



National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N3 Spring, 2026 Newsletter



Regional Coordinator Message

I could not resist taking a picture of this sign. It was found at the Aldersgate cafeteria. Every meal had desserts and were definitely enjoyed. March was such a busy month for our Northwest. Between the Seattle Miniature Show, our Regional Retreat and preparations for the California Dreaming National Convention, it kept many of us hopping. If you have not signed up for the National, there is still available space. We have been wanting a west coast national. Now is the time to take advantage of the location.

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**2026 Regional Retreat
March 26th through 29th**



How many colors can one house be painted? We definitely found out with Karen's House. We all have our vision. It is always amazing that one project can take on so many different personalities. That is what makes our hobby so fun.



For our second year in a row, we were blessed with wonderful weather. The Aldersgate staff was again so helpful and welcoming. With the retreat the only time schedule is meal times. We enjoy working at our own pace and taking the time to mosey around viewing all the projects. Some chose to build Karen's House, but some worked on past projects or new and challenging displays. There were new modern railroad car structures, log cabins, beach shacks and even a jungle scene made with a bone. It is so exciting to see our members feel free to capture their vision. It is a great environment to share and develop new and share old skills.

2027 Retreat Dates - April 1st through April 4th, 2027

PNW Miniature Shows Seattle, March 2026

This year's Seattle show brought amazing crowds. Parrish and Kris Bleau did a wonderful job attracting new dealers and promoting the show. They even brought in an influencer, Katie Sieg, KayteeKay's Minis. For NAME we separated our sales table from our membership table. With the change we were able to share the



rewards of being a NAME member. At the table we also raffled a Mary Engelbreit House that was not created by but donated by Lani Saunders. It attracted many an eye and really demonstrated the talent that our members have.



Portland, Oregon Miniature Show
October 16-18, 2026
Location Sheraton by Marriott
8235 NE Airport Way
Portland, OR 97220
For further information check out
pnwminiatureshows.com

Making California Dreams Come True ...

It's not just the workshop we take or the Theme Luncheon that fulfill our dreams. There are also unique treasures waiting at the Garage Sale, in the Tote Bags, with Door Prizes, and at the Hospitality Room.

Garage Sale

Last year at the NAME National in Cincinnati, I found myself digging through stuff packaged and stacked nearly three feet high, searching for a couple Garage Sale goodie bags to bring home for a friend who couldn't attend. That night, my roommate and I went through "the stuff" and decided there probably wasn't anything she'd really want.

Well, when we got back home, she opened the bags and pulled out each item one by one, telling us exactly how she could use it. Whew – what a relief! My Garage Sale adventure turned out to be a success for her and a shared experience for us. What fun.

Tote Bags Favors

They are back this year and they're always a treat. It's so much fun to see what individuals and Clubs from across the Country - and beyond have contributed. You know ... those little treasures that are perfect for accessorizing scenes. And, this year, the Tote Bags themselves are something special!

Door Prizes

What a treat to receive an unexpected "gift" valued between \$10 and \$30. Yes, this Convention will have Door Prizes, too!

Hospitality Room

I also always look forward to the Hospitality Room and seeing how each Convention host interprets their role. I can't wait to see what the Host Club has planned to charm us and bring us all together.

Yes, I'm California Dreaming ... and you can, too.

We still have some space available or you can get a Day Pass or come on Public Days. Check it all out at miniatures.org/26Cal or contact Kim Ash at kim@miniatures.org.

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Another Adventure Awaits

If you cannot make the Portland Miniature Show there is another opportunity. On October 17th you can attend the Spokane Dollhouse Miniature Workshop & Show. They are offering a Golden Lantern Workshop for only \$50. There are 3 theme options: Christmas, Moroccan or Secret Garden. Lunch will be provided by the Spokane Miniature



Club. There will be Hourly Prizes, Door Prizes, Raffle Prizes and Exhibits. There will be vendors. Time is from 9 to 3. Admission is free if you do not want to create the Lantern. If interested in attending the workshop email Beth Pothen or contact the club through their Facebook page.

Contact Info: Beth Pothen - bethpothen@hotmail.com (503) 202-6950 or Website Facebook: Spokane Dollhouse Miniature Workshop & Show.

Remember to Check out the NAME websites

miniatures.org

&

create.miniatures.org

What is happening in your club? What have you been doing?

This space is for sharing. Please submit articles and ideas for projects.

At our retreat Joane Forsstrom spoke about how to use a handkerchief in miniatures. As an offshoot from this discussion she taught the skill of using the handkerchief to sew a dress. The members of the Small World Miniature Club of Beaverton really enjoyed the class.



Please welcome our new Idaho State Representative !

Angelika Oeckl has joined as our Idaho Rep. You might recognize her as the owner/creator of Angelika's Minis. In her booth at the Seattle Show she was selling miniature books & games, farmhouse style household items, Christmas toys and 3D printed items. She is actively adding members to the Mini Les Bois Club in Boise, Idaho. Angelika is also hard at work trying to get the Boise Miniature Show established again.



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