

Small Talk

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Summer 2019

<http://nameregionn2.org>

From Your Regional Coordinator

What a beautiful, lush Spring we're having. Maybe there is an upside to the long winter? So I'm preparing a list of what needs to be done mini wise (otherwise, I'm moving and what a nasty job it has been to empty my house for the sale). YIKES!!!

So, what's going on in N2? Coming up is a Downsizing Sale at Peg's Dollhouse in Santa Rosa. Other vendors will be there too. See the ad. Then we have the Lodi Shows on June 22nd. See the ad. Lots of great dealers to buy from. In August will be the Summer at Tahoe Zen Garden workshop on August 3rd. See the ad for that.

Moving on to NAME Day on or around October 5th, followed by the Good Sam show on October 12 & 13. Sounds like a busy rest of the year in our region.

Now, how about NAME events? Coming up in a couple of days of this writing is the Online Houseparty. Let us know if you enjoyed it. July 18-21 is the NAME National Convention in Nashville, September 27-29 the Small Scales Houseparty in Pittsburgh, PA and then April 3-5, "Come Fly With Me," a Houseparty in Portland, OR, right here on the west coast.

Remember that our region is always looking for donations for grab bags. It is the way we make money for our regional expenses, which are not huge but we do have a few and every little bit helps.

I hope to see you at some of these upcoming events and sure hope I'll be resettled soon (that is if you can ever call me settled In the first place).

**Barbara Thornton-Hill,
Temporary Regional Coordinator, Region N2**

Here & There With Barbara & NAME

Well, as I said last time, I've not been doing much in the way of traveling since the last newsletter. I've been downsizing and packing up. Finally got my house on the market so feel freer now. I do plan to be on the road again soon to get to other mini events. Thank heavens for the Online Houseparty in a couple of days because I can just stay in my "jammies" and do it at home. I will be back with adventures in the next issue.

Enjoy this beautiful Spring and keep cool this summer.

Barbara Thornton-Hill

Thanks from Liz Driver

I am writing this to THANK all the wonderful people who donated to the fundraisers for the ones who suffered a loss in the Camp Fire in Paradise. I was one of those who lost everything. It was a very hard time to go through. My husband and I are in our middle seventies. To have to start over at this time in our lives was rough. Thanks to all the great friends I have met and became friends with over the past 35 plus years that I have been a member of NAME and in the club. I cannot express how I felt when I received the cards that was sent and the workshops put on to help raise money. The list is too long to send everyone a personal thank you, so I am writing this to be put in the N-2 Newsletter. With the help I received from you all I will be able to get some of the items I have been putting off getting for the house, and I will be able to replace some of the miniature tools I lost. I really miss my 4" table saw and my chopper. Now I can get them. We are now living in Washington State to be near our son and family. I have joined the local miniature club. Again I want to give everyone a GREAT BIG HUG and say I love everyone of you so much.

*Mini Hugs,
Liz Driver*

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SUMMARY FROM THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Budgeted Income for the year: \$265,175.44
Income YTD (January 31, 2019) \$217,777.72 (82% of budgeted income)
Budgeted Expenses for the Year: \$260,050.00
Expenses YTD (January 31st, 2019) \$167,298.61 (64% of budgeted expenses)
Year to Date Profit \$50,479.11

New Club Liaison: Nancye Claypool was appointed as our new Club Liaison, to complete Amy Rauch's term and was then appointed to serve for two additional years.

RC Liaison: Ruth Stewart's term as RC Liaison was extended for another two years.

Site Visit—Providence: The board approved expenditures for a site visit to the proposed hotel for the 2021 National in Providence, RI.

Financials: The board reviewed the annual budget as well as upcoming houseparty/convention budgets.

Membership Committee: A Membership Committee has been established and the board approved the proposed members of the committee. Houseparty Manual: The board reviewed an addition to the Houseparty Manual aimed at providing a more consistent houseparty/convention committee listing in the Miniature Gazette.

Conventions and Houseparties: Registration for the online houseparty currently stands at 346. The Evening with Friends Event for Nashville has been well received. The Thursday Night Project for Pittsburgh was approved. The deadline for workshop, dealer, and theme luncheon applications for Portland has been moved to June 3rd (rather than May 3rd) because of the Tom Bishop show. The Thursday Night Project for Indianapolis has been finalized.

Regional Teams: Barbara Thornton-Hill was confirmed as interim RC for Region N-2. Carlene Brown was affirmed as Welcome Chair for Region N-2.

SUMMARY FROM THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON MARCH 28, 2019

Budgeted Income for the year: \$265,175.44 Income YTD (February 28, 2019) \$238,701.86 (90% of budgeted income)
Budgeted Expenses for the Year: \$260,050.00
Expenses YTD (February 28, 2019) \$180,848.46 (70% of budgeted expenses)
Year to Date Profit: \$57,853.40

Gazette Advertising: The board discussed advertising costs and policies with an eye to making sure that our costs are in line with other magazines and to consider whether or not to allow non-NAME members to advertise in The Miniature Gazette.

Souvenirs at Conventions and Houseparties: The board discussed options for souvenirs moving forward including continuing with the multiple scales and options and possibly offering a "no souvenir" option as was done for the online houseparty.

Financials: The board reviewed the annual budget as well as upcoming houseparty/convention budgets.

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Conventions and Houseparties: A successful site visit was conducted at the Crowne Plaza in Providence, RI, where we plan to hold our 2021 National Convention. The third souvenir for Indianapolis has been approved by the Advisory Committee. Souvenirs for Portland have been approved. Registrations for the “An Evening with Friends” event in Nashville are going well.

Regional Teams: Jackie Bartz was affirmed as the new M-1 Eastern PA State Rep. Lori Jackman was affirmed as the E-2 Mississippi State Rep.

Special Events: The College of Miniature Knowledge is looking for a school director.

Long Range Plan: The board continued to review the long range plan.

SUMMARY FROM THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON MAY 2, 2019

Budgeted Income for the year: \$265,175.44

Income YTD (March 31, 2019) \$254,938.38 (96% of budgeted income)

Budgeted Expenses for the Year: \$260,050.00

Expenses YTD (March 31, 2019) \$203,861.36 (78% of budgeted expenses)

Year to Date Profit: \$51,077.02

Gazette Editor Handbook: The board approved a new Gazette Editor Handbook. This was created to assure that policies around formatting and content are documented for editors for the Miniature Gazette.

Museum Committee: The Museum Committee requested the authority to go through the existing collection of books and magazines at the NAME office to weed out those that were outdated and make these available for members during the Indianapolis convention silent auctions or garage sale. Request approved.

Tape/Video Lending Library: Since few members have taken advantage of our lending library in recent years, and because much of our media is in poor condition, the board also requested that the museum committee go through these items as well. At this time, our lending library program is discontinued due to lack of interest and content. Slides and photos that constitute NAME historical records WILL be retained.

Financials: The board reviewed the annual budget as well as upcoming houseparty/convention budgets.

Conventions and Houseparties: The online houseparty is set to start on May 15th. Registration stands at 335. Mini mart applications were received and reviewed by the Nashville selection committee. The Nashville convention is filled. The Pittsburgh Small Scales Houseparty is open for registrations. The souvenir contracts have been offered to three artisans for the Portland Houseparty.

Regional Teams: Lynn Jensen was confirmed as the Regional Coordinator for Region A-1, with her term to start in July.

Fundraising: The first NAME Makitz offering appears in the current issue of the Miniature Gazette.

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NAME Day 2019: The Craft Table

Be sure to order your kits for the "Dream Craft Room." This year is the Crafting table. Check out the Cutter list on the NAME website under "Events" then "NAME Day." Some cutters will have other accessories available to go with the table.

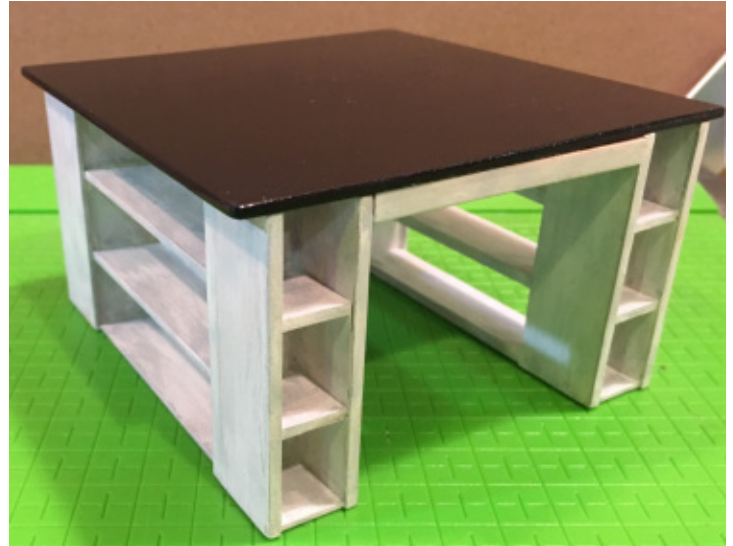
Is your craft table able to fit just you or do you have friends who come over and you all work around your craft table? Our 2019 Craft table comes in two sizes. One has a 5" x 5" top to fit you and a friend or two to work at the same time OR you might just want a smaller single table to fit up against the wall. 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 Opened January 25, 2019

Registration forms are available on the NAME web site.



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.

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State Rep Reports

East Bay/Tri-Valley

State Rep Will Thomas

North Central CA

State Rep Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club: The Club is still meeting once a month at the two Chico members' homes and plans on keeping Our Little Mini Club active.

Once again we wish to show our gratitude for all your kindness.

Our Little Mini Club Chico/Paradise wishes to thank the "Miniature World," who opened their hearts by having fundraisers, workshops and donations after six members lost their homes in the Camp Fire/Paradise wildfire on November 8, 2018. On March 19, 2019, we received gift cards, notes and greeting cards from NAME members and non-members. Words cannot express our gratitude for the support, generosity and kindness of friends and strangers.

Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered!

—Margaret Gordus

Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

State Rep Laura Seibert

Small Wonders: Small Wonders, the club in Stockton, has disbanded. It is no longer listed on the NAME website.

— Laura Seibert

Itty Bitties: The expression, "Time flies when you are having fun," has been around for ages and since we all love to have fun, I asked Father Time if he could extend our time when working with miniatures. Never heard back from him so don't know if that is good or bad. Dang it!

Our club has been "having fun" working on our 2019 cellar/laundry project. We started working on our 2019 project in February, as in January we did the last project for our 2018 project. Everyone has different ideas for the cellar. Some will put it a

"book," some in laundry soap boxes, some in other containers or room boxes. Debra Taylor was quick to provide each of us with a single hanging light bulb for lighting in our project. She also taught us how to connect it to a 9-volt battery. Darwin shared the bookcase for the Robin Betterley books.

Since the passing of Jim Cooper, we were wondering if the Flea Market in Benicia would still be held and it was. Several of the club members decided to go.

In February we met at Francis Bigler's house again. Francis taught us all how to make a push broom for our cellar.

In March several club members attended the Benicia Flea Market and we enjoyed the day! Renate has a friend who had miniatures to share with everyone as she is in her 80s with cancer and needed to downsize.

In April Renate taught everyone how to make a hot water heater from a PVC pipe, from straws for pipes, from a picture of Emergency Instructions from her own hot water heater, a button, a spigot, and small jewelry wires. Paul (Karen Sandvick's husband) cut the PVC pipe and Deb Laue cut the round disks for the top and bottom of the hot water heaters. Renate brought more miniatures from her friend for everyone to go through. Karen told us about the Alderfer Miniature Auction in case anyone wanted to bid on something.

We all are looking forward to the sidewalk sale at Elegant Dollhouse. Some of our club members will be selling there. Busy, busy, busy!

—Renate Winter

Quarter Persuasion: This year our club is making an attic in 1/4 scale. Barbara Thornton-Hill cut the kits for us. A cute attic with a dormer window. So far, we have made a memory table and broke a leg on it so it could be discarded in the attic. At the April meeting, we started putting the attic together. It will probably take another meeting to finish it. Then we will be making all sorts of things to put in it. Another fun project to do.

—Pattie Hong

Marin, Napa Valley

Open Position

San Francisco/ N. Peninsula

Open Position

Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

Fresno Tinker Belles: The Fresno club is pleased that we have two new members. Margaret Gordus lost her home in the Paradise fire and moved to Clovis and came to club yesterday. Glendon Davis has been saving tools that belonged to Molly Lawler and is donating them to Margaret.

Also, my daughter, Wendy Bidy, has been attending club since January and is now a NAME member.

We have all decided that we would like to do the new minikitz offered by Robin Betterley. We will do this as a club project and all are looking forward to it.

Sunday, May 6, we will be attending the parking lot sale in Sacramento.

Think we will all have plenty of mini work to take us through the hot summer.

—Barbara Fairbanks

Hawaii

State Rep Naomi Losch

South Bay & Peninsula

Open Position

Through the Looking Glass: Through the Looking Glass has begun work on a new Club Project. We started with the idea of a shed and each member is bringing her own interpretation of studio, potting shed, tea room, artist's retreat, just a place to read and relax. We are using a variety of small buildings. This will probably be a two-year project!

In addition we are working with the Mini-Cals on our NAME Workday in early October.

Much to do and much fun!!

—Barbara Adams

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MiniCals: MiniCals is ending our workshops on the 18th with Jasmin Schwarz giving her "Lemon treats" class. Should be fun.

We are working with Through the Looking Glass on NAME day plans. We may be trying something new. Stay tuned.

Our Salinas member, Laura Smith, has made arrangements with the Salinas Library for us to display some of our miniatures during "Miniature Month" in October.

We'll be having our end of year luncheon and gift exchange in June and taking our summer break.

—Ruth Heisch for Brenda Hough

Mini Attics: The Mini Attics tote bag favors for the National Convention have been completed and sent on their way. We made grape vine wreaths as welcoming gifts and hope the recipients will enjoy using them.

Some of our members, Carol Walls, Marge Milani, Meg Milani, and Diane Phillips, attended the Mini Cals Potting Vignette class in Morgan Hill, and others plan to attend the May 18 MiniCals polymer clay lemon Treats class taught by Jasmin Schwarz.

The next item on our agenda is the San Mateo County Fair where we will exhibit some of our mini treasures.

—Gerry Silberstein

No. Nevada, Tahoe

State Rep Mary Ann Van Buskirk

Wee Housers of the Peninsula: The Wee Housers club is happy to have a new member, Rhona Lee, who lives in Gilroy. She is a very talented addition to our group.

We celebrated our birthdays in April. We met at Rhona's home for a wonderful lunch that she prepared. And we celebrated again in May for those who couldn't attend in April. Rhona brought a sampling of the foods she served in April. Each of us brought a gift for everyone. It was lots of fun and we received some wonderful gifts.

—Laura Johnson

North Coastal

State Rep Sharon Ocheltree

Redwood Small World: It's unusually cool out this afternoon. A hot cup of chocolate and a fire in the fireplace sounds just about right. After a full day of friends and fun at a mini workshop, relaxing sounds good too.

Yesterday was our annual "Play Day" event. Lucy and Dick Hanson of Cascade Miniatures of Grants Pass, Oregon gave us a terrific day of creating a lake front cottage. They provided us with a one-inch scale, electrified room box with a window wall over looking a landscape of our choice. Beautiful calendar pictures were used for a scenic background, enhanced by special lighting. They also provided kits for a fireplace, bookcases, and a pair of up-

holstered chairs. The fireplace can also be electrified with an LED flickering bulb. It's very cozy looking.

Lucy and Dick are fantastic teachers with wonderful giving personalities. They gave every class member gifts from their shop and valuable tips on many areas of miniature art. We all thoroughly enjoyed them. We are already thinking and planning for next year's project.

A group of 13 of us attended the workshop. Several new women joined the day, including a mother and her two young daughters, seven and eight year olds. They were delightful.

We have a new miniature club in our area. The Hobbit Habitats of Humboldt is officially now a NAME club. President BeaJ Fitzpatrick has started the club for smaller scales. They meet once a month and are creating hobbit houses in 1/2 inch scale.

The next couple of months we will be concentrating on our Humboldt County fair exhibits. We all have projects to finish and put the finishing touches on. Our members try to enter as many entries as possible to encourage the growth of our passion. We are working with the fair board to increase classes and divisions, especially for smaller scales and youth.

With miniatures shows coming up in other communities and all the fair activity, we will be busy having a great time. Hope you are too!

—Sharon Ocheltree

Make Easy and Colorful Houseplants with Deb Laue

June 8, 2019; 10 am –3 pm
at the home of Francis Bigler
3155 Bulrush St., Roseville, CA 95747

Class includes the potting bench and all of the artwork, plants, pottery, and birdhouses on the bench. Cost \$30.00. Payments may be made by check, cash, or PayPal. Email Deb for questions and registration. Deb@dragonflyintl.com

Additional plant making kits and supplies will be for sale at the class. Please bring a sack lunch.

Deb Laue, www.dragonflyintl.com/shop Join the dragonfly mailing list Easy sign up on our home page.



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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

June 8	Peg's Dollhouse Downsizing Sale Deb Laue's Birdhouse Potting Bench (<i>see page 6</i>)
June 22	Miniatures in the Wine Country Shows
July 18–21	NAME National Convention in Nashville
August 3	Summer at Tahoe State Day Workshop
September 27–29	NAME Small Scales Houseparty in Pittsburgh, PA
October 5	NAME Day by Small Design
October 12–13	Good Sam/Showcase of Miniatures

By Small Design

Presents

NAME Day and Potluck

October 5, 2019
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sierra Arden Church of Christ
830 Morse Avenue, Sacramento, CA

Info: Pattie Hong 530-432-3271
or farmlife99@yahoo.com.

Please join us for a fun day!

Peg's Dollhouse Downsizing Sale

June 8, 2019
10 am–3 pm

Other Sellers Tables

2271 Melbrook Way
Santa Rosa, CA

For Info: Peggy, 707-823-3478

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

Admission \$8
Friday night classes; Saturday preview

26th Annual

Summer at Tahoe State Day Workshop

Saturday, August 3, 2019

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

“Welcome to the Zen Garden”
(Oriental Garden Roombox
with a Koi Pond & Scenery)

NEW LOCATION:

American Legion
2748 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

\$70.00 includes project, breakfast, lunch, gifts, etc.

Mail payment to:
Mary Ann VanBuskirk
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