

# small talk



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*Sadly, the N-3 Regional Houseparty in Portland, Oregon - Come Fly With Me - scheduled for May has been cancelled.*

*Welcome to our new club: NEW MINI BUNCH ABQ*

## *From Jan Feldhouse, Our Regional Coordinator*

As a little girl, my cousins and I would visit our grandmother in the summer. She lived upstairs of a two-family home. She had a green metal swing with cushions on her upstairs front porch. We'd swing and listen to the adults tell stories of their childhood. It was peaceful and our imaginations transported us into another time.

I remember that swing and during my years of collecting items for my dollhouse, I found a gentleman in Pennsylvania who sold a miniature model of the swing.

Naturally, I had to buy it. It sits on my dollhouse front porch.

Inspiration comes from various places for each of us. Where do you get inspiration?

The next time your club meets, share a special piece or scene with your members. Then tell them your story. If you don't belong to a club, take a photo of your special piece, and send it to Janet Gordon, our newsletter editor, and write a line or two why it touches your heart. We'd love to have you share.

The history behind our creative hobby pieces is interesting and can be informative as well as educational. You may inspire someone else.

Looking forward to your story!





## *Susan Sheridan*

President Albuquerque Mini Makers  
Region N1, New Mexico State Rep

I have always liked little things since I was a small child. I received my first dollhouse when I was 5 years old that was hand built by my uncle and grandparents and still have to this day.

When I was able to get my dollhouse in my own room in my senior year of high school, this started my focus on miniatures for the dollhouse and as my hobby as my lifetime to date. Plus, I was able to incorporate all the arts and crafts stuff I like to do into my miniatures.

I have taken various classes over the years from local miniaturists as well as at Houseparties.

I have taught classes to our local club and State Days. Some of the classes were: Quarter scale mini scene in teacup; One inch scene corner room box; flower angels; mini quarter scale Christmas tree decorating; One inch Southwestern inside outside scene; Steampunk dress form; Paperclay exterior decorating; and Quarter scale room scene.

The best thing I learned was making porcelain miniature dolls and figurines with Betty Neiswender of Keramos Ceramics. She took me on to help her miniature business, teaching me how to pour, clean, fire, paint, string, dress and wig the mini dolls and figurines. We worked together at various miniature shows during the 80s and early 90s on the west coast and wholesaled to miniature shops around the world. It is always fun to discover one of her handcrafted porcelain items in other people's collections. I have many fond memories in making those minis and learning about selling miniatures with her.

My favorite piece in my collection is the quarter scale scene in a teacup. As this was my first attempt at making this and the teacup was from my grandmother's things I inherited. So, I wanted to save the teacup since it was cracked and made it into a scene. Ultimately my club liked how it came out and they asked me to teach it for a State Day, which I did.

My favorite websites are NAME, create.org, Quarter Connection, and the so many other wonderful mini websites I keep discovering and shopping at.

I have held offices in both NAME Clubs I have belonged to--Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts, as I was one of the founding members, and now Albuquerque Mini Makers. I also was Regional Coordinator for N1 2010 to 2011 and currently State Rep for New Mexico and had been State Rep for Nevada 2009 – 2010.

Having fun sharing the joy of making and collecting miniatures has been the best part of my life. It has gotten me through joyful moments and heart-breaking moments. As I focus on planning, preparing, and completing a miniature item or project I find comfort, joy and peace as I create something that is unique in a tiny scale. It is something that reflects our everyday items or lifestyle in a miniature world. I have been blessed to learn from so many other miniaturists not only locally but from around the world. Learning every day on how to best accomplish a wonderful work of miniature art for others to see and learn to appreciate.

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## **CENTRAL COAST MINI MAKERS**

**From Betty Hodges, State Representative, California:  
San Luis Obispo and Kern Counties**

Our Central Coast Mini Maker Club has been busy since we started meeting again. We changed our meetings to the second Saturday of the month. We had a fun time in October doing our NAME DAY Tiki Huts. In November, Trish Faulkner taught our class. We had a very fun Christmas Tea in December with lots of different teas and goodies and new people interested in joining NAME.

We brought our projects that we had finished during our Covid time to share. Our January meeting consisted of working on our own projects in the morning and doing fun things for Valentine's Day in the afternoon.

Mike and Cherrel Botkin closed their Miniature Cottage Shop in October and moved to Salem, Oregon from Morro Bay. Their son and family live there. In November, Mike passed away in his sleep. We miss him! He and Cherrel were NAME members for over 30 years!

*Betty Hodges*

## SAN DIEGO MINIATURE CRAFTERS

From Susan "Micro" Michaels, State Representative,  
California:  
San Diego and Imperial Counties

December and miniatures, what a great combination! Our club had their annual Holiday Party. It was potluck and so much fun. It is amazing how much I have missed all my miniature friends and their smiles. We received little items, a raffle of some very cool stuff, and even played an exchange game which is always a good laugh.

The cabinets we have been working on are turning out so very cute and creative. And we were talking about how we will be having a section at our February 5th and 6th, 2022 show to display several finished projects. Oh, and speaking of the show. It is happening and it will be awesome! If you are wanting a miniature fix this will be the place to be. And San Diego has not placed any cancellations on events. I do recommend checking our site before showing up; we live in a crazy time in the real world. But our miniature world is a happy place, and everyone could use some happy time. Below are the details. Look for me. I will be working a table for our club.

Here is to seeing you soon, *Micro*.



### February 5 & 6, 2022

Saturday 10am – 5pm

Sunday 11am – 4pm

**Location:** San Diego Marriot Del Mar

11966 El Camino Real

San Diego, CA 92130

**Tickets** on sale now ([www.sdminiatureshow.com](http://www.sdminiatureshow.com)).

Tickets also available at the door.

Adults \$10 and Kids 8-12 \$5

Free Sunday with paid Saturday!

Wide assortment of vendors, both old favorites and new to San Diego - in fact its a full house!

The website has a full list of vendors. Just click the News for Attendees tab, [www.sdminiatureshow.com](http://www.sdminiatureshow.com).

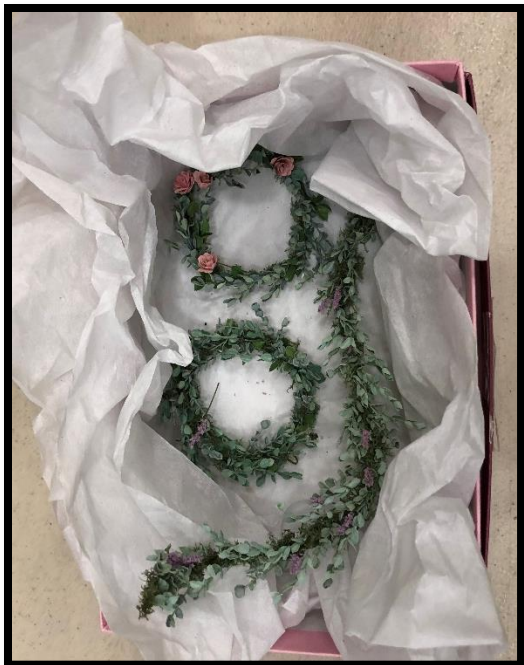
In addition to vendors, SDMC will be offering Real Estate for Sale - this is your place to find the perfect dollhouse, room box, or other special items at a good price.

Kids' Table returns with a HUGE assortment of miniatures for our young makers and collectors (no adults, Kids only :-).



# SAN DIEGO MINIATURE CRAFTERS









## ALBUQUERQUE MINI MAKERS

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

NAME Day was fun day working on our Tikis, and plans to continue to assemble additional items will be continued at our next meetings. Some of our members are finishing up their Cottages while others are working on various kits.



The Albuquerque Mini Makers will be hosting a NAME Day on Saturday, October 15, 2022. We will be meeting at Susan Sheridan's home. Costs will be ordering the kits. We are planning this to be from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm with gift exchange and raffle drawings along with lunch and snacks. We will continue to meet in homes until we are able to find a location where we can all meet and have space to work on our various projects in the coming New Year.

Happy New Year!

Miniaturely yours,

*Susan*



## NEW MINI BUNCH ABQ

Christiane Starks, President

"Thinking Outside the Room Box"

**Mission Statement:** New Mini Bunch ABQ (chartered in April 2021) welcomes both individuals who are new to miniatures and those with some degree of experience. The club realizes that all members come from different backgrounds and will be respectful of every member's creative interests. We believe in sharing our skills and passions in all forms of art, which will support and influence our journeys through the miniature world.

{New Mini Bunch ABQ Members (l to r) Michael Starks, Mary Anne Starks, Nancy Romero, Jessica Cottrell, Ann Zutavern (Vice President), Christiane Starks (President), (not pictured) Sonia Acevedo}





## NEW MINI BUNCH ABQ

**Note:** We are currently a closed group that meets primarily on Fridays. We are considering opening to others. Given the current social distancing/mask requirements, there will be limited openings (currently two). Please reach out to Christiane Starks at [newminibunchabq@mstarks.com](mailto:newminibunchabq@mstarks.com) if you are interested. Our meetings include Open Studio Time (in person and bring your own project), FaceTime Studio Time (virtual), and New Mini Bunch Albuquerque Projects/Classes.

### 2021 Projects:



**Polymer Clay:** We had a class on making breads and a cake using polymer clay in molds (1:12 scale).

We learned to make  
openable 1:12 scale  
books.



Our “**Christmas in July 2021**” project: We decorated 1:48 sleighs. Everyone’s sleigh was quite different! It was wonderful to see how members with fiber arts and beading backgrounds incorporated their arts into this miniature project.





Our **plans for 2022**

include finishing some of our Pumpkin Cottages (Pumpkin Cottage Pictured is by Christiane Starks) and working on unfinished NAME Day kits. We are also planning a 2-part project where we will build and decorate "Shim Trees". We have two prototypes (and endless possibilities!) to spark our creativity.



# LAS VEGAS MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS

By Janet Gordon

Sonia Burke, State Representative, Southern Nevada



We had a great holiday party at the home of Norma and Charlie Kesling, gracious hosts as always. Check out our “class picture.”

We are extra pleased. We have rescheduled NEVADA STATE day to Friday, October 21, 2022 from 5pm to 9pm and Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 8am to 3pm. More information about **All Hallows Fantasy** will be coming. Check out our website at <https://www.lvminiatures.org>.

Jo Fetzer brought in materials to make fantasy wands, perfect for our Nevada State Day scene.





Our 2022 major project (other than Nevada State Day!) will be to create a street or streets of store fronts. Each of us will be doing our own vision and theme for our store front out of whatever material inspires us We'll be working on them at each meeting. It will be on display at Nevada State Day.

We are also looking forward to a workshop from Ginger Landon Siegel, our snowbird.

And we wish a happy and healthy new year to all!

### MEMBERS' GALLERY

Sharon Wechsler



Joy O'Grady



Debbie Cochran

**Continue to make minis with friends and make friends with minis.**

Visit [create.miniatures.org](http://create.miniatures.org).

Join NAME every Wednesday (4 Pacific Time) for virtual “A Round Tuit” Zoom workshops.

Craft the same project as other members, or work on your own and chat. Hosted by Debbie Young.

Debbie Colombo hosts a UFO Zoom Group every other Friday from Noon to 3 PM (EST)



**VISIT CREATE FOR THEIR MONTHLY CHALLENGES**

Each month in 2022, there will be two different challenges. The first is the regular challenge. Send in a photo of your first or early project to Roy Moore, NAME President, at [shotgun.mgc@gmail.com](mailto:shotgun.mgc@gmail.com). Be sure to send your mailing address so we can send you a ‘thanks for sharing’ gift. You’ll soon find yourself and your mini project featured on the Create site. Roy’s first project is pictured below. The background for Roy’s project and more information on the Monthly Challenge can be found at [create.miniatures.org](http://create.miniatures.org).



The second memory challenge is just for fun. Tell us your early memories of NAME, maybe how you found NAME, or an early fun experience. Send your memories to Julie Stuckmeyer at [julies3333@gmail.com](mailto:julies3333@gmail.com).





NAME kicked off our 2022 Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration at midnight on New Year's Eve.

Our year - long celebration of NAME's 50th Anniversary Year continues with a series of special kits each month of the year designed to fill this 2022 NAME Day Shadow Box (a “memory box”), pictured below but can be used in any of your miniature scenes.

The 2022 NAME Day Project will be offered from cutters later in 2022, so watch your *Gazette* and newsletters for ordering information and don't forget to start thinking about what wallpaper you might use.

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Prototype by Connie Reagan, Designer



With optional lighting.

**NOTE:** [50th Anniversary Kit/Finished Piece Fillable Application](#)

Our upcoming special events are in conjunction with NAME's 50th Anniversary. For 2022 our NAME Day Project will be a Memory Box. NAME is planning a series of reasonably priced kits (similar to Quick Minis) and/or finished pieces all year long! There will be different deadlines announced for Artisans to submit applications to provide these. Check [miniatures.org](http://miniatures.org) for the application.

**Here is the first of our Monthly 50th Anniversary Kits**  
**January Kit/Finished Piece**

Anniversary Roses, both a kit and finished piece options are available.



*In January, for NAME's golden anniversary, an arrangement of 12 yellow roses is presented in a 3D printed clear vase. Yellow roses were chosen since they are the traditional representation of a 50th anniversary. The vase is adorned by a yellow ribbon. A printed sign commemorating NAME's 50th anniversary is part of the arrangement (shown in the 2022 NAME Day project.)*

**Kit assembled by Terry Unnold with Pam's Prototype**

**Artisan: Pamela Ridgley**

Email: [pridgley81@gmail.com](mailto:pridgley81@gmail.com)

Website: [sdkminiatures.com](http://sdkminiatures.com)

Scales available: 1" scale, 1/2" scale, 1/4" scale

Prices: Kits (all three scales) are priced at \$14.50

Finished Kits (all three scales) priced at \$45.

Purchase Instructions: Purchase through the [sdkminiatures.com](http://sdkminiatures.com). Currently will not ship to UK, Australia, and New Zealand

Payment Types accepted: Credit card, PayPal, or Check

Shipping will be determined at the time of checkout on the website. [sdkminiatures.com](http://sdkminiatures.com)

**NAME Online Houseparty Reminder**

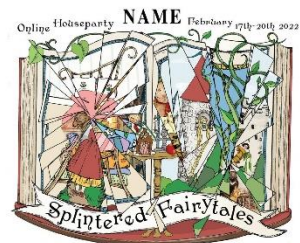
**February 17th to 20th, 2022**

Not yet signed up for the Online Houseparty? Why not?

Sign ups are only \$20 without souvenirs and there

are [workshops](#) and [theme luncheons](#) that you won't want to miss along with a Garage Sale, Roundtables, and fun with your mini friends in NAME.

([create.miniatures.org](http://create.miniatures.org))





## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION INFORMATION

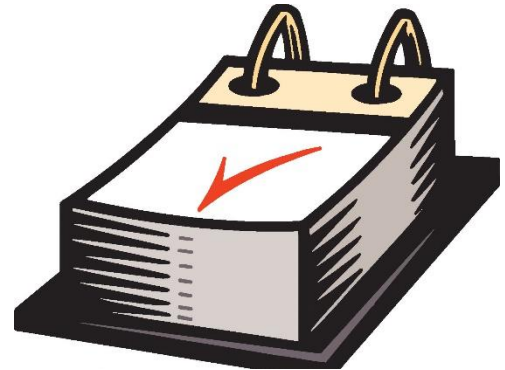
The N-1 Newsletter is published quarterly. All members of N.A.M.E. are welcome to submit contributions.

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 **October 15th.**

Submissions for the Winter issue are due by **January 15th.**



The editor welcomes articles containing news about club activities, events, displays, etc. *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 fine).***

***Photos can be in .jpg, .bmp (bitmap), or .png 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.

Information and opinions contained in the N-1 Newsletter do not necessarily reflect the view of the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts or its regions. The facts as presented in each article are verified insofar as possible, but any opinions are strictly those of the individual authors. If notified of errors, the editor will make corrections in the following issue.

Newsletter Editor: Janet Gordon (jg89084@gmail.com)



## *Announcements and Upcoming Events NAME & Region N-1 Events, Dates, and Locations*

Check the website ([miniatures.org](http://miniatures.org)) for the latest information!

- \*The **San Diego Miniatures Show and Sale** is scheduled for **February 5 & 6, 2022**. For more information, check the website <https://sdminiatureshow.com>.
- \*The **Online Houseparty, "Splintered Fairytales,"** is scheduled for **Feb. 17-20, 2022**. Online registration begins September 3, 2021.
- \*The **Annual Phoenix Doll House and Miniature Show and Sale** is scheduled for **March 26 & 27, 2022**. For more information see below and check the website <http://phoenixminiatures.com>.
- \***Nevada State Day** has been RESCHEDULED to **October 21 and 22, 2022**. For more information shortly, check the website <https://www.lvminiatures.org>.



\*The **2020 National Convention, "Winter Wonderland,"** in Indianapolis has been rescheduled for **September 1-4, 2022**. Members can apply starting in February.

*[It is NAME's 50th Anniversary!](#)*

- \*The **2021 National Convention, "From Sea to Shining Sea,"** in Providence has been postponed to **Summer 2023**.

*Don't forget to notify the website administrator of any upcoming shows or events in your area. Send submissions to Lorrilee Stackhouse ([lorrilee@cox.net](mailto:lorrilee@cox.net)).*



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On our website, in addition to our **Events Calendar**, you will also find our **Photo Gallery**, which includes photos of recent events in the N-1 region. Our **Contact** page provides you with contact information for our leadership team, including our state representatives, newsletter editor, and webmaster. A visit to the **Places to Go** page will provide you with links to shops and museums in our region. Copies of the current and previous regional newsletters are available on our **Newsletter** page. Send information to Lorrilee Stackhouse, the website administrator ([lorrilee@cox.net](mailto:lorrilee@cox.net)).  
<http://n1.miniatures.org/>



# **2022 Phoenix, Arizona**

## **43rd Annual Miniature Show & Sale**

Arizona State University West

4701 West Thunderbird, Glendale, Arizona 85306

**We have secured our show dates for 2022**

## **2022 Phoenix, Arizona**

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Saturday, March 26, 2022, 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, March 27, 2022, 11 am - 4 pm

Admission: Adults \$8, Children \$2

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

**Free Make-and-take project for children over 4 years old**

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

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