



ABCs of Miniatures

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Welcome to the **ABCs of Miniatures: tools & techniques** and the Capital City of California, Sacramento, where we are planning a fun and exciting few days for you, full of techniques and activities to enhance your miniature fun and creativity.

The Steering Committee has been working hard to bring you great workshops, theme luncheons, and of course THE SALESROOM. There are many activities planned, along with amazing Souvenirs (**you really will NOT want to miss these**) and creative two-scale Centerpieces. Of course you'll also want one or two of the amazing Houseparty Helpers.

Our hotel, the Sacramento Doubletree Hilton, is located right across the street from a huge mall with lots of restaurants available. In addition there are several restaurants within a couple of blocks on the same side of the street. The hotel shuttle will be available to drive you over to the mall if you wish to go there. In addition there is one of those few and far-between Miniature Stores only 2-1/2 miles from the hotel. A short hop in a shared taxi or Uber or Lyft vehicle.

What better for a Tools & Techniques theme than to join our Wednesday "Drive-It-Yourself Tour", visits to members homes to view their workshops and collections.

Our Thursday night features *An Evening From A to Z*, a different and special evening hosted by committee member, Debbie Young. This is definitely an event you won't want to miss and a MAJOR HIGHLIGHT of the Houseparty, so sign-up early!

Friday's events will include an opening luncheon followed by the opening of the Sales, Exhibit and Hospitality Rooms and an opportunity to bid in the first of our Silent Auctions. In our Hospitality Room you will have lots to keep you occupied and, of course on Friday evening will be the chance purchase some fabulous roundtables and mega-roundtables.

The Hospitality Room will be open Thursday thru Saturday so please check your schedule for times. Our Hospitality Room will provide a place to meet friends, participate in games and activities, and perhaps work on a project or kit that just needs a little more time. This is a place to just hang out too when you just need a break.

On Saturday, more activity.... Shopping, Workshops, Theme Luncheons, Exhibits and Hospitality, as well as another chance to participate in the second Silent Auction. Saturday evening's excitement begin with a no host cocktail party – how about coming in a costume? This is a chance to really be creative.... Hmmmm tools and techniques? Come as a saw, a clamp, an exacto knife, a paint brush? Whoa! Lots of room for ideas here... maybe a carpenters hat? A mini flower hat? After a banquet and lots of gifts, the big drawing for Houseparty Helpers.

We wind up on Sunday as we award the lucky winners of the centerpieces at the closing brunch and then the Sales and Exhibit Rooms are open for one final pass through until 4:00 pm.

We have a very, very busy schedule filled with friends and activities. Please review your schedule carefully for times and locations as you won't want to miss ANYTHING! And there may be a few surprises yet to come.....?

We are so excited that you are joining us in Sacramento, California for the
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