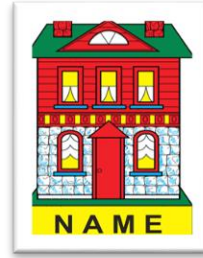


NAME Region E-2 Newsletter

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Region E-2 is Growing!

Let 2024 be the beginning of the new, improved and expanded Region E-2.

First, did you know our Region is represented on the NAME Board by not one but two members: Jane McNatt, President and Suzie Aguilar, Regional Coordinator Liaison. We are proud of both ladies for stepping up and assuming new NAME positions.

Second, Region E-2 now has a Facebook page where all NAME E2 members can submit comments, ideas, pictures, or any/all miniature related information. It is a terrific way of communicating with other E2 members. No ads or links, though, please.

Third, is all the exposure E2 received in the September/October 2024 issue of the Miniature Gazette. Starting with page 1, *from the President Jane McNatt*, who is from Texas. Then on page 17, a Thank You from our RC E-2, Suzie Aguilar for the Name table at the Texas Miniatures Showcase. And on page 27 there was a sweet article from Lori Jackman of Mississippi, telling us all about her bunny house. Continuing to

pages 34 and 35, the Texas NUTS Club shared their Christmas in July where they created miniature gifts for patients of a hospice facility. And last, if I didn't miss anything, on page 40 in Welcome New Club, Inching Along in the San Antonio, Texas area. Contact is Kitty Engstrom garyandkitty@outlook.com

Fourth, is this Newsletter. What a great tool to learn what is happening in our mini corner of the world. You can contribute to the Newsletter by contacting the Editor, marthabates@comcast.com. Articles, pictures, and ideas are welcome and will be used as space is available.

GO REGION E-2!!!!



From the Miles Kimball Holiday Catalog, cover print Fall '73. Drawing by John McClelland of Stone Mtn, Georgia

NUTS, Harry Potter and SAM

Members of the 'Nuther Unusual Tiny Society (NUTS) Club (C-385) traveled to Killeen, Texas, for the annual Society of American Miniaturists (SAM) Wonderful Workshop Weekend (WWW) in September 2024.

The WWW is a three-day weekend of classes, shopping, auctions, and friendship! This year's theme was Harry Potter, and the NUTS definitely read the assignment.

Members of NUTS took a variety of classes including miniature furniture upholstery, doll wiggling and miniature flower making. They also took part in constructing scenes that were Harry Potter themed. Member Tere Perry even taught a class on miniature watercolor painting.

Mandy Ebert and Elizabeth Stillion entered the "Broomstick Challenge" sponsored by SAM WWW. The grand prize for this contest is your weekend hotel stay paid in full. Elizabeth entered a scene of Harry Potter's house with his closet under the stairs. Mandy entered Hagrid's Hut complete with a dragon egg on the fire, pink umbrella, and a plate of Hagrid's rock cakes. *She won first prize!*

Members of the NUTS had a fun time learning, sharing, shopping, and making new friends at this year's SAM WWW. So great, in fact, the club is already planning to attend next year's SAM Wonderful Weekend Workshop!

Submitted by Carey Miller



NUTS Members: Amy Burgess, Tere Perry, Dorothy Hamilton, Elizabeth Stillion, Carey Miller, Mandy Hebert and Lolli Odom

The Best Thing About Miniatures

My favorite part of miniatures is the creative, thinking process of making a scene or a room. Planning the color scheme, the placement of furniture, windows, and flooring and then you start the build. But you must have your head in the game! What needs to be done first, second and third? You should always work from the back to the front, etc.

In other words, making miniatures makes me think! Not only is it good exercise for the brain, but it is also rewarding to comprehend the project, work through it and see the results when you are finished!

Let me know your favorite thing about miniatures at marthabates@comcast.net

Newsletter Name Contest

Our new NAME Region E-2 Newsletter needs a name depicting our area. Something to show our Southern pride and our love of miniatures.

Here are the rules:

1. You must be a NAME E-2 member.
2. Oh, wait---that is the only rule!

Seriously, email your newsletter name suggestion to marthabates@comcast.net no later than December 20, 2024. Include your prize preference, should you be the lucky winner. A random committee of five will select the winner. It's that simple!

Here are the prizes to select from:

1:12 scale Floral Arrangement



1:24 scale Holiday Jello Mold



1:48 scale Fireplace



Maci Edwards

NAME State Rep, Arkansas

Hello my many-mini friends! Isn't the world of minis so large?

That was the first thing I learned when I attended the Chicago Miniature show for the first time in April of 2024. That the love of miniatures brings together the best and kindest people from all over the world. I met amazing women and felt so honored to be welcomed with open arms into this tribe.

My love of all things mini goes back to my childhood. Somehow, I received a bag of old miniatures passed down from family members. I still have a few today. Like the brass lamp with the lamp shade that even comes off.

My very first mini was a rotary phone from the craft store when I was 6 or 7. My mother was a bit of a crafter, and we made a miniature Thanksgiving meal together with clay. We also had purchased boxes of goodies from an old pharmacy that was going out of business. From those old pill boxes, we furnished my first dollhouse. I made my own stove and fridge too. I wish I had them today. Luckily, I lived in Japan as a young adult and was introduced to their culture and love of minis. I still have a pair of miniature curry and rice earrings (for one lobe) with the fork and spoon for the other lobe.

I took a break from minis for a long time though. About 15 years ago I bought more polymer clay and started watching YouTube videos on how to make mini food. I will spare you images of those less than perfect creations, but it doesn't matter because I had fun making them!

My mini love comes from many places. Seeing everyday items on a teeny tiny scale just makes me happy. I also love learning how to make minis from everyday items. *(Continued)*

Thanks to Instagram and TikTok I can see tricks of the trade from all over the world! The craftsmanship is a wonder as well. I had no idea the amount of talent in the mini-world! I cannot wait to meet more artisans. Learn from them and continue my journey to make minis.

Maybe I will see you in Chicago or at Guild School? Feel free to come and say hi and let's love minis together.

From Maci Edwards



Maci Edwards with Volker Arnold at the Chicago Show, 2024

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Minis win big at OKC State Fair

The Oklahoma State Fair in Oklahoma City offers an annual competition where miniaturists can display their miniature treasures for all to see and have a chance to win a prize ribbon.

This year 18 miniature items were entered, and NAME member Maggi Burton of the Quarter Nuts and Sunken Treasures Clubs won *Second Best Overall* for her Merry Olde England diorama.

Maggi loves sharing her miniatures with the world (especially OKC!) and has entered the State Fair Contest in the past. In fact, she won *Best of Show* in 2021 and again in 2023! Way to go, Maggi!

To enter the competition OKC area residents simply Googled www.okstatefair.com, clicked on competitions and followed the instructions. What a wonderful way to promote miniatures in your area!



Merry Old England by Maggi Burton

Calendar of Events Coming Next Issue

Submit your 2025 upcoming events to be listed in the January 2025 issue of this Newsletter. Email: marthabates@comcast.net