

small talk

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A Message from Jan Feldhouse, Our Regional Coordinator

Focus On...

As of September, our region has 320 members. We are proud of that number. Out of the 320 members, how many do you know? I would like to introduce a person chosen at random each month.

We have many clubs in the Los Angeles area. Your state representative for California—Santa Barbara, Ventura and LA Counties—is Grace Mlynowski. Grace does an amazing job promoting NAME.

Grace started collecting miniatures after seeing a glass blower at Disneyland and she felt compelled to purchase one. Her next purchases were tiny metal oldtime different colored cars. Her favorite class was Southern California State Day Wedding Memories that she helped to host and create a memory shelf for a heart shaped paper mache box. They also dressed a mannequin in a wedding dress and veil with a cake and decorated picture frame.

When Grace joined the Mid-Valley Mini Maniacs club around 1985, she dragged her friend, Phyllis Wilson, with her for moral support, as she is an artist. They are both still members and have both joined the Camarillo Miniature Guild.

In Grace's club, she held the treasurer position and is presently secretary. In 2006 for the "Tell Me a Story," she helped at registration. For the 2013 Tucson NAME convention, Grace was the garage sale chairperson and did an excellent job along with many volunteer helping hands.

What I have learned "interviewing" Grace is that she is a very giving person who loves miniatures and isn't afraid to devote time and energy to our wonderful organization. More of us should "drag" a friend along to our meeting so we could increase our membership! Thanks, Grace and Phyllis, for your support of our hobby.

NEW

CREATE!

If you haven't checked out Create.miniatures.org, please do so. You may not have opened it up because it went to your Spam or because it's not listed as NAME. **It's not junk - it's wonderful.**
Open up the original.



Grace Mlynowski's Gallery

Grace built the gazebo twice, once before the 1994 earthquake, then again after. She made the scroll work on a table saw.

Lighted Mouse House is
Grace's first
accomplishment and a
favorite of hers.



Small World Miniature Club of Phoenix

Submitted by Helen Sparks, Club President

Our club, along with so many others, floundered for a while when we could no longer meet in person, but I am pleased to report that we are finding our way and flourishing! Our last face-to-face meeting took place in February, right before our annual Show and Sale. We feel blessed to have been able to hold the Show since it was just two weeks before things were shut down. We are hopeful that our next Show (scheduled for March 27-28, 2021) will be able to go forward, but only time will tell.

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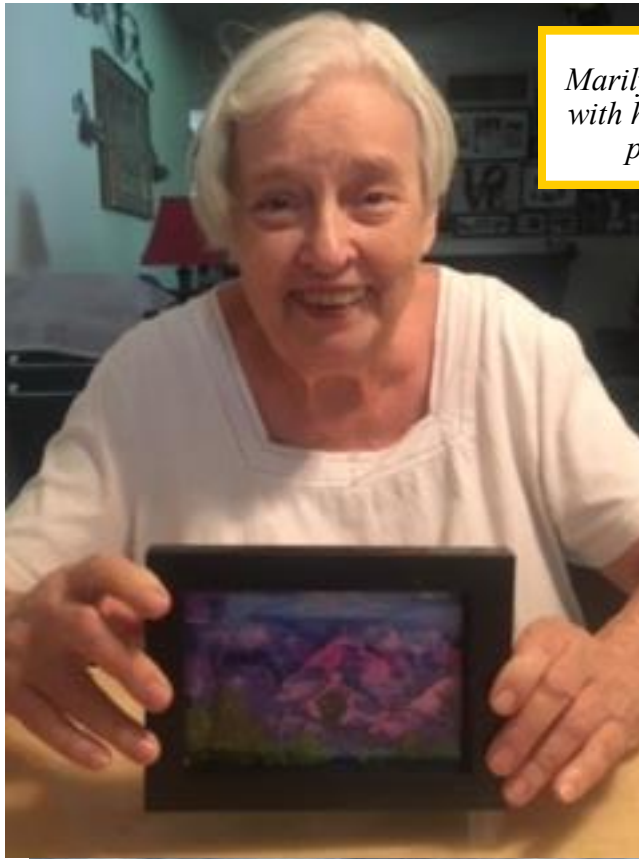
Several people in the area have participated in the Quarter Connection mini weekend Saloon project. It has turned out to be a lot of fun creating realistic western scenes in quarter inch scale. Attached are a few pictures from Elizabeth Johnston and Joyce Puma. (See *Judy Meyers' report in Orange County News and in Ginger Anderson's Arizona-North Club News.*)

Our club is in the habit of doing a small project at each meeting, rather than tackling a long-term project. Several brave souls volunteered to try teaching via Zoom. We began by doing projects that used supplies most of us would have in our “stash”. We are super lucky to have Auntie Em’s Miniature Store in our area, with owner Tish Ballengee as one of our faithful members. Tish has graciously allowed us to use her shop as a pick-up point for project kits. So...this is what we have done so far:

3-D picture of the Grand Canyon taught by Nancy Starkey. Nancy has been using techniques learned in classes she took from Ginger Landon-Siegel to create a 3-D wall collage of her recent European travels. She created this Grand Canyon project for the Club.



Small World Miniature Club of Phoenix—Continued



Marilyn Poissant with her finished project.



Uncle Sam Clothespin Doll to use in a shop or as yard art taught by Elizabeth Johnston.



Ham slices with pineapple and a cherry from FIMO taught by Carolyn Schott.

We have been learning new things about Zoom and were able to record the workshop portion of our meetings and post them to a private YouTube channel so that members unable to attend can still access that portion of the meeting.

Those of us who attend the Zoom meetings are so glad just to see each other's faces! Nothing can replace the in-person version, but until then we will Mini On!

Orange County Miniature Guild Club News

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



Vicki Scidmore is a member of Orange County Miniature Guild and Magic Inch-Kins and has been very busy completing and updating projects as seen here.

"Recent work, on which I made some changes in my steampunk sub to make it an airship for Amelia Earhart. Still has some ocean touches so maybe she has a mini-sub slung below the zeppelin. The table base changes color." (V.S.)



Orange County Miniature Guild Club News—continued



Pat Hausman, the President of Orange County Miniature Guild, sent this picture of her completed Bird House vignette that was a Roundtable from the NAME weekend. The kits were purchased from BJ Minis.

F.Y.I. Report on a special past event from Judy Meyer

In June, Quarter Connection an Online Group held a Mini Weekend called *Shootout at the QC Corral*. The souvenir was a western saloon and during the weekend, you could purchase Roundtables to complete your kit. Most of the figures were purchased on an eBay site called Knuckledusters and painted by me. There were several other buildings offered by dealers and I am working on the Mercantile and Tea Room, Sheriff's Office, Livery Stable and Blacksmith, and a Local home. This was such a fun event and a bright spot in this difficult time of quarantine. NAME is also doing their share to keep us busy during these trying times. Please do your share by supporting the events being held by checking their website miniatures.org.

[Check out Helen Sparks' discussion of this event under Small World Miniature Club and the discussion of this event under Albuquerque Mini Makers.]

Arizona-North — Club News

Ginger Anderson, State Rep.

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It is a challenge staying in touch with each other and continue to enjoy creating miniatures, but we are making it work as best as we can!



Joyce Puma's Saloon

ARIZONA NORTH CLUB NEWS—continued



Elizabeth Johnston



Ginger Anderson, Quarter Scale, NAME Day 2020



Helen Sparks Half-Scale, NAME Day 2020

ARIZONA NORTH CLUB NEWS, continued



Alexis Sharif participated in the Phoenix area NAME Day zoom session, but she was working on a prior NAME Day kit. It was the bunk beds from a couple of years ago. Attached are her pictures of the finished Bunkhouse project. I think it came out great!



Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts

Submitted by Janet Gordon for Sonia Burke, Nevada South Rep.

We are hopeful that Nevada State Day--*All Hallows Fantasy*--will take place next year in October 2021. Please look in the newsletter and at our website, lvminiatures.org, for updated information.

We have been able to have meetings by Zoom. It was great catching up with everyone. Some of the members met at Jan Feldhouse's house and some online.

Joy O'Grady showed us how to make miniature roses which she used on a lamp. She also made a lace lamp and ceiling fan.

Haystacks and brooms were made for Nevada State Day 2021.



OUR BUSY MEMBERS



Judy O'Brion



Miniature Purses, Jan Feldhouse

Continued

Nancy Fix's Sherlock Holmes Project



Deviled Ham Can Projects



JUDY O'BRION



JANET DOWNING

ANA CONROY



JAN FELDHOUSE



Albuquerque Mini Makers

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

The Albuquerque Mini Makers will have met for our annual NAME Day on Saturday, October 17th. We split our group up to 3 homes to meet for this event, allowing us to gather in smaller groups and work on our NAME Day project. I will send photos next time. We are planning to do the same thing for our December holiday party. As we can gather in smaller groups and Zoom meet as well.

Some of our members have been meeting at least once a month at one of our homes to work on minis and just to get together. We abide by social distancing and wearing masks.

Most everyone has been working on personal mini projects during these past few months. I completed the Sunflower Pop-Up stand along with the Sea Shell Pop-Up Stand, my QC Souvenir of the Cruise Surf Shop, and my QC OK Corral Saloon scene with my swaps and roundtable purchases.

Many thanks to everyone who has been helping NAME with the online projects, Quarter Connection roundtables, projects and online convention, and Mini Online Shows.

It is much appreciated for the time and effort to help continue with our miniature projects and activities.

Everyone stay healthy for these upcoming Holidays! Best wishes to everyone. Susan.



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Albuquerque Mini Makers—continued



San Diego Miniature Crafters

From: Debi Cerone
State Rep, California, San Diego and Imperial Counties

The San Diego Mini Crafters are weathering the pandemic and still zooming and creating. We hold our monthly meetings via Zoom and have had a nice turnout. Phone calls are made to check in on members who can't make the Zoom meetings. We share what we are working on and what we have completed, although everyone misses the camaraderie of working together. We had several members participate in NAME Day, both working on the project via Zoom or spaced apart at a dining table. Another way we keep everyone in the loop is via our monthly online newsletter which is full of photos of everyone's projects, club news and committee updates.

This year we have been the recipient of some amazing estate donations. From the estate of Barbara Smith, we were given several large exhibits which we plan to auction at our show as part of our philanthropy project. One of the more interesting pieces was a miniature of an old schoolhouse in Julian, CA, known as the Witch Creek School House. SDMC learned it is an exact replica of a one room schoolhouse that started in Santa Ysabel and was moved to the foothill town of Julian where the Historical Society resides. Leslie Hopwood contacted the Historical Society and they excitedly accepted the donation of its 'mini me' to be on permanent display. Irene McGehee recently delivered the schoolhouse. As an interesting side note, turns out the current Historical Society president attended the school before its relocation!



San Diego Miniature Crafters—continued

We're still moving forward with show plans, although we don't know what format the show will take given current health restrictions. Many dealers have already reserved tables and we have a room block booked at the San Diego Marriott, Del Mar. We are hoping all will be well and the show will go on as planned for February 6th and 7th, 2021. Stay tuned for updates!

Stay well and keep creating minis!

Debi Cerone, N-1 State Rep, San Diego Imperial County



Tucson Miniature Society

From: Kathy Grissom, State Rep., Southern Arizona

The Yuma club is still quiet so no information from them. The Tucson club is active in the summer, but has not been meeting as they have been unable to find a meeting place where they can maintain distancing. The club did hold a Zoom meeting in October. They are now planning on having a Zoom meeting every month till distancing is no longer needed. The meeting is the the normal meeting day, the first Saturday of the month. Unfortunately the 2020 Show and Sale was cancelled, but discussion of the October Show and Sale for 2021 and the yearly Christmas party was discussed during the recent Zoom meeting. There was also discussion on displays for the exhibit room. The display room is always a highlight of the yearly Show and Sale, so some members will be creating a second project for display in 2021. In addition the Christmas Party replaces the monthly meeting in December, and is planned to be held at a member's home, where distancing can be maintained.

Don't forget to notify your website administrator of any upcoming shows or events in your area! Or just send pictures to share. Send info to Janet Smith at desertminis@gmail.com. Where's our website? n1.miniatures.org

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

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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. Be sure that the pictures can be identified easily for captions. 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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Announcements and Upcoming Events Region N-1 Events, Dates and Locations

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, March 27: 10 a.m.—5 p.m., Sunday, March 28: 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 (Rescheduled from 2020)

Nevada State Day, “All Hallows Fantasy”

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

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That way, they can go on the website between newsletters.
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N.A.M.E. Events, Dates and Locations

**Be sure to check the websites
for updated scheduling information!**

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>

February 17-20, 2022 Online Houseparty

Splintered Fairytales

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

July, 2022 (to be rescheduled from 2020)

Winter Wonderland

Where: Indianapolis, IN

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

