

small talk

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Regional Coordinator Message

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope the holidays were joyous and fun. I personally went on a river Boat Cruise on the Danube early in December with other miniaturists and had a wonderful time taking classes from Debbie Young and Ruth Stewart. This was the perfect way to start the holiday season. And now we are starting a wonderful New Year – hello 2019! One NAME event I am especially looking forward to is the May Online House Party, Around the World in Eight Days. I have never done an online House Party and this one looks to be super fun. I am also so excited to be a “newbie” at a miniature event again. The workshops look to be amazing. I cannot wait for the Roundtable lists to come out. There is also the National Convention in Nashville in July. I hope to see many of you there. It sounds like it will be a wonderful time. Everyone happy mini making until we chat again.



Our RC, Sarah Westerberg (right),
with Jan Feldhouse from NV

We've Moved!



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In an effort to make our website a little easier to maintain (so that someone else might feel comfortable maintaining it!), we've moved our website to Wordpress and are now taking advantage of the ability to have our site hosted through NAME. You can now find us here : n1.miniatures.org

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE! Our website is only as up to date as you make it, so send us pics or show announcements, etc. Send to Janet Smith at desertminis@gmail.com

Club News

Albuquerque Mini Makers

Susan Sheridan, NM State Rep, Secretary Albuquerque Mini Makers

The Grand Opening of the Miniatures & Curious Collections Museum was held on Saturday, Dec 8, 2018 in the city of Roswell NM. This museum has opened by funding and a foundation of donated miniature room box scene and dollhouses from a private individual. The museum is located on 320 N Richardson Ave, Roswell NM 88201. They do have a Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/miniaturesandcuriouscollectionsmuseum/>

I stopped in at the Museum when I was in Roswell over the thanksgiving weekend and they were open on that Saturday and still setting up their miniature display items. They had a nativity collection in all types and varieties set up on the other side of the museum for the holidays. They are planning to add miniatures for selling and they also offer hands on crafting and making items for kids when they visit the museum. No admission price donations greatly accepted. Looking forward to seeing this museum continue and grow. Please stop by if you are passing through New Mexico.

Albuquerque Mini Makers concluded 2018 with a holiday potluck and gift exchange party at the home of Susan Sheridan. Many nice gifts were exchanged (see photo) and planning for 2019 activities was discussed. January our newest member Christiane Starks will be teaching a project of a vanity with chair and screen in both quarter and half scale (see photo).

We will have a library display for the month of January at the Esther Bone Library here in Rio Rancho.

Best wishes for the New Year and your entire mini crafting too!



Gifts from the AMM Holiday Party



January Class for AMM, taught by Christiane Starks

Central Coast Mini Makers

Betty Hodges, President and State Rep., California: San Luis Obispo and Kern Counties

There were no official meetings for the past few months. Most everyone was traveling. However, that did not stop the gals in the NAME Club from mini activities. We attended a Fun Day with the Camarillo club. Trish Faulkner, taught a class at Miniature Cottage on making miniature pot men. Julie Johnson gave the kits to members to prepare for her class in making birthday carts, complete with a lamb to pull the cart that is loaded with gifts that will be exchanged. Each member is making 12 of something to be exchanged. Julie also went to the Christmas Markets in Europe to look for minis. Pepper Williams taught a class in making shutter shelving. Betty Hodges is starting a new club on the island of Kauai. She has met three new miniaturists that have never heard of NAME and had never met another person who was into minis. She is also helping a gal build a roombox who has never put together a kit before. Linda Costly is moving into a new place where she can finally take her minis out of storage!!! YEAH! The great news is that each member has FINISHED a project in the past few months! As usual, our club worked the Good Sam again this year. We have been fortunate to recruit some of our husbands to lend a hand. Betty Hodges will be a dealer at the San Diego and Culver City shows in Feb. Also, two dollhouses were donated to children who did not have one. Having a club presence on Facebook is helping us stay connected while are away. 2019 is looking to be a great year for our club with activities to bring us all together again.

Southern AZ Clubs

By Kathy Grissom, N1 State Rep, So. Arizona

The Southern Arizona Miniature Enthusiasts (SAME) 2018 show was extremely successful so another is being planned for 2019. Currently the club just started a trailer project.

The finished projects will be shared along with other displays during the 2019 Tucson Sale and Show, planned to be held in October. More about the club, including photos and activities can be found on their website <https://tucsonminiatures.weebly.com> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TucsonMiniatures/>

Now that they are all back together for the winter in Yuma, the 9 members of the Saguaro Miniature Guild are again actively continuing the work they started on toys and other items, to be used in their Play Room or Toy Store.



The SAME Club busy at work in the meeting space at the Mini Time Machine Museum in Tucson



San Diego Miniature Crafters

By Debi Cerone, N1 State Rep, San Diego County

Who better to receive the honor of NAME Ambassador's Award for the N-1 region, then our hard-working show chair Leslie Hopwood. Leslie has devoted countless hours to NAME and the San Diego Miniature Crafters. It doesn't leave her much time to work on her own projects, but she is an extremely talented miniaturist as well. Congratulations on this well-deserved award

Leslie!



We are in the final planning stages of our 45th Annual Miniatures Show and Sale on February 2&3, 2019 at the Mission Valley Marriott in San Diego. Our show continues to grow and we have lots of fabulous dealers this year, plus workshops by Ruth Stewart, Julia Tollafield and Maria Ray. The show flyer with all the details is in this article, or you can visit our website at sdminiatureshow.com. Below is a listing of all our dealers to date. Hope to see all of you

in sunny San Diego.



Leslie (on right) receiving the Regional Ambassador Award for N-1

Our 2019 Dealers include: Tolly's Treasures, A Little Something for Everyone, Such Things, Ms. Peggies Place, S & S Furniture, Designing Ways Bitty Bits & Bobs, Miniholiday, Susie O's Dollhouses, Ellen Braby Books,

A & R Miniatures, Stewart Dollhouse Creations, C & C Miniatures, Gloria's, LA Mini World, Cutest Things, My Dolly's Bebe, Souly Autographed, Bears & Miniatures, Patricia's Mini Mania, Art and Dolls, Newton's Apple, Christine Lecoutre Miniatures, A Wee Bit Teeny Modern Minis, BJ Miniatures, Holodeck 3D Studios, Gilbert Mena, Asta Minis, Donna Lee Miniatures, Patricia Knutson, Le Petite Decor, Fern Vasi Dolls, Acquisto Silver, Young at Heart Miniatures, Linda's Collectibles, Handcrafts by BJ, Itty Bitty Builder, Carla Gaustad, Dollhouses in Miniature Store, Smalls Mini Mall, Jeanetta Kendall Miniatures, Blomstrom Antiques, Twinheart, Modern Miniature Magic and Carol Sherry Miniatures.

Check out the details on all our dealers on our show website: <https://sdminiatureshow.com/dealers/>.

Phoenix Area NAME Day 2018

Submitted by Helen Sparks

A small but enthusiastic group of NAME members met at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Glendale, AZ on September 29 to participate in the Ninth Annual NAME Day Event. We decided to hold our event a week early to avoid conflicting with regularly scheduled club meetings in our area. This year's desk kit was less challenging than last year's armoire, so the atmosphere was relaxed and festive. Attendees enjoyed food, door prizes for everyone and the chance to win one of several wonderful raffle items. No more words are needed; the smiling faces in the pictures tell the story.



Carol Rush, Joyce Puma and Maureen Van Riper



Finished Desks in Inch and Half Inch Scale



Ginger Anderson and Helen Sparks



Ruth Piatek, Annette Hammond and Krista Golamb



Patti Heilman, Helen Sparks and Peggy Stoker



Joanne Zubal, Diana Walker, Chris Mulcahy and Lorene Madunik

Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts

By Janet Gordon, Southern Nevada State Representative, Region N-1

First, we are happy that Judy O'Brion who had some health issues is back in circulation again.

Ana Conroy inspired us to decorate mini Styrofoam trees. She showed us some examples, including one made of her mother's jewelry and other memorabilia.

Sharon Wechsler and Jo Fetzer had us making lovely baskets filled with towels and toiletries and other sundries.

Using a simple wire form, our members Sandy Leal and Diane Zammito of Vegas Airs gave us free rein to create beautiful chairs using their extraordinary fabrics and trims.

One long-term club project is to refurbish a large donated dollhouse to raise money for charity. We hope to be finished in the spring.

And at our annual holiday party, we exchanged gifts. The two shown here are by Jan Feldhouse and Janet Downing.

Join us if you are in the area. We meet the 3rd Saturday of the month (except December). Check out our website for more information (lvminiatures.org) or contact us at lvminiatures@gmail.com.



Decorated Tree by Ana Conroy



Halloween Decorated Tree



Another Decorated Tree



Holiday Gift Jan Feldhouse



Holiday Gift Janet Downing



"It's a Boy" basket



Wicker baskets and Chair by Vegas Airs

2019 Small Scales Houseparty
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
"All About the Neighborhood"
By Ann Pennypacker and Patricia Diefenbach

Neighborhood. What does that evoke in your mind? Maybe it's the neighborhood market where you see your friends and you stop to chat for a bit. Block parties, dinner parties and picnics are all natural invites for the neighbors. Maybe it's your favorite fantasy neighborhood from books or television. Maybe it's a neighborhood of make believe from your childhood. We all have our version of the ideal neighborhood.

When I think about neighborhoods I think about a community of people who all live and work around each other. We care about each other and perhaps all cheer for the same team. Neighbors will head to the park to hear the school band play. Neighbors sit on the front porch visiting and decorate their yards for the holidays.

I think of miniaturists as a community. When we choose a seat in a workshop we have a neighbor. We are considerate of our neighbors and help each other out. Neighbors borrow tools from each other but make sure to give them right back- because that's what neighbors do. When we have our meals we sit in a neighborhood table of ten and we all like the same team we call "scales". At our table we laugh and catch up on happenings, share gifts and contact info so we can continue our friendship. We enjoy our House Parties because it's like a neighborhood block party. Neighbors may come and go but they are still our friends and will always be part of the neighborhood.

The steering committee and I invite you to join us for All About the Neighborhood Small Scale House Party, hosted by NAME Region M-1, on September 26 to the 29th, 2019 at the Hyatt Airport Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA .

We will offer Pre- Convention and Registered Workshops. The Thursday Night Project will be an opportunity to get together to enjoy snacks, friendship and fun while building our project. The TNP will feature exclusive prizes and special gifts you won't want to miss!

There will be Door Prizes and House Party Helpers to win. Mini Exchanges and Tote Bags Favors will add to the fun. Be sure to stop by the Hospitality Room to see the Pittsburgh pirate's treasure chest. There will be games to play (make sure to bring the save the date card), Theme Luncheons, Round Tables and of course the Sales room!

Are you downsizing your collection or stash? Please consider donating Door Prizes which are items valued between \$10 and \$50 or a Houseparty Helper which are items valued at \$150 or more. Door Prize Chair is Rosemarie Mullineaux at unitedbore@aol.com and Houseparty Helper Chair is Donna Brewington at djbrewington52@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there, Neighbor!



San Diego MINIATURES Show & Sale

45th Annual Miniatures Extravaganza!
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February 2 & 3, 2019

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Adults \$8 | Children (8-12) \$2 | Credit Cards Accepted

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Phoenix, Arizona

Dollhouse Miniatures

Show & Sale

By Small World Miniature Club

Saturday, March 9, 2019 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 10, 2019 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Arizona State University West
4701 West Thunderbird, Phoenix, Arizona 85069
****New Show location in the Sun Devil Fitness Center****



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<http://cfaphoenix.org>

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41st Annual Phoenix Small World Miniature Show & Sale
Friday Workshop Application
March 8, 2019

Name _____

Address _____

Phone
Number _____

Email Address for Confirmation and Tool List

Workshop

_____ 6 Plants - by Deb Laue \$35
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

_____ 6 Plants & Potting Bench- by Deb Laue \$60
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

_____ Wicker Furniture 1" – by Mary Beth Berry \$55
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

_____ Wicker Furniture ½" – by Mary Beth Berry \$55
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

_____ Dressing Shop Keeper Doll – by Fern Vasi \$105
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Make checks out to Small World Miniature Club

Please remit to:

Mary Visner
10050 N 25th Place
Phoenix, AZ 85028
Email: mpvis1@centurylink.net

6 Plants - Workshop by Deb Laue

\$35 – Friday morning 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

March 8, 2019 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church
6300 W Camelback Rd, Glendale, AZ

Deb's newest addition is the plant kits, learn how to put them together to make a beautiful display for your mini project.



6 Plants & Workbench - Workshop by Deb Laue

\$60 – Friday 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 8, 2019 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church
6300 W Camelback Rd, Glendale, AZ

What a wonderful setting for your 6 plant kits add the workbench for a full day workshop. Plants and workbench are included in this workshop.



Wicker Furniture by Mary Beth Berry

\$55 – Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

March 8, 2019 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church
6300 W Camelback Rd, Glendale, AZ

Relax and have fun learning how to make wicker furniture for your next mini project. The kit includes waxed linen thread, covered wire, and pre drilled wood. Detailed instructions and finishing materials are included. No experience is needed. Chair and Table are 1" scale. 3 piece set is ½"



Shop Keeper by Fern Vasi

\$105 – Friday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 8, 2019 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church

6300 W Camelback Rd, Glendale, AZ

Learn from IGMA artist Fern Vasi how to dress her hand sculpted shop keeper. He'll add character to your next project. No experience is needed. Candlestick not included.

Tool List: Small Sharp Scissors and Tweezers



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Region N-1 Events, Dates and Locations

February 2-3, 2019

San Diego Miniatures Show and Sale

Where: San Diego, CA

For more info: <https://sdminiatureshow.com/>

February 9, 2019

Miniature Fantasy Show and Sale

Where: Culver City, CA

For more info: <http://www.miniatureswest.com/>

March 9-10, 2019

Arizona 41st Annual Dollhouse Miniature Show & Sale

Where: Phoenix, AZ

For more info: <http://phoenixminiatures.com/>

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

May 15-19, 2019

Around the World in Eight Days

Where: Online

For more info: <https://miniatures.org/AroundTheWorld>

And: <http://www.nameonlinehouseparty.org/>

July 18-21, 2019

A Little Bit Country: Shabby or Chic, 2018 National Convention

Where: Nashville, TN, SC

For more info: <https://miniatures.org/2019Nashville>

September 27-29, 2019

All About the Neighborhood, 2019 Small Scales Houseparty

Where: Pittsburgh, PA

For more info: <https://miniatures.org/node/1356>

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Submissions for the Summer Issue are due by July 15th.

Submissions for the Fall Issue are due by October 15th.

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: <https://n1.miniatures.org/>. 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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