

# small talk

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## Regional Coordinator Message

### A Note from Outgoing RC, Sarah Westenberg

Hello everyone! I hope the summer is going well and lots of fun is being had. We just returned from the NAME National Convention and it was a wonderful time. There were over twenty of us from the Region with most attending our Regional meeting on Saturday which was early but I brought donuts and coffee to make it a little more endurable. The meeting was grand time. I also brought up an idea near and dear to my heart – a regional house party in Santa Fe. There is a lot of support in the region for it and I will be submitting paperwork soon and start the process. I have a miniature friend in Santa Fe with whom I have been discussing the possible hotels which is the biggest initial hurdle to get past. There is a very nice Hilton close to the historic Plaza in downtown Santa Fe. It is the oldest city capital in the United States. I have some people already volunteering to help and/or chair committees. I will be looking to regional miniaturists to help with HouseParty.

That being said, I am sad to inform you that I am moving out of the Southwest Regional Coordinator position because I moved to Virginia for awhile (work reasons) and NAME requires the RC live in the region which totally makes sense. I have asked Jan Feldhouse if she would consider the position and she accepted the offer. She was approved by the NAME Board during the Convention at Nashville and she is now officially the Regional Coordinator. She brings many things to the job including a long-standing love of miniatures and strong work ethic. While I am sad to move on, I am pleased to that Jan will continue the work. I have accepted a position with the Board as Club Liaison, Board Member at Large, so many of you will continue to get emails from me.



**Bye, Sarah!**



## A Note from Incoming RC, Jan Feldhouse

I am Jan Feldhouse the new N-1 Regional Coordinator. I've lived in Las Vegas, NV for 12 years and before that I was in Atlanta, Region E-3. I have been a part of NAME over 20 yrs. Currently I belong to the Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts NAME club. I have been collecting miniatures since the 70's and actively making them since the 90's. I work in all scales and try to attend as many of the national conventions and house parties that I can. It is easier since I have retired.

I look forward to working with the state reps as well as the individual clubs. If you need to contact me, my email address is [Feldhouse.jan@gmail.com](mailto:Feldhouse.jan@gmail.com) or call 702-541-8878. I look forward to serving all of you and NAME.

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## Your Website

Don't forget about the website! We're always looking for photos of NAME events in your area, announcements about upcoming events and shows, places to go to see miniatures, etc. Don't know where the website is? It's here: <https://n1.miniatures.org/>

Send submissions to Janet Smith at: [desertminis@gmail.com](mailto:desertminis@gmail.com)

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## OOPS!

Our last newsletter gave the incorrect dates for the State Day coming up in Nevada in 2020. The correct dates are October 23-24, 2020. Look for more info later in the newsletter and on our website!

# Club News

## Orange County Miniature Guild

From Judy Meyer

We recently changed our name from North Orange County Miniature Guild to Orange County Miniature Guild as we have members from near and far (some even from Los Angeles County). We meet the first Friday of each month at the Fullerton Presbyterian Church, 838 Euclid Street, Fullerton, CA at 7:00 PM up stairs in one of their meeting rooms. Anyone in the area is welcome to stop in at the meeting to visit or join. We have open membership. Most of our members are members of NAME but not a requirement. We usually have a small kit at every meeting except for June (We celebrate members birthdays for the year) and December which is our holiday celebration. We do the NAME day in October and non-members of NAME can bring a kit to do or finish a previous month's kit.



In the next few months, we are going to do some kits that will go with this year's NAME worktable.

Next year we are planning to do either a porch theme or backyard patio. This is still in the development stage.

This last year and a half, we have been doing kits with the Nautical theme. We have incorporated them into vignettes displaying our completed kits.



## Central Coast Miniature Club

From Betty Hodges  
State Rep San Luis Obispo and Kern Counties

Summer is here and our members are traveling all over the place! Betty Hodges is in Hawaii and invited several others to a class to make a Christmas Table. The day was a huge success and ended with new people interested in becoming members of NAME! Back in Morro Bay Linda Costly is planning a Fun Meeting Day. Julie Johnson and Betty are busy making minis to take to Camp Mini Ha Ha in Nova Scotia. Our little club travels North and South to participate with other clubs in events. Trish Faulkner is always teaching around the San Luis Obispo area.



## Albuquerque Miniature Makers

From Susan Sheridan  
NM State Rep & President, Albuquerque Mini Makers

Albuquerque Mini Makers workshops held at our meetings were in April a shrink art Easter bunny taught by Karin Malloy, May was working in fimo making small items to display in a covered plastic display dish taught by Barbara Burn, June was making stepping stones and bird baths with mosaic designs taught by Susan Pippin. (See photos)

July we will be learning to do a wicker half scale plant stand taught by Mary Anne Stark.

We are hosting another NAME Day Craft Table in all scales on Saturday, Oct 19 all day which includes breakfast snacks, drinks, potluck luncheon, raffles, exhibits, a gift exchange and TV Tray sales. Orders for kits should be sent to Susan Sheridan by July 19 at the latest. For more info email Susan at [ss5380@cablone.net](mailto:ss5380@cablone.net).

Hope everyone's summer is going well. Till next time.





# Tucson Miniature Society

From: Kathy Grissom  
State Rep, Southern Arizona

The Tucson Miniature Society Club is again planning a fall event. The show and sale will be held on Saturday, October 19, and Sunday October 20th. For Vendor information and/or questions regarding location contact Show Chairperson, Sallie Grumka, Phone # 520-275-1979, or Email - [sgrumka@aol.com](mailto:sgrumka@aol.com).

The club is currently working on a club project to share at the event. All of their finished trailers will be displayed in the exhibit room, along with other miniatures projects in all scales. Some of the trailers, that are already finished, can be seen on the club website at <https://tucsonminiatures.weebly.com/>. If you have never been to Tucson, October is a great time to visit the city, and take in the event. The temperatures are perfect for just about any activity, inside or out.



The Tucson Miniature Society proudly presents their 2019 SHOW & SALE

## "MINI ROADS TRAVELED"

Saturday, October 19, 2019 10AM - 5PM  
Sunday, October 20, 2019 11AM - 4PM

Door Prizes  
Displays  
SALES  
Kid's Sales Table & Projects /  
RAFFLES

The Tucson Woman's Club  
6245 E. Bellevue St.  
Tucson, AZ 85712

General Admission \$7  
Children ages 4 to 12 \$3  
Age 3 and under free

# Camarillo Miniature Guild

From Gigi Lish (photos) and Jeanne Elliott (text)

Late last year our club decided that our project for 2019 would be a market stall. Each member chose how they wanted their stall to look; did it have shelves, was it open, is there a doorway, etc. Club members also chose what they wanted their stall to represent. Such a wonderful variety. Members could also sign up to teach a small project that might go with a market stall. Kathe Frahm cut all the wood for the kits and even taught a hands-on class for those who wanted to learn about using a table saw to cut their own wood. It's been a wonderful project and I'm always amazed at the imagination and creativity that shows up in our projects. I can't wait to see what next year brings.



# Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts

From Janet Gordon, State Rep., Southern Nevada

We had our annual elections and Janet Downing is our new president, John Stackhouse is vice president, Lorrilee Stackhouse is treasurer, and Janet Gordon is secretary.

We are pleased to announce

## Nevada State Day, October 23-24, 2020.

Our theme is perfect for the Fall— “All Hallows Fantasy.” We have a different and exciting format for the projects. Here are pictures of two members’ “work in progress”. [Spoiler alert: Notice you can make an inside scene or an outside scene.]



## All Hallows Fantasy

John Stackhouse showed us a technique for making a wicker stand and basket.

(Judy Stebbins on the left and Joy O’Grady on the right.)







Sonia Burke showed us how to make lanterns from jewelry findings and charms.

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](http://lvminiatures.org)) or contact us at [lvminiatures@gmail.com](mailto:lvminiatures@gmail.com).

## San Diego Miniature Crafters

From Debi Cerone, State Rep., San Diego and Imperial Counties

Looks like the San Diego Miniature Crafters are famous, well, almost famous at least. Okay, one of us is. Our newly elected club President has been featured in the July issue of Dolls House and Miniature Scene. Julia Tollafield of Tolly's Treasures makes the most exquisite flowers and plants in her amazing workshop. Hmmm...that must be her secret....time to spruce up my craft room! (Editors Note: Google "Dolls House and Miniature Scene" for info on subscribing and back issues.)

Tolly's Treasures will be a dealer at our show on February 1st and 2nd, 2020. And speaking of our 46th Annual Show and Sale, we have moved to the Marriott Del Mar. The Marriott Mission Valley, our previous location, booked our weekend with a new customer and we were left in the lurch. After many visits to many venues, we were welcomed to the Marriott Del Mar. We hope to see all our miniature friends from LA and Orange County, since we are now conveniently located right off Interstate 5. We've already sold 40-plus tables and are really excited about our new locale. Check out our list of dealers at [www.sdminiatureshow.com](http://www.sdminiatureshow.com). The list is updated as we add more dealers, so check back often. Workshops are in the planning stages and rooms at a discounted rate are available.

In addition to planning our show, plans have been made for our NAME Day event in October and everyone is excited about the NAME project. Our club has also selected our new project for the year - the Serendipity Shed. Stay tuned to see what all our talented members will do with this project!





# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Region N-1 Events, Dates and Locations

**October 19, 2019**

**NAME Day, Albuquerque, NM**

For more info, email Susan Sheridan at [ss5380@cablone.net](mailto:ss5380@cablone.net)

**October 19-20, 2019**

**Tucson Miniature Society annual Show & Sale**

Tucson Woman's Club, 6245 E. Bellevue St., Tucson, AZ

for more information visit <http://tucsonminiatures.weebly.com>

or email Lani Smith [quilterangel123@aol.com](mailto:quilterangel123@aol.com)

**February 29-March 1, 2020**

**42nd Annual Phoenix Doll House Miniature Show and Sale**

Where: Arizona State University West, 4701 West Thunderbird, Glendale, AZ

Saturday, Feb. 29: 10 a.m.—5 p.m., Sunday, March 1: 11 a.m.—4 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$8, Children \$2

Exhibits, Sales, Door Prizes, Raffles, Free Make-and-Take project for children.

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

**October 23-24, 2020**

**Nevada State Day**

More info to come

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

**September 27-29, 2019**

**All About the Neighborhood**

Where: Pittsburgh, PA

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

**April 3-5, 2020**

**Come Fly with Me**

Where: Portland, OR

For more info: <https://miniatures.org/2020Portland>

**July 23-26, 2020**

**Winter Wonderland**

Where: Indianapolis, IN

For more info: <https://miniatures.org/2020Indianapolis>

# Regional N1 Leadership Team

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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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