



# Small Talk

## National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Spring 23  
<http://nameregionn2.org>

### From Your Regional Coordinator

Hope everyone survived the holidays okay. My Mom has been ill, so I've been a little stressed.

I attended the Christmas Party for the Itty Bitties, our one inch scale NAME club in the Sacramento area. They met and celebrated at The Olive Garden, putting a few tables together to make one long table. I hadn't attended their Christmas Party since I was a member of their club, a few years ago (though I have attended some of their other club meetings, either in person or by Zoom). I had been a member since their fourth meeting in 2008 until I left nine years later. It was wonderful to see everyone. They did a "bring a gift, get a gift" exchange (the gift I received was a beautiful floral arrangement in a vase). Miniatures friends make me happy.

Don't forget to check the [create.miniatures.org](http://create.miniatures.org) site regularly as there are additions and changes all the time and you don't want to miss out on a special workshop or event. Another site to check on is the Mini Cyber club, the io group. Check their calendar also. There will be a Valentine's Party on February 16<sup>th</sup> and probably a St. Patrick's Day event in March. So keep an eye on these locations for various events.

We have "in person" miniature events happening in March, April, and May in Northern California! First, off March 18<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Fling/Miniature Flea Market in Morgan Hill. I've been wanting to check out this annual mini event. I haven't made it to anything in Morgan Hill yet, Hope I can get a ride; I only drive a few places on the freeway. I am very careful.

On March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> The Egg Show is finally resuming after last being around the first weekend of March 2020. I felt nervous attending it in 2020, but I still went! The lockdown hadn't started yet. (I didn't get sick.) The NorCal Egg Show is specifically for natural (real) egg artists, but the mini items and trims and jewelry findings they use are JUST GREAT for miniatures! Perhaps they are most useful for those who work in quarter scale, but they have items that work for one inch scale, half inch scale, as well as micro scale. They are meeting for the first time in West Sacramento, at the West Sacramento Convention Center (instead of in Sacramento, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel/now Wyndham Hotel). Their website is: [www.norcaleggshow.com](http://www.norcaleggshow.com).

April 1<sup>st</sup> is the first Miniature Sale in Roseville! It's at the Elks Lodge, the same place the Sacramento area's NAME Day/Flea Market was held this past October 1, 2022. The two hour flea market held immediately after that NAME Day was a trial run for this Miniatures Sale! April 1<sup>st</sup>, it's from 9 am to 3 pm, indoors (no worries about sun, wind, or rain while selling your minis, or shopping). It is only \$20 per table if you have minis to sell. No entrance fee if you're shopping, please stop by!

The Lodi Show, Miniatures in the Wine Country, ([www.miniaturesonthewaterfront.com](http://www.miniaturesonthewaterfront.com)) is currently scheduled for May, instead of June this year. I'm a little confused, because their website is saying that it's set for a Sunday this time, May 14. And that's not just any Sunday, but Mother's Day. I hope it's really scheduled for Saturday, May 13. Whatever day it's truly scheduled for, the Lodi Show is always fun. Artisans sell their own items, and those of us downsizing sell ours back to the miniatures community. Last year, I manned the NAME table at the main show for the first part of the day. Then I drove over to Debbie Heard's shop, my first time making it to her sale. I enjoyed getting to see her stuff! I bought some minis that day, both at the main show and over at Debbie's shop. Hope to see you at one of these upcoming mini shows or sales. Crafting minis gives us peace and joy.

**Laura Seibert, Region N2 Regional Coordinator**



*Laura's simple dome display of Julie Steven's Bo Peep and Sheep with a wishing well. The wishing well was a Christmas gift from Pattie Hong to everyone in the Quarter Persuasion one year.*



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# NAME DAY 2023: 3-Sided Vignette

Start planning your vignette now. This project will be available in the 3 basic scales (1", 1/2" and 1/4"). What will you do with yours? Here are pictures of the basic prototype and photos of one person's interpretation.

### Half and Quarter Scale Views



### Completed



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### Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures, October 14–15, 2023

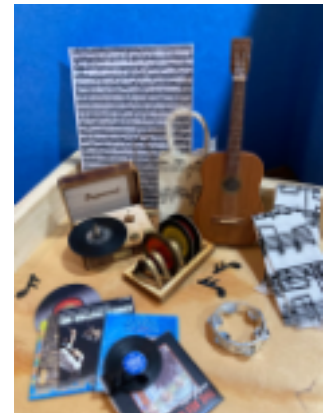
Most have heard by now of the passing of Brooke Tucker. We would like to honor her in our exhibit area this year. If you have a miniature of hers or took a class and made a “Brooke original,” we would love for you to share these at the show. Please write a description or share an anecdote from your class with Brooke.

Exhibit forms will be available soon on the website.

Ruth Heisch

### MiniCals Workshops in Morgan Hill

January 21	Music Appreciation with Record Player, Record Rack and a Guitar	
February 18	Ladies Screen and Boudoir Bench	
March 18	Spring Fling Sale/Miniature Flea Market Lynn Elliott <a href="mailto:mlynnel@icloud.com">mlynnel@icloud.com</a> .	\$6
April 22	Steamer Trunk (can be a doll case or ¼” dollhouse)	\$28
May 13	Jelly Cupboard and Vegetable Bin	\$30



*Music appreciation*

Workshops start at at 10 am  
M&L Precision Machining  
18665 Madrone Parkway  
Morgan Hill, CA



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

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## State Rep Reports

### North Central

**Margaret Gordus**

**Our Little Mini Club:** Many years ago, about 2010, I read an article in our local paper about a miniature club named Our Little Miniature Club of Chico and Paradise. I thought about a doll house which was nine room boxes put together with a sliding door to keep it dust free, that my Grandparents made for my sister and I. We enjoyed the doll house with our Grandparents, shopping for the Petite Princess doll house furniture and using Little Kiddles for the family. I saved that article and found it in 2018.

I contacted Carlene Brown, went to my first meeting and found that I knew some of the members. I now enjoy being part of the club that welcomed me to join them. We have learned to meet from afar on Zoom since the 2018 Camp Fire separated most of us. I have enjoyed learning to do many fun projects in our monthly meetings. I have made close friends, everyone is very generous with advice and has shared extra supplies and projects to get me started. I am grateful for their friendship.

—Margaret Gordus



*Members of Our Little Mini Club with their display at the Chico library*

### East Bay, Tri-Valley

**Open Position**

### Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

**State Rep Laura Seibert**

**Itty Bitties:** We had a great 2022 meeting with dear friends and working on miniatures. Some of us attended the Good Sam Show in San Jose. We enjoyed seeing other miniaturists, vendors, and most of all, shopping! In November, we decorated mini flowerpots. We painted Santas, Snowmen, and Gingerbread houses on terra cotta pots and then added greens and candy canes. They were tiny, but we enjoyed painting the pots!

We had our annual Christmas Party, in December, at the Olive Garden. Barbara Taplin (The Elegant Dollhouse) and Laura Seibert joined us. We all had a great time with great friends, although three members were unable to join us!

We assembled the closet, our project for the year, at the January meeting. Everyone has a different idea on how they would complete the project. In the next few months, we will be working on different accessories to complete our project.

—Fran Bigler



*Itty Bitties decorated flower pots*



*Itty Bitties Christmas luncheon*

**Quarter Persuasion:** Our Quarter Persuasion club met in person to celebrate the holidays in December. We gathered together for lunch on a Monday at 11 am (our regular meeting day and time) at The Cheesecake Factory at the Roseville Galleria. It was so wonderful to see everyone that made it there. Five of our six local members attended. I thought it was funny that we ate at a restaurant famous for their desserts, but we all only ate lunch (and didn't order dessert). I hadn't been to any of the Cheesecake Factory locations since before the pandemic, and I wasn't the only one. We didn't do the "bring a gift, get a gift" idea that we did last December. But three of us did bring an item for all the others (even though that wasn't the plan). It was fun to give. It was fun to receive. We hadn't managed to get together in the spring, so we hadn't seen each other in person as a club since December 2021. We had a lovely time, chatting, catching up, and enjoying each other's company.

We have more club members that join us regularly or occasionally at our Monday Zoom meetings, who live a bit further away. We enjoy working on our unfinished mini projects together, of which we have many. We start new projects "together" by Zoom, too. Several of our local members are looking forward to the April 1<sup>st</sup> Miniatures Sale in Roseville. I'm saving up for shopping!

—Laura Seibert

### Fresno

**State Rep Barbara Fairbanks**

### North Coastal

**State Rep Sharon Ocheltree**



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### No. Nevada, Tahoe

**Mary Ann Van Buskirk**

**Tahoe Miniacs:** The Tahoe Miniacs will soon be hard at work on this year's project. We are accepting applications this year until July 1, the boxes are very time consuming to get wrapped. This year we are traveling to France. We also have a new venue this year; it's the Presbyterian church directly across the street from the Legion hall that we have been meeting at.

The new room is a little larger and has better lighting. We hope everyone is doing well and look forward to seeing you all at "Le Petit Cafe.."

Bon Appetit,

—Linda Van Buskirk

### San Francisco, No. Peninsula

**Open Position**

### Marin, Napa Valley

**Open Position**

### South Bay, Peninsula

**Open Position**

**Through the Looking Glass:** Through the Looking Glass met in early January to plan 2023's activities and to celebrate Twelfth Night with a miniature gift exchange. Thanks to Lori's yummy food and everyone's great suggestions we have a year of fun and challenging projects ahead.

We started the year with making a crate of bagged reindeer feed from a kit designed by Lori.

In February, Lynne taught us how to make miniature open books. Other Club members will be teaching a technique and/or project each month. We also have ordered kits for Swedish Mora clocks as a Club project.

—Barbara Adams

**MiniCals:** The MiniCals have been busy with our workshops. In January we made guitars, record players, records and a rack to start a music room or bedroom. The February workshop featured a ladies screen and boudoir bench.

In November we had a display of our miniatures at the Salinas library. December was our annual Christmas lunch with Holiday bingo, gift exchange and we made bead snowmen for ornaments or earrings.

Our annual Spring Fling sale will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> and it's always been a favorite event for buyers and sellers. A fee of \$6 is charged.

—Brenda Hough

#### Workshops

##### April 22 Steamer Trunk

A dollhouse steamer trunk is our project today. It can be a doll case or 1/4" dollhouse. Travel stickers, wallpaper and drawers are also included (doll not included). \$28

##### May 20 Jelly Cupboard and Veggie Bin

Two items for your country kitchen will be made of alderwood. A vegetable bin will have a wire screen front, and the jelly cupboard will have shelving. \$30

All workshops start at 10 am  
M&L Precision Machining  
18665 Madrone Parkway  
Morgan Hill, California

Contact Ruth Heisch  
grouchybeartoo@aol.com

**Mini Attics:** 2023 brings a continuation of in-person and Zoom meetings. In spite of winter storms the MiniAttics have been busy working on some fun projects. When an exhibitor canceled out on a display case at the Redwood City Library, Meg Milani stepped up with contributions from the club and created a second mini exhibit. Thank you all!

Cindy Loman combined recent fond memories of snow tubing with her

young grandson, as well as snowy memories of New York state cross-country skiing warming huts that offered hot chocolate, to create a toboggan Sled Shed in quarter inch scale.

Diane Phillips finished her 50th Anniversary box in memory of her sister. Her sister, a veterinary assistant and avid rose gardener, loved her pets, the color purple, a glass of red wine, and tacos. Tacos every day if possible! They were best friends and shared their mutual love of good books.

Carol Walls is making good on her New Year's resolution to finish past projects. The detailed quarter inch, fully appointed sewing secretary from BJ Miniatures is finished! The mind-boggling selection of ribbons, laces, etc. that had to be cut out and wrapped and rolled made it into a BIG project, so she is very satisfied with the result. Now she is on to finishing her Tiki Bar.

The rest of us are regrouping after travel and the holidays. Lynn Miller became infatuated with the True2Scale Carpathian Cottage, and Santa left it under the tree. After repeatedly watching the delightful video of it on the website, she hopes to start it this year.

—Lynn Miller



Cindy Loman's sled shed

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Meg Milani's new exhibit at the Redwood City Library



Diane Phillips honored her sister in her 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary box



Carol Walls finished her sewing secretary

**Wee Housers:** All the rain caused us to cancel our first meeting of the year. We hope to meet again in the spring. Meanwhile, we are all working on our own projects, many of us trying to finish those that have been hanging around for years.

Rhona took a wonderful on-line wiggling class taught by Dana Burton. Laura finished the ice fishing shack she started at the national in Indianapolis.

—Laura Johnson



I assembled, dressed and wiggled for an on-line class in advanced wiggling taught by Dana Burton. The wiggling on this doll was for the final exam due today, Monday, January 9th, 2023. I barely finished. With the holidays and my son coming home with his girlfriend, life was very busy. Too many things kept popping up and I ended up with four days to start and submit my exam. Although I finished the wiggling, I have yet to embellish the hair with pearls, feathers and misc. items. Also, I am going to try to make a necklace for her. In case you are wondering what the doll has in the middle of her hair, it is a little ship with sails. It can be better seen from the side. The idea was to allow the hair to cascade around the ship.

Rhona Lee



Laura Johnson's fishing shack

## Hawaii

### Open Position

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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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### The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniatures in the Wine Country Dollhouse Miniature Shows & Sales

~ 2 locations 1 admission ~

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Show

EAGLES HALL

217 E. Lockeford Street

Lodi, CA 95240

9 am –3 pm

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Show

1024 Industrial Way

Suite A

Lodi, CA 95240

9 am –5 pm

ADMISSION \$5.00 ~ CHILDREN 10 & under are FREE

Food available for purchase ~

FREE RAFFLES all during the day for door prizes & gift baskets!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

[www.miniaturesonthewaterfront.com](http://www.miniaturesonthewaterfront.com)



ANY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED ON THE WEBSITE: CONTACT DEBBIE HEARD T: [fjdebbie@aol.com](mailto:fjdebbie@aol.com)



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# SUMMER AT TAHOE STATE DAY WORKSHOP LE PETIT CAFE SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023



Lake Tahoe Presbyterian Church  
2733 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA

Join us as we travel the world, this year, Paris, France. You will receive an unique roombox complete with a sidewalk Cafe, breakfast, lunch, supplies, beverages and gifts.

Participation is limited so sign up now. Payment arrangements are available.

Fee: \$75.00 plus a large self-addressed envelope. Must provide a phone number.

Deadline: July 1, 2023

Make check payable to: M.A. Van Buskirk

PO Box 14091

South Lake Tahoe, CA 95615

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## NAME Region N2 Calendar

<b>March 18</b>	<b>Spring Fling, Morgan Hill</b>
<b>March 25–26</b>	<b>Egg Show in West Sacramento</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>May 14</b>	<b>Miniatures in the Wine Country Sale in Lodi</b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>Summer at Tahoe's Paris, France Sidewalk Cafe, South Lake Tahoe</b>
<b>October 14–15</b>	<b>Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures in San Jose</b>

### Check the N2 Website

There are now more 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.

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