

# NAME Region E-2 Newsletter

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## A Mini Bit about Me!

### Hello and Welcome!

I am the new NAME State Rep-LA in our Region E-2 and am really glad to get to know all of ya'll and to start a Newsletter for our Region.

To make this Newsletter a success, I am going to need help from everyone who can supply me with up-coming events, hints and tips, pictures of recent mini builds, etc, etc, etc.

This is our Newsletter and only we can make it successful by contributing. So put your thinking caps on and get some info flowing my way so we can celebrate miniatures, Southern Style!

Martha Bates aka Martha in Shreveport

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I acquired my first dollhouse in the 1970's. It was made by my late husband and wired, wallpapered and decorated by my mother and I. That first house is still proudly displayed in my home some 50 years later! It is a fully enclosed 1:12 scale house; four foot cubed and landscaped on an 8 x 12-foot table.

I have attended a lot of shows in Dallas and during business trips visited miniature stores across the country. I owned my own dollhouse shop here in Shreveport for a short 3 ½ years where my mother and I ran the shop and built dollhouses for customers. We also started a miniature club which, I am proud to say, is still holding monthly meetings.

I joined NAME in 2011 and since my retirement have had more time and funds to devote to my one hobby, Miniatures and Dollhouses!

## Texas Miniature Showcase

Dani Muckelroy returned to hosting the best little miniature show in Texas! The Showcase, which ran from June 28 - 29, 2024, was a wonderful event including exhibits, sales and more than 16 classes running before and after the show.

Approximately 50 dealers offered their wares for sale during the event and there were some awesome items to purchase. There were silent and live auctions, raising over \$10,000 for Cook Children's Health.

NAME was excited to have been invited to be part of the exhibit room and was given tables to promote our great organization.

Our table was organized and manned by Mindy Yates, State Rep-TX, and volunteers from the NUTS miniature club. They showcased several displays provided by various NAME members and even had a full exhibit by the NUTS club. The Lone Star Miniaturists, a NAME club in Austin, also had a wonderful display of their miniature creations on exhibit. Lots of brochures were passed out, new NAME members were signed up and several

existing ones renewed as well. Suzie Aguilar, RC E2, reported it was an immense success!

Everyone is already looking forward to the TMS next year--mark your calendars for the weekend of June 20-21, 2025. See you there!

Just look at these smiling faces!



*Mindy Yates, Mandy Hebert, Suzie Aguilar*

NAME membership is as inexpensive as \$35 for a one-year online membership. Encourage all your mini friends to join NAME today!

Suzie Aguilar

NAME Regional Coordinator, Region E-2

## Mini Work in Progress

My latest project was to freshen up a room setting that I purchased at a Dallas auction years ago. It was made from a d. Anne Ruff Half Inch Hat Box Vignette Kit and signed by Fran Alden. There wasn't a

thing wrong with it, I just wanted to add my touches to it. I added a lot of accessory items to the Living Room, as you can see from the before and after pictures.

Not wanting to waste the beautifully covered lid, I filled it with a Bespaq hutch, a round table with flowers, 2 wall murals, a room size rug, 2 chairs and a bust on a tiny table. To display I stacked the Living Room on the top of the 2nd room and covered it all with a glass bell dome.

I like the changes and making use of the second display room. I named it The Alden Rooms. What do you think? I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. [marthabates@comcast.net](mailto:marthabates@comcast.net)

#### Before:



#### After:



#### Displayed:



### Mini Tip of the Month

Here's an alternative method of changing miniature items from drab to shiny. Simply color them with these wonderful markers. Bonus: no paintbrush to wash!



I purchased my set on Amazon for around \$12.00. I have used them on wood, metal and plastic.

Martha in Shreveport

## Final Note

This is our first issue of the E2 Newsletter, and I hope to be able to create one each month or at least every other month. But I need your input: articles, pictures, tips, ideas, events, etc. Please contact me at [marthabates@comcast.net](mailto:marthabates@comcast.net) and help me fill the second issue!

## IT'S A small WORLD

### 2025 NAME Convention

### Cincinnati, OH

### August 14-17, 2025

The 2024 National Convention, Old Southern Charm Bed and Breakfast, held

in Franklin, TN is just over and NAME volunteers have already been working hard for months on the 2025 Convention in Cincinnati, OH.

Start making your plans to be there!

