



Small Talk

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Region N2, Fall 22
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Autumn will be here soon! That means NAME Day (we have four in-person events in Region N-2, all on October 1st) and Good Sam! Both events are during October's International Dollhouse and Miniatures month. Don't forget. Exhibit your own minis or those from your local mini club at a library near you (in their safe display case) any month of the year, but especially October! I'm so happy that we have some in-person NAME Days to look forward to this year. It'll be so great to see our mini friends again! Make new friends, even! The Sacramento area is having our NAME Day in Roseville this time, on October 1st, with the By Small Design club hosting as usual. Should be great! By Small Design is scheduling a Flea Market for the hours of 3 pm to 5 pm, right after their NAME Day Workshop, same place. Please plan on visiting and shopping, even if you're not signed up for the Workshop. Morgan Hill has a NAME Day on October 1st, put on by the MiniCals and Through the Looking Glass; Sanger (near Fresno) has a NAME Day on October 1st put on by the Fresno Tinker Belles; and Benicia has a small NAME Day get-together on October 1st put on by a few local NAME members. Four NAME Days in person in the N-2 Region, all on October 1st!

MCC has their NAME Day set for October 2nd on Zoom (you would need to sign up to "attend virtually" by September 1st), and QC has their NAME Day Weekend set for October 8th–9th.

The Good Sam Show is scheduled for the second weekend in October, October 8th and 9th. There are workshops on Friday, the 7th, at the same hotel as the Show itself, the Doubletree by Hilton San Jose. The 2nd Annual NAME Night at Good Sam is Saturday evening, October 8th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. NAME Night is modeled after the NAME Night at Philadelphia Miniaturia, held every November. I'm going to be one of the Make N Take Instructors, handing out quarter scale kits I'm putting together. Come join us at Good Sam's NAME Night for the free Make-N-Takes, the Silent Auction that night, and the goodie bags! Enjoy yourself!

The Miniatures in the Wine Country Show (the Lodi Show) on June 11th was lots of fun! It's the first mini event I've been to in person since the start of the pandemic. Miniature shopping was lovely, as was visiting with mini people while manning the NAME table with Barbara Thornton-Hill. Great seeing everyone!

Summer at Tahoe has likely already happened, set for August 13th. The design was a Greek Garden in a room box; doesn't that sound lovely. Region N-2 grab bags were being brought via a mini friend. Hope everyone had a wonderful time! Wonder where in the world they'll be going with their workshop theme, next summer?

Laura Seibert, Region N2 Regional Coordinator

NAME Day Workshops on October 1

Roseville	By Small Design	Flea Market, 3–5 pm	Patti Hong	farmlife99@yahoo.com
Morgan Hill	MiniCals and Through the Looking Glass			grouchybeartoo@aol.com
Fresno	Tinker Belles	Barbara Fairbanks		minimage1@gmail.com
Benicia	Local NAME members			
Mini Cyber Club	October 2 nd	Zoom		

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NAME Night at Good Sam is Back This Year!

NAME Night is an event that now occurs at both the Good Sam Show in Sacramento and at the Philadelphia show in Pennsylvania each year. It is an evening (7:00 pm to 9:00 pm) of getting together with other miniaturists and having a fun evening and is sponsored by NAME (National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts). This year it will occur on Saturday evening, October 8th, in the lobby outside of the Salesroom at the Good Sam show in San Jose.

NAME Night is for everyone, members and non-members of NAME. Please join us for short Make-N-Take projects (those you can finish during the event), visiting, a "Goodie" Bag (only for those attending) and Door Prizes.

This year NAME Night is hosted by Barbara Thornton-Hill, Lynne Hoffman and Laura Seibert. Instructors will be announced at the event. We plan to have four projects and you should have time to rotate to each table to make an item (extra kits for friends not attending are only available if there are enough kits left over at the end of the evening and if the instructor is willing to share).

This is a great way to meet other miniaturists and bring the fun and joy of miniaturists to all. And please tell your friends about NAME and NAME Nights too.

If you are interested in presenting a free Make-N-Take at one of our NAME nights, please contact Barbara Thornton-Hill, bathca@gmail.com or Laura Seibert, lauraseibert@live.com

Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures October 8 & 9, 2022

In my last article I mentioned we are partnering once again with Good Samaritan Hospital. Our proceeds will go to the The Auxiliary to support their projects. We are quite pleased with this and the fact that it gives a huge volunteer base to support the show.

We are adding new features this year that you may have seen on the website. First, in place of the children's craft area, we will be offering roundtables with projects of various skill levels from 12-3pm on both days. Youths (7 yrs and older) can make as many projects as they like in the time allotted. The Youth's registered workshops will be available also.

Second, we are offering "The Sidewalk Sale on Good Samaritan Drive." If you have been to the Stockton/Lodi show, you are familiar with Real Estate Row. Leslie Flynn has given us permission to use her idea. For a small fee, you can register up to two houses or roomboxes to sell at the Sidewalk Sale. The negotiations are between the buyer and seller. For questions, contact Larry Herman at hermanshow@aol.com. Information and registration forms are available on our website, goodsamshowcase.org.

Once again, we have some fabulous donations for the Raffle, Auction and White Elephant!! Many are from the collection of Mary Fish, a long time area miniaturist and NAME supporter who has moved to the Chico area.

We are very happy to have our European Dealers able to return this year after all of last year's restrictions. At this point Masks are optional but, as you know, things change continually. Any changes or restrictions will be posted on our website as the show draws closer.

Some committee members have traded jobs for a change of pace. Not a problem since they've all been around forever! We do welcome new member, Rhona Lee, as co-chair of exhibits, along with Trish Weber, our former box office chair. Annie Hedman of free kid's workshop fame, is our new box office chair.

We are trying to convert as much of our mailing list to email as possible. This year we will be sending the August mailer to about 400 emails. The rest will be hard copy as usual. If you have a correction to your physical or email address please send to Ruth, grouchybeartoo@aol.com or Trish Weber at trishweber22@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you in October!

Ruth Heisch

Meeting with a Club from Another Region

If your NAME club is interested in meeting with a club from another region, or has questions about it, please contact Lynne Hoffman, Club Liaison, at lynnehoffmanca@gmail.com. I can match your club with one in another area and provide a Zoom link for the meet-up. Let's make some connections!

Thanks,

Lynne

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Margaret Gordus

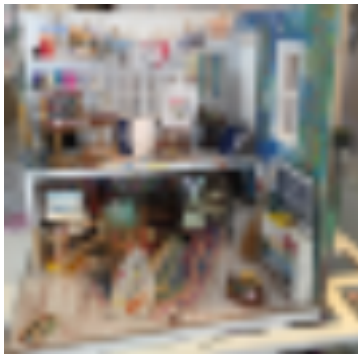
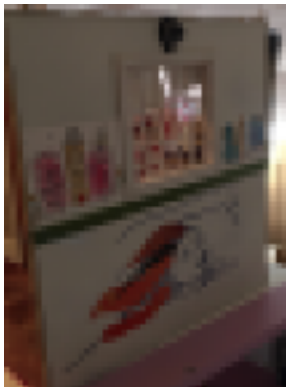
Our Little Mini Club: We are still meeting once a month via Zoom. We are enjoying visiting and seeing what each person is making for their mini world.

Kathy Pedroni is featured for this issue. Below are some pictures of her latest.

—Margaret Gordus

"I first did the Art Gallery. The inside paintings are done by my Ink Inspiration Sketching and Painting group and myself.

Then I decided I needed to do an Artist Workshop. All original art, except the Van Goghs on the exterior."



Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

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Itty Bitties: We decided to work on different techniques to complete our patio garden. We chose to work with paper clay to create the floor. We watched some tutorials and then we decided to play with the paper clay for awhile so we could get a feel for it. We used a rolling pin made from PVC pipes to flatten the paper clay. We shared

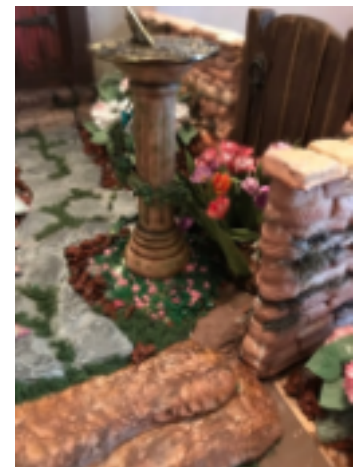
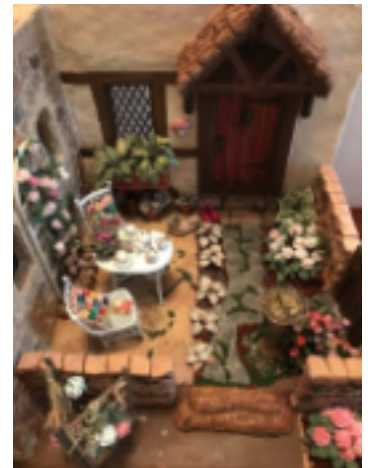
different ideas and some discoveries, using various tools.

In June Kathy showed us how to use egg cartons to create the stone look for the walls or the walkways of the patio. Members had the option on working on the walls or creating a sample board as they learned the technique. The process was done in four steps, using Matte Mod Podge as well as acrylic paints to create the wall.

Group members met in July and shared different methods that they have used to work towards completing their project. Margaret taught us how to electrify the patio, using incandescent or LED lights.

—Frances Bigler

Kathy Burlingame's patio garden



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Ynez Fritsch's patio garden



Gold Country Petal Pushers: The GCPP is still meeting in member homes on the last Wednesday of each month. In July we worked on Phalaenopsis Orchids in 1/4" scale. Not quite finished yet. Those 1/4" flowers are soooooo fiddly.

In May, we worked on the NAME 50th Anniversary House Plant, available through NAME clubs only.

—Barbara Thornton-Hill



NAME House Plant

Gold Country Miniature Society: The GCMS is still meeting in member homes on the first Wednesday of each month. We have lost some members, during Covid, who are not yet ready to come back to meetings but the rest of us continue to meet. Currently we are all working on our own projects but are trying to think of something we might want as a group project again. Of course, we all have so much we haven't finished so it's a good place to be catching up.

—Barbara Thornton-Hill

Quarter Persuasion: Our club members enjoy our time together. We "see" each other by Zoom every Monday at 11 am, whoever is available that day. We work on whatever project we are currently completing. Getting miniature advice from each other is

always SO HELPFUL! We did drop our 3rd Saturday 11 am Zoom get-together, which was the date and time of our pre-pandemic once a month club meeting (in-person). Now our 3rd Saturdays are free for family and ALL friends. We do keep that day in mind, as we try to see each other about twice a year in person. Those in-person days could be 3rd Saturdays OR Mondays. Several of us are finishing the Create website's 2nd Annual Camp Make-a-Mini NAME dollhouse in quarter scale, currently.

A few of us of us attended the 10th Annual Miniatures in the Wine Country Show (the Lodi Show) on June 11th, which was so fun to attend in person. Two of us are planning to attend Summer at Tahoe on August 13th, which will be a Greek Garden.

The Sacramento NAME Day is back on this year, set for October 1st, and By Small Design is having it in Roseville this time. All of us are planning to attend. There's a Flea Market after the Workshop, from 3 pm to 5 pm, so that should be a joy.

Good Sam is the very next weekend in San Jose, and a couple of us will be going. Name Night at Good Sam, Saturday evening, October 8th, from 7 pm to 9 pm, should be lovely!

—Laura Seibert



Laura's Halloween front porch

Marin, Napa Valley

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Redwood Small World: Should check my e-mails more often. Time goes by so fast and I'm late again! Fully recovered from hip-replacement surgery. Recovery was a little longer than expected, but am out working in the yard again and loving it. Just too much to do all the time.

In the recent past we have lost three of our older members. Their families have graciously allowed the club to come and partake of their mothers' stash. First to depart was Kay Tirsbeck. She was a charter member of NAME, joining in 1974. She was a very active member for all those many years and literally had a house full of miniatures. Every room was more than evident of her hobby and passion. Her daughter patiently organized for months, then invited us to enjoy hours of selecting what treasures we wished to call our own. It became a two-day affair and we really didn't even make a dent in her amazing collection.

I then received a call from the daughter of past member, Elaine Shullman. She hadn't been active for many years and her minis were left in place. Her daughter just wanted them removed from her work room. Two van trips later, they were safely stacked on my porch. Again after organization, our ladies met and had a day of endless giddiness searching through boxes of older miniatures. It was a literal free for all. I had once met Elaine years ago. She was also an active member of NAME in her time and was a very talented woman. It's with bitter-sweet emotion that we're also working on artwork created by women of past generations.

Shirley Banks was our most recent member to pass away. Again, an active member of NAME and a lifetime of crafts and miniatures. An avid doll maker and collector, her home was filled to the brim with antique dolls, miniatures and craft items. Her family had organized the sale items and invited our club to come for a

day beyond our expectations. Shirley left behind rooms full of dolls of all sizes and vintages, beautifully dressed and attired. It was a feast for our eyes to see them all assembled on sofas and tables. Books and craft items were abundant. Needless to say, after all this, many of us had to purchase new and expanded containers for our own miniature collections. Instead of sugar plums, we fell asleep with imagines of past loving friends and future projects in our heads. The past is behind us and the future is ahead with prospects galore.

Our county fair is around the corner. We are planning on creating a little girl's bedroom and giving it away in a drawing at the fair. Some little girl will win a start to a world of miniatures—we can only imagine. We also have a box of assorted miniatures and the children can pick one of their choice. It's a delight to watch them take so much time deciding on just the right toy. Many of us are working to finish our own entries. We're also working on a memorial display to our lost friends and members. Am looking forward to our best collection of miniatures in years. The public so enjoys looking at them.

Better wrap this up. Fall is almost here and Christmas is next!!

—Sharon Ocheltree



Ladies searching through boxes of Elaine Shullman's minis.

Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

Tinker Belles: Fresno Tinker Belles met for the June meeting at the wonderful meeting room at Margaret's apartments. Open, good lighting, and perfect for mini making. The July meeting was held here at my home and we got a lot done and had a lot of fun.

Our club has lost a long-time member, Annie Quock. She was a real lady and we all enjoyed her friendship. Her daughter, Kayanne Yung, is also a member of our club. We will all miss Annie.

Our NAME DAY will be held at my home on October 1. We will meet, eat, work, eat, work, and eat again. We will meet at 10 and stay until needing a nap.

Our summer here has been so hot that the only thing to do is to work on minis in the cool house. Lots of miniatures are getting finished in the Fresno area.

—Barbara Fairbanks

South Bay, Peninsula

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Through the Looking Glass: Through the Looking Glass had a very exciting meeting in June. Our president, Lynne Hoffman, arranged for us to meet via Zoom with the W.E.S.T. Club of Des Moines, Iowa. Coordinating a day and time was a little tricky but the Club presidents managed to work it out.

Both Clubs worked on the same plant project while chatting and sharing Club histories and main interests. We were all very interested in how we planned our meetings and projects for the year and how we interacted with other Clubs in our areas. We were also delighted to learn how connected we are by our joint love of miniatures.

This was a milestone event for us and we see possibilities for future meetings with other Clubs.

—Barbara Adams

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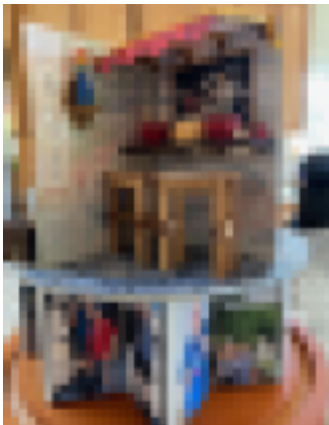
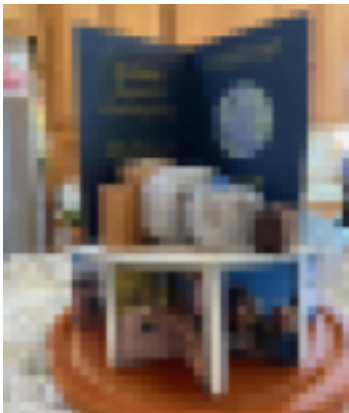
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MiniCals: After a fabulous workshop in the spring with Cynthia Howe, the MiniCals have enjoyed the summer holidays with trips and family activities. Several of our members attended the Summer in Tahoe workshop in August and now it's back to lots of mini work.

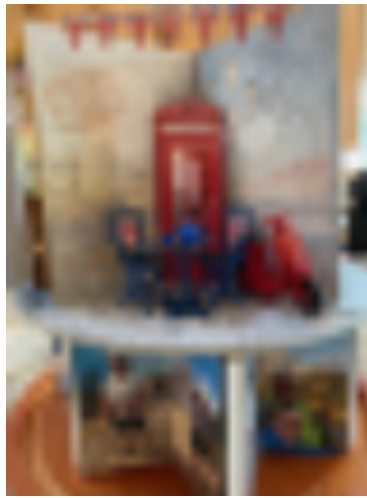
We will be holding our NAME Day Golden Anniversary project on October 1, at M&L Precision with souvenir photos and lighting. The cost is \$50 and includes meals and prizes. Contact Ruth Heisch at grouchybeartoo@aol.com for info. And the Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures is October 8-9 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose.

We are planning workshops and our Spring Fling sale in 2023.

Member Judy Pick assembled a travel centerpiece featuring items from the Portland Houseparty. —**Brenda Hough**



Judy Pick's Portland travel centerpiece



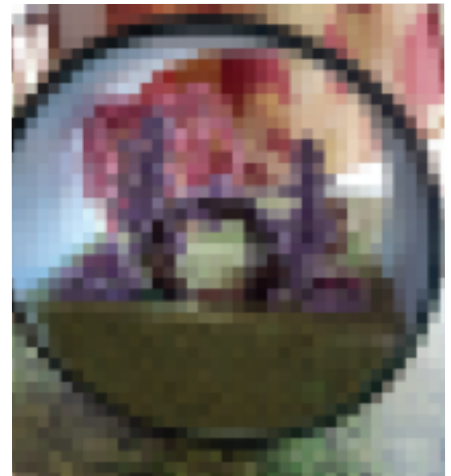
Mini Attics: Carol Walls finished a challenge from the Quarter Connection to construct a project in the round, creating a fairy scene in a packing tape roll, as well as finishing up the Thursday night Princess and the Pea project from the Splintered Fairytale houseparty. She topped it off with the on-line luncheon class with Charrita Teague and created a charming potted African violet.

Lynn Miller was thrilled when she won a table centerpiece from the Come Fly With Me Houseparty, which was made by Angelika Oeckl. Both people live in the Seattle area and Angelika graciously invited Lynn to her home to pick it up in person, and offered a tour of her impressive collection. Robin Betterley

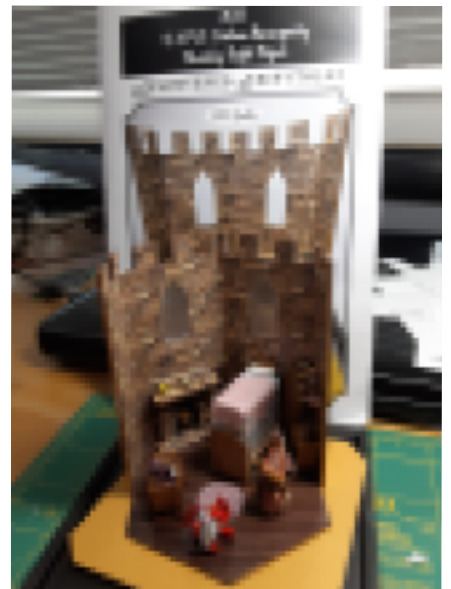
designed a limited edition kit of the same cafe in quarter scale, and Lynn is almost finished with the assembly and starting on accessories.

Brenda Hough drove the famous Route 66 this summer and returned home full of plans to create a roadside antique shop full of great travel memorabilia, inspired by the one she visited in Erick, Oklahoma.

—**Lynn Miller**



Carol's project in the round



Carol's Princess Wine a Lot from Splintered Fairytale houseparty

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Carol's potted African violet from Charrita Teague's luncheon class

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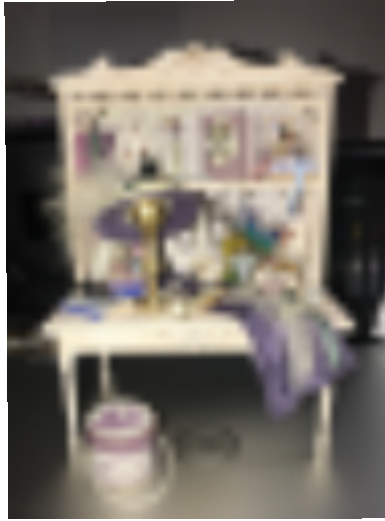
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Mary Ann Van Buskirk

North Coastal

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Wee Housers: The Wee Housers are still working on their on. We occasionally see pictures of others' finished projects. Rhona shared one of her projects with us.



In June Cynthia Howe taught an in person class with the MiniCals club here in California. It was a great experience to have an actual hands-on workshop. The "Milliner's Niche" features a 1" scale hutch which is an original design. It has beautiful fretwork embellishments, and can be painted, and also antiques, if desired. Mine was antiques.

The hutch is filled with ribbon spools and reels, hatpin holder and hatpins, antique shoe pincushion, a fan shaped vase filled with feathers, hatpin tablets, Millinery books, scissors and more. There are three beautiful boxes filled with various supplies, which are such fun to arrange and create. An Edwardian era hatbox is also included. Many of the items in the hutch feature authentic artwork from the Edwardian era. The shoe pincushion, fan vase, hatpin holder and the elegant hatstand are all new and exclusive items created in her studio just for this project. It is available as a kit from Cynthia Howe Miniatures.

—Rhona Lee

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NAME Region N2 Calendar

September 1–4	NAME Convention–Winter Wonderland
October 1	NAME Day Roseville Morgan Hill Fresno Benicia
October 2	Mini Cyber Club NAME Day on Zoom
October 8 & 9	Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures

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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.