

small talk

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A Message from Jan Feldhouse, Our Regional Coordinator

On behalf of NAME and all our regional members, I wish to thank Nancy Robertson who was the state rep for Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino Counties and Janet Gordon who was the state rep for southern Nevada for their years of service. These ladies worked as state reps for years promoting NAME and sharing information with clubs in their respective areas. We appreciate your shared talents, ladies. Thank you again.

Judy Meyer will be the new state rep for Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino Counties. She may be reached at judmey@verizon.net. Sonia Burke will be the new state rep for southern Nevada. She may be reached at seburke67@yahoo.com.

I encourage you to attend any of the miniature shows either in our region or elsewhere in the country. It's good to support our artisans and it is my personal experience that you will see some truly unique items.

I took my own challenge up from the Fall Newsletter. To relax and be less stressed, I made three of my many UFOs.



A note from new State Rep, Judy Meyer

I am happy to report that I have been approved by the NAME Board to be your State Representative for Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties in California. I hope to be in contact with the many clubs in my area and possibly attend one of your meetings. That won't be too hard as I belong to several of the clubs. If there are any questions or needs from clubs in my area, I will be happy to try to answer or get the answers you need.



I have additional sad news that Jackie Caron passed away last September 16, 2019. She was a longtime member of the Magic Inchkins Miniature Club, but had not attended our meetings for several years. Many will know her from miniature shows as a dealer selling doll molds and beautifully crafted dolls. I only received this notice from the family recently as I had sent her a Christmas card and they wanted to let me know about her passing.

I hope to have more to report in the future and if you need to contact me, my email address is judmey@verizon.net. Please leave your telephone number if you want me to call you personally.

Judy Meyer
State Representative
Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties

Don't forget to notify your website administrator of any upcoming shows or events in your area! That way, they can go on the website between newsletters.

Send submissions to Janet Smith at desertminis@gmail.com

***Haven't visited our website? Check it out at:
n1.miniatures.org***

Club News

Albuquerque Mini Makers

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

Hello and Happy New Year!

The Albuquerque Mini Makers finished up this past year with our Oct NAME Day we had a great time with gift exchange, raffle drawings, potluck lunch and working on the kits in various sizes.



November we started working on the 3D Card project being taught by Peggy and Tina. We will finish up this project at our January meeting. In December the Holiday party was fun and we had a great gift exchange of minis.



Our club will be starting a project in February which will take several months to complete it is a quarter scale Cottage. Christiane Stark and Rose Furlong will be assisting and teaching everyone how to complete with stucco, siding, landscaping and light wiring. Everyone is looking forward to this project.

The club will plan other projects in between the months we are not working on the Cottage project.

Best wishes to everyone for the New Year.



Tucson Miniature Society

From Kathy Grissom
State Rep, So. Arizona

The Tucson Miniature Society (TMS) is again planning a busy year, as the club continues to add new members. After another successful show in 2019 the club has already started to work on the October 2020 Show and Sale. After the show in October a number of the vendors voiced their interest in returning for a Show and Sale in 2020. The dealers love to do the show, as the club members always put on a buffet including hot foods, so dealers and club members do not have to leave the show location for meals. The food and goodies are offered in a tucked away room, so it is also a good place to take a break, and grab some coffee or a cookie, or other snack.



The picture above shows the club projects from 2019. Lots more photos are available for viewing and scattered throughout the TMS Club Website, including the Gallery, if you have not yet checked it out. The website can be found at <https://tucsonminiatures.weebly.com/>. The club ended the year with their yearly Christmas party and gift exchange. They take a Christmas picture of the club members attending, but unfortunately I do not have it available to share as I was unable to attend the event.

This year the theme for the 2020 show and sale is southwest. The theme was chosen at the last business meeting of 2019. However, unlike the 2019 project, this year is not an actual kit. Last year during our show and tell during a meeting, a members shared a Casita kit she plans to construct this year. A basic template of her kit will be shared with the club members to create a Casita (tiny house). Many variations are expected, plus some members are expected to create other southwest surprises. This resulted in lots of excitement at our first meeting of 2020, especially since not all the projects are expected to be a Casita.

The club is also planning to offer short workshops after our meetings. We are lucky to have a meeting space with extra time reserved, and space to do projects after our meetings. When demonstrations were suggested, there was an overwhelming request for a workshop. There were some specific requests made but nothing definite has been chosen as of this report. The workshops will be all levels of ability from beginner to expert, since the club has all levels of experience in miniatures.

Orange County Miniature Guild

From Judy Meyer

State Rep., California: Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino Counties

The cute Soldier Clothespin Doll kit was given to our club by the daughters of a longtime member, Elizabeth (Beth) Bell. We passed the kits out to all club members at our December Christmas party. Shortly after the holidays, I was notified that Beth passed away the day after Christmas. This kit will always be an extra special gift from a wonderful miniaturist.



This planter is pure Laura and learning to age pots and make flower arrangements is one of her many talents.

On a much happier note, in 2020, we are starting to make kits to add to a front or back porch. The two floral kits we have finished so far were taught by Laura Crain who we are lucky to have in our Guild. She loves to share her talents with us and also has access to many other Artisans in obtaining kits for our club.



I was just told that we also lost another longtime member, Edythe Reed who was a very special lady and a very talented quarter scaler miniaturist.

Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts

From Janet Gordon for Sonia Burke, the new State Rep, So. Nevada
Brava Sonia! And, of course, congratulations to Jan Feldhouse, the new
Regional Coordinator for Region N-1

ALL HALLOWS FANTASY. Save the dates for **NEVADA STATE DAY 2020:** Friday, October 23, 2020 (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.) and Saturday, October 24, 2020 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). See the registration form below and on our website, lvminiatures.org, Email Lorrilee Stackhouse at lorrilee@cox.net with any questions.

Two of the special items you will get at Nevada State Day are shown below.



We had to celebrate NAME Day in November, but we still had great fun. (Jan Feldhouse & Joy O'Grady at work.)



Judy O'Brion gave us the kits to put together clothespin Adirondack chairs. They are very cute.

Show and Tell: Sonia Burke showed how to make a mini snow globe with jewelry endcaps, the cut tops of brush Christmas trees, and "globe earring posts" from Hobby Lobby. Sonia is a fine jewelry maker, mini and regular!



Rosalie Pinske from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada visited us from the Edmonton Miniature Club. She makes beautiful and well-priced miniature crocheted items. We enjoyed her company and artistry.

Our members skill and creativity were on display for our holiday party gifts.

Take a look!



Our President, Janet Downing, shared a special mini Christmas story.

My Miniature Christmas Trip

My little sister and husband took my older sister and me to Chicago for a weekend -- Dec 6th -8th. All the way from Las Vegas to Chicago, we set off for some fun. She wanted to take us to the German Christmas Market and me to my first miniature and dollhouse shop. I was so excited to see Chicago at Christmas with all the lights and carolers singing in the street. On Saturday we went to Elgin, a small suburb of Chicago, to an adorable shop named Lolly's Doll Houses and Miniatures. The owner's name is also Janet. I walked in and the first thing I see are dolls and put two of them on the counter. Janet asks if I wanted a basket and my sisters and I said yes. She had so much to look at. I was in heaven. There were 4 tables of sale items. The first item I picked up was a beautiful green settee. It had a sale price sticker of \$6 dollars on the bottom; I was so excited over my find. I was showing it to everyone; my sisters thought it was beautiful. After shopping and going back to the hotel my sisters and I wanted to check out our great finds. We all sat on the bed and opened our finds. As I peeled the sticker off the bottom of my green settee, stamped on the bottom it said *Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts NAME REG N1 House party 81*. I just sat there staring at it. My sisters ask what's wrong, I said nothing. I told them what it said and showed them. They couldn't believe the first piece of

furniture I picked up was from our local club. I said "it's Christmas; that's what a miniature miracle is." We all laughed and kept staring at it. We had the best time together and made more Christmas memories.

Janet Downing
Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts



If you are in town, join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month (except December). Check out our website for more information (lvminiatures.org) or contact us at lvminiatures@gmail.com.

San Diego Miniature Crafters

From: Debi Cerone

State Rep, California, San Diego and Imperial Counties

It's SHOWTIME !!!

San Diego Miniature Crafter club members have been busy bees working hard to present our best show ever on February 1 & 2, 2020. We have moved to a new, more accessible location at the Marriott Del Mar, just a quick drive down the freeway for our Southern California friends. We have sold out our vendor tables and your favorites are sure to be there. We are offering Make & Takes, Opportunity Drawings, Silent Auction and even arranged for a Saturday Show Special boxed lunch from the restaurant. Check out the show details at : www.sdminiatureshow.com.

Can't wait to see you there!



San Diego MINIATURES Show & Sale

46th Annual Miniatures Expo for Mini-Makers & Collectors!
Exhibits, Workshops, Classes & Sales

Come Enjoy the Little Things in Life!

February 1 & 2, 2020
Saturday 10am-5pm | Sunday 11am-4pm

NEW: MARRIOTT DEL MAR

11966 El Camino Real, San Diego, CA 92130

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

Text **MINIS** to **22828** to receive email
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**Opportunity Drawing benefits
San Pasqual Academy & San Diego Miniature Crafters**

Hosted by San Diego Miniature Crafters a San Diego 501c3 nonprofit since 1972

**42nd Annual Phoenix Small World Miniature Show & Sale
Friday Workshop Application
February 28, 2020**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address for Confirmation and Tool List

Workshop:

_____ Garden with Koi Pond in 1/12 scale by Mary Beth Berry \$65

_____ Red & White "China" Shelf in 1/12 scale by Ginger Landon Siegel \$53

_____ Blue & White "China" Shelf in 1/12 scale by Ginger Landon Siegel \$53

_____ Pink & Green Shabby Chic "China" Shelf in 1/12 scale by Ginger Landon Siegel \$53

_____ Dressing Granny Doll in 1/12 scale – by Fern Vasi \$125

Make checks out to **Small World Miniature Club**

Please remit to:

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

All workshops will be held February 28, 2010
St. Andrews Episcopal Church 6300 W. Camelback Rd, Glendale, AZ

China Shelf by Ginger Landon Siegel \$53 – Limited to 15 participants

Friday morning 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Spend a day creating a curved top “china” filled decorative shelf. In advance of the class you will make a choice between the Blue and White, the holiday themed White and Red and the shabby chic Green & Pink “China” to fill shelf, learning how to create the grooved wood backing for the shelf, then you will use a dry brush technique to create a softer finish for the white shelves and learn a technique to create the distressed look of the Shabby Chic shelf. Your “china” will be prepared in advance with the dimensional paints and glaze due to the drying time. Information and tips will be provided with your instructions so you will be able to make our own “china” for future projects. A faux raised wood design to compliment your shelf choice and will be added to the top. The design will be shape with and embossing technique to give added dimension. White decorative lace on the tops and fronts of the shelves is included to enhance the overall effect. The completed “china” filled shelves are 3 1/8” tall x 2 3/4” wide. This piece can be hung on a wall or placed on top of a hutch.

Garden with Koi Pond by Mary Beth Berry - \$65 – limited to 15 participants

Friday, February 28, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Learn to make a garden centered with a koi pond cut into the middle. We will paint the pond bottom, arrange rocks, plants and fish & paint the surface of pond with gloss sealer to look like water. We will cut Styrofoam into rock shapes & paint & arrange them on the grass area. Greenery and flowers will be arranged around them. Water lilies will be placed. A rustic bridge kit will be included.

Dressing Granny Doll by Fern Vasi - \$125 – limited to 8 participants

Students will dress & wig this smiling hand sculpted granny holding a towel & silverware. No experience is needed.

Friday 12:00 pm (NOON) to 4:00 pm





Works in progress!
What *fantasy* can you create?

We have a different and exciting format arranged for you. No two creations will be the same. Your unique 1:12 **fantasy** can be an inside or an outside scene in a room box provided to you. You can have a door and a window put in if you would like. Supplies will be available for you to choose your own design. You may even want to bring your own special pieces.

We have plenty of ideas to pique your interest.

And, remember, there are other spirits and creatures in the woods at that time besides witches, skeletons, ghosts, and black cats!

*Put your emphasis on **fantasy**.*

Our first workshop will take place at The Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 6670 W. Cheyenne, Las Vegas, NV 89108, on Friday evening October 23 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. when we will be building our room box and creating some special projects for our house.

Our Saturday, October 24 session, in the same location, is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$95.00 which includes lunch on Saturday, snacks on Friday night and throughout the day on Saturday. It also includes your room box with a door and window and items that you can use in your fantasy. Among these will be an enchanted chair, spooky pumpkins, a friendly ghost, and fantasy potion bottles.

We will also have door prizes and other goodies to keep you happy. Remember it's close to Halloween, so wear something appropriate!

For both sessions, all the materials will be provided including lots of extras. Only your basic tools are needed.

Further information will be sent when your reservation is confirmed, including directions and places to stay near the workshop.
Seating is limited, so sign up now to reserve your spot!

REGISTRATION FORM FOR NEVADA STATE DAY, "ALL HALLOWS FANTASY"

Registration Forms must be postmarked **no later than August 15, 2020.**

No refunds after September 5, 2020.

If you have questions, contact Lorrilee Stackhouse (lorrilee@cox.net).

Name

Address

Phone #

Cell #

Email address (please print):

BUDDIES COMING WITH YOU:

Please complete a registration form & send a separate check for EACH person attending Nevada State Day.

Make your check for \$95.00 payable to **LAS VEGAS MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS** and mail to:

Lorrilee Stackhouse, 1305 Smith St., Las Vegas, NV 89108

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Region N-1 Events, Dates and Locations

February 1-2, 2020

San Diego Miniatures Show and Sale

Where: Marriott Del Mar, 11966 El Camino Real, San Diego, CA 92130

When: Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 11am-4pm

Admission: Adults \$8, Children \$2 (Sunday Free with paid admission on Saturday)

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

February 8, 2020

Miniatures West 34th Show and Sale

Where: Courtyard by Marriott, 6333 Bristol Parkway, Culver City, CA 90230 (310-484-7000)

When: 1 day ONLY Saturday, February 8, 2020, 9:30am-4:30pm.

Admission: \$7.00 Children 6-12 yrs. - \$3 (no strollers)

For more info: <http://www.miniatureswest.com/2020-fantasy-show-and-sale.html>

Show Information Nancy Branch 310-454-2054. Workshop Information Sunday, February 9, 2020 Rosa Rothering 310-467-5590.

February 29-March 1, 2020

42nd Annual Phoenix Doll House Miniature Show and Sale

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

When: 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/>

Workshop registration form in this newsletter, pages 10-12

October 23-24, 2020

Nevada State Day, "All Hallows Fantasy"

For more information, check <https://www.lvminiatures.org/>, or send email to:

lvminiatures@gmail.com.

Registration form is in this newsletter, pages 13-14

(If your event is missing, please notify Janet Smith at desertminis@gmail.com with the details. It can be added to the next newsletter and posted on our website!)

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

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>

July 22-25, 2021

From Sea to Shining Sea

Where: Providence, RI

For more info: <https://miniatures.org/2021Providence>

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Submissions for the Spring Issue are due by April 15th.

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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