

small talk

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Representing: Arizona; New Mexico; So. Nevada; El Paso, Texas and So. California



Regional Coordinator Message

Hello,

It's that exciting time for shows in Region N1. I hope many of you were able to attend the miniature shows in Culver City, San Diego and Phoenix, AZ. In the fall we have the Tucson Miniature Showcase on October 20 and 21, 2018. That will conclude our regional shows, but we have many other events for you to participate in including NAME Day and State Days. These you will learn about in our newsletters and on our web page.

Also, we have the NAME National convention coming up in August. It will be in Charleston, SC a very interesting historic location. I hope to see many of you there.

We are in need of volunteers. Please consider giving a little of your time to keep Region N1 informed of miniature news and events. We have 3 positions that need to be filled immediately.

We need a **newsletter editor**. Janet Smith has generously stepped in to publish a newsletter for us, but she is also our Region N1 website administrator and will be very busy with the NAME board. We are so fortunate to have her involved in those things. Newsletter is published quarterly – only 4 times a year. Please help.

We are also in need of a Regional Coordinator (I am long overdue for replacement) and a State Rep for Northern Arizona (which I am doing as well). Thankfully, we now have Kathy Grissom on board to cover Southern Arizona and she is already doing a great job with that!

Please contact me if you can help us in any of these 3 volunteer roles. I can tell you that it is very rewarding to serve NAME and keep the miniature hobby going.

I hope to see many of you in Charleston!

Ginger Anderson



Is your club holding a NAME Day event? If you want it listed in our next newsletter, or on the website, send info to Janet Smith at desertminis@gmail.com

The N1 Regional Website

Your website is up to date, but could use more pics of NAME events and some free projects to share! Please send website info and other contributions to Janet Smith at desertminis@gmail.com. Don't remember where the website is? Here's the link:

<http://name-n1.org/>

Club News

Albuquerque Mini Makers

**Susan Sheridan, NM State Rep, Secretary
Albuquerque Mini Makers**

The Albuquerque Mini makers are in the transition of finding a new location for our monthly meetings. Jan and Feb meetings were held at one of our member's homes. We are checking out two new locations for March and April to see which will work for our meetings.

At the January meeting held at Loretta's home everyone brought their own minis to work on and discuss project ideas for the year. It was determined that we focus on making a themed room scene featuring a kitchen. So our various members have volunteered to provide and teach some aspect of an item or structure to complete this theme. February's meeting was held at Sonia's home and Susan Pippin taught everyone to paint stained glass windows that she provided in various scales and designs. March will be a quarter or one inch scale market stall taught by Rose Furlong. April will begin the dome room structure in



Dome Room Structure scheduled for April.



Stained Glass Windows as taught by Susan Pippin



February Meeting of the Albuquerque Mini Makers

one inch or quarter inch scale.

May will be continuing with the kitchen theme plus making tote bag items to donate to National this year.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Passover and Easter holiday.

Report from Tucson and Yuma

Kathy Grissom, State Rep, So. Arizona

The beginning of 2018 has been a very busy time for the Tucson (SAME) club. Members are currently busy working on individual, stand alone, doors which will be displayed later this year at the Community Corner of The Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures. The members are also submitting photos of individual completed projects to the museum, in the hope that some of the projects will also be chosen for exhibit by the museum. Space is limited, but it is an exciting to know that some of the club members will have some of their projects on display later this year. Last but not least, although October is a long way off, discussion for the October Tucson show has also started. The theme for the exhibits has already been picked and I will have more information in the next newsletter on the October show.



Yuma's NAME Club

I also had the privilege of joining the Yuma group for their February 17 meeting. Their meeting space is limited, but that does not hurt the fun and activates of the club. Currently they are working on toys for a toy shop. Their works will stop later when the temperatures climb and many of the members leave for cooler locations till the temperatures drop in the fall. In the photo right side back is Susan Shinn (in ball cap), center is Jackie Bruno, and Wendy Spitzer right front. Left side rear is Kathy Grissom, center is Joanne Nashem, and front is Ann Brown. Annette Hammond attended the meeting but arrived too late for the meeting. Also missing are Diane Robinette and Kat Kenyon.

San Diego Miniature Crafters

Debra Cerone, State Rep, CA (San Diego and Imperial Counties)

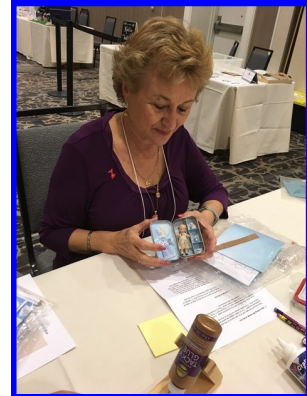
What if you put on a miniature show and nobody came?

Well that didn't happen, but the San Diego Miniature Crafters show committee was a bit worried when we changed locations this year. It had long been our goal to find a centrally located venue that was large enough to fit all our dealers on one floor (and was affordable). When we found the Marriott Mission Valley, we got more than we bargained for since they were in the midst of a beautiful renovation of the



From the Show, February 2018

ballroom and common areas. Our 44th annual Miniatures Show and Sale was held in the newly redone, spacious and well-lit ballroom much to the delight of dealers and show-goers. We estimated about 700 guests through our doors, mainly on Saturday, although many dealers said they did better on Sunday (in spite of the Super Bowl). We sold out our dealer tables and for the first time in years, had a waiting list of dealers and were able to fill all spots due to last minute cancellations. We had great workshops by Ruth Stewart (Dainty Cakes) and Maria Ray (Dolly in an Altoid Tin) as well as kids, adults and teen classes. We were even able to have our favorite food truck pull up onto the hotel grounds for our guests! Our Opportunity Drawing raised funds for the San Pasqual Academy, a residential education campus for foster teens. We also always provide and staff a NAME table, giving away miniature magazines and answering questions about joining NAME. And of course our club members exhibited their most recent works, always a crowd pleaser!



Working in the
"Dolly in an Altoid
Tin" workshop

Our club has made a concerted effort to expand our reach by hiring a social media firm to promote both our club, show and miniature making. We definitely noticed a more diverse group come through our doors, in particular the younger adults we are striving to reach. In addition there were lots of kids, one group of young girls even held a birthday party at our show - taking the class and shopping the Kid's Table.

We had positive feedback from the dealers and are anticipating another sold-out show next year. Hope to see everyone again on February 2&3, 2019 at the Mission Valley Marriott.

Follow us on facebook: San Diego Miniatures Show & Sale

Check out our website: sdminiatureshow.com

***Newsletter Submissions
for the Summer Edition
of Small Talk are due
June 1. Send club info,
photos, show dates, etc. to
Janet Smith at
desertminis@gmail.com***

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Region N-1 Events, Dates and Locations

November 3, 2018

Arizona State Day

Presented by Small World Miniature club.

Place held is St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 6300 W Camelback RD Phoenix AZ.

A half scale project with options of an indoor theme or an outdoor theme.

Case included with most materials to finish project. You only provide your paint colors and your wall paper to make it your own.

Cost is \$65.00. Email Elizabeth Johnston at eaj725@gmail.com for more information.

(Photos and Registration form on the following pages)

February 2-3, 2019

San Diego Miniatures Show and Sale

Details to come!

N.A.M.E. Events, Dates and Locations

May 18-20, 2018

Jockeys and Juleps, all scales houseparty

Where: Louisville, KY

For more info: www.miniatures.org/2018Louisville

August 23-26 2018

Sweet Tea & Sunshine, 2018 National Convention

Where: Charleston, SC

For more info: www.miniatures.org/2018Charleston

Arizona State Day Project! You can choose to use most of the space as an outdoor scene with a small bit of indoors (bottom pics)...or choose a mostly indoor scene, with a small bit of landscaping (top pics). Want one of your own? The registration form is on the next page.



2018 Arizona State Day

Half Scale Project

By Small World Miniature Club

November 3, 2018

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 6300 W Camelback Rd, Glendale, AZ

Cost \$65.00*

Make check payable to: **Small World Miniature Club**

Event Includes: Kit, lunch, tote bag with favors, snacks, soft drinks/water/ coffee, and door prizes. Also that day: Sales tables and raffles.

***If you want a sales table (card table size), add \$10 to your registration fee.**

I chose:

_____ **Mostly INDOOR Half Scale kit** (Includes: acrylic case; materials for structure; door kit; forms for bed, chair, skirted table and night stand; laser cut table kit; lamp; mail box; some outdoor landscaping material; sheet of printies; etc.)

-----OR-----

_____ **Mostly OUTDOOR Half Scale kit** (Includes: acrylic case, materials for structure, door kit, laser cut table kit, lamp, form for chair, bird bath, mailbox, outdoor landscaping materials [plants, shrubs, trellis, bench, wheelbarrow], sheet of printies, etc.)

------(Cut here & return lower portion)-----

I pick indoor theme _____ -----OR----- I pick outdoor theme _____

_____ **Sales Table** (add additional \$10.00 to your fee)

Please Print Clearly

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Mail registration form and check to: Elizabeth Johnston,

6956 W. Sierra Vista Dr., Glendale, AZ 85303

Regional N1 Leadership Team

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION INFO

The N-1 Newsletter is published quarterly.

All members of N.A.M.E. are welcome to submit contributions.

Submissions for the Spring Issue (2018) are due by March 1st.

Submissions for the Summer Issue (2018) are due by June 1st.

Submissions for the Fall Issue (2018) are due by September 1st.

Submissions for the Winter Issue (2018) are due by December 1st.

The editor welcomes articles containing news about club activities, events, displays, etc. Please keep club reports to 400 words and no more than six pictures.

The editor needs to occasionally change font size, crop photos, and move things around to make things fit. Please submit text in .doc or .txt format (text in email is just fine), photos in .jpg format. If you submit flyers in .pdf format, please assure they are one page flyers only.

Events, updates, other timely information, and past volumes of the newsletter may also be found on the Regional Web Site <http://www.name-n1.or>. Remember that your region relies solely upon volunteers and has no budget for mailings. You are encouraged to share this newsletter with your mini friends who do not have access to the internet.

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