



# Small Talk

## National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

**Region N2, Winter 22-23**  
**<http://nameregionn2.org>**

### From Your Regional Coordinator

Is your miniature club scheduling a Holiday Party? I'm planning to attend at least one of the several Holiday Zoom events that the MCC club has set up. Some of these Holiday Zoom events will be listed on the MCC website ([www.minicyberclub.com](http://www.minicyberclub.com)) or within the MCC club's groups.io messages, and some are or will be listed on the Create website and their calendar ([www.create.miniatures.org](http://www.create.miniatures.org)). They have some for November, December, and January 1st—New Year's Day. What's more fun than getting together with mini friends?

Hope you were able to attend Summer at Tahoe this year. Making a Greek Garden in a room box sounded fun! I sent NAME grab bags with a friend. Next year, their plan is a Paris, France Sidewalk Cafe (also in a room box), with table and chairs outside, and a storefront window into the cafe. I hope to mail in my \$75 before this workshop sells out.

Did you attend one of this year's NAME Days in your area? The Sacramento NAME Day on Saturday, October 1st, put on by the By Small Design club/committee, was great! It was lovely to see mini friends in



person. This was their first time back post-pandemic; we went 2020 and 2021 without a Sacramento NAME Day. They provided the food this time—quite a big spread of food for lunch—and choices. No potluck this year. A light breakfast was offered. I sold grab bags for NAME just after lunch. The display cases turned out well. I was very happy to get my NAME Day pin, which was provided with the Workshop. The Flea Market from 3:00 to 5:00 pm (post-Workshop) was good! Nice choices of minis to pick out. Deb Laue from Dragonfly was a vendor! I represented NAME, selling some of JoAnn Jacot's finished quarter or micro scale structures (there'll be more, including additional ones, next year). Everyone else was selling their own extras, or a friend's.

The other NAME Days in Region N-2 included Morgan Hill, Fresno, and Benicia, all on October 1st. Hope everyone had a wonderful time.

Online NAME Day events included the MCC event on October 2nd, a Sunday, and the Quarter Connection's NAME Day Weekend, October 8th and 9th.

The Good Sam Show in San Jose was held October 8th and 9th, Saturday and Sunday, at the Doubletree by Hilton San Jose Hotel. There were Workshops at the same hotel on Friday, October 7th. This was my first time getting to stay at the hotel. I had previously only visited for the day on the Saturday of the Show. This was my fifth time getting to attend the Show! Barbara Thornton-Hill and I manned the NAME table on Saturday and Sunday, while Barbara helped with the Kid's Roundtables both days from about noon to 3 pm. Thank you, Leslie Swager, for helping us man the NAME table both days (Leslie is on the NAME Board as our new Treasurer). Lynne Hoffman, Barbara Thornton-Hill and I coordinated the 2nd Annual NAME Night at Good Sam, held Saturday evening from 7 to 9 pm. Thank you, Lynne and Barbara! Debbie Young, Trish Billard, Barbara Thornton-Hill and I taught Make & Takes at Good Sam's NAME Night. Thank you so much, Debbie, Trish, and Barbara, our artisans at NAME Night this year! Goodie bags were given out, and four Door Prizes were awarded. The Tools & Techniques Sunday morning were fun! I was a little late, but I still was able to do two of their Make & Takes. It was such a joy to feel like part of the show, what with manning the NAME table both days and helping at Good Sam's NAME Night. Thank you so much, Ruth Heisch, your Good Sam committee, the MiniCals, Through the Looking Glass, all the volunteers, all the artisans, and every single person and organization who helped make 2022 such a fabulous Good Sam Show!

**Laura Seibert, Region N2 Regional Coordinator**

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## About Your New Regional Coordinator

My name is Laura Seibert (pronounced Seebert). I have been SR for the Sacramento/Central Valley/Sierra Foothills area for 6-½ years and I currently plan to continue to do both roles while I'm RC. I'm 53 years old, and I've been married to my husband, Michael Seibert, for 33 years. We're very happy together, living in Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County. We have one daughter, Mara, age 32. As I had a difficult pregnancy and we would not be having any more children, we did combine our names for her first name, "Mara." She lives in San Antonio, Texas, with her boyfriend of ten years Sonny Deaton. Maybe they'll get married someday? I hope so. She visits us regularly. She's our Tech Support, thank goodness. Mara has no interest in dolls or miniatures, but she is a crafter. She is a great knitter, and she makes lovely beaded necklaces. I'm so glad we share a common interest/skill (besides her being such a sweetie).

Miniatures and me? I started as a child, took a break during young adulthood, and then returned. I played with baby dolls and Barbies—I had a Barbie townhouse. Two favorite cousins and my sister and I made paper furniture (approximately ½" scale) while visiting our grandparents in Healdsburg. I was lucky enough to be a member of the American River 4-H club when Glenva Conklin started her Miniatures Project there. When I joined the Miniatures Project in 7th grade, life lit up. Mrs. Conklin was a wonderful teacher. I took Miniatures for three years, and I was a Teen Leader for the Beginning Miniatures Project (held a different day than the Intermediate Miniatures Project) that third year. Those three years were The Best. I exhibited several of my finished scenes at the Sacramento County Fair. I helped demonstrate how to make Fimo candies at the California State Fair with Mrs. Conklin and other club members (including my sister Genny). Genny (short for Genevieve) took Miniatures with me for years two and three. She displays the darling 1920's era 1" scale kitchen room box scene she made in her living room now. She used to display it high in her kitchen. I've dreamed of her returning to miniatures.

I liked to visit The Elegant Dollhouse through the years, as I still had an interest in miniatures, even though I wasn't doing anything new. Often I took Mara along with me. The year she was graduating from Rosemont High School (she graduated June of 2008), I noticed a flier for a new Miniatures club. I let that percolate through my brain. Then in March or April of 2008, I called Renate Winter from the flier. I joined the Itty Bitties Miniature club in April of 2008 (at their 4th meeting). When the Itty Bitties became a NAME club in 2010, I became a NAME member for the first time. I so enjoy the Miniature Gazette, NAME's bimonthly magazine! Getting all those miniature crafting projects in the Gazette was what I first found delightful. Later on, I became interested in what other miniaturists were doing, and in the Houseparties and Nationals! I've been to all three of NAME's online Houseparties. I attended the March 2017 Sacramento Houseparty, which was fantastic! I volunteered for a few hours there, and earned a Gold Star volunteer pin. I hope to attend another NAME Houseparty, or a National, in person sometime. My current local club is Quarter Persuasion, which I joined at their second meeting (in February of 2013). I had an interest in quarter scale when I joined, and it is now my favorite scale. That's a good thing, since Michael and I live in a one-bedroom apartment! We did live in a two-bedroom apartment for MOST of Mara's years with us (the one-bedroom was the early years, when her crib was in the living room). I stayed in the Itty Bitties for nine years. The Itty Bitties is currently the only 1" scale club in Sacramento, and it is always full (with a waiting list) at 12 members. Through trial and error, they have found that they can't have more than 12 people in order to meet in each other's houses. I hope to help start a second 1" scale club for the Sacramento area. We definitely need one. I hope to help start clubs in other areas of Region N-2 also.

**Laura Seibert, Region N2 Regional Coordinator**

## Barbara Adams—50 years in NAME!

Through the Looking Glass would like to acknowledge Barbara Adams, our 50-year NAME member. In 1972, Barbara became a charter member of NAME. She offered creative classes in her darling tiny miniature shop. She started a NAME club that has been a creative outlet for its members and created a community whose members have become good friends and miniature colleagues. She is always willing to lend a hand to support local mini events. Her positive attitude, creativity, and her willingness to share her love of miniatures truly embodies the NAME mission statement:



*It is the mission of the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts to promote miniatures through education, collecting, and building friendships and skills through the sharing of experience and ideas.*

Barbara, congratulations on 50 years of NAME membership!

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## Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures, 2022

We were thrilled to have one of our best attended shows as was our new beneficiary, The Auxiliary of Good Samaritan Hospital.

Name Night, our new youth roundtables and Tools and Techniques were also well attended.

Our White Elephant chair reports she sold approximately 70% of her inventory. Thank you to all who donated and consider us when scaling down, or trying to!!

Exhibit chairs had a new format for sharing the exhibit and its creator. A nice addition!

Now it's time to gear up for the holidays. Hopefully, you bought yourselves a few Christmas gifts at the show.

Thank you to supporters, donators and volunteers. We couldn't do it without you.

Be sure to put October 14-15, 2023 on your calendar!

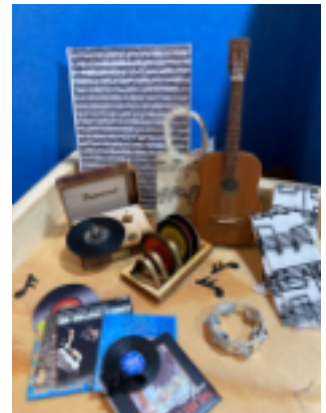
Enjoy the season.

Ruth Heisch

## MiniCals Workshops in Morgan Hill

*Tentative Schedule. More information will be available soon*

<b>January 21</b>	<b>Music Appreciation with Record Player, Record Rack and a Guitar</b>
<b>February 18</b>	<b>Ladies Screen and Boudoir Bench</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Spring Fling Sale/Miniature Flea Market</b> <b>Lynn Elliott <a href="mailto:mlynnel@icloud.com">mlynnel@icloud.com</a>.</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b>Steamer Trunk</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>Jelly Cupboard and Vegetable Bin</b>



*Music appreciation*



*Steamer trunk in April workshop  
(doll not included)*



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## State Rep Reports

### North Central

#### Margaret Gordus

**Our Little Mini Club:** We are still meeting once a month via zoom. Some of us attended NAME DAY. Margaret's NAME day box is pictured. Margaret took doll classes given by Deb Laue and Carrie Laurence via zoom

—Margaret Gordus



Margaret Gordus took doll classes given by Deb Laue and Carrie Laurence by Zoom



NAME Day box by Margaret Gordus

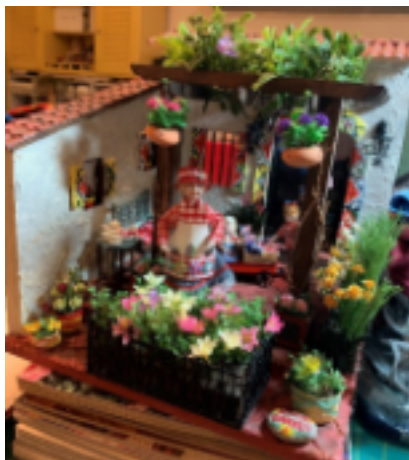
### Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

#### State Rep Laura Seibert

**Itty Bitties:** The Itty Bitties have been busy working to complete the patio projects. We all used different techniques to complete parts of the project and shared them with others in our club. In September, we made Halloween or family-themed memory books. Most of us participated in Name

Day and completed the memory boxes. What a fun event! Some of our members worked on other projects between meetings.

—Frances Bigler



Patios made by Margaret Guidi, Linda Vertrees and Nana's Garden by Carolyn Paul



Projects completed by Ynez Fritsch

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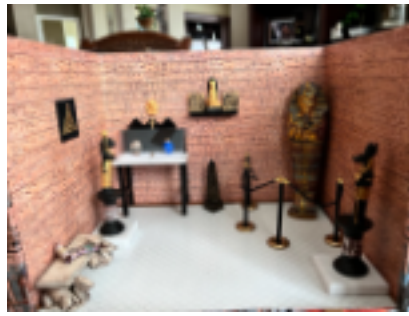
*Projects completed by Frances Bigler*

**Quarter Persuasion:** Our club members have attended some local miniature events. A couple of us attended Summer at Tahoe August 13th, and started Greek Gardens. A few of us attended the Sacramento NAME Day, back on after two pandemic years off. The lunch provided was great; no potluck this year. I was so happy to get my NAME Day pin, which was included. The Flea Market from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, was especially fun. Several of us made it all the way to San Jose, to attend Good Sam this year. What a great Show! It was really busy on Saturday. Things were a little calmer on Sunday. The two of us that attended NAME Night Saturday evening had fun! Tools and Techniques on Sunday morning was wonderful, too.

Quarter Persuasion members are busy making minis on Mondays at 11 am by Zoom. We really enjoy each other's company.

I'm hoping we will have a holiday celebration in person in December, like we did last year. It was THE BEST getting to see each other in person.

—Laura Seibert



*Ynez Frisch's Egyptian room from Summer at Tahoe 2021*



*Christmas room box by Laura Seibert*

### Fresno

#### State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

**Tinker Belles:** Fresno TinkerBelles are meeting tomorrow for our mini meeting. Glendon Davis will hostess for us at her home. Seven of us will be starting our UP houses. We have waited so long for these kits due to Covid and all of us are anxious to begin building.

Really no other news. We will have plenty of time inside this next week as a storm will be visiting us. We actually will have rain, something we have not had in a very long time.

Hopefully everyone reading this is well and stays that way.

—Barbara Fairbanks

### No. Nevada, Tahoe

#### Mary Ann Van Buskirk

### East Bay, Tri-Valley

#### Open Position

#### North Coastal

#### State Rep Sharon Ocheltree

**Redwood Small World:** It's raining and it has turned cooler. So with a fire in the fireplace, the sound of rain above, and cascades of fairy lights in the darkened windows, it is perfect!

Yes, winter has come. But summer lingers in bright memories. The Humboldt County Fair was held in August and our ladies manned the miniature art display for the duration.

Jean Scheffler created a darling little girl's bedroom in pink. Girls and boys between the ages of six and twelve could drop their names in a bag to win the room. Little girls were so excited and talkative, gathering their friends around. We had over eighty sign up to win. As luck would have it, Molly, a budding eight year old miniaturist, won the room box. It was priceless watching her accept the prize. She was so happy and exuberant! She warmed our hearts.

In October we spent a special day assembling the Name Day project. Eight of us gathered for a day of sanding, painting, gluing and laughing. Several have finished the shadow box and it is amazing the different styles that emerged from our imaginations.

Madeline created an Art Deco, black and gold masterpiece. Linda made an adobe style showcase for her Mexican accessory collection. All enjoyed the versatile, fun project.

Sue Kuhnhausen again wowed us with her Halloween luncheon and decorations. She has collected Halloween "stuff" for years. Everything from skeletons to ghosts to creepy spider, birds and bats. Even her front yard was blown up with black cats, ghosts and pumpkins. Her miniatures



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project for us was a candle holding, wax dripping, skull in a small glass globe. It was pretty spooky.

Everyone get cozy for the holidays and finish that special gift for that special person!

—Sharon Ocheltree



*Jean Scheffler and Molly, winner of the little girl's bedroom*



*Linda Scarpellino's NAME Day shadow box*

### South Bay, Peninsula

#### Open Position

**Through the Looking Glass:** Through the Looking Glass celebrated our Club's birthday by individually awarding the length of each of our various years of membership, the longest being a Charter Member of fifty years.

In partnership with MiniCals we worked on a Gala Golden Anniversary NAME Day Workday. Highlights included working on the project kit, yummy snacks and lunch, a review

and display of all the past NAME Day kits, themed gifts and kits, a silent auction, shoebox sales and a photo booth with instant mini photographs of clubs and members.

Good Sam is always a special event for us. We participated by displaying, working on committees, taking classes, helping with the Children's Workshops, and by enjoying and shopping the wonderful miniature artists.

As we continue to meet monthly and work on projects through the end of the year we are thinking about and planning our miniature 2023.

—Barbara Adams

**Mini Friends:** Our club Mini Friends is trying something different for our Christmas gift exchange. Our latest project was an advent calendar. We will exchange our advent calendars and fill them with 24 handmade or purchased miniatures. Then we'll exchange them back and starting December 1 we will have 24 days of mini surprises!

—Carol Vasil



*Cathy Payne's advent calendar*



*Carol Vasil's advent calendar*

**MiniCals:** The MiniCals have been very busy with several members working for the October Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures show. We also have an exhibit of our individual projects at the Prunedale branch of the Monterey County Library system. We provide information for finding out more about miniature collecting and construction and joining NAME.

We will also host workshops in Morgan Hill starting in January. More information will be available soon.

—Brenda Hough



*Brenda's curiosity shop, inspired by Sandhills Curiosity Shop in Erick, OK*

**Mini Attics:** Autumn is always a busy time for miniaturists in the Bay Area. Many members were pleased to get to the Good Sam Show in October. Thank you to Meg and Marjorie Milani for setting up the attractive exhibit in the Redwood City Library. It is a wonderful mix of past and present projects and always a hit with library patrons.

The NAME Day 50th Anniversary box is a focus for some of our members in different ways. Lynn Miller is turning hers into a 50th wedding theme of yellow roses and white daisies, hopefully to be finished for the event in 2026. Diane Phillips is doing hers in a purple theme that honors her sister. Carol Walls is working on the anniversary souvenirs of miniature houses that were created for the project.

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Lynn Miller finished her quarter inch scale version of Flight Cafe centerpiece from the Portland houseparty, which was the perfect setting for the Chris Okubo porcelain figure of Amelia Earhart, which was a special houseparty gift.

We worked on the Houseplant in a Pot club kits from SDK Miniatures, which was a real challenge in teeny tiny paintings on those little house picks. The how-to video produced for this project was excellent, so that was a big help.

Michelle Ortiz is embarking on a whole Halloween house in one-inch scale. Michelle has a terrific sense of humor, and we are all looking forward to seeing how that develops.

—Lynn Miller



*Cindy Loman's NAME plant*



*Lynn Miller's cafe*



*NAME houses by Lynn Miller*



*The Redwood City library exhibit*

**Wee Housers:** The Wee Housers have taken a little time off. We are all doing our own thing. We hope to get together early in the new year.

This year Rhona focused on completing, electrifying and staging two projects. One was the "Running Footman," originally taught by Bluette Melony as a pub and the other was the Castine Gallery Print Shop, originally taught by Pat and Noel Thomas and partially finished by Bluette and Moonyeen Moeller. Photos of both the buildings are now posted on the Good Sam Showcase website.

—Laura Johnson



*Rhona Lee made three plants for the Running Footman*



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*Rhona's garden bench*

*One of our talented Wee Housers shared her recent project.*

*"I have been working on a project I came up with to use some of the dolls in my stash, that didn't have a particular home. I call it 'The Streets of London.' It's finished, but I'm still waiting for a tree. I ordered the cobblestones from an Etsy shop in the UK. Stacey's Miniature Masonry. They have a big website with lots of great bricks and flooring. They are also on Facebook. I made a pattern and then installed the cobblestones one at a time.*

*Many of the dolls are by Marcia Backstrom. I made the flower cart. Marie Petrik made me a bunch of loose flowers and I assembled them in the cart. The bird seller is by Julie Campbell from the UK. The two children around her are by Stephanie Blythe. She calls them 'Sweetiepies'. The puppeteer is by Judy Orr. The Toy Cart is by Gloria Kent. Several of the children are by Connie Suave.*

*I made the lamppost by cobbling different components together and Marie Petrik made the hanging baskets. It was a lot of fun to put together."*



### **San Francisco, No. Peninsula**

**Open Position**

### **Marin, Napa Valley**

**Open Position**

### **Hawaii**

**Open Position**

*Some of you have made comments that some of the pictures are blurry. I have been trying to figure out why they aren't clearer.*

*It seems that pictures saved as larger files (1 megabyte or better) show up better, so please try to save them as large files.*

*I hope you will see an improvement in the next issue.*

*Laura*



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Have you been cleaning out and downsizing your miniatures? Wondering what to do with it all? You could donate them to Region N2 or NAME for auctions, sales and grab bags! However, maybe some of them are sellable and this will be your big chance! There will be regular miniature vendors here as well as folks who are downsizing. So, whether you are shopping or selling, we hope to see you there. No fee to attend, only to have a sales table.

# Miniatures Sale in April!

Date: April 1, 2023  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Elks Lodge #2248  
3000 Brady Lane, Roseville CA  
Sponsored by: By Small Design Club

Come and meet other “mini” friends and join in the fun!

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### Table Rental Form for Mini Flea Market

Date: April 1, 2023  
Roseville Elks Lodge No 2248 3000 Brady Lane Roseville, CA  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Setup: 8:00–9:00 AM Cleanup: 3:00–4:00 PM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tables will be provided.

\$20 per table \_\_\_\_\_ number of tables Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **By Small Design**

Send form to: Pattie Hong  
11066 Devonshire Circle  
Penn Valley, CA 95946 Phone: 530-432-3271

Other Questions: Barbara Thornton-Hill [bathca@gmail.com](mailto:bathca@gmail.com) 650-380-2028

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## NAME Region N2 Calendar

<b>January 7</b>	<b>Dollhouse Miniature Show, Sebastapol</b>
<b>January 21</b>	<b>MiniCals Workshop, Music Appreciation, Morgan Hill</b>
<b>February 18</b>	<b>MiniCals Workshop, Ladies Screen and Boudoir Bench, Morgan Hill</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Spring Fling, Morgan Hill</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Miniature Sale in Roseville</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b>MiniCal's Workshop, Steamer Trunk, Morgan Hill</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>MiniCal's Workshop, Jelly Cupboard and Vegetable Bin, Morgan Hill</b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>Summer at Tahoe's Paris, France Sidewalk Cafe, South Lake Tahoe</b>

### Check the N2 Website

Local mini events may be limited, but the Miniature Sale in Roseville are opportunities to get together and share our enthusiasm for miniatures online! Check out the calendar on our N2 website: [nameregionn2.org/events-calendar](http://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](mailto:namen2regionwebmaster@gmail.com)) to add it to the calendar page of the website.



**Dollhouse Miniature Show Flea Market**  
 Jan 7th 2023 9am to 3pm  
 Masonic Lodge  
 373 N Main St  
 Sebastopol, CA 95472  
**Free Admission**

This year in addition to the miniature flea market we will have an additional room filled with thousands of pieces of new costume jewelry all priced at \$5.00 or less and a variety of collectables. Two rooms of sales and twice the fun!!!

If you are interested in having a sales table(s), they are \$20.00 per table. Table coverings are not included. Please get in contact with Lori at [lashcosh@yahoo.com](mailto:lashcosh@yahoo.com) for more information.

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