

NAME DAY HISTORY

The **purpose** of NAME Day is to unite and involve all NAME members by doing the same project on the same day at different locations throughout the US and internationally. Participation in an event may occur in clubs, locally, statewide, regionally, or online. Information will be in the *NAME Miniature Gazette* to encourage all NAME members' participation.

“Only through sharing can we truly enjoy our treasures!” has not only been a motto, but a way of life for many dedicated NAME members. NAME was a dream come true for Allegra Mott, who envisioned a national organization for miniature lovers across the country; sharing and learning together. In 1972 her dream became a reality with the founding of NAME.

“How does a dream come true? It has a beginning---. “ Just as Allegra Mott had a dream in 1972, so did Jane Payne in 2009, when she proposed the idea of an event to unite and involve all NAME members by doing the same project, on the same day, at different locations throughout the world. At the Regional Coordinator’s retreat held after the 2009 National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, Jane’s dream was discussed and the group enthusiastically responded by forming a committee to further develop the idea. Project ideas were discussed, plans developed, prototypes created, and then the committee presented the concept to the membership.

The event is called **NAME Day** and will take place on the first Saturday of October each year to kick-off International Dollhouse and Miniatures Month. Expanded events (or areas with conflicting dates) may occur on other dates but the concept is to have everyone working on the same project on the same day all over the world.

The purpose of this event is to include all NAME members in an activity and, hopefully, recruit some new ones. Now is the time to talk to that friend “teetering on the brink” into joining NAME so they will be able to participate in this exciting event.

2010 “THE HUTCH”

2011 “WORKCENTER”

2012 “ALCOVE”

2013 “A CART FOR ALL REASONS”

2014 “COZY CORNER” (corner table & bench seats)

2015 “WINDOW SHOPPING” (a shop window)

2016 BEDROOM Part I: “Going Bunkers” (a bunk bed)

2017 BEDROOM Part II: “The Armoire”