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From Jan Feldhouse, Our Regional Coordinator

In the March/April 2022 *Miniature Gazette* on page 9 you will see NAME is running a capital fundraising campaign. The article will explain why. Please read it and if you are in a position to donate – any amount – send your donation directly to the NAME office. I thank you in advance for your consideration. I will be attending Winter Wonderland/50th NAME Anniversary Convention in Indianapolis. I plan on visiting the NAME house and I will take some photos and share with you in the future.

If your clubs are changing officers, please advise me of the personnel changes. I would like to update my records.

Our miniature community is amazing. If you are able to attend a NAME convention, house party or online events, please do so. Also, remember to support our brick-and-mortar stores again in person or ordering from them. When planning your vacation this year, try and visit a miniature place. Peruse the Internet for your favorite vendors, they usually have a tab with their favorites so you may find somebody new to follow and support. Remember our motto, “Only through sharing can we really enjoy our treasures.”



I would also like to add “through supporting each other” to our motto. I received tremendous support as a new regional coordinator from a former N-1 RC. Let me introduce you to Ginger Anderson N-1’s current Arizona State Rep.



Years ago, Ginger stumbled on a miniature store in Redmond, WA and was hooked. Having always loved miniature things, she was stunned to find out about this hobby and to know there were shows in Portland, OR,

Seattle, WA, and even in Burnaby, Canada which she attended. Ginger then moved to Arizona in 2000 and was desperate to find a show. She then found the Phoenix Miniature Show in 2001 and also joined a club. Ginger served as the Phoenix Miniature Show chairman for three years and may again. Ginger was N-1 RC for almost six years and is a true advocate for NAME. She was very generous in guiding me in this position. I owe her a big thank you.

Ginger goes to house parties and national conventions whenever possible. Her favorite classes were taken with Suzanne Larson-Tamburo and Bruce Steinke. Quarter-inch scale is now her favorite, although she works in all scales.

Ginger taught at two NAME events: at 2017 Sacramento Regional House Party and at 2018 National Convention in Charleston. She teaches at her Small World Miniature Club almost every year and held the president's role several times over the past 20 years.

In 2020, Helen Sparks and Ginger set up a NAME Day on Zoom and had nine participants that turned out surprisingly fun.

Most of us have a favorite project. Ginger's is Debbie Young's "Jock's Lakeside Lodge" in quarter scale. The cabin took her a whole summer to sand all those logs. She did finish it!

Ginger has a favorite web site--1" Minis by Kris. Check it out. It has instructions and pictures for many projects made from items you probably have around the house. She welcomes people to teach and share her projects. This is a great resource to find club projects.

Hopefully once we start traveling again, you will get to meet Ginger.



A travel suggestion: Register, and get ready to pack your bags.

Winter Wonderland

NAME NATIONAL 2022

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Indianapolis, IN



SEPTEMBER 1 - 4

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ARIZONA CLUB NEWS

From Ginger Anderson, State Representative



From Carol Hodgson, Member, Small World Miniature Club (Phoenix) & Madison Avenue Miniaturists (Indianapolis) ***Cigar Box Vignettes***

Ever wonder what you can do with an empty cigar box? When it comes to miniatures, there's no limit to your imagination. Consider what you currently have in your mini stash, the depth of the box, and colors in the original trim on the box. As you can tell I was into "decorating" mannequins for these boxes. I used wallpaper/design paper to compliment the box and theme. It's fun to add additional flourishes, artificial flowers, lace, framed pictures, furniture, etc. to finish the theme and compliment the wallpaper/design paper. I usually finish the floor with "carpet" or a rug

plus baseboard. Also, combining several scales is fun which you can easily do with these vignettes. So next time you want to create a wonderful vignette, use that cigar box.







From Ginger Anderson: The Phoenix Miniature Show & Sale took place on March 26 & 27, 2022. It was well attended, and people seemed to be anxious to get back to minis!

The Show & Sale is put on by the Small World Miniature Club of Phoenix, Arizona. Attendees are invited to vote for their favorite exhibits in 1" and small scales. We call it the "Peoples Choice" award. The ribbon winners are as follows:

1" scale – 1st place Connie Sauve - Clock Shoppe; 2nd place Alexis Sharif – Western Bedroom; 3rd place Barry Fleig -Skeleton Library
Small Scale – 1st Place Joyce Puma & Ginger Anderson - Neverwas Haul (Steampunk house on wheels); 2nd Place Maureen McPherson ½ Scale apartment, 3rd Place Alexis Sharif - Tiny House in ½" scale

Also featured was a group of projects which all started with a simple market stall. Each was completely different and very creative. There were many other outstanding finished miniature projects on display. Included are pictures of a few.

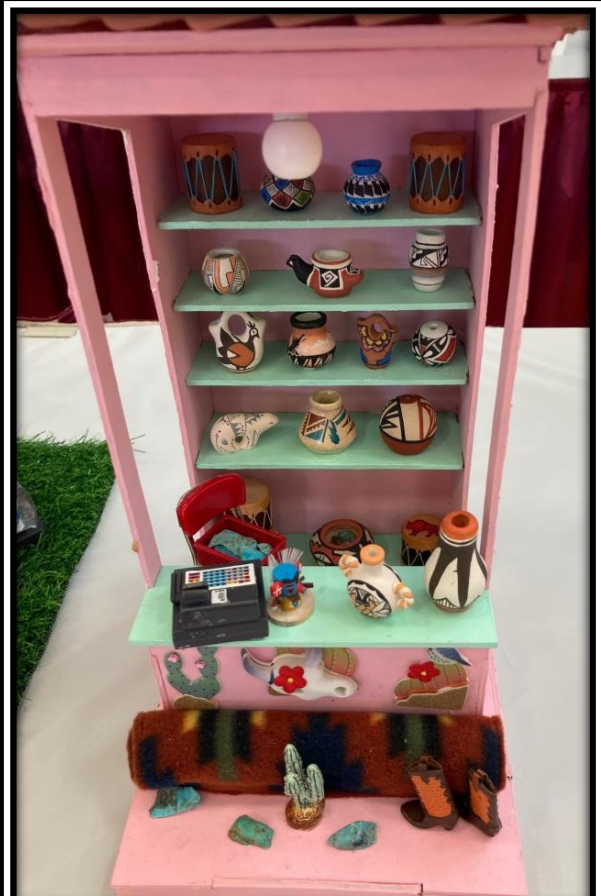
















MID VALLEY MANIACS

From Sandi Shalometh

The Mid Valley Mini Maniacs has a new meeting place. We are meeting at Lulu's at the corner of Balboa and Roscoe, in Van Nuys, CA. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 6 PM to 8 PM. We welcome new members of all skill levels.

We are currently working on filling a cabinet with things for a ladies room or shop. Last month we made some purses to go into the cabinet. We are looking forward to working on the NAME Day Project later this year and thinking of things to put in the box.

Please contact me for more information: Sandi Shalometh, President:
sshalometh@socal.rr.com.

ALBUQUERQUE MINI MAKERS

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

Starting in April we will begin meeting with everyone at our new meeting location at the Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce in their large conference room. The Chamber has their own building and I work there giving access to the conference room. We are looking forward to getting back together and working on various projects.

The Albuquerque Mini Makers will be hosting a NAME Day on Saturday, October 15, 2022. We will be meeting at the Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce. 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.

Most of the group is still working on either the Tiki Bar or Cottage or something else. Some are just doing catch up with projects as we get together and visit.

Hope everyone has a great spring season and moving into warmer weather.
Till next time.

Susan

SAN DIEGO MINIATURE CRAFTERS

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

Going to a Miniature Show cures the Covid Pandemic stress. Yes, I said it and stand by it. We had our show SDMC on February 5th and 6th, 2022. And it was fabulous! It was a really nice turn out with 850 guest and 40 vendors. There was so much to see and buy that I truly forgot to take pictures, my bad. I did take one of our NAME booth and I did see new miniaturists give it quite the look over.

"Remember when you first heard about NAME. And then thinking that I am not crazy there are others out there too." It was fun to see that look on their faces. As for the vendors, they really put out a fantastic variety. They have had two years to work on things, so it was amazing. We also had a kit class for kids and that is always popular. (Thanks Kelly.)

We are back at the drawing board working on next year. And I will do my best to keep you informed. And I can say a lot of my Covid Pandemic stress is now gone. Several other



miniaturists have said the same thing. So, give it a try. Go to a show and then just smile a lot.

Our club is now working on making flowers. We are so lucky to have Julia Tollafield (who makes beautiful flowers) teach us a garland and a couple of other techniques. Mine never look anything like hers. But other club members did quite well. A little note for those of us that can not make flowers, she sells them. And yes, at the show, too. I have a couple of pictures of our project. And as soon as our next project is announced I will share with you the details.

Lastly, I am so looking forward to seeing the box I will be getting from the "Come Fly with Me" in Oregon. I am sure the organizers do not get to



hear it enough, but Thank You. Even though we did not get to play with you person, it did give me hope that someday I would get to play with miniatures and my friends. And that helped me get through this isolated time. So, a big Micro hug goes out to each one of you that worked on "Come Fly with Me". We really appreciate all your hard work.

Micro



LAS VEGAS MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS

By Janet Gordon

Sonia Burke, State Representative, Southern Nevada

We are pleased that NEVADA STATE DAY is on schedule for Friday, October 21, 2022, from 6pm to 9pm and Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 8am to 3pm. Only two years late! We have a great program set for you and October is a beautiful month in the valley. Check the registration form below.

We are working on several projects. One is the 50th Anniversary NAME Day project. We'll arrange all the components for display on Nevada State Day.

We are also working on a "street scene" of store fronts. Each store will be for something very special or personal to each one of us.

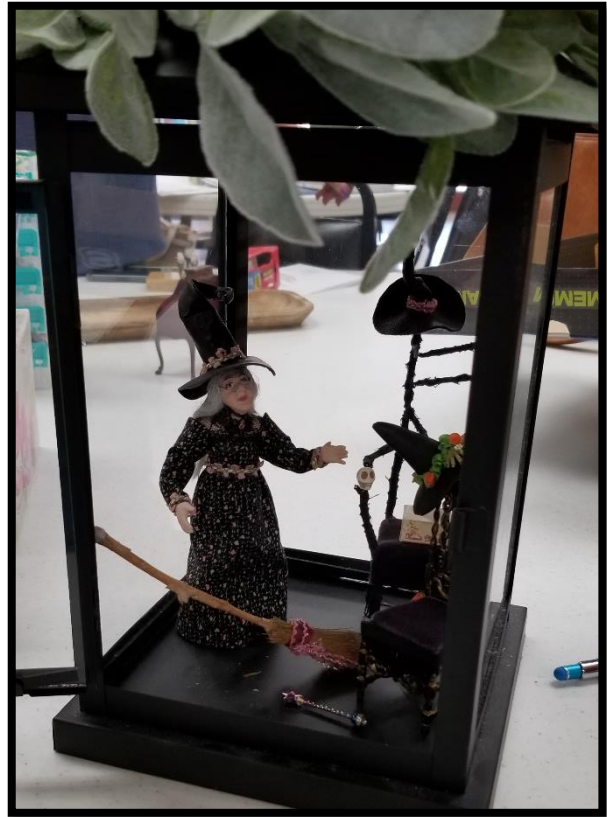
Joy O'Grady, our new president (Congratulations!), Sharon Wechsler, and Jo Fetzer have been busy with vignettes under glass.

Once again, we are fortunate to welcome our snowbird, Ginger Landon Siegel, who offered us a workshop creating ferns in pots.

The Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts Club is happy to announce

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ALL HALLOWS
Fantasy

October 21-22, 2022



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 21 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 22 session, in the same location, is from 8 a.m. to 3 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, 2022.**
No refunds after September 5, 2022.

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



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

Visit 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. 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.



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.

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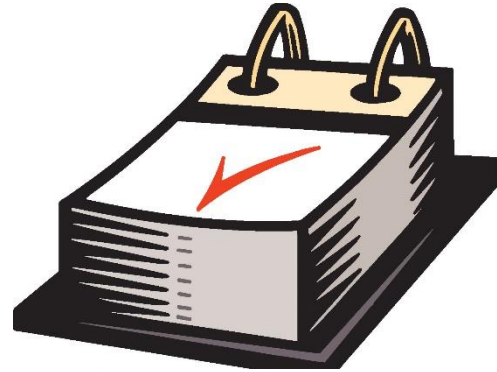
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Submissions for the Summer issue are due by **July 15th.**

Submissions for the Fall issue are due **October 15th.**

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

Submissions for the Spring issue **April 15th.**



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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.

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

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



*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!](#)

***Nevada State Day** is scheduled for October 21 and 22, 2022 in Las Vegas, NV. Check the website <https://www.lvminiatures.org> for updated information.

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

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 Lorrilee Stackhouse (lorrilee@cox.net).