



Pauline Cousins



Sharon Geisen



Katie Goldfarb

## Hallmark Contest 2013

Each year NAME sponsors an activity for its members involving the use of Hallmark ornaments in the creation of scenes and vignettes. This year we had some wonderfully creative entries.

This year's winners were:  
1<sup>st</sup> Place ... Pauline Cousins  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place ....Sharon Geisen  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place ....Katie Goldfarb

Another entry captured the attention of judges and deserved Honorable Mention; that honor went to Sheila LeQuia.

The rest of the entries will be released to the blog right after the NAME National in Tucson in late July.

Next year, the contest may happen earlier in the year when our ornaments are still fresh in our minds. In a few months you will be hauling out your box of ornaments for the holidays, and as you begin your decorating for the holidays let your imagination and creative juices flow.



Sheila LeQuia



Flower cart, whatnot cart, newsstand cart, pastry cart... so what would you use it for?

## The 4<sup>th</sup> annual NAME Day project A Cart for all Reasons.

The orders are slowly showing up. Have you ordered your kit yet?

If you haven't ordered your kit (or kits) from the cutters yet you should be doing so now. The cutters need to order the raw materials soon to be able to get the kits to you on time.

The list of cutters is in the March/April edition of the Gazette and on the NAME website (<http://www.miniatures.org>)

Don't be left out – get your orders in as soon as possible.

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## NAME Doll Auction

If you love dolls you are going to love the  
NAME Doll Auction  
Being held on July 8 – 17 on our  
NAME website.

NAME Auctions are a wonderful opportunity to purchase top quality miniature items at bargain prices.

Babette Overman is the master of our auctions and has a lot of great auctions scheduled for us in the future.

The items listed in our auctions were donated to NAME and are in need of new, loving homes.

If you are wondering what to do with your collections of miniatures whenever you have to downsize, consider donating those items to NAME. You will be accomplishing two very important tasks: finding a new home for your miniature items and fundraising for NAME.

When I asked Babette what is necessary to find those special items that have been donated to NAME for auctions, she said that:

This is one of those benefits of belonging to NAME, so only NAME members are allowed to participate.

- First, log into the NAME website with email address and password.
- After login, click on the AUCTIONS tab pull-down menu.
- If you haven't registered yet, select "How to register for bidding." if you've already registered, go directly to the auction site.

To view the dolls, click on the "Announcements" from that drop box. That will take you to a site so you may see the "Doll Flip Book." You might need to scroll down a bit, but the information on the auction is on that page.

Dolls are not the only miniature items being auctioned. Check the site often for other miniature items. You never know when that special bargain will show up on the auction block.

## Fundraisers

June was the month for our annual audit so I have not bugged the office for the latest total of the Spruce-up Fund. It will be in the August eNewsletter. While we are waiting for the latest figure there is a big challenge being made by some of our clubs and regions. That challenge is to match the generous donations made by some regions and our President, Cary Yerves. If your region has extra funds please consider donating the money to help fix up our NAME office.

Wallpaper is peeling off the walls, carpet is threadbare, cracks are very evident in the ceilings, windows are cracked, shades have holes in them and the porch needs some upkeep too. This is an old building and it needs our help.



Walls



Window



Shades



Porch

Last month we were at \$3,400.00. We need \$8,600.00 more to meet our goal.

Thank you to those generous souls who have donated so far.

### NAME NATIONAL CONVENTION 2014

DEALERS • INSTRUCTORS • THEME  
LUNCHEON PRESENTERS... deadline for  
submitting applications is August 30<sup>th</sup>

Get the forms online:

<http://www.miniatures.org/2014StLouis.php>

**DID YOU KNOW:** The first recorded proof of a modern dollhouse turned up in 1544, a house created by Duke Albrecht V of Germany for his daughter. This opulent dollhouse was said to have had four floors, sixty-three windows, and seventeen doors. Sadly, the house no longer exists, presumably destroyed in a fire. All that remains of this creation was its inventory list.

**THE GAZETTE:** Is not mailed from the office. It is mailed to our members by our printer.

The office supplies the name and address list to the printer a few weeks before each issue is due to be mailed.

If you move in the interim, the magazine will not reach you because bulk mail is not forwarded.

If you are a "snowbird" and head south for the winter, call the office well in advance of your migration and change your address so that you won't miss the next issue. Since the Postal Service does not forward bulk mail, changing your address at the Post Office will not get your Gazette forwarded to you at your winter destination. You have to let the NAME office know at least three weeks in advance of the move.

### ONLINE HOUSEPARTY April 2014

There is still room for applicants to join in the fun of the Online Houseparty.

Download the application from the NAME website or fill it in online, using your Paypal or credit card for registration.

Registration is \$45.00 and you get a souvenir, free workshops, roundtables and a whole lot more. More information will be on our website starting August 1.:

<http://www.name2014hp.com/>

All you need is a computer and a willingness to have fun with others.