



# Small Talk

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Spring 2020

<http://nameregionn2.org>

## From Your Regional Coordinator

As I'm waiting for Spring to spring, I am working frantically on various items for the upcoming Portland Houseparty. This is the perfect time of year to hole up in a warm and cozy area to create door prizes, exchange gifts, table gifts and such. There's not been much activity in Region N2 but there are some events coming up soon.

I hear there is a sale in Benecia in March, the Seattle Show (although not in N2, it is on the West Coast) will be on the first weekend of March. Portland Houseparty is on the first weekend of April. I haven't heard if there are events being planned in Morgan Hill this Spring so I hope they'll be busy creating events also.

NAME Day Events are just starting to be planned for October and there is the Elegant Dollhouse Parking Lot Sale on the first Sunday of May to get ready for. So get warmed up because as the year progresses, so will miniature activities. Please remember to get your information to Laura Johnson, our Newsletter Editor so every-one will know what's coming up.

See you around the region.

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

## Here & There With Barbara & NAME

As I write this, it is only the beginning of February so, not too much happening yet in the miniature world. I did go up to McMinnville, Oregon to work on Centerpieces for the Portland Houseparty. You won't want to miss that. They are amazing. Then I came home to finish one. Then, while that's in progress, I started on the Thursday Night Project for Portland so I can be one of many teachers for that. So, I have been busy.

In early January, I took a weekend to go to Indianapolis for the semi-annual Face-to-Face NAME Board meeting at the hotel where this summer's convention will be held. The Board joined the Steering Committee on a tour of the facility and it's a lovely hotel. Winter Wonderland is the theme and there are great plans going on for a lovely winter in July and the Board hosted "Evening with Friends" promises to be a lot of fun. It's a dinner theater night nearby so should be great.

I plan to be in the Portland area in early March, right after the Seattle Show, which will be held on the weekend of March 7 & 8. More information is available at <http://www.seattleminiatureshow.com>

There will be a Steering Committee meeting at the Seattle show and again on Monday in Portland at the hotel where "Come Fly With Me" will be held in April.

At the end of January, Laura Seibert, our Sacramento Valley area State Rep and I took two days to package grab bags for the various events in our region this year. There are some very nice items in there so we hope you will be finding just that right thing you've been needing or wanting in the grab bag you purchase. This is the way we raise funds in Region N2 and our members are the best at supporting this fundraising effort. Please remember us when you are looking for new homes for your miniatures.

**Barbara Thornton-Hill**

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### **SUMMARY FROM THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

Financial Summary: Fiscal Year June 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020

Budgeted Income for the year: \$269,606.00

Income YTD (October 31, 2019) \$192,237.50 (71.3% of budgeted income)

Budgeted Expenses for the Year: \$271,490.21

Expenses YTD (October 31, 2019) \$111,991.99 (41.2% of budgeted expenses)

Year to Date Profit: \$80,245.51

Philadelphia Miniaturia. NAME night went very well. The Saturday live auction was cancelled, but several silent auctions were held, resulting in \$2657 income for NAME.

Houseparties/Conventions.

The Portland Houseparty will have 27 dealers available. Registrations were increased to 255.

The Indianapolis Committee is working hard to finalize the packet, including the schedule of events.

Two souvenirs have been approved for the Providence Convention.

Regional Teams.

Sonia Burke was affirmed as State Representative for Las Vegas, NV (Region N1).

Judy Meyer was affirmed as State Representative for Riverside, Orange and San Bernadino in Southern California (Region N1).

Fundraising. The Winter Makitz kit has been well received.

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### **SUMMARY FROM THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON JANUARY 11-12, 2020 at the MARRIOTT HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

Financial Summary: Fiscal Year June 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020

Budgeted Income for the year: \$269,606.00

Income YTD (December 31, 2019) \$217,383.42 (80.6% of budgeted income)

Budgeted Expenses for the Year: \$271,490.21

Expenses YTD (December 31, 2019) \$154,976.60 (57.1% of budgeted expenses)

Year to Date Profit: \$80,245.51

Virtual Museum. The Virtual Museum was updated in December with items from three more conventions/houseparties.

Amazon Smile. As of November 24, NAME has received \$2206.72 since the program started in 2014.

NAME House. Work continues at the NAME house. Painting is underway and new window treatments have been approved.

Giving Letter. Donations to NAME through the giving letter are \$13,216.20 as of the end of 2019.

Houseparties/Conventions.

Registration opens January 24th for the convention in Indianapolis. The convention schedule was reviewed. There will be an Evening with Friends event.

Regional Teams.

Amanda Burt was affirmed as the state rep for MD in region E-1.

Fundraising. The Winter Makitz kit has been well received.

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## State Rep Reports

### East Bay/Tri-Valley

#### Open Position

### North Central CA

#### State Rep Margaret Gordus

### North Coastal

#### State Rep Sharon Ocheltree

**Redwood Small World:** Its been a pretty mild winter here on the north coast, and our miniature endeavors have been rather mild also.

Our Thanksgiving meeting was held at my home with our annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner. We polished off a 16 pound turkey plus all the favorite dishes from our favorite cooks. I spent days making polymer clay 1:12 gingerbread house pieces from a mold from Stewart Dollhouse Creations. I must have made 20 of them and they came out uniform and smooth. The ladies assembled them quickly and had many ideas for decorating their little Christmas house. One of us finished her's off to match her own mountain home.

Christmas time found us at Sue Kuhnhausen's home. She prepared another fantastic lunch for us and we all enjoyed our gift exchange with ooo's and ahhh's and lots of laughter. Her project was a darling Yule log candel holder. A small piece of a branch, a toothpick, some adornments like holly berries or fake snow, and it was complete. Perfect for the Christmas dining room table or over the fire place mantel.

Gail Freeman hosted our January meeting with a "bring your own unfinished project." I don't think anything was finished, but least we tried. A lot of discussion was held concerning our upcoming play day in April. I'm looking for a larger turn out this year.

We removed our miniature items from the Ferndale Library after the first of the year. The librarian told me she was sitting at her desk when she heard this loud 'whack' coming from the other room. She got up to look and there was a grown man standing in front of our miniature display, holding his head. Sheepishly he said, "I just

wanted to get a closer look and forgot about the glass." Maybe we've all been there.

—Sharon Ocheltree

### Marin, Napa Valley

#### Open Position

### No. Nevada, Tahoe

#### State Rep Mary Ann Van Buskirk

### Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

#### State Rep Laura Seibert

**Gold Country Petal Pushers:** The Petal Pushers meet on the last Thursday of each month. Unfortunately, in November, that was the day before Thanksgiving so was cancelled. In December, it was New Years Day so that was also cancelled.

We finally met again at the end of January and worked on 1/4" Sedum from kits from sckminiatures. We didn't finish but had a lot of fun fiddling with them.

—Barbara Thornton-Hill

**Itty Bitties:** Wow! One never knows what tomorrow brings. In my case, I have come down with several diagnoses on my plate which makes me have to cut back on miniature activities. Hey, but I am not going to give up the love of miniatures! No Sir! Our club is very active and we are going on to do our new 2020 project. Excitement is high!

It has been decided that our 2020 project will be a project done in a hat box. Deb Laue passed out hat boxes to everyone letting us all decide on the inside. Members suggested doing a wine shop, hat shop, soda fountain haberdashery, antique shop or a mercantile shop.

Our club did not meet in October because of the Good Sam Miniature Show. This too, because of my many "ills," was my last organized train ride. I will miss that train ride to San Jose!

Again, we had our Christmas party at Carolyn's house. We have many "sharing" members and we received many "goodies" from Karen who shared from Dollhouses

Trains & More. Darwin also shared metal and plastic furniture to use in our projects. It was also decided to change our club meetings to the 4th Sunday of each month.

Deb Laue taught a hat making class in February for our project despite the fact that she had a pacemaker installed in January. Karen will teach purse and shoe construction in February for those doing a hat shop. Most of our members will be doing a hat shop.

—Renate Winter

**Quarter Persuasion:** Good morning. Happy New Year to everyone. We had a great Christmas party in December. Wonderful gifts were exchanged with everyone in the club. The food was so good. We all love these parties.

We finished our attics from 2019. That was such a fun project to do. There are so many different things you can put into an attic. All of them turned out so nice. Thanks to Barbara Thornton-Hill for cutting out the kits for us.

In January, we started the Ladybug Laundry Day project. It is so cute. I am looking forward to seeing the finished project. We all helped each other with the steps to do it. We met at Anne Walker's home, and she provided a wonderful lunch.

Our club is six years old now and has been such a great experience. Here's to six more years of fun.

—Pattie Hong

### Fresno

#### State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

**Fresno Tinker Belles:** The Fresno Tinker Belles had a wonderful Christmas get-together to eat! Carolyn Cave invited us to her beautifully decorated home and her table was completely full with wonderful different dishes. Then we had many choices of dessert.

Six of us made the NAME kitz book with the adorable Lady Bugs. We are now working on the little Squirrel book. Such cute small projects that go together quickly and give us a lot of fun.



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Four of us are looking forward to the Portland Houseparty. Two of us have been asked to help teach the Thursday night project so we are also working on that project. Everyone signed up will enjoy their evening!

Our club is looking for more members as we are down to just a few now.

Hoping that more people will join us having fun each week.

—Barbara Fairbanks



*Tinker Belles members Glendon Davis, Carolyn Cave, Marlene Foster, Barbara Fairbanks, Margaret Gordus and Kayanne Yung working on the NAME project of Mrs. Ladybug on Laundry Day*

### San Francisco/ N. Peninsula

Open Position

### South Bay & Peninsula

Open Position

**Through the Looking Glass:** Through the Looking Glass worked with MiniCals to host a NAME Day Workday in Morgan Hill on September 28th. The theme was an Old-fashioned Country Fair. The round table workshops were especially fun and creative.

Many from our Club displayed the Friendship Hutches we had made this year at Showcase of Miniatures. It was a wonderful Club Project and each interpreted it in her own inimitable way.

Most months a member presents a miniature project to work on. We have learned how to make hollyhocks and Easter egg bread wreaths from Juanita Landa, plant stake birdhouses from Lori Rodriguez and shabby chic shutter bookcases from Lynne Hoffman. We all are continuing to work work on our “she sheds” and studios.

—Barbara Adams

**Mini Attics:** The Mini Attics enjoyed a Christmas party and gift exchange at the home of Meg Milani. Good food, good company and great gifts.

We have been busy finishing the theme appropriate tote bag gifts for the Portland houseparty. We hope to have them packaged and ready for mailing in a few days.

Members Carol Walls and Diane Phillips went to a Morgan Hill workshop recently and made bird cages. They enjoyed working on the project, and we are looking forward to their next project. They always come up with unique and fun projects.

One of our past members, Lynne Miller, who has re-located to the Seattle area, was in town for a short visit, and several of us were able to have lunch with her and catch up on minis and news in general.

—Gerry Silberstein

**Wee Housers of the Peninsula:** The Wee Housers group had a wonderful holiday-lunch at a local restaurant in December. After lunch we went to my house for a gift exchange and dessert. We missed Maryann, Liz and Lynn, who couldn't attend.

For our February meeting Moonyeen made book covers for all of us. This time they were pastels in colors of our choice. We will finish them at our next meeting. We will soon have a stash of books to fill our every need! All thanks to Moonyeen.

Happy Spring and Happy Miniaturizing!

### Hawaii

State Rep Naomi Losch

## NAME DAY 2020, October 3

### The Craft Room, Part II

NAME Day events may occur on different days in different areas. Watch for more info in the next Small Talk or on the web site.



*Susan Sharrat's sink and cabinet*



## 9th Annual Miniatures in the Wine Country

June 13, 2020 at 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

2 shows, shared parking: American Legion Hall, 320 N American St., Lodi, CA and Eagles Hall 217 E Lockeford St. 90 tables of miniatures.

Admission \$8. [miniaturesonthewaterfront.com](http://miniaturesonthewaterfront.com)

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### Name N2 Region Calendar

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| April 3–5   | NAME Small Scales Houseparty, Portland OR                   |
| June 13     | 9th Annual Miniatures in the Wine Country<br>9:00 am – 3:00 |
| March 21    | Morgan Hill Spring Fling                                    |
| April 25    | Morgan Hill Attic Room Workshop                             |
| May 16      | Morgan Hill Shabby Chic Garden Setting                      |
| October 3   | NAME Day  |
| October 3–4 | Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures                             |

### Morgan Hill Workshops

January 18, birdcage and table, \$20  
February 22, wire mesh workshop, \$15  
March 21, Spring Fling  
April 25, an attic room. (This will probably take two days so we are trying to decide on fri/sat or sat/sun.)  
May 16, shabby chic garden setting with door, bench, wagon wheel and flowers  
Possibly catch up on June 6

### Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures

Saturday, Sunday October 3–4, 2020  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel San Jose  
2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA

*The calendar may say it is summer, but in July 2020 in Indianapolis it is going to be a WINTER WONDERLAND!*

Wonderful Workshops  
Stupendous Swaps  
Cool Centerpieces  
Awesome Auctions  
Happy Hospitality Room  
Super Salesroom  
Crazy Cocktail Party  
Exciting Exhibits  
Rousing Roundtables  
Divine Door Prizes  
Terrific Theme Luncheons  
Magical Meals  
Tantalizing Tote Bag Favors  
Marvelous Mega Round Tables  
Incredible Improvement Seminars  
Tremendous Thursday Night Project  
And so much more, all designed for fun, fun, fun!



## July 23–26, 2020

Space is still available!  
Registration Fee: \$255

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