



Small Talk

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Winter 2019–2020

<http://nameregionn2.org>

From Your Regional Coordinator

This was a busy Fall. I hope you all have participated in all the activity. There is not much planned in the region over the next two or three months but then things will pick up again. I wish you all a peaceful and fulfilling Thanksgiving, winter holidays and New Years.

January is a good time to stay inside and clean out your crafting spaces. Please keep us in mind as we are always looking for donations for GrabBags, auctions and other fundraising opportunities.

Also, don't forget the Portland Houseparty on the first weekend in April. The winter months are the perfect time to make your exchange gifts, doorprizes and such. It promises many surprises and a great time with other miniaturists.

Barbara Thornton-Hill,

Temporary Regional Coordinator, Region N2

Here & There With Barbara & NAME

There has been so much activity in the past couple of months. First I went to Pittsburgh for the Small Scales Houseparty. It was so much fun. Unfortunately, I did not win a centerpiece. They were houses that are very characteristic of Pittsburgh. There is a picture of one in the November/December Gazette.

The Thursday Night Project was a cute quarter scale porch which we could decorate in a season of our choice. The Hospitality Room had something going on all the time. Games, contests, free kits, free items to choose from and friendly committee members to greet me every time I went in there. The food was OK for hotel banquet food and the rooms in the hotel were very comfortable.

Next mini activity on my schedule was NAME Day, which I attended in Sacramento. They had a potluck lunch, we worked on our NAME Day kits, had some very nice raffle items (I did not win one, however) and fun committee gifts were passed out throughout the day.

NAME Day was followed by the Good Sam show in San Jose. We all know that one. It seemed very busy this year and I am always glad to see those who stop to chat at the NAME table. We sold a lot of Grab Bags and ran out the first day. The Vendors were great and the Exhibits were amazing. We have so much talent and artistic ability in our region. It is always inspiring to see what our miniaturists can do and of course, I'm very envious.

My next adventure was not so much a miniature experience but I attended a very fun Scrapbooking weekend with my good friend Lisa and my daughter-in-law Kristin. We had a great time there too and I will say there is some overlap in paper crafts and miniatures so it's kind of related.

Think about sharing some of your experiences in the miniature world. I'm sure Laura, our Small Talk editor, would love more articles to share with our region.

Barbara Thornton-Hill



*Porches from
the Pittsburgh
Thursday night
workshop*



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SUMMARY FROM THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON JULY 15-16 AND JULY 21, 2019

Financials. The board reviewed the results of the annual audit. The Auditor made no recommendations for change.

Membership. The board discussed several ideas submitted from Alician Pearce for increasing membership.

Clubs. Nancye Claypool discussed the difficulties of incorporating new members into NAME when clubs are closed. While there are many reasons why clubs need to be closed (e.g., limited meeting space), clubs are encouraged to open their doors to new NAME members and miniaturists.

Auctions. NAME held several silent auctions during the convention and made around \$17,000. Many thanks to our generous donors and bidders.

Houseparties/Conventions. Upcoming Houseparty Budgets were reviewed. The budget for the 2021 National Convention in Providence, RI was approved. The Online Houseparty was very successful financially. Another is under consideration. Registration is still open for Pittsburgh and VIP registrations are underway for Portland. Regional Teams. Jan Feldhouse was approved as RC for Region N1. The Western Texas area will be folded into the North and South Texas areas in Region E-2, eliminating one SR area as this area has been without a State Rep for some time. Fundraising. The Makitz kits continue to do well and have raised over \$3400 for NAME to date.

Special Events. The Special Events Committee continues to work on the College of Miniature Knowledge and the NAME Day events.

NAME Office Systems. Dan Stewart reported on the progress made on the NAME office systems and a schedule for deployment.

Long Range Plan. The board reviewed the Long-Range Plan. Further discussion and updating of goals will continue by email.

Regional Meetings. The board reviewed the input provided by our members who attended their regional meetings on Saturday morning.

SUMMARY FROM THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2019

Budgeted Income for the year:

\$269,606.00 Income YTD (July 31, 2019)

\$115,715.85 (42.9% of budgeted income)

Budgeted Expenses for the Year: \$263,833.00

Expenses YTD (July 31, 2019) \$57,019.26 (21.6% of budgeted expenses)

Year to Date Profit: \$58,696.59

Gazette Editor. NAME has signed a contract with Cynthia Erickson, former Editor of the Miniature Collector magazine, to take over the Editor position for the Miniature Gazette. This will start with the January/February issue.

Elections. The nominating committee is starting to approach people about the next elections. The request for nominations is in the September/October Miniature Gazette.

Yahoo Group. The Yahoo group was discussed to see if there are ways to improve how things are done to better meet our member's needs who rely on this group for communication. There are some limitations in Yahoo that need to be worked around.

Philadelphia Miniaturia. NAME is still in need of Philadelphia Miniaturia higher end auction items.

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HP/Conventions.

The profit from the OLHP stands at \$18,262.01.

The Portland Houseparty registration limits were increased as it filled immediately.

NAME will introduce the ability for vendors to contract for a half table. This measure is intended to help encourage new vendors to give the NAME shows a try as the tables are not as expensive and not as much stock is required to fill a table. This will go into effect starting with the Indianapolis Convention in 2020.

SUMMARY FROM THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON October 24, 2019

Budgeted Income for the year: \$269,606.00

Income YTD (September 30, 2019) \$153,504.86 (56.9% of budgeted income)

Budgeted Expenses for the Year: \$263,833.00

Expenses YTD (August 31, 2019) \$93,950.26 (34.6% of budgeted expenses)

Year to Date Profit: \$59,544.60

Elections. The election slate is final for the 2020-2022 terms.

Philadelphia Miniaturia. NAME will again present a NAME Night at Philadelphia Miniaturia, with a Disney theme.

Houseparties/Conventions.

The Portland Houseparty is filled with a short waiting list. The room block is full, but the Hampton Inn will honor the hotel rate for any other rooms required.

Regional Teams. Sheila Forendt was affirmed by the board as the new State Representative for Nebraska in Region A2.

Good Sam/Showcase of Miniatures

A huge thank you to those who attended, volunteered or exhibited your treasures at the show. Another successful year and looking forward to 45 years. Amazing! We have a hard working, dedicated group putting the show together each year and it couldn't happen without them. I sincerely thank all of you!

See you next year!

Ruth Heisch

Cade Deverell's Good Sam workshop for children



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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State Rep Reports

East Bay/Tri-Valley

Open Position

North Central CA

State Rep Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club:



Beautiful Memories of NAME Day
—Margaret Gordus

Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

State Rep Laura Seibert

Itty Bitties: The August meeting was at Carolyn Paul's home. Deb Laue and Carolyn taught the project, a clothes pin bag

with clothes pins in it, in the shape of a little girl's dress. This project was designed for their 2019 Club Project, The Basement. The club decided to use hat boxes as their project for 2020, Deb providing the hat boxes if needed. Deb displayed a hat box project she had made: a hat shop.

The September meeting was also at Carolyn's home, this time hosted by Karen Sandvick. State Rep Laura Seibert attended again—thank you, Itty Bitties club members, for the lovely day! As they don't have a meeting in October due to Sacramento's NAME Day and Good Sam (biggest Show in our area, in San Jose), our project this month had a Halloween theme. Tea light ceramic containers were provided, either a ghost or a pumpkin. We made a 1:288th haunted house out of card stock, and various materials were provided to help us: gravel, pebbles, forest green landscaping foam, and cut-outs of bats, witches, spiders, etc.

The 10th annual NAME Day in Sacramento was fun. We got started on our Craft Room Tables. Many Itty Bitties members were in attendance, as well as NAME members from throughout the area.

Renate organized her last Good Sam Train Ride, as her health is more fragile these days. Her son and his fiance came with us. Seventeen people went on this last Good Sam train ride. Starting next year, mini people will either have to pay the higher price on the train, drive themselves (or carpool), or organize six mini friends at a time for the discounted price, on their own.

Itty Bitties club members are all looking forward to the November meeting, as they'll decide what projects to make for the inside of their hat box containers. Will they make flower shops or wine tasting rooms, or will everyone do their own thing for the inside? They'll get to vote. Members will be bringing their completed Basements to the November meeting, to show everyone, and take pictures. They will pick which month they want to host for 2020. Members will sign up for what they want to bring to the December Potluck.

—Renate Winter

Marin, Napa Valley

Open Position

North Coastal

State Rep Sharon Ocheltree

Redwood Small World: Can't believe Halloween is over, Thanksgiving is on the way and Christmas is around the corner! Are you like me—life is getting busier than ever!! We have been very busy with the mini club too.

Our fair event at the Humboldt County Fair was pretty successful in August. We had many entries from our ladies and many ribbons and cash prizes were brought home. Dorelee Heisler won Best of Show for her Beauty Shop, made in honor of her daughter's business. It is now on display in Alice's shop. We were all very pleased to see the youth division explode with entries. Last year we sponsored a cash award for the youth and it took off. We are in the process of working out a plan with the Girl Scouts to help the girls earn their Miniature Badge. It's exciting for us.

We are back at the Fortuna library with a fall and Halloween display. We'll be changing out the items for fall with Christmas miniatures the middle of November. The visitors to the library really enjoy our minis and they keep asking us to come back year after year. To see all our projects grouped together is really quite impressive—if I don't say so myself!

The September meeting was held at Christa Stessenger's home. We were treated to a delightful ice cream Sunday bar with lots of chocolate fudge sauce and maraschino cherries. Her project was all the parts and pieces for a little upholstered round foot stool. She also presented each of us with a very nice unfinished table and other little goodies. It was almost like Christmas! Christa is one of our newest members and this was the first time to visit her home. It was filled with finished and unfinished dollhouses. A delight to a miniaturist's heart.

October was our annual Halloween party

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at Sue Kuhnauhen's home. Susie loves to decorate and cook, so meetings at her home are always a special occasion. Again we had an assortment of ghoulish-named dishes for lunch and at least two desserts. We made a crooked little witch's brooms out of a piece of rope, a long eye pin and some polymer clay to wrap around the crooked wire to form a crooked little stick. They turned out so cute!!

Six of our members attended the Good Sam Show in San Jose. We all took classes on Friday and thoroughly enjoyed the show on Saturday. We all came home broke but with lots of treasures and so many good memories of a wonderful time.

Here's hoping we all survive the season ahead!

—Sharon Ocheltree

Hawaii

State Rep Naomi Losch

No. Nevada, Tahoe

State Rep Mary Ann Van Buskirk

Tahoe Miniacs: Well, the Tahoe Miniacs are at it again for the next Summer At Tahoe. We have secured the American Legion hall again for our workshop next year on August 1, 2020. We are in the process of creating an Egyptian museum full of all sorts of artifacts and goodies. As always, we will be having a raffle, prizes, food and lots of fun so please come join us. I will be waiting to see all of you again so please "Meet Me At The Museum."

—Linda Van Buskirk

Gold Country Petal Pushers: The Petal Pushers keep on pushing petals each month when we're here. The meeting was cancelled in September because only two members were available, but otherwise we are still kicking.

In October, the club made Lisianthus flowers in quarter scale and arranged them in a pot. Believe me, there was a bit of whining but we managed to do it. It's not easy handling those tiny bits and getting them where you want them to go.

For the most part, the club has converted to quarter scale plants and flowers, as those of us who are left are very much quarter

scale devotees. It is a challenge but "We can do it!"

—Barbara Thornton-Hill

By Small Design: By Small Design celebrated the 10th Annual NAME Day on the 5th of October Fran Bigler, Pattie Hong, Darwin Spring, Linda Vertrees and Carol Carton spent the last year planning the event. We build this year's project, the Crafting Table. We had rolls, fruit, juice and coffee in the morning and Potluck for lunch. All had a wonderful day. Minis and Friends, what could have been better! See you next year.

—Carol Carton

Quarter Persuasion: We have been making quarter scale attics this year. Barbara Thornton-Hill cut them out for us. We have been making little things to put in them at each club meeting. Each is the same style and size but they are all different. They are really cute.

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We will also be planning on next years project. It is hard to believe this year is almost gone.

Have a merry Christmas, everyone.

—Pattie Hong

Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

San Francisco/ N. Peninsula

Open Position

South Bay & Peninsula

Open Position

MiniCals: MiniCals had a very busy fall. Joint hosting a NAME DAY event, working on the Good Sam Show, planning our next year's workshops and displaying for Miniature Month at the Steinbeck Library

in Salinas. The Library had tremendous response and raves about our miniature display. Hopefully, we picked up some new miniaturists with the Good Sam flyers available also.

Our club hit a milestone this year of 40years in NAME> We will be sending a donation to NAME from the profit at NAME DAY event as soon as expenses are tallied. Attendees enjoyed numerous "makeNtake" opportunities made available by Through the Looking Glass and MiniCals, along with our fairbooth offering.

We enjoyed hot dogs, popcorn, apple pie and ice creamcones. A fun carnival day!

Our workshops begin in January 17 with an elegant birdcage and table. Prices and dates are not yet set for our workshops. We will get the word out by Thanksgiving. Hopefully, we can enlist the help of Carol Kubrican to help with that. Or email Ruth Heisch at grouchybeartoo@aol.com for information and a complete list.

We are now looking forward to our annual Christmas Party and making our presents for the celebration.

—Ruth Heisch for Brenda Hough

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-fashion 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: Member Hong McKinsey has been accepted by IGMA as an artisan in needlepoint work. We are so proud of her and her beautiful work, not only in needlepoint, but in everything she does.

Most of our club attended Good Sam,

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always a highlight of our mini year, and enjoyed looking and buying. Diane Phillips won a raffled item, a lovely paper art picture by Ginger Landon Seigel, and Gerry Silberstein won a doll created by Debra Hammond. She is so pretty; I will enjoy finding a home for her.

Our club is continuing work on the projects we started at Morgan Hill for NAME Day, and will be busy finishing them for several more meetings.

Our next endeavor is setting up our annual library exhibit at Redwood City Public Library, Main Branch. We will be displaying some of our holiday projects as well as some others in November and December. Stop by if you are in the area and have a look.

And last of all, our lucky member, Meg Milani, has just returned home from a one-month trip to Europe, mainly Italy and France, where she had a wonderful time

and faithfully sent photos of her travel to us every day.

—Gerry Silberstein



The Mini Attics' Library Display

Wee Housers of the Peninsula: The Wee Housers club met sporadically over the summer, as members were taking vacations and engaged in other activities.

In November Liz taught us to make jewelry display cards. She gave us lots of different beads and fittings for Christmas last year. They were great for making many different pieces of jewelry on the display cards. We hope to continue the project at another meeting.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas luncheon and gift exchange.

Happy Miniaturing!

—Laura Johnson



Come Fly With Me N-3 Regional Houseparty April 3–5, 2020

Workshops, designed to take you far away

Dealers in the Shopping Concourse: Old Favorites and New

Theme Luncheons: Georgia Queen and Jean Lierman, Debbie Young, Lisa Engler and Angelique Oeckl.

Thursday Night Project: A Passport of Rooms, each with a theme and a scale. All are filled with adventure.

Hospitality: Become part of the frequent flyers club

Pack your suitcase, buckle up, sit back and Come Fly with Me!

Chair: Ruth Stewart

Assistant Chair: Debbie Young

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Name N2 Region Calendar

September 14–15	Lodi Miniature Show
April 3–5	NAME Small Scales Houseparty, Portland
February 1–2	San Diego Show
February 8	Miniatures West Show and Sale, Culver City

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

Registration opens January 24
Registration Fee: \$255

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