gmail.com. We will talk about it.

So, what's going on in N2? I believe the flea market in Morgan Hill is coming up in March so get things together to attend and sell or trade your minis. What you may not find so important may be an amazing find for another. Then the Parking Lot Sale at the Elegant Dollhouse in May is always another great place to find wonderful minis and good deals. Check out the workshops being offered in Morgan Hill this Spring too. They always offer a good time at these events.

Have you registered for the Online Houseparty? What? You don't understand how it works? Well, the January/February Miniature Gazette had an article to explain it and, as a person who has participated in several of these, I can only say that you won't fully understand it unless you actually sign up and do it. At least try it, it's not nearly as expensive as going to an on-site Houseparty and, who knows, you might actually like it???

Registration is open also for the NAME National Convention near Nashville. Please join us for "A Little Bit Country -Shabby OR Chic."

Well, hope to see you all around the region this Spring.

Barbara Thornton-Hill,
Temporary Regional Coordinator, Region N2

Here & There With Barbara & NAME

I recently went to Nashville (actually Franklin, Tennessee a suburb of Nashville) where the NAME 2019 National Convention will be held. It is a lovely area and along with all the usual workshops, salesroom, exhibits and other HP events, there are many things to see and do in the area. The "Evening With Friends," this year, will actually be an excursion to a show at The Grand Ole Opry in Nashville on Wednesday evening of that week. Check out the information on the NAME website, www.miniatures.org. Not a country music fan? Well there are several historic homes to see in Franklin and Nashville and a charming downtown in Franklin. These are only a few ideas. More will be listed in the packet.

I also attended a workshop in Petaluma with Carol Kubrican. We had a great time and worked on her little Pie Truck project. Of course I did not even come close to finishing because I never come close to finishing in a class (could it be I talk too much?) but I had fun and many in the class did come very close to finishing.

I am not going to be doing many travels or minis for the next two or three months as I am moving. So believe me, this "downsizing" is painful but also quite freeing. I'm not going far, just into town but it's still quite a project so let me know what's going on with all of your minis. Have a productive winter and Spring and keep warm!

Barbara Thornton-Hill

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NAME Day 2019: The Craft Table

It's cold and damp and some of us even have snow. A good time of year to spend in the Craft Room. A little heat, the TV or music and a pet in the corner, and it's the perfect way to spend the day making something. Well, our little mini people might want to do that too and they need the "Dream Craft Room." 2019 will bring you the craft table.

Is your craft table able to fit just you or do you have friends who come over and you all work around your craft table? Our 2019 Craft table is also made so that you can purchase two kits to make your craft table back to back to make more room. It also has several shelves with cubby holes where you can store (stash) things so you know where they are when you need them.

We cannot wait to see how you build your dream craft room and guess what the best part of it is...you can leave it cluttered, or you can keep it tidy.

My Craft Table by Barbara

This is what I've come up with for my own 1" Craft Table. First I purchased a large top to go over two bases so I have a 5" x 5" table and it is fine for more than one person to work at if I want to have a friend over. I can't decide which craft to use it for? Sewing? Minis? Scrapbooking? Other ideas? Maybe my room will have this big one in the middle and a half one against a wall; then I can do more and store more "stuff."

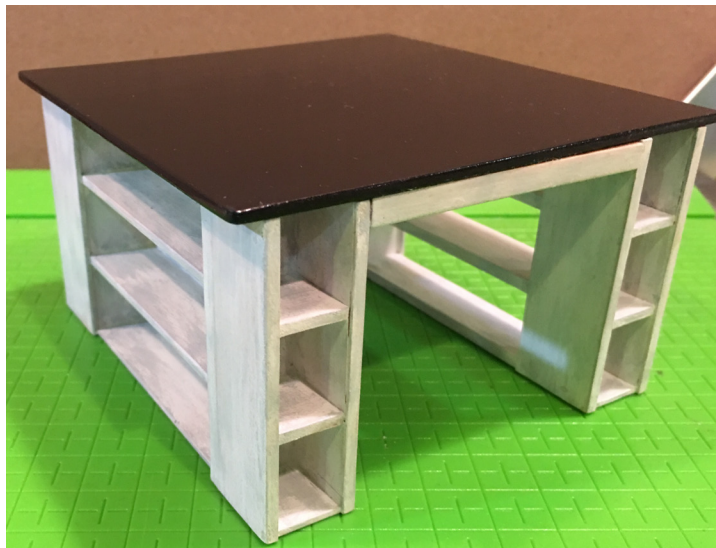
Of course, I'll have to leave room for next year's NAME Day project which will be storage with a sink because how great is that to actually have a sink in your workroom! Wish I had it in real life. This table in 1" measures 5" x 5" for the table top and is 3" high. If you want the single craft table measurements would be 2-1/2" x 5" and 3" high. It is designed to be standing to work on it or sitting in a tall chair or stool.

Measurements for 1:24 scale: 1-1/4" x 2-1/2" top and 1-1/2" high or for double table 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" top and 1-1/2" high.

Measurements for 1:48 scale: 5/8" x 1-1/4" top and 3/4" high or for double table 1-1/4" x 1-1/4" top and 3/4" high.

Watch Small Talk, the Gazette and the NAME website for further information on Cutters and local events to be listed.

Barbara Thornton-Hill



2019 National Convention Nashville, Tennessee (Franklin) A Little Bit Country — Shabby or Chic July 18–21, 2019

Registration Opens January 25, 2019

Registration forms may be mailed between December 24 and January 25 for it to be considered first day.

Please Join Us in Nashville, Tennessee For A Celebration Of Country Style and Traditions (some CHIC, and some not so much). We will have all the usual events that you expect at a National Convention plus some surprises! Our hotel, the Cool Springs Marriott, is actually in Franklin, Tennessee. Franklin is home to "America's Favorite Main Street," which is a 16-block National Register district with antique shops, gift and book stores, boutiques, art galleries, lovingly restored homes and more. The hotel is newly renovated and has free parking. Downtown Nashville is about 20 minutes away.



Through sharing...

The miniature community helps friends affected by the Camp Fire

Carol Kubrican & Barbara Thornton-Hill

There are two words in the NAME mission statement that may apply to more than just our experience with miniatures. These two words are, *through sharing*. It is how we—as a miniature community—were able to help our friends who have been affected by the Camp Fire—through the sharing of time, donations, and talents.

While the fires burned on, N2 area mini clubs were exchanging emails and phone calls. The miniature community rallied together to collect gift cards, personal notes, etc. The Sacramento and San Jose clubs organized mini play days. Benicia, California area miniaturists took part in a workshop taught and donated by Carol Kubrican. Miniaturists in the Reno, Nevada area collected gift cards for the Paradise club members.

Barbara Thornton-Hill worked quickly to accept donations from generous mini friends and family. All the while, she coordinated contact with concerned members of the community and the Paradise club members.

The Mini Cyber Club held an online benefit auction during their holiday party to raise money for the miniaturists.

Carol Kubrican created the “Friendship Hutch Kit” with proceeds donated to the Paradise club

members. To help keep the cost of the kit supplies low, the kits included donated/discounted materials from GCLaser, Evan Designs, and Handley House. Concerned miniaturists purchased the kits from as far away as Australia, England, and New Zealand.

Through the sharing of our time, donations and talents, the miniature community was able to collect over \$15,000. The funds are being dispersed directly to the NAME members who were affected by the fires around Paradise, California. Thank you to everyone who donated! Our miniature family and extended families have been so generous and helpful. Most of our miniaturists have relocated to new homes outside of Paradise. The area will take years to clean up and rebuild. We would like to see all of these members at future events, so we hope that they will keep on mini-ing.

Barbara Thornton-Hill is continuing to accept monetary and gift card donations to the club members affected by the Camp Fire. She may be reached at bathca@gmail.com.



Members of the MiniCals Club of San Jose, CA make reindeer antlers during lunchtime at their fundraising event



Benicia area miniaturists work on their Friendship Hutches during the workshop taught by Carol Kubrican



Karen Tomajan created this Friendship Hutch in the workshop in Benicia, CA

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Camp Fire Donation and Event Organizers (in alphabetical order)

Luci Hanson, Mini Cyber Club auction organizer
Suzanne Harrington-Cole, Benicia area workshop organizer
Ruth Heisch, MiniCals Club/San Jose area event organizer
Carol Kubrican, Benicia workshop teacher, Friendship Hutch Kit fund raiser
Kay Loudon, Reno area donations organizer
Laura Seibert, Sacramento area event organizer
Barbara Thornton-Hill, donation organizer and Sacramento area event organizer
Karen Tomajan, Benicia area workshop organizer
Nancy Wantiez, Reno area donations organizer



Karen Tomajan created this Friendship Hutch in the workshop in Benicia, CA

SUMMARY FROM THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2018

Budgeted Income for the year: \$265,175.44

Income YTD (November 25, 2018) \$166,558.18 (62.8% of budgeted income) Budgeted Expenses for the Year: \$260,050.00

Expenses YTD (November 25, 2018) 123,526.82 (47.5% of budgeted expenses)

Year to Date Profit \$43,031.36

The Giving Letter. The Giving Letter has generated \$2300 to date.

Financial Update. These are some of the financial goals for the year, and the progress made in the first six months of the fiscal year:

Business Partnership has reached 47% of its net goal of \$2,000

Shop Membership has reached 97% of its net goal of \$1,000

Unrestricted Donations has exceeded its net goal by 161%.

Dollar Club has reached 60% of its net goal of \$2,500

NAME Round Table has reached 29% of its net goal of \$2,500. An order has been placed for more round tables to help achieve our goal.

Estate Auctions is at 64% of its \$10,000 net goal

Merchandise has reached 51% of its net goal of \$1,500

Gazette Advertising has reached 86% of its net goal of \$2,500

Gazette Fundraiser has reached 31% of its net goal of \$800

Online Houseparty. We reviewed the online houseparty budget.

Membership Report. We are continuing to contact those members whose memberships have lapsed. We are considering ways to make the benefits of membership in NAME more evident.

Conventions/Houseparties. We reviewed the progress reports submitted by the Online Houseparty committee, the Nashville Convention committee, the Pittsburgh Houseparty Committee, the Portland Houseparty Committee and the Indianapolis Convention Committee. We continue to look at hotels for the 2021 Convention

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Regional Teams

The following NAME members were affirmed for their new regional roles:

Juana Landa: SR for N-2 (San Francisco, South Peninsula area).

Ann Pierce: SR for E-2 (the Dallas-Ft. Worth area)

Several recent show reports have been positive with several new members coming on board.

Special Events. The NAME Day committee is looking for additional members

SUMMARY FROM THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON JANUARY 26-27, 2019

Budgeted Income for the year: \$265,175.44

Income YTD (December 31, 2018) \$199,977.13 (75% of budgeted income)

Budgeted Expenses for the Year: \$260,050.00

Expenses YTD (November 25, 2018) \$155,552.31 (60% of budgeted expenses)

Year to Date Profit \$44,424.82

Executive Director. The board concluded that there is inadequate money in the budget to consider hiring an executive director at this time.

Evening with Friends for Nashville. The Board discussed options for the Evening with Friends Event during the National Convention in July. A trip to the Grand Ole Opry will be the event chosen. There will be a light reception prior to the event for attendees, but a "sit-down" meal will not be served.

ByLaws. There are no suggested changes to the bylaws to be presented in Nashville.

Giving Letter. The giving letter has generated \$13,493 in donations as of January 25th.

Virtual Museum. More exhibits were added in late December and an announcement made in early January about them to encourage traffic to the museum site.

Dues increases. Membership dues will not be increased in 2019

Membership. Ways to attract new members to NAME were discussed and the Board continue to feel that the Gazette is a very valuable part of membership. Other offerings that would be of benefit to our members including more online events in addition to our existing conventions and houseparties and local events were also discussed.

Conventions and Houseparties. The registration limits for the online houseparty for those requesting quarter scale souvenirs was increased. The goal is to accommodate anyone who registers for the houseparty regardless of souvenir scale choice. Registration is open for Nashville and looking very good. The Board approved the tentative schedule for Nashville, including the RC retreat and the Evening with Friends. Registration opens for Pittsburgh on April 2nd. The Board approved continued recruiting of dealers for this event. The announcement for workshop providers, dealers, etc., for Portland will be in the next Gazette. The application date for Indianapolis has been moved to September 6th to avoid the Labor Day weekend.

Estates. NAME is meeting or exceeding its monthly financial goals for the auction program. A silent auction will be held in Pittsburgh and an auction chair has been identified.

Regional Teams. Abby Carlson was affirmed as State Rep for East Washington for N-3. She will replace Rosemary Shipman who has moved to the Regional Coordinator position.

Fundraising. The Harvest Moon event made \$4502.47, 89% of the profit of last year's. NAME is looking at new and different fundraising programs to start this calendar year.

Clubs. The Blue Ribbon Club Certificate form needs to be updated and input is being sought on this.

Special Events. The Special Events Committee is working on idea for the College of Miniature Knowledge.

Gazette. The current Gazette was discussed to determine any changes to be made. These will be communicated to the Editor.

Long Range Plan. On Sunday, the board spent time reviewing and updating the Long Range Plan.

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State Rep Reports

East Bay/Tri-Valley

State Rep Will Thomas

North Coastal

State Rep Sharon Ocheltree

Redwood Small World: This is the Spring edition?! We woke up to snow falling this morning! That's pretty exciting here. It didn't last long but was beautiful to watch.

Our November meeting was our Thanksgiving pot-luck dinner. Everyone brought scrumptious dishes and we deep fat fried a turkey. Forty-five minutes and it was done—and so tender and juicy. Sue Kuhnhausen and I worked together on the day's project, a peddler's cart. We started it last month with the basic cart and added details this time. We added a weather vane, using alphabet pasta for the north, south, east and west directional symbols. Some also added an awning. Many went with a fall theme and added pumpkins, autumn leaves, hay bales and vegetables.

December's meeting was back at Sue's house, beautifully decorated for Christmas. She served a gourmet lunch and everyone enjoyed exchanging Christmas gifts. Her project was making cakes from polymer-clay. She showed the girls different ways to texture the clay for a slice of cake. They also constructed a cake stand from a golf tee.

Donna Dutton and Gail Freeman hosted the January meeting. Gail provided a 1/2" scale chair kit for us to assemble. Most of our group leans toward one-inch scale, so the 1/2" scale was a change of pace for us.

Not much going on this winter for us. We are working on a workshop this spring with Luci and Dick Hanson from Cascade Miniatures. It will be May 4th, 2019. If you'd like more information, you can contact me at Oldengshepdog@aol.com

—Sharon Ocheltree

San Francisco/ N. Peninsula

Open Position

North Central CA

State Rep Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club: Our Club members are scattered because of the Camp Fire/Paradise where six of the members lost their homes. Liz Driver has moved to Sedro-Woolley, WA to be near family and has joined #1 Skagit Miniaturists Club in Burington. Joanne Schaefer is planning on rebuilding her home in Paradise. Jack Rainey is living in Redding and looking at places to buy there. Carlene Brown has purchased a home in Burney, CA where she had lived at one time. Sarah Skeels is currently in Anderson, CA and her husband is battling aggressive cancer at this time.

Margaret and her husband have rented a home in a 55+ retirement community in Clovis, CA, where they will be near their son and granddaughter. Our newest member, Laurie Smith, lived in Magalia and did not lose her home but has smoke damage. Her husband has to find work elsewhere so they will probably be moving out of the area soon. They are currently living in Chico in a trailer.

The good news is that eleven of us got together at Vegie Maclean's home for a reunion that included past members Margie Wannamaker and Billie Rounavaara. The only members unable to be here were Liz Driver and Jack Rainey. Also in attendance were Anne Walker and Jana Sindorf. Vegie and Melba Wellsfry hosted with a project and lunch.

—Margaret Gordus



Charter members of Our Little Mini club at our reunion: Margaret, Melba and Margie

Our Little Mini Club Reunion: Back-Margaret Gordus, Margie Wannamaker, MelbaWellsfry, Vegie Maclean, Billie Rounavaara, Jana Sindorf, Laurie Smith and Anne Walker. Front :Carlene Brown, Sarah Skeels and Joanne Schaefer



Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

State Rep Laura Seibert

Small Wonders: In November we decided to have a miniature flea market. Each club member rounded up miniatures that they no longer wanted or had need for and brought them to our meeting to either sell or trade with other members. We had a nice variety of items and everyone had fun. However, most of us left with more items than we initially brought to sell!!!! I think we were all pleasantly surprised to see what kinds of miniature things we all collect.

We had our usual holiday gathering in December. A Christmas potluck. Everyone came to my house again this year and we had a very nice, filling lunch of roasted chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach frittata, cheese and olive tray and other side dishes. Barbara Fuller made her famous apple pie (by request) with vanilla ice cream for dessert. After eating everyone toured my doll-house collection to see what was new. Then, we sat around the fireplace, exchanged wonderful Christmas gifts and enjoyed talking about miniatures. Lots of miniature fun.

We made a miniature spiral bound cookbook at our January meeting. Debra Taylor led us through this project and the tiny book even had recipes with pictures on the pages. Everyone left with a completed spiral bound cookbook and we all fell in love with them.

—Sigrid Williams

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Itty Bitties: Our club was very busy during the months of September thru January, making new plans, buying new miniatures, going to shows, supporting each other at our monthly club meetings, sharing new ideas and much more. In November we met to discuss the upcoming new year (2019) club project and we decided on doing a basement scene (either as a laundry room or storage basement or both). Most of us will be doing our scene in a "Book" sold at different craft stores, some in an empty soap box or other type of room box.

We will be looking forward to different hostesses teaching different classes. We already know that Karen will be teaching a class doing an ironing board, Renate will be teaching doing the hot water heater, Debra will be teaching a one-bulb hanging light.

Last month we finished up our last item for our 2018 "Tea Room" taught by Debra Taylor. It was a spiral cookbook, "Afternoon Tea." We had our Christmas party at Carolyn Paul's house again and as always, Carolyn hosted it with charm. We had decided to cater our Christmas dinner instead of everyone bringing a dish. It left more time to visit and socialize.

We are all looking forward to what 2019 has to offer. Have a Happy Miniature time and enjoy making more lovely projects. Don't forget to "house clean" your doll-houses this coming Spring! (smile!)

—Renate Winter

Quarter Persuasion: We finished our Raggedy Ann houses and stores. They all turned out so cute. What a fun project this was. I made a store that sells a variety of items. Fun!

We had a fun Christmas party at Frances Bigler's house. We had BBQ-ed meat and wonderful side dishes and desserts. We exchanged gifts with each other. That is always fun. Frances had her house decorated so nice for Christmas.

For our January meeting, we went to Lynn Hamel's house. She gave us quarter scale furniture for Christmas so we worked on the pieces. She always has such great projects.

For 2019, we will be working on an attic. The train station has been put on hold for another time. There are several things that we can do with an attic. It will be fun to see what projects we will be doing through out the year to put in them.

—Pattie Hong

Gold Country Petal Pushers: Not much new to report for our club. We continue to work on 1/4" plants and flowers for now. In January we made 1/4" Caladium plants.

—Barbara Thornton-Hill

Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

Fresno Tinker Belles: Hi, everyone!! I have to tell you I am a happy miniaturist. We have lost so many friends this last year we are down to five club members. My daughter, Wendy, has joined us now and going each week with me. A very talented crafts person and younger than the rest of us, she is a very nice addition to our club.

All of us have now finished the Christmas piece by Carol Kubrican to benefit the families of the horrible fire in Paradise. Nice kit and fun to make.

I signed up for the Online Houseparty and am looking forward to all the activities on the NAME site. The Thursday night project is really cute (oops, not supposed to describe minis as cute).

No happenings around here to attend so will have to wait and see if there will be a show in Lodi or Stockton.

Looking forward to spring.

—Barbara Fairbanks

Hawaii

State Rep Naomi Losch

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Happy New Year to all of you in region N2 from Hawai'i. Because we are an island state it is difficult to get together because the only means of getting together is by air and it is rather expensive. We have members on two islands and don't get together, although several years ago someone who lives on the island of Hawai'i joined us for a NAME Day project. Since then a member from the U.S. mainland moved to the island and they have been able to meet for projects. Meanwhile, four of us on the island of O'ahu have gotten together to do the NAME Day projects.

For 2019 we (the O'ahu group) have decided to replicate a centerpiece that I was given from the 2016 Seattle National. Jim Hodges won the centerpiece and was so generous to give to me. Three of the five

members of our little club are doing it. I, on the other hand, am trying to work on my many unfinished projects and kits. We meet weekly at my home but our official meetings are on the second Monday of the month. We are not a NAME club. However, four of the five of us are NAME members.

When planning a trip to the ALOHA State, bring goodies to sell if you wish.

—Naomi Losch

No. Nevada, Tahoe

State Rep Mary Ann Van Buskirk

Marin, Napa Valley

Open Position

South Bay & Peninsula

Juana Landa

Through the Looking Glass: Through the Looking Glass has chosen the Friendship Hutch Kit organized by True2Scale in aid of the miniaturists who lost their homes in the recent Paradise Fire as their Club Project this year. Our kits have arrived and we will begin working on them at our upcoming February meeting. We are excited about the project and have lots of creative ideas and plans. Many of our members are also participating in the February Morgan Hill Workshop, the Seasonal Sideboard taught by Carlene Brown. The upcoming Miniature Flea Market in March, also in Morgan Hill, also promises to be a lot of fun with lots of great bargains. Our New Year is off to a great start!

—Barbara Adams

MiniCals: The MiniCals hosted a Fund Raiser to help our mini friends who lost their homes in the Paradise, California fire. The event raised \$1,500 for the six members of "Our Little Mini Club." Two of our club members, Judy Pick and Su Sterling, also lost their spouses in the last few months and the club attended and helped with the memorials.

Our annual Spring Fling is March 16th at M & L Precision at 18665 Madrone Parkway in Morgan Hill. Come and add to your collection or bring your extra treasures to sell. Cost is \$8 at the door or \$6 preregistration.

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The April 13th workshop is an adorable potting bench vignette complete with hanging baskets and ferns. \$45

May 18th will feature Jasmin Schwarz's lemon canes and other luscious treats. She will be covering a variety of techniques for working with polymer clay.

Bring your tool kit and a sack lunch. All workshops start at 10 am. Contact Ruth Heisch at 408-997-1004 or email grouchy-beartoo@aol.com if you have questions.

—Brenda Hough

Mini Attics: The Mini Attics had their after Christmas party at Meg Milani's home, which was beautifully decorated for the holidays. We had a delicious lunch of chopped salad and antipasti, a homemade Italian casserole and a delicious homemade cheesecake dessert. After eating and socializing we did our gift exchange, and we're all pleased with our surprises.

Marge Milani and her daughter Meg entered the Hobby Builders contest and are awaiting the results. If you ask me, I think we have a couple of winners here. Marge did a replica of the Ahwanhee Hotel, and Meg did Beatrix Potter's Hilltop House.

On a less than happy note, Lynn Miller, who recently retired and moved to Seattle, fell and broke three bones in her left ankle.

She is due to have surgery soon, and we all wish her a successful surgery and speedy recovery. If you wish to send messages of encouragement, her email is lynn.marie.miller@gmail.com.

—Gerry Silberstein

Wee Housers of the Peninsula: The Wee Housers club is working on a new multi-month project for 2019 that will keep our hands busy and our minds creative.

The ultimate goal of this project is to build a fireplace with dual mantels to display a collection of mini putz houses. The little houses will be illuminated. The fireplace will be warmly lighted with glowing embers. Although each member will be using similar materials, they will finish their fireplace and putz houses to their own vision.

—Moonyeen Moeller



Marjorie's Ahwanhee entry in the Hobby Builders contest



Meg's Beatrix Potter Hilltop House entry



Small Talk

2019 Small Scales Houseparty

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

All About the Neighborhood

By Ann Pennypacker and Patricia Diefenbach

Neighborhood. What does that evoke in your mind? Maybe it's the neighborhood market where you see your friends and you stop to chat for a bit. Block parties, dinner parties and picnics are all natural invites for the neighbors. Maybe it's your favorite fantasy neighborhood from books or television. Maybe it's a neighborhood of make believe from your childhood. We all have our version of the ideal neighborhood.

When I think about neighborhoods I think about a community of people who all live and work around each other. We care about each other and perhaps all cheer for the same team. Neighbors will head to the park to hear the school band play. Neighbors sit on the front porch visiting and decorate their yards for the holidays.

I think of miniaturists as a community. When we choose a seat in a workshop we have a neighbor. We are considerate of our neighbors and help each other out. Neighbors borrow tools from each other but make sure to give them right back because that's what neighbors do. When we have our meals we sit in a neighborhood table of ten and we all like the same team we call "scales". At our table we laugh and catch up on happenings, share gifts and contact info so we can continue our friendship. We enjoy our House Parties because it's like a neighborhood block party. Neighbors may come and go but they are still our friends and will always be part of the neighborhood.

The steering committee and I invite you to join us for All About the Neighborhood Small Scale House Party, hosted by NAME Region M-1, on September 26 to the 29th, 2019 at the Hyatt Airport Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA .

We will offer Pre-Convention and Registered Workshops. The Thursday Night Project will be an opportunity to get together to enjoy snacks, friendship and fun while building our project. The TNP will feature exclusive prizes and special gifts you won't want to miss!

There will be Door Prizes and House Party Helpers to win. Mini Exchanges and Tote Bags Favors will add to the fun. Be sure to stop by the Hospitality Room to see the Pittsburgh pirate's treasure chest. There will be games to play (make sure to bring the save the date card), Theme Luncheons, Round Tables and of course the Sales room!

Are you downsizing your collection or stash? Please consider donating Door Prizes which are items valued between \$10 and \$50 or a Houseparty Helper which are items valued at \$150 or more. Door Prize Chair is Rosemarie Mul-lineaux at unitedbore@aol.com and Houseparty Helper Chair is Donna Brewington at djbrewington52@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there, Neighbor!



DO YOU WANT TO PROMOTE A MINI EVENT?

Submit an event in the N2 Region's website. It will be added to the calendar of events, and an email will be sent to website members announcing the event. Email the webmaster with your event info: n2regionwebmaster@gmail.com.

N2 MINI EVENT CALENDAR nameregionn2.org/events-calendar

Check out the N2 website for a full list of events in our region, as well as NAME general announcements and MiniCyberClub.com events

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2019 MiniCals Workshops

January 26: Make a lighted 1/144 farmhouse for your dollhouse with the help of Lori Turner (Lori's Little Things). We will build, paint and landscape this very cute addition to your collection. **Cost TBD**

?February 16: Must register by January 1, 2019 with choice. Carlene Brown will give you a choice from 8 "Seasonal Sideboards" (7x4 1/2x2 1/2). It has an upper shelf with fancy corbels, a lower shelf and 2 decorative drawers. Some wallpaper, paint, antique wash and inked edges for that shabby chic look! A fun day! **\$55** (*Carlene hopes to be able to do the workshop even though she lost her house in the Camp fire.*)

March 16: Our Spring Fling Pot Luck and Flea Market. Admission gets you table space to sell your items. **Pre-registration \$6. At the door \$8.**

April 13: An adorable potting bench vignette with everything needed to complete. We will macramé a hanging basket and fern, a flat of seedlings and decorate a gardening hat. Lots of accessories! **Cost TBD**

May 18: Jasmin Schwarz (Bitty Bits and Bobs) will be demonstrating a variety of techniques for polymer clay with a lemon flavor, including the method for building a lemon cane. For us novices, that is the long tube of lemon that looks like lemon slices when thinly sliced. Students may choose a variety of lemon treats to make for their own summertime vignette. **\$35**

Please bring your tool kits and a sack lunch. Beverages provided. You will receive an email if there are extra supplies needed not normally in your tool kit.

Workshops at M & L Precision, 18665 Madrone Parkway, Morgan Hill 101 South to Cochrane Exit. Right on Cochrane. One block to first right which is Madrone Parkway.

Questions or Information? **Ruth @grouchybeartoo@aol.com or 408-997-1004**



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Name N2 Region Calendar

March 16	MiniCals Spring Fling and Potluck in Morgan Hill
April 13	MiniCals Potting Shed Vignette
May 18	MiniCals Polymer Clay Lemon Treats with Jasmin Schwarz
June 22	8th Annual Miniatures in the Wine Country Shows
July 18–21	NAME National Convention in Nashville
September 27–29	NAME Small Scales Houseparty in Pittsburgh, PA
October 12–13	Good Sam/Showcase of Miniatures

8th Annual Miniatures in the Wine Country Shows

June 22, 2019

2 shows at 2 locations

Lodi Moose Lodge, 3824 Woodbridge Road E., Acampo, CA

Lodi Elks Lodge, 19071 N. Lower Sacramento Rd., Woodbridge, CA

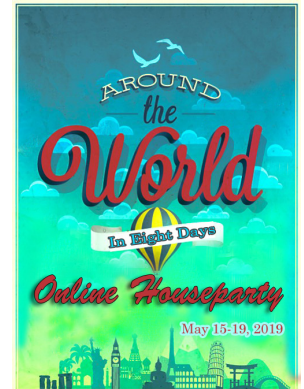
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Saturday preview

ONLINE HOUSEPARTY

AROUND THE WORLD IN 8 DAYS

May 15–19, 2019

Come join us as we travel all around the world in 8 days! We have a great trip planned for everyone that joins us for the Online Houseparty. You will be travelling through your computer, so you don't even need to get out of your pajamas!! We will be "tasting" some exotic and incredible foods along the way, as well as seeing all the sights. We will even have time to fit in some mini making along the way as well. We have a wonderful Thursday Night Project lined up for you, that we know you will not want to miss out on.



CENTERPIECES: made by Lesia Lennex. These will be virtual, BUT we will have the plans for you to make your own, along with a few kits for the centerpieces that can be purchased as a fundraiser for NAME.

HOSPITALITY: You will want to stop in to see Sharon Johnson, as she will have puzzles, games, and all kinds of other fun activities for you to enjoy.

SOUVENIRS: You will have the option of one of two scales, one-inch scale and quarter inch scale. There are only about 100 of each so sign up early if you want them. You also have the option of no souvenir, so lower registration fee. We have two wonderful artists for those, Ruth Stewart and Robin Betterley.

COMMITTEE GIFTS: Something you will receive if you opt to get souvenirs.

SALES ROOM: You will have more money to spend in the sales room, as you won't have to worry about hotel costs or other travel expense! I know I can't wait for the sales room to open!!

ROUNDTABLES & MEGA ROOUNDTABLES: Oh yes, just like at a regular Houseparty. You get first choice if you are registered. You will want to come back each day (or evening), as we will have free projects and new places to explore each day. Come and join us as we go Around the World in 8 Days!! May 15–19 2019. Registration opens January 4, 2019. Registration forms are on the NAME Website. Don't forget to check that you want a pin too!

Small Talk

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