

small talk

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A Message from Jan Feldhouse, Our Regional Coordinator

I hope you and your family members are in good health. When the world turns upside down, it's very perplexing. Hopefully you found some solace and respite in our creative hobby – miniatures.

“Imagination is the highest kite that one can fly” – Lauren Bacall.

Maybe we will see some of your fantastic works in our newsletter. Personally I have had a very large dollhouse for over 25 years that I never completed. Being homebound, I started painting and wallpapering my dollhouse. I never realized how tedious painting nine full size windows and three dormers can be, let alone measuring and pre-measuring all the walls for the paper. I continue to forge ahead. Someday when finished I'll share my work.

Those of you who know me, realize how technically challenged I am. I know many miniaturists view YouTube videos which explain “how to do something” with miniatures. I found out how to bring those up on my TV and watched quite a few videos educating myself and perfecting new skills. This was a wonderful revelation to me. Please share by cell phone photos with your fellow friends what you have learned or completed recently.

“He who has imagination without learning has wings but no feet.” Joubert

I plan to see some of you in Indianapolis come July. Looking forward to getting together again real soon.

There's something new in this newsletter. Let us know what you think! While the club reports are limited to 1 page each, that means the pics are small...so a gallery of all the miniature pictures has been added at the end to give you a bigger view.

Club News

Orange County Miniature Guild

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

Orange County Miniature Guild started the year with a project taught by Pat Hausman our club President. It was Mardi Gras masks. Our club member Johanna Cormier took this project to another level and completed a multitude of masks and even sent all club members a page to make additional masks. (See next page for your own printable masks!)



The Orange County Miniature Guild continued their porch accessories with a patio chair kit by Castle Crafts. The completed chair is by Jeanne Smith.





Masks by Johanna Cormier
February, 2020

1" x 1/2"
Print Check

Albuquerque Mini Makers

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

The Albuquerque Mini Makers are working on completing their 3 D card projects during this stay at home process. Plus we began our quarter scale Cottage project in February as well. (See photos to right)



Since we are not able to meet March, April and probably May we will catch up with our club projects as soon as we can officially gather together once more.

During this time each of us has been busy working on various other miniature projects as well.

I completed my 3D Card project which includes my two cats Charlie & Bailey sitting on the porch. (See photos to left)



I have finished up adding more details to my quarter scale Easter Market stall. This was a club project we did a few years ago. (See photos to right)

Plans for our annual NAME Day will be held on Saturday, Oct 17 from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm which will include all scales of the Sink & Cabinet kits. We also have a potluck lunch, raffle, exhibit, gift exchange and TV Tray sales. A lot of fun and hope everyone will join us for this special event.



Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts

Submitted by Janet Gordon

We are sad to announce that Nevada State Day--All Hallows Fantasy--has been postponed until October 2021.

With all the uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19 virus, it was decided to be safe, rather than sorry.

Please look in the newsletter and at our website, lvminiatures.org, for updated information.

Needless to say, our club meetings, as well, have been canceled until further notice.

Right before the virus hit, we had a great workshop from our favorite snowbird, Ginger Landon Siegel.

Our members have been busy, however. We always wanted to be able to craft 24/7, but this isn't what we had in mind.



Photos of the Nevada State Day Project from Nancy Fix (right) and Sonia Burke (left)



Sharon Weschler has shared pictures of her Easter Dresses and Bakery.



And Sandy Leal has sent a picture of one of her roomboxes.

San Diego Miniature Crafters

From: Debi Cerone

State Rep, California, San Diego and Imperial Counties

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times....right?

We hope everyone is well and will stay that way during these uncertain and trying times. I had hoped to finish many of my miniature projects and I am making a dent. I had also hoped to clean out all my closets, organize my paperwork, rearrange my garage and spruce up my yard, but I'd really rather work in my craft room.

We didn't realize how lucky we were to get our Annual Miniatures Show and Sale off in early February. As show chair, Leslie Hopwood, said "the show sounds like something make-believe that happened once upon a time". With the cancellation and postponement of so many shows, we were grateful for the timing of ours. This was one of our most successful and well-attended shows in recent memory. We had over 800 paid attendees, not including vendors, club members, young children and those who returned on Sunday for free. Our new locale, the San Diego Marriott Del Mar, was well-received and their staff was amazing to work with. We had 70 vendor tables with 45 vendors doing a brisk business. Between our large presence on social media, print ads and news stories, we were able to welcome many interested people new to miniature making. We offered fabulous opportunity drawings, silent auctions, workshops, make-and-takes, and a wildly popular kids-only sales table.

Our next show will be held on February 6 & 7, 2021. See you at the San Diego Marriott Del Mar in what is sure to be the best of times.

Photos: Entry display at the show, kid's workshops, Sheryl reading the first Gazette at our show meeting.



Central Coast Mini Makers

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

Our little club has seen some changes. We have changed our meeting date from Wednesdays to the last Saturday of every month. This allows those who are working to participate. We have plans to get together with other clubs to participate in their activities. Since we are all in a shelter at home mode right now, we had to cancel our planned Spring Fling with the San Jose Club. In September we are planning on an event with the Camarillo Club. Meanwhile, we have all been working hard at organizing and finishing projects. As soon as we are able, we have several trips planned to visit other artists homes, museums etc. We are going to be on the move! We had a great NAME Day. Most of our members are teachers at Miniature Cottage Shop and have been coming up with fun projects. Trish Faulkner taught a New Year's Eve table class. Linda Costly taught us how to cross stitch a welcome mat. among others. Betty Hodges was a dealer at the San Diego and Culver City shows again this year. Julie Johnson flies to the East Coast and keeps up with all the activities going on there. Since all the children are not in school, we have organized projects for them to do. Betty has taught two classes on making a Christmas Table and several on decorating furniture for their little houses. Little boys love to paint!

We also work the Good Sam Show each year. Jim Hodges is always at the White Elephant Table. The rest of us are always working the gate, minding the exhibits etc. where we are needed.



Tucson Miniature Society

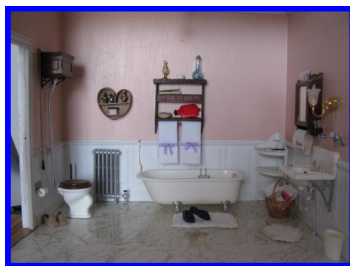
From: Kathy Grissom, State Rep., Southern Arizona

Although the Members of the Tucson Society have not been able to meet, here are some projects members have recently finished or projects they are currently working on. (Photos from Pam Young)



And some really small items are shared by
Tori West

Connie Sauve is sharing her "Last Chance Gas"
This project started with an old gas pump that Connie made in a class with Michael Yurkovic and Beth Freeman-Kane. She expanded on the gas pump idea, and created an abandoned gas station scene.



Myrna Williams is taking advantage of continuous days at home to complete her dollhouse. This is her bathroom, with many added accessories, toilet paper roll (must have), tooth brushes and holder, glass and holder, to name a few.



Lee Menconi -Steiger has the begins of the club project for this year.



Jan Rasmussen is working on a building she purchased at the TMS Show and Sale last year. The show and , that is held every October. She is turning it into part of the Thornton Castle in Aberdeen shire, Scotland. Once the structure is finished she will decorate it with medieval furniture and dolls that she has collected over the last 10 years.

**2021 Phoenix, Arizona 43rd
Annual Miniature Show & Sale**

Arizona State University West
4701 West Thunderbird, Glendale,
Arizona 85306

Saturday, March 27, 2021 10 am – 5
pm

Sunday, March 28, 2021 11 am – 4 pm

Admission: Adults \$8, Children \$2

www.phoenixminiatures.com

**Exhibits, Sales, Door prizes &
Raffles**

**Free Make-and-take project for
children**



fantasy postponed!

Since the world has changed to fantastical/unbelievable/mind-boggling, the club has decided to reschedule plain old charming fantasy.

NEVADA STATE DATE -- All Hallows Fantasy -- will be rescheduled for October 2021, the dates to be determined. Check our website, lvminiatures.org, for further details.

*We dream of being able to craft 24/7,
but not this way!*

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Region N-1 Events, Dates and Locations

October 17, 2020

Albuquerque Miniature Maker NAME Day

For more info, contact Susan Sheridan at ss5380@cableone.net

February 6-7, 2021

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/>

March 27-28, 2021

43rd 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/>

October 2021 (Postponed due to Covid-19)

Nevada State Day, "All Hallows Fantasy"

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

lvminiatures@gmail.com.

(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!)

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

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

July 23-26, 2020

Winter Wonderland

Where: Indianapolis, IN

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

April 9-11, 2021 (rescheduled from 2020)

Come Fly with Me

Where: Portland, OR

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

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 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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Miniature Gallery

























