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# National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

## **N-3 Winter 2024 Newsletter**

Can you believe we are already into 2024. This year promises to bring new and exciting things to our miniature hobby.

### **Regional Coordinator Message**

Welcome to 2024! As of the first of the year Lisa Gabbert has turned over her duties as Regional Coordinator to me, Peggy Zorn. She wants to thank all the members for their continued support of our organization. Lisa will now be taking over as the Washington State Representative. Cindy Bottasso is our new Oregon State Representative. She lives in Medford so we will be getting someone that will bring our southern members into the fold. Many of you probably know her as the designer of the last State Day Treehouse. For those members that did not attend it was a great gathering.

Since I have not had the chance to meet everyone I would like to introduce myself. I am a 35 year member of NAME. Like most of us I started with a 1" project. Mine was a Victorian, that with my husband's help, was built from an architectural plan. After 2 moves and facing a third we determined it was too large to move again. Fortunately through Pat Bennett's Mini Acres I found a good home for it and even get to visit it periodically. I was extremely lucky to start the hobby while the Victorian Pearl was still open in Eugene. It was there that I learned of the Eugene Miniature Club. My mentor became Joyce Metcalf. With her help I learned so many aspects of our miniature world. She believed that everyone should do what they wanted in a project. She was there to guide us. With her I traveled to the Portland and Seattle shows. We would also attend conventions together. I lost a good friend when she passed.

My son was 5 and my daughter 12 when I started that first project. My daughter and her husband live and teach school in Seattle. They have 3 boys. My son and his wife operate 2 Cafe' Yumm restaurants in Salem. They also have 3 sons. How blessed am I

operate 2 Cafe' Yumm restaurants in Salem. They also have 3 sons. How blessed am I with 6 grandsons. Okay, with our hobby I do wish there was a girl. As my husband and I aged we determined that we wanted to be closer to the family so we moved to the Salem area. It was just before Covid. To get involved in this area I volunteered to remodel the Salem Public Library's Clell Boyce House. It was a great way to spend the hours of isolation. Now that life is getting back to a more normal status we are getting a group that meets monthly in Salem. I still manage to meet with my Eugene friends and have developed some good friends in the Portland area.

Since I have family spread throughout our region I look forward to meeting with our NAME members. One of my greatest joys is to be able to see and share ideas. We are all so individual and see life through different backgrounds. It is always so amazing how one project can take on so many looks. I really look forward to being your Regional Coordinator. Please call or contact me with any questions or ideas.

Many of us are preparing for the Franklin convention, Old Southern Charm Bed and Breakfast. For the first time the registration was done online. Everyone was amazed that the registration filled within 4 hours. NAME is trying to shake things up. With the cost of the conventions the board is looking at any and all ideas as to how things can change for the future. This convention is not offering Tote Bags. There still will be plenty of opportunities to bring home goodies. Table exchanges are still happening and attendees can choose to join in on the Mini Swaps. Make sure that you have March 23rd on your schedule for class signups.

Our region is still looking into a Mini Retreat. A questionnaire will be forthcoming. The plans are to have a gathering designed for learning techniques that may not be associated with any particular project. A get together that would focus on meeting new friends and seeing old.

## What's happening

Remember to check out NAME websites

[miniatures.org](http://miniatures.org)

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[create.miniatures.org](http://create.miniatures.org)

NAME is currently working with cutters to produce past year NAME Day Projects. If there is one that you missed you either can go to the Gazette archives or contact the

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**Seattle Miniature Show**  
**March 2 & 3, 2024**  
**Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM**  
**Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM**

*Where the Little Things Mean Everything!*

**Still at this great location!**

**DoubleTree Suites by Hilton**  
**16500 Southcenter Pkwy**  
**Tukwila, Washington 98188**



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- Dollhouses, room boxes, vignettes
- Dolls, accessories, building components
- Mini Acres – Homes for Sale by Owner
- Exhibits galore for you to vote on Saturday
- Discount rate of \$109.00 on a 2-room guest suite at DoubleTree Suites, if booked by February 1, 2024.
- Details at [www.SeattleMiniatureShow.com](http://www.SeattleMiniatureShow.com)
- Handicap accessible

**— SHOW HOURS —**

**Saturday, March 2 – 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, March 3 – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

[PatBennett@SeattleMiniatureShow.com](mailto:PatBennett@SeattleMiniatureShow.com)



# Room Box Ideas

What would you do with a room box?

What is a room box? A room box is just that - A BOX! It can be any box. Wood, cardboard, gift box, gift bag.

The Eugene Miniatures Club has started a long term project where they challenge their members to build from scratch a box to get new enthusiasts involved learning new skills and techniques. They are starting out with bare wood that has been cut to 1" scale with a foot print of 14" wide, 10" deep and 10" tall. Skills that will be learned are flooring. How to cut in windows or doors. Electrical. How to finish inside and outside walls. And if desired how to add depth by installing a false wall with a scene.



What a better way to get new members and our children and grandchildren involved in our wonderful hobby. Please submit different ways we can use room boxes. Email pictures and ideas for the next newsletter to [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_name.region.n3@gmail.com](mailto:_____name.region.n3@gmail.com)





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**Regional Clubs**

For meeting place and time call club contact

**Idaho**

Mini Les Bois (C-311)  
Contact Sharon Rost (208) 608-1026  
Meets Every other month on 1st Saturday

**Oregon**

Eugene Miniatures Club  
Contact Joanne Snyder (541) 343-0004  
Meets 1st Monday of the month except for holidays

Southern Oregon Miniaturists  
Central Point  
Contact Bonnie Dogged (541) 664-6119  
Meets 2nd Monday of the month

Small World Miniature Club of Beaverton  
Contact Cathy Ellis-O'Brien (503) 702-3518  
Meets 4th Thursday of the month

Portland Lilliput Miniature Club  
Contact Georgia Queen (503) 472-2618  
Meets every Wednesday

**Washington**

#1 Skagit Miniaturists  
Contact Judy Argyle (360) 770-5150  
Meets 2nd Monday of the Month

meets 3rd Monday of the month

Puget Sound Mini Misers  
Contact Eileen Baker (206) 932-1327  
Meets Saturdays

Spokane Miniature Society  
Contact Vicki Collier (208) 667-7553  
Meets 4th Tuesday of the Month

Yaki - Mini of Yakima  
Contact Mary Johnson (509) 452-3555  
Meets 3rd Tuesday of the Month



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