



Regional Coordinator News

By Suzie Aguilar



Hello!

I am excited to share that Susie Mendoza, organizer of the Texas Miniature Showcase, allowed me to organize and hold a NAME Open House for the first time at this year's show. The NAME event was held just prior to the Preview night. Hours of planning and preparation went into the event. I admit I was a bit anxious as to how it would turn out. I prepared two make-n-take kits for visitors to sit and complete free of charge. We had lots of grab bags that were sold as a fund raiser for region E2. (They sold out in the first hour!) We also had a 'freebie' table that included fabric, supplies, miniatures, magazines, and more. Lastly, we had tasty treats of chocolate candy and homemade sugar cookies. I am calling the event a success based on feedback received! But to top it all off, we signed up six new members (one for three years) and one member renewed. The new/renewing members received their choice of kits which were provided by the NAME office. I want to thank Dorothy Hamilton, Deb Bennett, Martha Bates, Jane McNatt, Ann Pierce, Carey Miller, and Amy Burgess for their assistance during the Open House.

Well, this will be my farewell letter as Regional Coordinator for region E2. I have recruited Amy Burgess to be my replacement so I can focus on my responsibilities as RC Liaison. Please support Amy in her new role as she transitions from our region's Welcome Chair.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAME, please contact me by email at rc liaison@miniatures.org.
Happy Summer, Suzie



*President, Jane McNatt
signing up new members!*



Make-n-Take Mini House and Donuts



*Dorothy Hamilton & Deb
Bennett at NAME Open House*

Welcome New and Returning Members

NAME Region E-2 gained a bunch of 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 are:

*Tere Perry
Brooke Anhalt
Bonnie Duhon
Dena Kimmel
Kathleen Moore
Tamara Dattola
Carol Katz
Karen Vanloo
Abbigale Joseph*

*June Maggio
Dottie Beckerich
Teresa Gardner
Elaine Ngan
Ann Pace
Linda Davis
Caitlin Ortiz
Kathryn Hitz
Edwinna Reagan*

*Judith Sousa
Nancy Campbell
Heather Gawlik
Mary McGriff
Brook Banks
Gabrielle Hyatt
Mandy Rodgers
Dylan Percey*

Mini Joke!

My friend suddenly decided to have her dollhouse's interior roof checked for mold, and I thought...

...that's a little spore attic.

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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Texas Miniature Showcase 2025

We are still spinning from how well received this year's Texas Miniature Showcase was! Everyone who passed through the Gallery doors was excited and in awe of the many miniaturists exhibiting their talents, the wonderful dealers showcasing their beautifully created and curated items that we didn't know we needed! Many of the Dealers have already submitted applications for next year's show! That alone is exciting and speaks volumes about our miniature community! We hosted a total of 461 visitors to the Show and were able to raise more than \$6,000 for Cook Children's Medical Center. One thing is for certain; Texas has a strong and hungry community for miniatures! Hope we can see all of you again next year on May 29 and 30, 2026 at the Hilton DoubleTree Dallas, near the Galleria.

Susie Mendoza, Organizer of the Texas Miniature Showcase



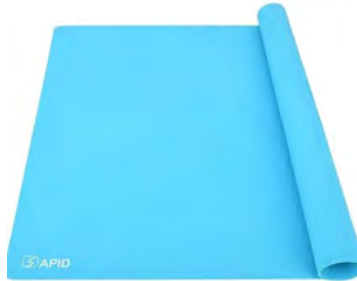
Check In and Exhibits



Two pictures of the Salesroom and the Live Auction for the benefit of Cook Children's Medical Center

Tiny Tip

Just a little tip . . . these silicone mats are awesome to cover your work surface. Glue, paint, and spray sealer wipe off easily with water or baby wipes! I love it!!! Very affordable. Got mine on Amazon. Search under: Sapid Extra Large Silicone Sheet.



Meet Amy Burgess!

NAME Region E-2 Regional Coordinator

My love of miniatures started in high school when I bought a dollhouse at age 16 and ambitiously thought I'd finish it before I went to college. The poor dollhouse spent the next 24 years half completed in the corner of my bedroom closet. When I finally decided to finish it for a friend's daughter, I was bitten by the bug! I quickly became addicted and jumped in with both feet. But I didn't realize how big this tiny world was until I went to my first miniature show in Dallas two years ago and Ara Bentley introduced me to the NUTS club in my area. Since then, I have enjoyed learning everything I can, meeting so many talented artisans, and making some of the best friends I've ever had.

My primary interests are in building structures and highly detailed painting, including 28mm fantasy gaming figures which I enjoy printing on my 3d resin printer. I find that 3D printing opens so many possibilities for miniatures that we didn't have before. It's a whole newly added skillset and I'm eager to learn how to design my own items in the future.



Amy Burgess with Suzie Aguilar

At the 2024 NAME Conference

Tiny Trivia

It's impossible to provide an exact number of dollhouses in the US. However, dollhouses have a long history, starting with Egyptian tombs and evolving into mass-produced toys in the 19th century. They were originally designed for adults, and later became popular among children, particularly in Europe. Dollhouses are still enjoyed today, and while it's not known how many exist, they remain a popular toy and collectible.

NAME Region E-2 Calendar of Events

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

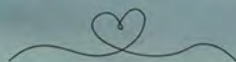
Oct 4-5, 2025. Lubbock Annual Miniature Exhibit & Sale, Lubbock, TX

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

May 29 – 30, 2026. Texas Miniature Showcase, Dallas, TX Contact: susiemendoza@me.com

Jul 23-26, 2026. NAME National Convention, LaQuinta, CA

Miniatures are like
little windows into
other worlds, offering
an entire scene in a
single glance—a full
story captured in a
space you can hold in
your hand.



NAME News and Up-Dates

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“It’s a Small World”

NAME National 2025 will be held in Cincinnati, OH
August 14-17, 2025

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Welcome new Miniature Gazette Editor, Suzanne O’Connell

NAME is proud to have added Suzanne O’Connell to their staff, creating her first edition of the Gazette for May/June 2025.

Suzanne has an impressive background as a design coordinator, which really shows in her layout of the new Gazette. She comes from a family of miniaturists and has been a NAME member since 2024. We all look forward to future editions!

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Always remember to check out the NAME websites

miniatures.org and create.miniatures.org

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Are you downsizing? Are you ready to gift some of your loved minis to another devoted miniaturist while benefiting NAME? We are looking for donations for our auctions. If you have miniatures that you would like to re-home, please contact Rhonda Keef at minicollector.com.

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Please remember to keep NAME updated if you change your mailing address, telephone number or email address.

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Do you know what MCC stands for? Within the NAME organization it stands for Mini Cyber Club. Mini Cyber Club, established in 2017, is a free Online NAME Club, especially for people who can't attend local club meetings. MCC offers projects, How-To seminars, Zoom meetings and answers to questions about minis - anything dollhouse miniatures or other miniature projects. Check out MCC at <https://minicyberclub.groups.io/g/Main>. To become a member, simply email Main+subscribe@minicyberclub.groups.io.

When Did You Get Your First Dollhouse?

by Editor, Martha Bates marthabates@comcast.net

I would love to hear from you about your very first dollhouse. Here is the short version of my first one:

My first Fashion Doll was Lil Miss Revlon, a 10.5-inch jointed doll by Ideal Toy Co. My mother found dime store men dolls for Mr. Revlon and what we called ponytail dolls for their little girls. Mom made all their clothes and furniture too! One year for Christmas my sister Mary and I were excited to find that we each received a doll house for our Revlon families, built by our parents in the style of our home----a trailer house! We enjoyed many years with those toys, but alas, the “houses”, made of sturdy wood, seemed to disappear! However, I still have dolls, beautiful clothes and a few whatnots from the houses. I have them on display in the room with my miniatures.

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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 October 1, 2025.