



Name that NAME Newsletter Winner

Seventeen potential names for our Newsletter were submitted by members of Region E-2. All suggestions were given due consideration, and it was decided that using the acronym for the States we represent was the best name; therefore, ALMOT Mini News was chosen. The person who submitted the name prefers to remain anonymous, but the creativity is surely appreciated. Let's Go, ALMOT Mini News!

Regional Coordinator News

Hello all! My name is Suzie Aguilar. I have been the Regional Coordinator for E2: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, for a few years so some of you may know me or at least recognize my name. I was appointed by the Board as a Member at Large-RC Liaison and installed at last summer's convention. I have been a member of NAME for over 20 years and have also served as State Rep in the past.

I was excited when Martha Bates volunteered to be the Newsletter Editor for our region. For as long as I've been a member, we have not had a newsletter for E2. Please send Martha any mini news about yourself, your NAME club, and miniature happenings in your area. We hope to get our region more active in NAME and miniatures overall.

As you may know, registration for the National Convention in Cincinnati opened February 15th and there are still spaces available! In April, Day Passes will be sold for anyone not able to attend the full convention. They will be \$30/day for NAME members and include events happening on the day(s) chosen to purchase. Registration for classes and events is also open. Please email me at rcliaison@miniatures.org if you plan to attend this year.

NEW this year at the Texas Miniature Showcase! NAME Open House on Friday, 3-5 pm before the Preview, open to everyone. We will have free Make-n-Takes! Plan to arrive early and join us. As you enjoy meeting other miniaturists, please share about NAME.

Any questions or concerns regarding NAME, please email at rcliaison@miniatures.org.

Happy Spring, Suzie

Miniatures in Media

I just love seeing miniatures listed in magazines or on TV, so I was pleased that the March/April 2025 issue of Reader's Digest had a small article with three pictures. The pictures showed Japanese photographer/artist Tatsuya Tanaka's miniature works. If you don't subscribe to Reader's Digest, pick up a copy today and look at page 41 or go to Tatsuya Tanaka's Instagram account, Miniature Life, to see his amazing accomplishments.

Netflix's *The Residence* is a brand new drama series boasting a star-studded cast full of fan favorites. Although *The Residence* is convincing enough, it was not filmed in the real-life setting. The layout for the show's version of the White House is based on the actual building and a 1970's dollhouse, which was created for Amy Carter, daughter of President Jimmy Carter.

The show uses camera techniques that simulate a "dollhouse view," allowing viewers to see the White House from a perspective that's not typically accessible.

To create the show's version of the White House, the production team built a large-scale replica at Raleigh Studios in Hollywood, which they claim is the "largest re-creation of the White House ever attempted".

Submitted by Martha Bates, Editor

Region E-2 NAME Clubs

Austin, TX area:

Lone Star Miniaturists	Stacey Abernethy	610-751-9393
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Houston, TX area:

N.U.T.S.	Mandy Hebert	713-303-5568
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San Antonio, TX area:

Inching Along	Kitty Engstrom	281-732-2800
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Oklahoma City, OK area:

Shrunken Treasures	Sandy Davis	405-623-4780
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Quarter Nuts	Denise DeCost	405-615-5320
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Tulsa, OK area:

Tulsa Miniature Club	Sonny Thompson	918-231-9001
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Welcome New Members

NAME Region E-2 gained two new members recently and we would like to welcome them into our organization and region. I know they will enjoy the camaraderie and sharing attitude of fellow NAME members. The new members, both from Texas, are:

Jean Kilpatrick

Susan Browning

WHY Start a NAME Club?

I have been the President of a miniatures club in Shreveport, LA since the early 1980's. I was not a NAME member back then, nor for a long time. Our club met monthly at a free facility, paid dues of \$12.00 per year, and made a kit each month. In the beginning we had 25+ members, mostly from the working class, people that loved miniatures, but their hobby had to take a back seat.

Over the years, a club member might mention NAME and while we were impressed by the organization, it was just another expense and we did not know what good it would be for our group on this miniature desert island, so to speak.

Fast forward to 2012, when my finances became more fluid and spare time more abundant, I began to see the importance of being part of something bigger than yourself. I joined NAME. By that time our club membership had dropped to 10-12. I tried occasionally to encourage other club members to join NAME so we could become a NAME Club. Sadly, I did not have the knowledge nor skills to sell NAME to them. I would like to attempt now to help you and others out there in the big mini world understand the WHY of why a person should join NAME and your club should become part of NAME. Here goes!

The World of Miniatures is a great hobby and sharing knowledge of miniatures is a terrific learning tool. A way to reach other miniaturists in your area is to start a miniature club or charter your existing club with NAME. You only need 5 NAME members to become a NAME club!

The primary goals of NAME's founders were as follows:

- Bring together like-minded individuals passionate about miniatures.
- Promote miniatures as both a hobby and as an art form.
- Serve as an educational resource about miniatures.
- Share knowledge, information, techniques, and collections.
- Create an historical collection of pieces that exemplify the art form.

So, what does being a NAME club do for you and your club. Each NAME member will receive the magazine, *Miniature Gazette*, which is now in color and is devoted to all things NAME. There you can learn about upcoming events, study tutorials and find online stores and new products.

NAME can help you host a Zoom meeting. What a great way to continue your club meetings when the weather is bad, etc.

NAME members have access to the NAME website, miniatures.org where among other things you can access all the prior issues of *Miniature Gazette*. You can also access create.miniatures.org and enjoy games, tutorials, challenges, videos and more. Additionally, you will be informed of NAME Auctions where you can bid on lovely miniatures for your collection.

A NAME club can purchase NAME Day kits and enjoy creating matching yet totally unique items. You can then submit pictures and an article to the *Miniature Gazette* for publication! What a great way to show off your accomplishments.

It only takes 5 NAME members and a \$20.00 one-time fee to qualify as a NAME club. As those five members show their enthusiasm for the benefits of NAME, more members will want to join too. Individual membership is affordable, starting as low as \$35.00 per year.

For me personally, NAME has provided the opportunity to connect and share with fellow miniaturists, fulfilled me with the feeling of belonging to something larger than myself, given me the opportunity to submit articles to the magazine and to become the Editor of this Newsletter. In my book, that is a lot for a little money! I do have to wonder, IF, I had been able to start a NAME club way back then, what opportunities could have been presented to me earlier in life?

Submitted by Martha in Shreveport, Editor of Almot Mini News, NAME Region E-2

NAME Club Packet information can be found at: miniatures.org in the Member Section, NAME forms.

Questions? Please contact: clubliaison@miniatures.org



Tiny Tip

So you just finished a miniature room or room box and you are oh-so proud. Just can't wait to share it with fellow miniaturists! Before you do, using the camera on your phone, take a picture. Now sit back, put your feet up and relax. Pull up that picture on your phone and enlarge it so you can see the details. Wait a minute! Is that framed photograph on the wall crooked? Did one of the dishes in the China cabinet fall over? Is the corner of the rug curled up? Good job spotting these little problems. Correct these, then take another picture; if all looks good then you are ready to share it!

NAME Region E-2 Calendar of Events

Jun 19-22, 2025. Texas Miniature Showcase, Dallas, TX.

Contact: Susie Mendoza. 214-494-1452 info@texasminiatureshowcase.us
NAME Open House, Jun 20, 3-5PM. Free Make-n-Takes. suzie.aquilar@yahoo.com

Aug 14-17, 2025. NAME National Convention, Cincinnati, OH

Contact: www.miniatures.org/25cincy

Sep 11-21, 2025. Oklahoma State Fair Miniature Exhibits, Oklahoma City, OK

To Enter Contact: www.okstatefair.com

Sep 12-14, 2025. SAM Wonderful Workshop Weekend, Killeen, TX

Contact: Kendra Sechovec. mininut99@gmail.com

Oct 4, 2025. NAME Day 2025 Contact: greta@alumni.iastate.edu

Oct 4-5, 2025. Lubbock Annual Miniature Exhibit & Sale, Lubbock, TX

Contact: Linda Clifton. lgc@sptc.net or www.miniaturistsoflubbock.org

Jul 2026. NAME National Convention, Palm Desert Springs, CA

More information TBA at later date

From the Editor

Please help me make this YOUR newsletter. I welcome you to submit articles, pictures, helpful hints and tips, events or any miniature related items within NAME Region E-2. Our Newsletter is now a quarterly edition; so cutoff for submissions to our next Newsletter is July 1, 2025.

NAME News & Updates

NAME National 2025 will be held in Cincinnati, OH

Date: August 14-17, 2025



Always remember to check out the NAME websites

miniatures.org and create.miniatures.org

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