

Small Talk

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Summer 2021

<http://nameregionn2.org>

From Your Regional Coordinator

Summer is here and Spring has hardly started. I'm so happy for nice weather but, of course, there is the water issue. Well, good thing we have miniatures to distract us. I am seeing that some events are gearing up to actually occur before too long. Some events are being scheduled in Morgan Hill (including a NAME Day/work day), Good Sam is a go so far, not sure what else is on the schedule but read this newsletter to see and our amazing publicity person, Carol Kubrican, keeps us informed with those terrific email reminders.

Most of my clubs (3) have been meeting in person for a while, others are still on Zoom. In fact, one of my clubs has decided to keep on meeting on Zoom because we are so spread out and we will get together in person maybe a couple of times a year in a central location.

Next year NAME will resume in person events starting with the Portland Houseparty in May and then the National Convention, Winter Wonderland, in Indianapolis in August.

Not ready to travel yet? Or ever? Well, there's the Online Houseparty in February, "Splintered Fairy Tales," from February 17 to 22, 2022. Lots of fun there. Workshops, Roundtables, Theme Luncheons, Hospitality Room, Thursday night project (really cute—I saw it), Centerpieces and Kits to purchase to make the centerpiece. And more. Watch for registration to open early fall.

I am not traveling much now but am having some time to work on my Workshop and I've been Zooming a lot while working on minis and actually getting some stuff done.

Barbara Thornton-Hill,
Temporary Regional Coordinator, Region N2

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURES (NAME) HELD ON JANUARY 2, 2021

Financial Summary: Fiscal Year June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021

Budgeted Income for the year: \$254,243.00

Income YTD (November 30, 2020): \$138,773.25 (54.5% of budgeted income)

Budgeted Expenses for the year: \$253,045.00

Expenses YTD (November 30, 2020): \$138,384.02 (54.7% of budgeted expenses)

Year to Date Profit: \$389.23

The Marketing Liaison asked for articles on ZOOM to share with members and familiarize them with it so more people can connect during the pandemic. The Create website is doing well. Over 300 people have viewed each post and watched the tutorials.

The Convention/Houseparty Liaison has made the difficult decision to reschedule the Portland Houseparty Come Fly with Me, the Indianapolis Convention Winter Wonderland, and the Providence Convention From Sea to Shining Sea due to pandemic uncertainties and travel restrictions. The online Houseparty, Splintered Fairy Tales, is on schedule for February 17–20, 2022.

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Financial Summary: Fiscal Year June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021

Budgeted Income for the year: \$254,243.00

Income YTD (January 31, 2021): \$182,669.99 (71.8% of budgeted income)

Budgeted Expenses for the year: \$253,045.00

Expenses YTD (January 31, 2021): \$178,142.47 (70.4% of budgeted expenses)

Year to Date Profit: \$4527.52

President's Report: Roy Moore introduced new Club Liaison Lynne Hoffman and asked for approval of the Club Committee Lynne proposed: Trish Froelich, Johan Hoyt, Juanita Landa and Shannon Moore with Lynne as Chair. President Moore stated he has found

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two Nominating Committee members and is looking for three more. Anyone interested in serving or having a suggestion of a candidate should call or email him.

Fundraising Report: 2nd VP Ruth Stewart reported the continued success of the Makitz program has resulted in \$19,382.50 additional income for NAME. The current Makitz, Ye Olde Cottage, is doing well and will continue to be offered through August 31st. A new Makitz should debut in the May/June or July/August 2021 Miniature Gazette.

Long Range Plan: 1st VP Alician Pearce presented an overview of her 2021 Long Range Plan for the organization. She selected three main focus areas: Membership, Financial Stability & Fundraising and Technology. In addition, VP Pearce reminded the Board the year 2022 is the fiftieth anniversary of NAME's founding, which needs to be recognized and celebrated.

NAME Day 2021 The Tiki Bar

Welcome to the 2021 Tiki Bar, the theme of our NAME Day project this year. Perhaps you would want it on a beachfront? Maybe in the backyard by the pool? How about a Tiki Bar ambience at a ball game or County fair? Maybe just a scene on it's own? You can serve cold drinks using the cooler that is a part of the project for storing ice, store your glasses, bottles, whatever on the shelves, put some nice bar stools in front to sit on and relax. You might want to do some landscaping around the bar, include some little tables and chairs around a patio. So many options and this will be a complete project this year. Only for 2021. No further projects to wait a whole year for.

Again, one 1" free kit will be available for groups who register their events with the NAME Day Committee but they will not be shipped out until mid-April, 2021. Cutter lists will be posted in April also.

The official NAME Day for 2021 is October 2nd, first Saturday of October. Some events are scheduled a little after that or a little before because of local conflicts, but October 2nd is the official NAME Day.

Cutters will have accessory kits for sale so you will have to check their websites and offerings.

Contact Barbara Thornton-Hill, bathca@gmail.com, to register your event. Still not meeting in person at facilities? How about a Zoom Event? Several groups found those to be satisfactory in 2020. You can have the fun of sharing with others and also the privacy of assembly in your own workspace.



Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures—October 9–10, 2021

Good Sam is back! And what a year it's been! We are all anxious to get back to sharing our hobby and being with other miniaturists. By the time you read this, the workshops should be up on the website (goodsamshowcase.org). Hotel information is on the website, also.

We have a great selection of dealers for you from around the world. Hopefully, travel will be back to normal for everyone.

Our Auction and Raffle will be up and running along with the ever popular White Elephant sales. Once again, Tools 'N Techniques will be on Sunday morning. Registered and Free children's workshops and their chance to win a dollhouse or a castle each day! Holodek 3D will be in the lobby and Margaret Grace will be available to sign her "Mysteries in Miniature" novels.

As always volunteers are needed for the success of the show. Please call or email Ruth Heisch, 408-997-1004 or grouchybeartoo@aol.com

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State Rep Reports

East Bay/Tri-Valley

Open Position

North Central CA

State Rep Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club: We are just meeting via Zoom once a month. We each work on own project while we chat.

Margaret finished a nursery room box for her great granddaughter who will be one on May 8 and made grandpa dollhouse via zoom with Deb Laue/ Dragonflyintl flowers. It has been fun and interesting.

—Margaret Gordus



Margaret's nursery and grandpa house

North Coastal CA

State Rep Sharon Ocheltree

Marin, Napa Valley

Open Position

Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

Fresno Tinker Belles: Fresno Tinker Belles are meeting in each other's homes since Kayanne Yung retired and closed HobbyTown. We are all happy for her.

Sad news—Cathie Peterka, a long-time miniaturist passed away the middle of April. Her daughter and grandson had been caring for her for several years. She was 83.

Several of us are working on Rick and the very scary Crows by the Betterleys. We have four members who work on 1" scale only and they are working on all different projects. We all enjoy seeing the progress being made on each of the projects.

It is beautiful here in Fresno at this time of year and we enjoy having our lunch in the members patios.

—Barbara Fairbanks

Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

State Rep Laura Seibert

Gold Country Petal Pushers: Now four of us in the Petal Pushers have started meeting again. We have made arrangements of yellow Christmas Roses and another pot of Nasturiums.

We will have our Christmas in June meeting next month where we each will be making or buying three flowers each in both 1" and ¼", color theme of red, white and blue. Then we will each bring two pots or vases, one of each scale to exchange in the "Pirate" game. Then we make arrangements with the flowers we received from each other. These arrangements are a lot of

fun and we always come up with fun creations.

Hopefully, I will remember to take pictures this year to share in the newsletter.

—Barbara Thornton-Hill

Itty Bitties: Members of the Itty Bitties Club have been meeting monthly through Zoom. Thanks to Debra Taylor so setting it up as we are getting more proficient with the technological method that we have had to use to have our meetings. We can't wait to meet in person again! Thanks to Deb Laue for helping to distribute kits so we can continue to work on mini projects.

In February, Dr. Debra Taylor taught us how to use unsweetened, powdered Kool Aid to dye silk fabric. We had a great time experimenting with different colors. Powdered Kool Aid can only be used to dye natural fibers.



In March, Fran taught us how to make Easter/Spring baskets. We used markers and colored ribbons to create colorful baskets. Some of us added rabbits and bows to our baskets.



In April, Ynez taught us how to make bonnets and hat boxes. We also learned how to make bows using a bow maker made from a corsage pin and an earring backing. We are always learning new tips and methods while we enjoy the company of our mini friends.



We plan to have our first in-person meeting, outdoors, at Carolyn Paul's home. We will be able to see our friends who were not able to join us on Zoom. Some club mem-

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bers have been working on other projects on their own and have been taking classes that are offered online.

—Frances



Kathy's beach house



Fran's grandpa's dollhouses

San Francisco/ N. Peninsula

Open Position

Quarter Persuasion: Our Quarter Persuasion Zoom meetings continue. We really enjoy them. Our regular monthly meetings are on the third Saturday of each month, at 11 am. We currently have a core group of six active members. We also meet at 11 am, every Monday. Everyone available that day attends. Our new President, Barbara Thornton-Hill, has invited some of her friends to join us on Mondays. We all have a great time. We craft whatever we feel like working on at the moment. We chat while we're crafting. When we finish something, we show it to those attending (hold it up to the video camera). When we choose a club project, we are free to choose not to do that project. We all have so many unfinished/half-finished projects, that our schedule is our own.

Several of us are getting ready to work on the "NeverWas, A Steampunk House on Wheels" Workshop by Michelle Miller, through the Create.Miniatures.org website (a NAME website that has so many fun mini events going on). A few of us are working on our 2021 monthly "Suitcases" subscription, from the Betterlys. I am back to working on "Mama Ladybug's Laundry Day," the first NAME Makitz, designed by the Betterlys.

We are planning to continue with our Zoom meetings after Covid-19 wraps up, and meet in person twice a year. Some of us live in the Sacramento County area, and some of us live in the Nevada County area. It's quite a drive. We hope to get together for Christmas, and once in the summer.

We want to extend the warmest thanks to our outgoing President of seven years, Pattie Hong. She is one of the co-creators of this club, and she gave her very best, from the very first meeting. The meals she prepared, when the meetings were at her home, (we alternated hosting), were delicious. The mini projects she taught were so much fun. Her five minute business meetings gave us the info, with plenty of time left for mini-making! Thank you, thank you, thank you, Pattie!

—Laura Seibert



I received this mermaid doll, as my exchange Christmas present from Lynn Hamel at a Quarter Persuasion Christmas party a few years ago. I wasn't sure where to start with creating a tidepool scene for her. Then Lynn gave away a few miniature items she wasn't planning to use, at a QP meeting she hosted. I was lucky enough to get this little rock scene with "water" in the middle, that had greenery for a spring or mountain scene. I cut away the greenery and added sand and pretty shells. I was thinking of the (now delayed to 2023) "From Sea to Shining Sea" National, as I worked on this little project.s

—Laura Seibert

No. Nevada, Tahoe

State Rep Mary Ann Van Buskirk

Tahoe Miniacs: Well, the Tahoe Maniacs are trying to get started on this year's workshop. We are hoping to have it on August 28. We are still trying to work out some of the details so look for updates on our website: summerattahoe.org. We will also be sending out new invitations once we get everything in place. We hope everyone is feeling well and has made it through this awful pandemic. Hope to see everyone soon, stay well.

—Linda Van Buskirk

Hawaii

State Rep Naomi Losch

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South Bay & Peninsula

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Through the Looking Glass: We continue our monthly meetings on-line. We usually nibble on snacks and work on various projects while talking and sharing. Recently we worked on Easter kits that Lynne Hoffman and Juanita Landa had mailed to us all ahead of time.

Many of us submitted photos of a favorite mini to the NAME website in April. We enjoyed seeing and reading about so many personal and special miniatures and settings.

We are all getting pretty excited about this year's NAME Day Tiki Bar project. We spent a very fun meeting brainstorming ideas for kits and gifts for the Work Day we co-host with MiniCals. We came up with dozens! Tiki Huts seem to be very nostalgic for many of us and can involve an incredible amount of detail.

—Barbara Adams

MiniCals: Life for the MiniCals has been Zoom-based and we've had our monthly meetings online with pre-delivered snacks and projects. We were able to share and make a swan rocker and a beach chair at our last two meetings.

We are planning to host a Tudor Attic project in May at Karen's facility with safety precautions in place. It will be our only workshop this year, but with our continued improvement in virus numbers we will have more in the coming year. We are planning the NAME day Tiki Bar project with the Through the Looking Glass club and more details about this September/October get together will be available soon.

—Brenda Hough

Mini Attics: We continue to meet weekly via ZOOM, but are looking forward to some face-to-face gatherings. Several members plan to go to Morgan Hill to their Attic workshop on May 22.

Cindy Loman has been working on What's In Your Kitchen April-May Swaps and has made some beautiful jello/fruit molds. She made the fruit garnishes herself, and they look most appetizing.

Marge Milani has been busy with her hat shop, a one-inch project based on a book

written by a friend. It tells the story of an Orphan Train girl and how she became a hat maker. The children often were not orphans, but their families could not take care of them. The story, although fiction, is based on true events.

As a group we have been looking for Tiki Bar items and have come across some promising minis.

Carol has been working on furniture for her BJ's Elvira house. She has enough furniture for two or three of these houses. So she signed up for the NeverWas workshop. She loves the Steampunk and has Debbie's Gothic furniture kits, which will work well in there. Carol took Cat Winger's workshop for the Santa or witch. It was a very good class and Cat is an excellent teacher. Carol also has a small pink 1/4 room, in a photo cube, that she is almost done with. She is so looking forward to being able to get together with the club.

—Gerry Silberstein



The Bonnet Book reader Marge Milani was so inspired by Bonnie Spencer's story that she created a miniature box of Bonnie in a hat-making shop at a scale of 1" to a foot. This is a 17 year hobby for Marge, who prefers projects that enable her to learn about history.



Cindy's jello molds

Wee Housers of the Peninsula: We continue to hold our meetings over Zoom but hope to meet in person soon. We have all been working on different projects and sharing pictures and ideas over Zoom. Denise showed us her beautiful Pickett Hill house from Suzanne and Andrew.

Mary Ann has finished the back wall of Ron Hubble's Passages. It is now ready to be placed in the back of the box. You can't see it, but there is a store pastry sign in the door window which will be seen above the cake after complete installation. The cabinet in the Mens' shop window is by Kathy Tepper. The white cabinet and blue porcelain are from England, unsigned. Most of the pastries are from Paris Miniatures, in France. The pedestal supporting the green cake is by Beate. The floral tray above the white cabinet is by Natasha. Maryann is working on the side window which will be a child's shop, with cabinet by Kathy Tepper and coat from Larriannes. The Little Bo Peep doll is by Lee Silverstein.



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Laura has spent many hours making flowers for the Covent Garden flower cart. The flowers and cart are finished and the flower seller has been dressed. Next is putting the scene together.

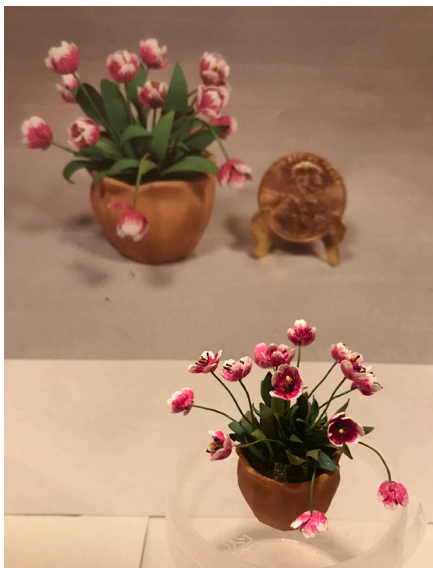
Our thanks go to the many miniaturists who have put so much time and energy into providing us with so many opportunities to meet and create with other miniaturists.

—Laura Johnson



Denise's Pickett Hill interior

Several of us have taken advantage of the online offerings. Moonyeen and Rhona took an IGMA workshop, "Tulips in a Terra Cotta Pot," taught by Sandra Rubin. The class was held via several Zoom meetings, using secondary student and instructor cameras. This allowed the instructors to see their students' work in-progress and also for the instructors to magnify their demonstrations.



Rhona's "Tulips in a Terra Cotta Pot," project against the backdrop of the IGMA Guild Virtual Learning Workshop prototype



Denise's Pickett Hill exterior



Laura's Coventry Gardens flower cart

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Name N2 Region Calendar

August 28 Tentative date for Summer in Tahoe
October 2 NAME DAY
October 9-10 Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures

Check Create.Miniatures.org and other online groups for their events

Peg's Dollhouse Retirement Sale
has been canceled and will be
rescheduled at a later date.

CANCELED

9th Annual Miniatures in the Wine Country Saturday, August 14, 2021

Dealers and Dollhouse Enthusiast Selling:

Dollhouses Furniture Miniature Accessories Electrical Lighting and More

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9am to 5pm

1024 Industrial Way Suite A Lodi, CA 95240

OVER 50 TABLES OF MINIATURES PLUS DOLLHOUSES AND ROOM BOXES GALORE!

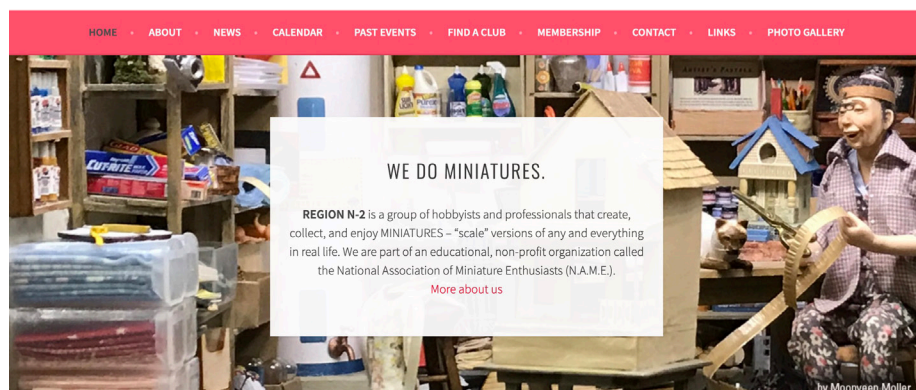
\$5.00 at the door includes admission to both shows

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Check the N2 Website

Local mini events may be limited, but there are opportunities to get together and share our enthusiasm for miniatures online! Check out the calendar on our N2 website: nameregionn2.org/events-calendar It's updated with online events, including workshops and sales.

If you know of a miniature related event or have information/photos to share, please contact Carol (namen2regionwebmaster@gmail.com) to add it to the calendar page of the website.



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