



Small Talk

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Fall 2018
<http://nameregionn2.org>

From Your Regional Coordinator

Happy Fall from your new Regional Coordinator

Happy Fall! Happy to announce that I am your new N-2 Regional Coordinator—Carlene Brown. I live in Paradise, CA and lucky enough to have been a member of “Our Little Mini Club” of Paradise/Chico for the past 22 years. The club was started in 1984 with three of the Charter Members, Margaret Gordus, Melba Wellsfry, and Liz Driver, still active members. Over the years, the club has hosted several successful State Days and mainly through the efforts of Margaret, our N-2 Northern State Rep, have provided numerous miniature displays at various venues, had an Open House and even had a Sacramento news station at a miniature meeting! Through these efforts we have gotten several new members. We believe in promoting and sharing the hobby that we love!!

I hope this has been a great lead-in to my immediate goal—filling the vacant N-2 State Rep positions! San Jose/South Peninsula, East Bay/Contra Costa, San Francisco/North Peninsula, and Marin County/ Santa Rosa are all areas where there is no contact person to welcome new members. Other obligations include a small yearly report and perhaps coordination of providing a NAME table at a show in the area (most cases already taken care of). You don’t have to be a long time NAME member—if you are new to miniatures, this might be a wonderful way to get more involved. Contact another N-2 State Rep to find out how easy the job can be!!! And, of course, please contact me, Carlene Brown (petecar55@yahoo.com) if you are interested in becoming a NAME volunteer!!! You can’t even begin to imagine how happy I would be to hear from you!!!

In the past several years and since retiring, through various activities, I have gotten more involved and have gained so many new friends and experiences in the process. I hope that someone in these areas will be inspired to volunteer—I guarantee that you will gain more than you give!!

Hope everyone has a great time for NAME Day in October constructing your desk and chair!! And hope to see many of you at Good Sam!! Have a great Fall—it’s my favorite!

Carlene Brown, Regional Coordinator

Here & There With Barbara & NAME

I am so excited to welcome Carlene Brown as our new N2 Leader and Regional Coordinator. I’ve worked with Carlene and know she will be around to help us all and get us enthused about the upcoming miniature events and activities.

As I write this, I am also preparing to go to Charleston, SC for the NAME National Convention next weekend. It may be hot and humid but we always manage to stay cool at the conventions and heavily involved in our love, minis, minis, minis. So I know it will be fun. I’m also looking forward to turning over the NAME Presidency to Rhonda Keef’s very capable hands and I can now lounge about and maybe, maybe, work on some of my UFOs.

Shortly thereafter we have NAME Day coming up on the first weekend in October, I hope you all have ordered your kits and are ready for this. Have you signed up to join one of the group events, to meet with your club, meet up with one or two mini friends or just sit at home on October 6th, make your desk and chair and think about others all across the country and in other countries doing the same thing that day. It’s quite an overwhelming thought actually! I plan to be with the group in Sacramento.

I’m sure there will be more to report after Charleston so have fun and keep safe and cool ’til November.

Barbara Thornton-Hill

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In Memory of Eve Karoblis-Mabe

Eve Karoblis-Mabe, a member of NAME for about 40 years, a recipient of the Academy of Honors and an IGMA Guild Artisan in Landscaping, died in a terrible car accident on July 3, 2018, just a few weeks before her 72nd birthday. The Miniature World has lost a very dedicated, talented and creative member and friend. Her husband, Ed Mabe is recovering well and welcomes all to contact him.

I met Ed and Eve in the early '90s by taking workshops from them at our local miniature store in San Jose and at Houseparties. I did not know them well, but they were a hoot and it was clear that Eve, indeed, did seem to know about EVERYTHING and what she didn't know, she made up (quote from her long term friend Sheila Benjamin).

Eve and Ed began their miniature work in Southern California and retired to my part of the world around 2005. Eve became a member of our three clubs in the area. She became one of my closest friends but that does not mean it wasn't an argumentative relationship. We argued a lot, but we understood between us that it was not a lasting problem and we had to agree to disagree sometimes (we both had very stubborn natures). Eve would call me almost every day, sometimes two or three times in a day because she had a sudden idea for NAME, for the clubs, for a project or suggestions for my family, etc.

And, I will not forget her calling out to Ed, "Eddie, bring me this or that!" Ed was so patient with her. I told her more than once she was being too demanding (well, actually, I said some other words, but I won't say them here) and she would just say, "You just don't understand...."

Eve was always there for people...to help, bring food, be a support, etc. She loved to mentor people and I saw her do it over and over (not just in the miniature world).

Eve was definitely a presence to be noticed wherever she was, and I miss her. In more recent years, she had several health issues that kept her from attending as many events as she once did, but she loved her family, her friends and her husband and we will miss her in our miniature world, in the NAME world and in our personal worlds.



From Barbara Thornton-Hill, Nevada City/Grass Valley, CA

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.

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.

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SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS HELD ON MAY 24, 2018

President Barbara Thornton-Hill has formed several new committees; NAME house, NAME Museum, Gazette, and New Events.
General finances:

Budgeted Income for the Year	\$272,168.00
Income YTD (as of April 30, 2018)	\$249,768.00 (91.8% of budget)
Budgeted Expenses for the Year	\$271,155.00
Expenses YTD (as of April 30, 2018)	\$249,242.00 (91.8% of budget)
Year to date profit \$562	

Amy Rauch and her membership committee are working on some new policies regarding the Youth memberships and activities.
The Board approved the hotel contract with the Sheraton Hotel in Portland for April of 2020.
Carlene Brown was approved as the new RC for the N2 region effective immediately
Charleston National Convention will be selling the souvenir books to those not attending the convention, on a pre-sale basis only.

SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS HELD ON JUNE 28, 2018

President Barbara Thornton-Hill could not procure a parliamentarian for the Business meeting in Charleston.

General finances:

Budgeted Income for the Year	\$272,168.00
Income YTD (as of May 31, 2018)	\$266,025 (97.7% of budget)
Budgeted Expenses for the Year	\$271,155.00
Expenses YTD (as of May 31, 2018)	\$259,454 (95.5% of budget)
Year to date Profit	\$6,570

The Fall fundraiser will have 26 prizes

An article and photos went out to AARP for possible submission

The following people have been confirmed and approved for SR & RC positions:

Laurie Parker	Oregon SR
Julie Hagel	New Hampshire SR
Annette Hammond	N1 Regional newsletter editor
Debbie Colombo	M1 Regional Coordinator

SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS HELD ON JULY 28, 2018

The Election results are as follows:

Rhonda Keef	President
Roy Moore	1st Vice President
Alician Pearce	2nd Vice President
Janet Smith	Secretary
Karen Barone	Treasurer
Marie Bird	Member at Large
Leanne Kirsch	Member at Large
Amy Rauch	Member at Large

The following Board members will carry over:

Barbara Thornton-Hill	Past President
Lesia Lennex	Fundraising
Ruth Stewart	RC/State Rep Liaison
Ann Pennypacker	Special Events

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State Rep Reports

East Bay/Tri-Valley

State Rep Will Thomas

Delta Do Littles: There appears to be a mixed bag for the Far East Contra Costa County's Delta Do Little club member this time of year. Reports are that some have been working on a variety of mini projects around vacations. The ongoing cabinet task likely gets some attention, as well as a mermaid cafe and a small Retail store display.

—Will Thomas

North Coastal

State Rep Sharon Ocheltree

Redwood Small World: What a wonderful summer we've had here on the north coast of California. I live about ten miles inland from the ocean and we've had comfortable temperatures in the 70's and 80's most of the time. My heart and prayers go out to our neighbors around us, as temperatures are in the 100's and fires are raging at the door. It caused me to think about having an evacuation plan for my miniatures. We have plans for our love ones and our pets, why not our cherished works of art? Think about it and have a plan.

County fair time is coming soon. Our own Humboldt County Fair is held in Ferndale, CA in August. I for one, have been busy finishing several projects for entry. Our fair exhibit is our big chance to let the public know of our NAME group and promote miniatures. We encourage entries and have a healthy competition going among our members. Our club tries to man a demonstration table daily at the Ferndale grounds. It's always great fun for show and tell. We all love to talk to others about our craft.

This year we are planing a little extra display. We are showing samples of projects from our monthly meetings and explaining what we do and how we learn new crafts and techniques at each month's meeting. We are hoping to generate a lot of new in-

terest for our passion.

Our June meeting was finally held at Susie Kuhnhausen's 'after fire' remodeled home. The entire inside of the house was new and beautiful. She was able to cook in her brand new kitchen and served a banquet of tantalizing finger foods. My favorite was the salmon-cucumber tea sandwiches—um mm. Linda Scarpellino brought the day's project and helped us make an Adaran-dact chair from simple craft sticks. She also gave each lady a gift bag filled with beach accessories. There were beach towels, beach balls and a little pail and shovel to scoop sand. (We had to provide the sand ourselves, though.)



Beach accessories from the June meeting

In early July, the Ferndale Library asked us to display some of our award-winning pieces in anticipation of the up-coming county fair. We gathered quite a few past entries with their prize-winning ribbons for the event. I must say, the case was quite impressive with all the miniatures of various classifications and their brightly colored ribbons. There were Best of Shows, Best of Divisions, a lot of Blue, First place ribbons and many Seconds and Thirds. There was even special awards given by individuals, such as the Spike Award, given by a woman in memory of her dog. It was pure eye candy and inspiration for all the library's visitors.

July found us at Shirley Banks' home for our monthly meeting. Shirley's home is a virtual museum of antique dolls of all sizes, and many, many miniatures to gaze upon. It's always a treat to visit her. She gave us a

lesson in basket weaving. A little hand woven basket is a classic and can be used in just about any setting. It can be any size, shape or color.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Fall will soon be upon us with many exciting miniature events coming up.

—Sharon Ocheltree

Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

State Rep Laura Seibert

Small Wonders: We had a very busy Spring and learned some new things. We try to support as many miniature activities in the area as we can. The Coopers had a flea market sale in April and some of us attended that. Our May meeting was a combination field trip and learning experience. Several of us carpoled to a friend's miniature filled home and spent the day learning how to make roses. After many hours and a good time enjoying each other's company, we each left with a hand-made, completed "perfect rose." In June we learned techniques for laying a wooden plank floor. Some used purchased wooden flooring planks and some used popsicle sticks. I think we all enjoyed learning both techniques and were pleased with the results. Most of us attended the Miniatures in the Wine Country show (formerly the Stockton Miniature show) and had a great time. We grew by one new member in June and she is enjoying learning and sharing this wonderful hobby along with the rest of us.

—Sigrid Williams

Itty Bitties: Hi, everyone. It is already August and we are in the midst of a state emergency with all the wild fires roaring. I am worried about the damage the fires may have caused to anyone, especially our miniaturists and hope that no miniature treasures have been destroyed. The loss of anyone losing their miniature collectibles would be heart-breaking. Fortunately, all our club members do not live in any parts of California that is aflame from wild fires.

We have enjoyed the last three months working on our "Tea Room" kits for our tea

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rooms. In April our club met at LaVerne's house and Darwin was the Hostess. She supplied everyone with kits to make tea cozies. They were made from different colored felt and decorated with embroidery and laces or trims. Most members finished their projects to take home.

In May we all met at Frances's house (she does have a nice large house to work in...smile). Karen and Renate shared being the "Hostess") and our class worked on doing a "Tea Cup" project. Some brought their own teacups and Renate brought extra teacups for those who didn't have a chance to get one. Karen brought many "paper cut-outs" to use in our teacups and different hints were passed around in finishing our teacups. May 5th, some members also attended Connie Younker's class on making roses sponsored by the Stockton Club.

In June, our club elected not to have a club meeting due to other activities such as the Stockton Miniature Show. A carload of members went together to the Stockton Miniature Show and we had such a good time! So many miniatures! Wow! Don't you just wish we could grow a money tree just for shows??

In July, we met at Linda's house and Linda was our Hostess. She presented us with a kit to make standing signs for our tea rooms, giving us all choices in color as well as the art work on the front of the sign. We also learned of the passing of Eve Karoblis-Mabe due to an auto accident. Many of you may know who she was—Eve wrote many articles for the magazine "Miniature Collector" and many benefited from her hints. She will surely be missed! I visited Ed (her husband (they worked as a team) in the hospital.

—Renate Winter

Quarter Persuasion: The Quarter Persuasion club has been busy this summer. We are working on our Raggedy Ann houses or stores. This has been such a great project. I am making a store to sell Ann's wonderful things.

In May, we met at Frances Bigler's house. We each brought our own projects since this was a "catch up" day for us.

In June, we met at my house and made wheel barrows to hold flowers.

This July, we met at Lynn Hamel's home to make accessories. Lynn had several kits

ready for us to make a lamp, books, dog bowls including dog food and a tiny dog. There were several other kits. She always has great projects for us.

We are working hard to finish this year's project by December. We are also discussing what next year's project will be. Someone suggested a train depot. That could be challenging and fun. An attic was also suggested. Other projects will probably be suggested. It will be a fun year in quarter scale, no matter what project we come up with.

Our club is open, so if you live in or around the Sacramento area, you are welcome to join us. My phone is 530-432-3271.

—Pattie Hong

Gold Country Petal Pushers: We held our Christmas in June party at the end of June. For this event, we have to each bring 3 flowers (a theme is set every year) for each person and then we make an arrangement with the flowers we have received. Of course we also eat well at this meeting and have a great time. This year our theme was specific colors: pink or fuchsia, white, off white or blue flowers. Then we each brought a vase or other flower container, wrapped, to play the pick a gift and then someone can steal it game. When that was over, we made our flower arrangements.

—Barbara Thornton-Hill

Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

Fresno Tinker Belles: Tinker Belles of Fresno have been busy finishing those projects from years ago. Nice to build furniture kits and fill up the buildings that were made in a workshop and put in storage with a "I'll finish it later."

We are missing KC Ragland, who died the end of April. Also missing Levern Nicholson, who moved to Colorado. Carol Menze had a stroke the first of July. We go visit her whenever possible.

Our club is very small now with half of our club not attending meetings but always there for NAME DAY.

Speaking of NAME DAY—We will be hosting a fun day on October 4, 2018. Meeting in Fresno at 9 am. We will work until we wear out or need to head for home.

We are also working towards having a little workshop of the Altoids container shown in the last Gazette. The club is looking forward to making a trip to San Jose for the Good Sam show. Several of us went to the Stockton shows and had a great time.

—Barbara Fairbanks

North Central CA

State Rep Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club: We have been building a back porch at each of our meetings. Each one doing their own design. It's fun to see how each one is so different.

We are looking forward to the NAME DAY project with more of our members participating this year.

Jack Rainey has been able to join us at our meetings once again.

Hope all have had a pleasant summer.

—Margaret Gordus

No. Nevada, Tahoe

State Rep Mary Ann Van Buskirk

South Bay & Peninsula

Open Position

Through the Looking Glass: Through the Looking Glass is working on staying cool in our hot summer weather!

We are also working on the upcoming NAME Day Workshop with MiniCals. Many of us are becoming inspired as we think about how we will construct and decorate the desk project. We are also working on gifts and kits for the Workday. Sadly, our August meeting is dedicated to saying goodbye and best wishes to our friend, gifted and creative miniaturist and early founding, Margaret Whalen, as she moves to Sacramento. Miniatures are some of the most important things Margaret is taking with her.

Looking forward to NAME Day in Morgan Hill on September 29th and the Showcase of Miniatures on October 13th and 14th!

—Barbara Adams

MiniCals: During our summer break, members of the Mini Cals have been busy

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with families and traveling. With the end of summer, our members are starting to focus on our busy fall. We will be hosting the NAME day desk project on September 29th at M&L Precision in Morgan Hill and we invite everyone to come and make your own special desk or project table using the many ideas and supplies we will have on hand.

Many of our members are helping with the Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures October 12-15, with Friday and Monday workshops and the big show at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose.

www.goodsamshowcase.miniature.net

In January Lori Turner will teach Electrifying a 1/144th scale house, February will feature Carlene Brown's All Seasons Sideboard, and Jasmin Schwarz will teach a Fimo workshop in May. Look for more information in the next Small Talk. Questions? Contact Ruth Heisch: grouchy-beartoo@aol.com 408 997-1004

—Brenda Hough

Wee Housers of the Peninsula: We are trying to get back on a regular schedule after juggling meeting dates over the summer.

After working on our own projects for a few months, at our June meeting we decided to work on a project titled "Too Many Books—Too Little Time." The first few meetings are dedicated to creating enough books to fill three five-shelf bookcases. After that we have to decide where to put them!

I am looking forward to going to National in Charleston (I loved the last houseparty there). Other members are anticipating Good Sam. We all look forward to regular meetings in the fall
Happy Miniaturing!

—Laura Johnson

**San Francisco/
N. Peninsula**

Open Position

Marin, Napa Valley

Open Position

Mini Attics: The Mini Attics have set a goal for themselves to delve into their "mini closets" and find a project to complete and display at Good Sam. This will be in addition to our club display.

Our club set up a booth at the San Mateo County Fair for our second year, and members displayed various projects, as well as demonstrating the art of miniature making as shown by Carol Walls, Marge Milani and Meg Milani. Marge Milani won a second place ribbon for her "Quilting Bee," and Meg Milani won an Honorable Men

Two Mini Attics, Laura Johnson and Carol Walls, are looking forward to attending the Convention.

—Gerry Silberstein



Miniature display at the fair



Carol, Marge and Meg show their miniatures at the fair:



Marge's "Quilting Bee" won a second place ribbon.



Gerry's Old World Market

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NAME DAY 2018 The Bedroom Part III, Desk and Chair

We're sure you are all waiting for your final addition to the Bedroom series for NAME Day. It will be a desk and chair. Or if you would rather make the desk into a dressing table for a bit more of a feminine look, that can be done too. So start planning your club event or your area event now. Here you can see the basic desk and chair as well as two examples of what could be done with this project. JP Sligh, of Atlanta, GA, has again created his interpretations of the desk and chair. What will you do with yours?

Remember to register your area or club event with Luci Hanson, hanson-minis@me.com, and your group will receive one free kit in the scale of your choice. Look for cutter lists on the web site and in the next Gazette.

NAME DAY DATE:

Official NAME Day date is October 6, 2018 but check your local event date—some are on other dates due to venue availability.



There will be a NAME Day in Fresno on
October 4
Contact Barbara Fairbanks
559-907-6051
minimage1@gmail.com

There will be a NAME Day in the Sacra-
mento area on October 6
Contact Pattie Hong
530-432-3271
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5th Annual Miniature Show & Sale in Sebastopol

November 3, 2018
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sebastopol Masonic Hall
373 N. Main Street, Sebastopol, CA

Admission \$2; Children free

Dealer tables \$40
Contact Lori; 707-829-0795

MiniCals and Through The Looking Glass

Are hosting

NAME DAY 2018

“The Desk,” Make it your own!

Papers, wood and trims provided for you to use
your imagination!

Plenty of fun, food and friends!

Door Prizes, Shoebox Sales, Silent Auction, Ex-
hibits of past NAME Days,

Bring along your NAME Day projects from the
past to share!

\$45.00

Saturday, September 29, 2018

10 am until 4 PM

At M & L Precision
18665 Madrone Parkway

Morgan Hill, CA

Contact Ruth Heisch for any questions.

408-997-1004 or

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Name N2 Region Calendar

August 23-26	NAME National Convention in Charleston, SC
September 29	NAME Day in Morgan Hill
October 4	NAME Day in Fresno
October 6	NAME Day in Sacramento
October 12	Good Sam 1-day workshops
October 13-14	Good Sam/ Showcase of Miniatures
October 15	Good Sam Academy Workshops
November 3	Sebastopol Miniature Show & Sale

Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures

We are looking forward to another successful show. Hopefully, you've registered for one of the great workshops being offered by well known artists in miniatures! Look for our kids' classes, with photos, on the website.

The Margaret Grace Mysteries author will be signing books on Saturday.

Holodeck Studios will be back with their 3D imaging in the foyer. Bring specific clothes for that very special room you'd like to put yourself in.

White elephant sales has received "tons" of items and now is a great time to choose from many dollhouses and kits for the child in you or the child in your life!

We can always use volunteers. See website for more information. <http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net>

—Ruth Heisch

Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures

October 13 & 14

Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday 11 am – 4 pm

Show Admission Adults \$7

Children (5-12) \$3, Children under 5 free (no strollers please)

Free Door Prizes!

One Day Workshops: Friday, October 12th, 2018

Good Sam Academy of Miniatures

Saturday Children's Pre-registered Workshops

Free Tools & Techniques Seminar: Sunday, October 14th, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

The Good Sam Show is on track for another great show. We are currently putting together the workshops and they will be posted in early June. Tine will be back with her great book making class and Debbie Young will be teaching a ¼ inch haunted house.

We are very fortunate to have Dana Burton for our Monday Academy class. She has planned a gorgeous "steam-punk" doll. You may have seen her featured in miniature magazines over the last year. She is usually teaching in Europe in October and has taken this year off. Lucky for us!

Diane Zammito and Sandy Leal will be teaching a beautiful no-sew Crazy Quilt at the Monday Academy class.

Holodeck, the 3D photography, will return to the foyer along with the kid's workshops. We would love to have some new teachers for the kids. If you can spare an hour or two on Saturday at the show, we can help come up with a project if you like. AND, of course, we always need volunteers in other areas. Notify Ruth at grouchybearatoo@aol.com if you'd like to help.

Check us out at goodsamshowcase.miniature.net

Ruth Heisch, Show Chair

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