



Small Talk

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Spring 22
<http://nameregionn2.org>

From Your Regional Coordinator

Happy Spring to you all!

We are hoping for some more rain but right now it looks like Spring is here. As I write this we are in the midst of the Online Houseparty, "Splintered Fairytales." Lots of workshops, dealer Sales Tables, Roundtables, Chats, Souvenirs and fun. I hope you are participating.

On a little different note, those of you have been disappointed by the cancellation of the Portland Houseparty, "Come Fly with Me," can look forward to the theme for May on the NAME Create site, "Come Fly With Me." This will not be a Houseparty but some of the workshops, Roundtables, Theme Luncheons and other activities will be the focus of the month. So keep an eye on the Create site, create.miniatures.org, for more information in April. If you kept your registration for the Houseparty you will have priority registration for many of the events.

What else is going on? Well, registration for the annual convention in Indianapolis is coming up this month, February. This will be a big celebration of the 50th anniversary of NAME.

Oh yes, speaking of that... Have you been keeping up with the 50th anniversary items from NAME? There is something available every month this year related to the 50th. January was yellow roses and February is lovely crystal looking bowls (actually 3D printed). There are wonderful miniatures being made these days through technology advancements. What will next month bring? Need to know how to find these items? Well, the Gazette is one place or look on the Create site under 50th anniversary. While you're there, don't forget to order a 50th pin too.

The NAME Day project this year will be a display box in which you can display any mini collection you might have OR you can display the 12 items from this anniversary year.

I hope you are just starting a little to get out in the world more. I am so hopeful this long period of lockdown will be over soon. Stay healthy and keep on mini-ing (is that really a word?)

Barbara Thornton—Hill, Region N2 Temporary (for several years) Regional Coordinator

Hot Off the Press

I have been the Regional Coordinator off and on for over 20 years now. I plan to retire at the end of May. It has been a lot of fun getting to meet you all at shows and events and I hope to still be there to help out but not as RC. We will announce my successor in the next Small Talk and I hope you will be ready to volunteer to help out in the region. We need new, enthusiastic, active leadership. Please be a part of it.

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Good Sam/Showcase of Miniatures

The Good Sam show is rolling along as expected with dealers signing in and the committee at work.

We are thrilled to announce a new beneficiary of the show. We are back to our roots! 47 years ago the show began at Good Samaritan hospital as a fundraiser of exhibits. We have certainly grown! We are now partnering with the Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary. Check out their website and see all they offer. Your support of the show will support their efforts.

—Ruth Heisch

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NAME DAY 2022: Display Box

Start planning your display box now. There is only one size. It's an 8" x10" x2" box with shelves to display mini items on and will fit into an 8 x 10 picture frame if you choose. It can stand on a shelf or hang on a wall. These are just examples of what three people have done with it. You get to find your own scrapbooking papers to decorate it with to make it your own. I am excited to see the many ways this will be used. I personally plan to order several kits to house some of my "collections."

Barbara Thornton-Hill



Terry Unold's prototype



Paula Francis's prototype



Connie Reagan's prototype with lights



Another prototype by Paula Francis

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North Central

Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club: Seven of us were getting ready to go to "Come Fly with Me" Houseparty to join other miniaturists for fun and games.

We are looking forward to the OLHP where we have signed up for workshops and theme Luncheons, to enjoy our love of miniatures with fellow NAME members.

Even though we are all spread across the state we meet monthly via Zoom, where we each work on our own project and enjoy each other's company.

Margaret has been taking classes from Deb Laue of Dragonfly Int. and she has finished a Horse stall room box for her daughter, who has had a "love of Horses" since the age of 6.

—Margaret Gordus



Margaret's roombox of flowers



Margaret's horse stall, made for her daughter

North Coastal

State Rep Sharon Ocheltree

Redwood Small World: One daffodil is bravely standing at attention outside. The sun is shining but temperatures are much too cold to be outside digging in the dirt after weeds, soon though! With the holidays over, maybe minis can take center stage again. I have so much I want to do, but life's necessities keep getting in the way.

December brought our special Christmas meeting at Christa Stressenger's home in Fortuna. It was decorated elegantly for the holiday season with many trees and treasured Christmas ornaments and vignettes. The many doll houses in her home are executed with such precision and care, you imagine yourself in a high-end miniature shop. We all enjoyed creating candle center pieces, using long pencil erasers for the candles. Various beads, Christmas charms, and flowers were incorporated into the designs. Many Christmas cookies were consumed with exuberant chatter!

January found us at Jean Scheffler's home in Eureka. First on the agenda was a video on how to make tiny little chocolate candies, eight different ways, from polymer clay. Jean also showed us little Valentine heart candy boxes and we were off making making boxes of candy. No calories was the wonderful part!

Jean had asked all of us to bring a special miniature that meant something special to us to the meeting. The stories were varied and heart warming as we learned how some of us got started in this obsession. Beautiful Valentine cupcakes topped off lunch and a very special time of sharing.

We added a new member to our group also. She is Madeline Graham of McKinleyville, CA. Madeline is a young woman, excited and motivated

with miniatures. She has started her own 'pop-up' business, Madhouse Minis. She created a mobile tree house like display unit; she can set up on a sidewalk to sell her miniature wares.

Welcome, Maddy, you add new energy to our club.

This month, Luci Hansen, of Cascade Miniatures, will be addressing us with a presentation on glues and adhesives. Everyone is looking forward to learning more about this necessary element of miniature art.

Do hope you are finding time for your miniatures!!

—Sharon Ocheltree

Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

No. Nevada, Tahoe

Mary Ann Van Buskirk

Tahoe Miniacs: Well, after a tough year with a fire and a pandemic the Tahoe Maniacs will soon be hard at work on this year's project. We will be sending out invitations very soon. The workshop will be held on August 13, 2022. We will be at the American Legion Building in South Lake Tahoe where we have been for the last two years. This year's project will be Greek themed. More details to follow. Hopet o see you there.

—Linda Van Buskirk

Marin, Napa Valley

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San Francisco, No. Peninsula

Open Position

East Bay, Tri-Valley

Open Position

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Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

State Rep Laura Seibert

Gold Country Petal Pushers: Well the Petal Pushers have continued to meet through much of the past couple of years. We work on flowers, plants and garden related accessories each meeting. Sometimes we work in 1" scale and sometimes in 1/4" scale and we've recently discussed 1/2" scale, since 1/4" is so so tiny when doing flowers; so we'll see how that goes. At our more recent meetings we worked on quarter scale iris es, which are just so so tiny and that's why we started talking about 1/2".

—Barbara Thornton-Hill

Quarter Persuasion: Our Quarter Persuasion members had a wonderful Christmas party together. This was only our second time meeting in person as a club since the start of the pandemic. Frances Bigler hosted us at her home. We all brought a food item, and Frances cooked a lot, too. It was lovely sharing a meal together. Some of us donated extras of possible club miniature projects to the rest of us, which we were so happy to receive (and start planning what we wanted to fill the little structures or ornaments with).

At our weekly 11am Monday Zoom club meetings, we work on whatever we feel like working on. So we don't teach each other monthly or yearly projects anymore. That's why the "possible club projects" were donated to the rest of us. It was great! And just before our party ended, we exchanged gifts. We each brought a gift, and went home with a gift. We picked numbers from a bowl, and picked gifts in that order. We each kept the gift we picked, as was our plan ahead of time. We were all happy with our presents. It was a fabulous day.

—Laura Seibert



Laura's finished Easter scene

Itty Bitties: The Itty Bitties Club members ended the year with a Christmas get-together at The Olive Garden, hosted by Carolyn Paul. Thank you, Carolyn! We have had a very good year. Thank you to Dr. Debra Taylor for making it possible to meet every month on Zoom. We had a few in-person meetings, but for the safety of everyone, we decided to go back to Zoom meetings.

We have been working on small projects to add to our big project this year. We will all teach a certain part of the project and will focus on different techniques. We started planning our project for 2022.

—Frances Bigler

Pictures of recent finished workshop projects submitted by Linda Vertrees and Fran Bigler.



Newest member, Margaret Guidi, shares her Christmas present made by Ynez Fritsch. Barbara Taplin joined us for the celebration.



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Through the Looking Glass:

Through the Looking Glass met in early February and enjoyed sharing Valentine cards, small gifts and candy. We also worked on the yellow roses kit celebrating NAME's 50th anniversary. Thank you to Juanita for ordering them for us!

Some of us are starting this year's Club Project, a shop or store of our choice.

The variety of planned kinds is amazingly creative and fun!

Already the year is moving along and we are anticipating a 2022 filled with miniatures and creative fun.

—Barbara Adams

MiniCals: Our club started holding in person meetings with social distancing and we were able to complete several projects together over the fall months. We had a successful NAME day with the Tiki Hut project, and attendees were delighted with their projects and extra accessories.

We will gather for a holiday celebration and look forward to workshops in April in the M&L Morgan Hill location. Our Spring Fling sales event is scheduled for March and we plan on other events in February and May.

Upcoming Workshops

January 15, 2022. Shabby Chic Door with a Western flavor

April 9, 2022. Patricia Perlhefter's Ladies Notion Display with Hat and Jewelry

Cynthia Howe Workshop in June

For more information about the workshops, contact Ruth Heisch 408 997-1004 or grouchybeartoo@aol.com

—Brenda Hough

Mini Attics: Cindy Loman, our member that moved, has been busy. She made a fabric store in a shopping bag, swaps for Splintered Fairytales and a Winnie the Pooh rug. She also was able to visit the Mini Time Museum in Tucson.

Michelle Orteiz made a display of Snow White and the evil queen on a round display. One side is the seven dwarfs' cabin and the other side a castle wall. Carol Walls is working on the 50th anniversary roses in 1" and 1/4". Laura Johnson has been a one-women wonder working on the tote bag favors for Winter Wonderland. We have not had any in-person meetings since November but hope to start again in March. Four members will attend the online houseparty, Splintered Fairytales.

—Carol Walls



Cindy's fabric store



Cindy's Winnie the Pooh rug

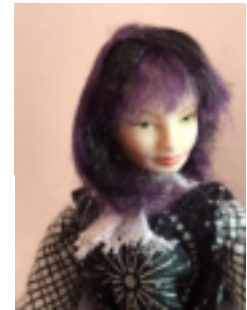
Wee Housers: After a one-time in-person meeting for our Christmas party, we are back to staying at home. We hope to meet again soon.

Rhona has been taking a Miniature Doll Wiggling Academy beginner

workshop series, taught on-line by Dana Burton. It is motivating her to finish some of Dana's kits that she purchased over seven years ago. We are looking forward to seeing some of her hair creations.

Laura has finally finished her Ginsburg department store. She has vowed that she won't attempt something so small again.

—Laura Johnson



Rhona's Milly, a teenage witch with a short purple and black bob made with a "C" curl.



Laura's Ginsburg Department Store Baby House

Hawaii

Naomi Losch

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NAME Region N2 Calendar

March 12

TENTATIVE Spring Fling in Morgan Hill

April 9

MiniCals Workshop—Morgan Hill

Patricia Perlhefter's Ladies Notion Display with Hat and Jewelry

Summer Miniature Shows in the Wine Country **June**

June 11, 2022

9am–4pm

We are having our 10th annual show in Lodi. Two shows within one mile of each other.

**First Location: 1024 Industrial Way, Suite A
Lodi, CA 95241**

**Second Location: Eagles Hall
217 E. Lockeford Street
Lodi, CA 95240**

ONE ADMISSION GETS YOU INTO BOTH SHOWS!

JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY OF SHOPPING!

**SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL INFORMATION:
Miniaturesonthewaterfront.com**

Debbie Heard email: fjdebbie@aol.com

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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