



Small Talk

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

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

From Your Regional Coordinator

Happy Summer to you all!

OK, I really don't know what season it is. One day it's 40 degrees, windy, rainy, snowy and the next it's in the high 80s and I'm dying of heat. So Happy Season to all of you.

Looks like we're all getting out more and more. I'm looking forward to the show in Lodi next month, Summer at Tahoe, several projects down in Morgan Hill and more and more. Of course, I'm still doing a lot on Zoom and those of you who are following the many online groups know about the activities this month from the cancelled Portland Houseparty, Come Fly With Me, Roundtables and Quick Minis on Create, Quarter Connection and wherever else?

I am planning to go to the NAME National Convention in Indianapolis this year over Labor Day weekend and the week before. Big Celebration of NAME's 50th Anniversary. And speaking of that, have you been following the item of the month for the 50th Anniversary? They have been fun and I'm collecting all of them (hope I get them made?) for my NAME Day Box this year. See more about the various NAME Days being held in our region this year.

Now to my "Hasta La Vista" (see you later) news. Your new Regional Coordinator for Region N2 will be Laura Seibert. Laura has been the State Rep for the Sacramento Valley area for several years now and has graciously accepted this challenge of Regional Coordinator. We will both still be at the NAME Table in Lodi and Good Sam but let's welcome Laura who takes over in June. Please give her your support and volunteer. I know we need several State Reps in our region and more activity. We need new, enthusiastic, active, leadership. Please be a part of it.

Thank you for all your support and I'll see you on Zoom and around the region.

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

New Regional Coordinator

Thank you so much, Barbara Thornton-Hill, for all your volunteer work for the miniatures community through the years. Thank you for giving me this chance. I am looking forward to working with you all. I have been in NAME for 12 years. I have been a State Rep for six years (since January 2016) for the Sacramento/Central Valley/Sierra Foothills area.

I have manned the NAME table at the Elegant Dollhouse Parking Lot Sale and the Lodi Show (Miniatures in the Wine Country) and sold grab bags to help out NAME Region N-2 (northern California, northern Nevada, and Hawaii). For Summer at Tahoe, I have regularly participated in their workshop and then sold NAME grab bags at lunch time, or sent NAME grab bags to be sold by a (miniatures) friend. I've attended Sacramento's NAME Day each year it has been held (pre-pandemic), and sold NAME grab bags at lunch time. Thank you to my miniature friends who spotted me at all the NAME tables, so I could shop or eat!

Miniature Zoom meetings are wonderful—enjoy! They can currently be found on the Create website (creatrminiatures.org); through MCC: the Mini Cyber Club at both the Create site on Tuesdays, and through groups.io messages; and through the Quarter Connection (groups.io messages). The only day of the week that we don't have an option for a mini Zoom meeting are Mondays.

I spotted for Barbara Thornton-Hill at the NAME table at Good Sam in 2019. That was my fourth time visiting Good Sam, and my most recent visit there. I only came for Saturday, all my visits to Good Sam. This year, I am staying the whole weekend, and at the hotel. I am really looking forward to seeing you all!

We are going to need some new State Reps; several positions are vacant, including my position in the Sacramento area. Please consider if there's some way you might be able to help. I will be calling people in the Region N-2 area, whether welcoming you as a new or returning member, or asking you for help. I hope to get a Welcome Chair too; that would be wonderful. Thank you! See you all soon, whether at a miniature Zoom meeting, or in person at a show or workshop!

Thank you so very much,

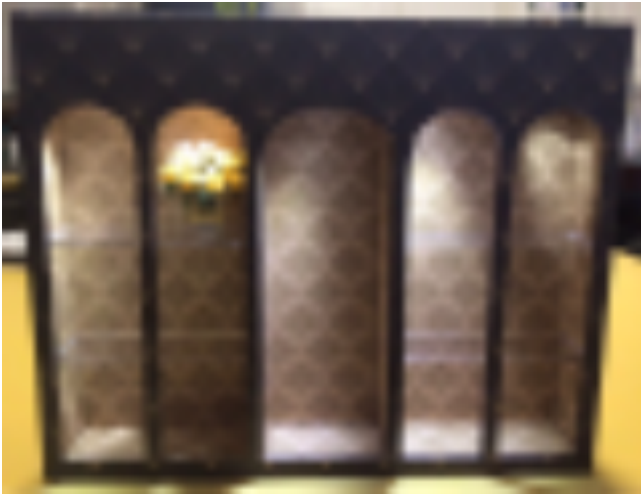
Laura Seibert

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NAME DAY 2022: Display Box

Start planning your display box now. There is only one size. It's an 8" x 10" x 2" 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



Connie Reagan's prototype with lights

By Small Design

October 1, 2022

Elks Lodge, 3000 Brady Lane, Roseville, CA

Registration 9:00 to 9:30

More to follow

Fresno

October 1, 2022

If you want to attend you must order a kit ahead of time

Contact Barbara Fairbanks; minimage1@gmail.com

Morgan Hill

Date to be announced later

Contact Ruth Heisch; grouchybeartoo@aol.com

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Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures October 8 & 9, 2022

The Good Sam Show is on track for October 8 & 9. Workshops on Friday the 7th and a Dana Burton doll workshop on Monday the 10th at the hotel. With the European dealers able to return, we are offering most of last year's canceled workshops. Look for them on the web site in early June. Goodsamshowcase.org

Our Dealer Donation raffle will return as usual with great pieces from our generous dealers.

Once again NAME will host a few roundtables from 7-9 pm on Saturday evening.

We hope to introduce a new kids' feature. Simple roundtables in the 12-3 slot on Saturday and Sunday. If anyone would like to help there or offer suggestions or kits, please contact Ruth Heisch or Lynne Hoffman.

In case you missed the last newsletter, the Good Sam show is back to its roots and benefiting The Auxiliary of Good Samaritan Hospital.

Ruth Heisch

MiniCals Workshops at Morgan Hill

April Workshop



Jamie Heisch's granddaughter's ladies notions table

May Workshop



June Workshop



Ladies millinery shop taught by Cynthia Howe

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Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club: We had a fun and enjoyable time at the OLHP. Thanks to all the Committee for a job well done. Some of us attended the Thursday nite project. —Margaret Gordus



Margaret's Thursday nite project

Billie Ruonavaara has a story to tell Little House On a Shelf

Generosity, as I'm sure you all know, is just The Way of the Mini World. This was immediately clear to me when I started doing minis. Mini people are kind, generous, Fun people. And so, I was given this darling brown resin living room set by a mini friend for no occasion whatsoever. I immediately adored it. Note the tufting in the couch and matching chair, the throw, pillow and slippers on the floor. It had to have a show place. Getting lost in one of my dollhouses just would not suit. Seeing it every day would make me Happy! I had seen somewhere on the net lately where someone had done a wallpapered shelf for just 8 pieces of exquisite mini furniture. It really put the spotlight on what surely were my favorite pieces. I had this shelf and some of the other furnishings. And somehow it all came together as my Little House on A Shelf. My hope was that the chimney, front

door, windows would really make others see it as a House rather than just a shelf full of things. I still need to make a crib, I'm thinking of rugs, porch posts. But whoever wants a project to end? She now lives in a spot on my staircase where I see her Every day. And my heart sings! Singing hearts being just what minis is all about if you ask me!

—Billie Ruonavaara



Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

State Rep Laura Seibert

Itty Bitties: The Itty Bitties Club have started making accessories for our patio project. In February, Deb taught us how to make a plant stand for the potted plants that we have made in previous workshops. We had been making flowers for some time and we will have a patio garden to display them.

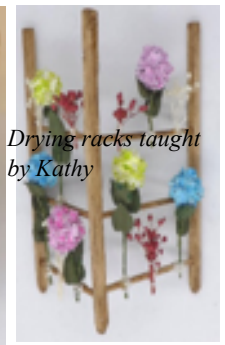
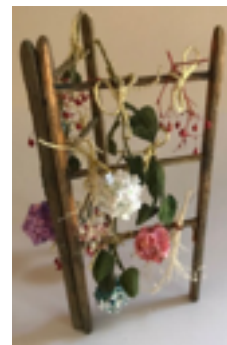
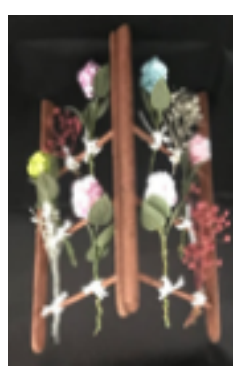
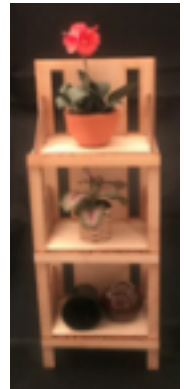
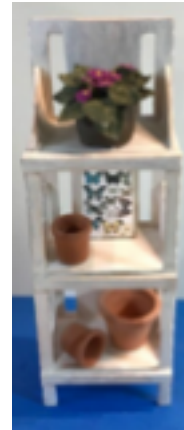
Kathy taught us how to make a flower drying rack using one of the tutorials from the talented Joann Swanson. We made the rack out of balsa wood, prepared by Kathy and then we made the geraniums with the leaves and tied them to the racks.

Deb was able to get Carrie Lourenco to teach us how to make a doll for our garden scene. We all had a great time and Rose will be a wonderful addition to our

patio garden. We hope to make a friend for Rose sometime later this year.

Margaret showed us how to put the structure together in April. We will work on a certain part of the structure every month. Each club member will show us how to finish parts of the structure and the focus will be on technique or the process.

—Frances Bigler



Drying racks taught by Kathy

Plant stands taught by Deb and flower racks by Kathy

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Dolls taught by Carrie Lourenco



Structure put together under Margaret's guidance

Gold Country Petal Pushers: We continue to work on our flowers and plants but we've taken a little diversion these past couple of months and the group has come to my house to help me sort my miniatures and kits that I need to get rid of. I just turn over bins of 1" minis to the club members and ask them to sort them into "Keep," "Maybe" (then I have to decide) and "Get rid of." So I've given up control as I just have way too much "stuff" (as my son calls it) and I've moved again to a smaller place. You all will be seeing these things in regional grab bags, my own grab boxes I've been selling and at any mini flea markets I can find. I can't thank my club members enough. It's such a hard job so better to have someone else make the decisions.

This month, however, we will back to plant making as our group has purchased the NAME 50th Anniversary Club project (can only be purchased through clubs, not by individuals) and that is a "HOUSEPLANT" (See photo). We will be completing this this month and will be another thing we can put into our NAME Day Display boxes.

If your club is interested, I'm sure you can get information about this kit from Lynne Hoffman, Club Liaison at lynneandkatie@yahoo.com

Also, if you do not have a club, please join us on the Mini Cyber Club, as we will be doing this as a club project in July. Orders will be taken in June.

—Barbara Thornton-Hill



Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

Tinker Belles: Fresno Tinker Belles have had a face to face meeting at Margaret's clubhouse. We have changed our meeting date from Thursday to Saturday so that Barbara (a teacher) is available to attend. Three of us are unable to attend as we have responsibilities at home. This year and last, have been very hard on most of our members.

Several of us are working on the different items that will go into the NAME DAY box. I have decided that I am not a flower maker!!

We are lucky that we have two state representatives here—both Margaret and I enjoy working together and planning events.

Hoping that most of you are making minis and enjoying the time spent.

—Barbara Fairbanks

No. Nevada, Tahoe

Mary Ann Van Buskirk

Tahoe Miniacs: The Tahoe Miniac's are hard at work on this year's project for the August 13 workshop. Unfortunately, we are having to make July 15th the cut-off date for registration, as the boxes are very time consuming to make. As always we are happy to take payments. We will be having a raffle for NAME with some of the minis from Joann Jacot's collection. We will also be having a mini garage sale with some fun items. If you did not receive an invitation and would like one please call me at 530-541-1881 and I will be happy to send you one. We are looking forward to seeing you all soon in "Greece."

—Linda Van Buskirk

North Coastal

State Rep Sharon Ocheltree

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South Bay, Peninsula

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Through the Looking Glass: April was a very fun and creative meeting for Through the Looking Glass. We all brought materials to share to make Easter baskets. Juanita Landa made tiny pink and yellow Peeps with fold up boxes for us. Our baskets over-flowed with grass, moss, colored and foil covered eggs, bunnies and bows.

May was also a creative meeting. Monya Johnson gifted us with colorful flower kits in a variety of colors. We each used the same materials but the personal interpretations were so fun to see.

In June we are looking forward to our annual Very Merry Unbirthday Tea Party. Surprise gifts and favors are exchanged and a yummy luncheon is enjoyed.

Our future plans include a possible Zoom meeting with another Club where we all work on a kit together as we get to know each other.

Our celebration of NAME'S 50th Anniversary Year is busy with great projects and sharing!

—Barbara Adams

MiniCals: MiniCals hosted a fun Flea Market in March with a taco sale in place of a pot luck. We're still trying to be on the safe side.

In April, Patricia Perlhefter gave a ladies notions table workshop with plenty of extra goodies.

The May 21 workshop is a delightful western shabby chic vignette and we are thrilled that Cynthia Howe will be offering a ladies millinery display on June 4. This is a perfect companion for Patricia's April ladies' workshop.

We have been working on small projects at our in-person meetings and looking forward to our end of year luncheon in June. We don't meet in summer but most of us are at work on the

Good Sam Show.

We hope to do another museum exhibit in the fall.

Some of us are planning to attend the Tahoe Greek Garden workshop in August.

—Ruth Heisch



Jamie Heisch's granddaughter's ladies notions table

Wee Housers: The Wee Housers have taken a little time off. We are all doing our own thing.

Rhona has taken several workshops. In her own words:

In the middle of March IGMA hosted several on-line virtual Zoom workshops and I took two of them.

The first was by Sandra Rubin to make a flower arrangement of Calla Lilies, Iris, Eucalyptus and Begonias in a Stapleton pot.

The second was a master class by Tori West to go over expanded techniques in the use of Creative PaperClay with an emphasis on common exteriors.

For the past several months Dana Burton hosted an online miniature doll wiggging academy series starting with beginners, then intermediate, now advanced. This "Lanny" doll (see photo) was assembled, dressed and wigged for my intermediate final exam.

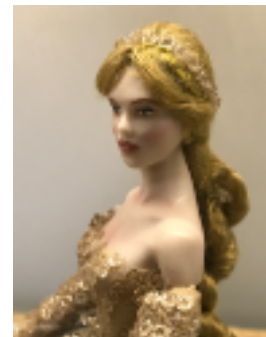
—Laura Johnson



Rhona's flower arrangement



Rhona's PaperClay bench



Dana Burton doll dressed and wigged by Rhona

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Mini Attics: The MiniAttics were busy this month finishing up totes for the 2022 convention. Diane Phillips finished her inviting Tiki Bar, complete with palm trees and lighting. She is moving on with summer, and starting a Grandt Line Banana Split Shop, as well working on an autumn field with hay bales, corn and a scarecrow. Meg Milani is still working on her Tiki Bar. She and her mom, Marjorie Milani, attended the MiniCal workshop in Morgan Hill where Patricia Perlhefter offered a class on items for a charming ladies boudoir table complete with hats, boxes and perfumes.

Meg's love of California history and architecture has led to plans for a Julia Morgan (Hearst Castle, CA first female architect) house. Lynn Miller and Carol Walls stayed registered for Come Fly With Me Houseparty, and Carol ordered the Robin Betterley QS Flight Cafe kit. Chris Okubo's table gift of a QS Amelia Earheart should fit right in.

I have been working on the Thursday Night Project and just need to decorate it. I took the Flowers and Fairy Tales class with Pam Ridgley. I did the 1/4 scale wisteria vine. The trellis is just gorgeous.

I plan on attending the online Thursday night workshop for CFWM so I will get that finished Now that the clubs tote bag favors are we will finish up our Tiki Bars.

—Lynn Miller



Diane's tiki bar



Hong McKinsey won 3rd place for professions in Miniature Award (PIMA) at the Kensington Dollhouses Festival in the UK! Her winning rug was made for a Qatar prince's collections.

Marin, Napa Valley

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San Francisco, No. Peninsula

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Hawaii

Naomi Losch

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NAME Region N2 Calendar

June 4	Cynthia Howe Workshop in Morgan Hill
August 13	Summer in Tahoe
September 1–4	NAME Convention–Winter Wonderland
October 1	NAME Day–By Small Design
	NAME Day in Fresno
October 8 & 9	Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures

Summer Miniature Shows in the Wine Country

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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