



Small Talk

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Fall 2023
<http://nameregionn2.org>

From Your Regional Coordinator

Autumn is heading our way. What mini events do we have to look forward to, whether in person or online? Good Sam, our “Largest Miniature Show West of the Mississippi,” is coming up. It’s set for October 14th and 15th, and sounds amazing! There will be Workshops for Adults on that Friday. I’ve signed up for a Workshop myself, my first time taking a Workshop at Good Sam. I hope it works out, as the Instructor, Angela Kinnunen, is coming all the way from Finland. Good Sam will have their Tools & Techniques Seminar from 9:30 to 10:30 am on Sunday. They’re planning to teach uses for tools this year. Last year their Artisans taught kits. I took two of their Artisans’ projects last year, and it was so much fun! Learning skills should be great too. Kids’ Roundtables will be taught on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 pm, for a \$5 fee. There are two Youth Pre-Registered Workshops offered this year, one on Saturday from 3 to 5 pm; the second on Sunday from 1 to 3 pm. The Adult Workshops opened for registration in June. The Youth Workshops—for those seven years of age and older—opened for registration in August. NAME Night is set for Saturday, October 14th, from 7 to 9 pm (likely out in the foyer). Go have dinner after the Sales Tables at Good Sam close on Saturday, and please come back and join us! Our Artisans will be teaching Make & Takes, and there will be Goodie Bags and Door Prizes! Invite your friends and family who like minis—you don’t need to be a NAME member to attend.

NAME Day is officially set for the first Saturday in October, October 7th. It’s to be a 3-sided vignette. I haven’t made an indoor/outdoor scene yet, so I may make mine into one. Or it might be all indoors. I’m thinking.

Morgan Hill will have their NAME Day on September 30th. It sounds fun! Hope they have a wonderful day.

The MCC club will have their Zoom NAME Day Party on October 8th, a Sunday. This time, you’re not required to sign up ahead of time, though you can. I signed up on the MCC (minicyberclub.com) website, under NAME Day 2023 (top right of their headings).

Sacramento’s NAME Day, set to happen in Roseville for the second time in two years, has unfortunately been cancelled. Only seven people signed up. I had really been looking forward to it. I did have to sign up with a cutter last minute to get a ¼” scale NAME Day kit ordered for myself.

Quarter Connection has a Mini Weekend, “It’s a Whimsical Life,” scheduled for September 8-10. There’s a lot going on that weekend! You either ordered the kit for the cottage from Liz West via QC, or you can make a similar one on your own that Laura Miller designed. They’ll have sales and free tutorials. There’ll be Zoom sessions and prizes. (Quarter Connection doesn’t have a NAME Day Weekend this year, or anything NAME Day related).

Sounds like National in Cape Cod was lots of fun this year. I attended a Zoom Round Tuit meeting on Wednesday August 16th (I was there from 4:30 to when it ended at 8:00 pm PST; it started at 4:00 pm), and some of the ladies attending National dropped by. They waved at us and chatted while we glued and painted. It was quite a harmonious afternoon/evening.

I hope Summer at Tahoe went well August 12th. I can’t wait to see photos of their Sidewalk Cafe from Paris, France. I did send NAME grab bags over with Ynez Fritsch. Hope everyone had a great time.

Barbara Thornton-Hill’s Workshop on May 27th on the Create site (create.miniatures.org) was wonderful! I finished my ¼”scale flower cart during her class, and I’m a very slow crafter. She taught how to make it in 1”scale, too. I’ve now completed my first Workshop on the Create site. I think I know which room box I’ll use it for, one already constructed with flowers in flower pots as decorations on top. I think I’m making a backyard scene with it. We’ll see.

On the Create site, they finished with Camp Make-A-Mini the end of July. Those Shepherds Huts looked darling. They’re having the Shepherds Huts as Second Chance Workshops now (the Zoom sessions are already recorded). They have several Zoom Workshops available on Create right now.

I’ve been attending Create’s Zoom sessions more frequently once more (I attended ALL the possible miniature Zoom meetings during year 2020 quite a bit, and into 2021). I enjoy their Wednesday Round TUIT Zoom meetings from 4 to 8 (or so) pm PST. And I’ve been catching some of the every other Friday 9 am PST to (around) 1 pm PST UFO Sightings meetings, too. It’s so

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much fun to craft while listening (and perhaps chatting a little) with the other ladies. It's a very companionable space.

I've attended some QC Zoom meetings too. Jackie Williams does a lovely job hosting.

I enjoy the MCC Zoom meetings too, but unfortunately, they are on the evenings my husband is home from work. He only works late Wednesday evenings, presently. It's harder to get to those other evening meetings, though I do try to at least make it to the "First Thursday of the Month" MCC monthly club meetings (starting at 4 pm PST). Michael would rather I attend mini Zoom meetings when he isn't home.

A dear miniatures friend of mine passed away this year, Karen Sandvick. I'll try really hard to get her "In Memory" article into the next (Winter) newsletter, and into the Gazette. I started to come out of my depression six weeks ago. My Mom has been ill. We all do our best, that's all we can do. I do apologize to everyone.

Speaking of mini people passing, if a mini friend of yours passes and you would like there to be an article in either this newsletter or the Gazette (or both), please contact me or our editor, Laura Johnson. I don't know everyone well, so if you or someone you know would like to write the article (or contribute information, not all of us like to write) that would be so helpful.

Sending out lots of joy to all,

Laura Seibert, RC



This is a 1/4" scale Halloween front porch scene. I received the teddy bear dressed as a skeleton in a grab bag, which inspired this scene. I'm so happy to have the Julie Stevens Cinderella and Bo Peep, who in my imagination are little girls dressed up as Cinderella and Bo Peep. The huge cobwebs are obviously fake cobwebs, bought to decorate the Halloween front porch.

From the Editor

I have been having trouble with images that are blurry when inserted in the newsletter. I'm not sure of the cause, but I do know that images saved at a larger resolution work better. Images should be .jpeg or .png. When you take pictures on your phone please save .jpegs at medium or higher resolution. They could be 1 meg or a little more. I can make them smaller and they will be clearer.

I'm sorry I didn't send this out sooner.

Thanks, Laura

Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures, October 14–15, 2023

We're looking forward to our 47th year. It's wonderful what has evolved from humble beginnings in a conference room at the hospital! Some of you may remember. There were just a handful of dealers and a few exhibits. We've come a long way and you will see some new dealers this year.

Our exhibit chairs, Trish Weber and Rhona Lee, are honoring Brooke Tucker and Sandra Rubin and looking for displays with their work or workshops.

A lot is happening in the foyer; the Sidewalk Sale (thank you Larry Herman) for those with a house or two to sell.

Becky Seward's fabulous White Elephant Sale and once again the new Youth Roundtables.

Brenda Hough has put together some great items for the Silent Auction from 10-noon on Saturday. Saturday night at 7 your NAME representatives will host Make n' Takes.

Make time for Judy Pick's Tools n' Techniques on Sunday morning at 9:30.

Molly Cromwell will be selling many of her treasures at the show. You're sure to see something you must have!

Check out the great lineup of workshops for Friday the 13th on our website. goodsamshowcase.org

See you in October

Ruth Heisch

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NAME DAY 2023: 3-Sided Vignette

We hope you are planning your vignette now. This project was available in the 3 basic scales (1", 1/2" and 1/4"). One cutter, Susan Karatjas, sdk miniatures cut in 1/144th scale also. What will you do with yours? Here are pictures of the basic prototype and photos of another person's interpretation. Cutter List is on the NAME website: www.miniatures.org but most order dates have passed.



NAME Day samples are by Beth Grabau

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North Central

Margaret Gordus

San Francisco, No. Peninsula

Open Position

East Bay, Tri-Valley

Open Position

Marin, Napa Valley

Open Position

Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

State Rep Laura Seibert

Itty Bitties: We have been busy working on projects to put in our closets. Everyone has a different theme and may, or may not, use the minis that we learned to make during our monthly meetings. Margaret and Linda are just about done with their closets.

Margaret taught us how to make chaise lounges. We used special types of fabric, trims, and ornaments. Debra taught us how to make pillows using no-hole beads. She shared a great tip using a squeeze bottle filled with no-hole beads to fill the tiny pillows! We also learned how to make tassels to add to our pillows. The chaise lounges and pillows were made by Frances and Ynez. Ynez chose a fabric with embroidered flowers scattered throughout and worked around the flowers.

In July, Jan taught us how to make rugs using bunka and glue on a design that she drew on a piece of interfacing (similar to punch needle rugs). Once we became comfortable working with bunka and glue, we were able to complete the project. The rugs were completed by Ynez, Frances, and Carolyn.

—Fran Bigler



Margaret and Linda's closets



Chaise lounges taught by Margaret



Bunka rugs taught by Jan

Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

Tinker Belles: The Fresno mini club members are still working on our UP houses by Debbie Young.

Meeting once a month just didn't seem enough for making progress or social time so Wendy Bidy is opening her home each Wednesday for all of the members.

We have all enjoyed the extra time working and visiting. Carolyn Cave, Glendon Davis, and Kayanne Yung have finished their houses.

School has opened so Barbara Encinas is only able to join us on Saturdays now.

Jeanne Christopherson has moved to Fresno from the Napa area and meets with us. We are an open club and love new members joining us.

Four of us are joining Ruth Stewart on the Danube River trip in December: Kayanne Yung, Marlene Foster, Wendy Bidy, and myself. We are really looking forward to it.

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Many of us are looking forward to Good Sam in San Jose in October. Also in October is NAME DAY and Margaret Gordus is the only one from our club that is building the project.

Mini Hugs from Fresno TinkerBelles
—Barbara Fairbanks

North Coastal

State Rep Sharon Ocheltree

No. Nevada, Tahoe

Mary Ann Van Buskirk

South Bay, Peninsula

Open Position

Through the Looking Glass: Through the Looking Glass's summer is going by very quickly. We continue to meet each month to work on a project in addition to planning our NAME Day workday with co-hosts MiniCals.

In July we worked on a round dollhouse chair kit kindly cut by Trish Billard. She used a pattern purchased from dillydallydollhouse on Etsy. Thank you, Trish and Dilly Dally!

August was challenging and intriguing as member Juanita Landa taught us the intricacies of miniature stained glass using Tiffany lamp kits by Esther Marker Miniatures. Juanita's own finished lamps are exquisite and inspiring.

We are looking forward to the NAME Day Workday in Morgan Hill on Saturday, September 30. And to Good Sam!

—Barbara Adams

MiniCals: The MiniCals are hosting our annual NAME Day project on September 30, 2023 at 10 am with the Through the Looking Glass club. The \$40 fee includes the kit, lunch and snacks. Participants will be able to assemble the

three section divided room and receive additional items and ideas to make your own project. Location is at M&L Precision in Morgan Hill. To register contact Ruth Heisch.

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Group members have been working on their own projects during the summer and have been preparing for the Good Sam show in October. We are looking forward to our monthly meetings starting in September.

—Brenda Hough

Mini Attics: Ahhh! Summertime! With travel and gardening the MiniAttics are still busy bees working on minis. Diane Phillips actually completed two quarter scale projects. The first was a Karen Benson Southwest DianDecor theme kit. She took on the challenge of completing a potting shed with missing parts. With a little help from her friends, she got missing parts recut and located enough Grandt Line windows and doors to finish it. Congratulations!

Michelle Ortiz is teaming up with her son and they are going to do a pawn shop together this summer. Cool! Cindy Loman is working on quarter inch scale clocks. Carol Walls is finishing up her Tiki Bar.

Lynn Miller is still working on converting her NAME 50th Anniversary box into a 50th wedding anniversary box. She finished a silk tulle bridal veil with yellow roses, like the one she wore in 1976. Summer seemed like a great time to try and finish her quarter scale Pickett Hill Carpenter Gothic House. It was heartening to see how much of it was already started, and how much of the furniture was actually built.

Those of us who are doing the NAME Day project are musing about how we are going to finish it in a way that acknowledges the MiniAttics 20th year as a club, coming up in 2024.

Some of our members had a chance to take workshops offered by the MiniCals in Morgan Hill. Michelle Ortiz completed the April Steamer Trunk workshop. Carol Walls and Diane Phillips attended the Jelly Cupboard and Vegetable Bin workshop in May and brought kits to Meg Milani and Marjorie Milanie to work on at home.

We were all very pleased with Hong McKinsey's graphics design for our tote for the Sea to Shining Sea Convention. Thanks, Hong!

—Lynn Miller



Karen Benson kit completed by Diane Phillips



Diane Phillips finished her potting shed after Carol Walls helped her replace missing parts

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Michelle Ortiz's finished steamer trunk



Lynn Miller duplicated her wedding veil from 50 years ago



The Mini Attics sent 100 tote bag favors to the National Convention in Cape Cod.

Wee Housers: Summer has been a time of travel for some of us and a busy time for others. I'm hoping we can meet again in the fall.

Rhona has shared one of her latest creations with us!

—Laura Johnson

A few years back Moonyeen Moller organized an on-line miniature contest to make something out of some specific odds and ends, which were sent to each participant in a small box. Being new to the group I tried to come up with something. Lo and behold, I won this beautiful Tasia doll kit which was originally designed and offered by miniature doll maker Dana Burton and which was in Moonyeen's private stash.

Throughout the years Moonyeen has generously given of her time, resources and imagination to spark, ignite and promote the miniature bug in countless individuals.

I finally put aside enough time to complete Tasia.

Thank you, dear Moonyeen, for assisting me in my miniature journey.

—Rhona Lee



Hawaii

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The 12th Annual Miniatures in the Wine Country Dollhouse Miniature Shows & Sales ~2 locations 1 admission~

May 4th, 2024

1st show-

NEW LOCATION
BURGANDY HALL
(at the fairgrounds)
413 East Lockeford Street
Lodi, Ca 95240
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

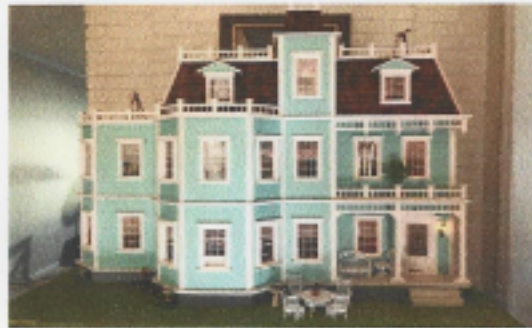
2nd show-

1024 Industrial Way
SUITE A
Lodi, Ca. 95240
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADMISSION- \$5.00 ~ Children 10 & under are FREE
Food available for purchase ~ FREE RAFFLES all during the day

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

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NEW MINIATURE MAGAZINE COMING SOON!



Projects/How to's ~ Show Dates/Shop Locator
Ebay/Etsy Listings ~ Spotlights ~ Printables
Club Projects ~ Kids Projects ~ Featured Articles
Miniature book of the month
and MUCH MORE!

We would LOVE to see what you have been up to. Do you have a person that you want to "spotlight"?

Do you have an Etsy or a Ebay shop that you want everyone to know about? Let us promote your business. Do you have ideas for small projects or something you want to "Show off" We want to see your miniatures!

We are currently looking for the following projects:



- Outdoor Gardens, sitting areas, gazebo's or beach scenes
- Club news, what has your club been up to and do you have any classes coming up? Do you have news you want to share?
- Flip this house projects. Do you have a "fixer upper" that you turned into a FABULOUS project? We would LOVE to see it Kids projects. Easy creative project for kids
- Game rooms, sewing rooms and pubs, Do you have a special room in your dollhouse or a roombox that you want to show us

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NAME Region N2 Calendar

September 30

NAME Day in Morgan Hill

October 8

NAME Day with Mini Cyber Club

October 14–15

Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures in San Jose

Check the N2 Website

There are now more opportunities to get together and share our enthusiasm for miniatures online! Check out the calendar on our N2 website: nameregionn2.org/events-calendar It's updated with online events, including workshops and sales.

If you know of a miniature related event or have information/photos to share, please contact Carol (namen2regionwebmaster@gmail.com) to add it to the calendar page of the website.

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