

# small talk

N.A.M.E. Region N-1 Newsletter Winter 2017 Issue No. 35  
Representing: Arizona; New Mexico; So. Nevada; El Paso, Texas and So. California



## Regional Coordinator Message

I am so happy that Janet Smith has volunteered to get this newsletter out. We have many regional events coming up and want you to know about them all. Janet also maintains our regional web page. I hope that you will all visit it to see what is going on. You don't have to wait for a newsletter!

Next, I want to congratulate Grace Mlynowski one of our Southern California State Reps. She was the recipient of the Regional Ambassador award at the National Convention last July.

Sadly, Sally Lonn has retired as Arizona State rep. Sally's contribution and hard work for Region N1 is greatly appreciated. We have decided that Arizona has too many clubs for one State Rep to cover and it is a LONG way between cities in the desert. Not to mention having 2 miniature shows to cover. Kathy Grissom has recently located to Arizona from Washington State and has agreed to represent the clubs in Southern Arizona including Tucson and Yuma. Please welcome Kathy to this new role. I will temporarily represent the clubs in Northern Arizona until a replacement is found.

We are still looking for a Regional Coordinator I am overdue for replacement. If you have questions about the responsibilities, please ask.

I know you will find this newsletter filled with upcoming mini events. We are about to start our Miniature show season in February 2018 and the shows are fabulous! Nothing compares to seeing the miniatures in person. With that in mind make sure to patronize the miniature stores and shows in our region as well in other parts of the country.

Enjoy the newsletter!

Ginger Anderson

## Your Website

Your website is up to date, but could use more pics of NAME events and some free projects to share! Please send website info and other contributions to Janet Smith at [desertminis@gmail.com](mailto:desertminis@gmail.com). Don't remember where the website is? Here's the link:

<http://name-n1.org/>

# Club News

## Minis-n-Mountains

Sheila Benjamin  
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310.558.0888 (evenings)

Our Minis-n-Mountains club is not like any other club. We have no officers, no dues, no rules. We all just show up on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month and play. We start at about 10 am and work until we need to leave.

We meet in Culver City.

We bring our lunch, our tools and supplies and our own kits. We work, we help each other understand someone else's instructions, we laugh and most of all we have fun. You can bring things to sell, trade or give away but you must take it home if you still have it at the end of the day.

And you can always bring a friend if you like but you must take them home with you at the end of the day too.

If you would like to come and join us we would love to have you. So come when you can and leave when you must.

## Albuquerque Mini Makers

Susan Sheridan, Secretary and Region N1 New Mexico State Rep

The Albuquerque Mini Makers were busy this past year for 2017. We just finished up with our NAME Day on October 14 with gift exchange, raffle, TV Tray sales, exhibit and potluck luncheon. Everyone had a great day putting together their armoires in all scales.



2017 NAME Day in October

Susan Sheridan hosted a holiday party in December at her home which included a gift exchange and potluck luncheon. We had a fun time with all the wonderful minis everyone made for each other. The Albuquerque Mini Makers projects this past year included 1" scale Wellington Boots, yard art for our mini gardens, 1" scale paper flowers, 1" scale suitcase, bed dressing for 1" scale, 1" scale jewelry necklaces and earring sets on display forms, and a 1/4" scale garden backyard scene in a small tin.

Currently the Albuquerque Mini Makers are looking for a new place to meet, so hoping to find a centrally located facility that everyone can come to for our monthly meetings. We are taking turns meeting in our members homes each month and will advise of our new location as soon

as we have located one.

We will begin planning our 2018 schedule of projects at our January meeting which will include our annual NAME Day in October. Hope everyone has had a fun and productive year in miniatures.

Wishing everyone a Merry Little Christmas and Happy New Year!

Susan



1" Scale Wellington Boots



Project from July, 2017



Project from October, 2017

## Central Coast Mini Makers

Betty Hodges, President



Shell Sideboard made by CCMM Members in a class from Cherrel and Mike Botkin

The mini makers here in Morro Bay have been busy. Julie Johnson was on the steering committee for the NAME Houseparty in Virginia this past July. Our club made tote bag favors. Several of us went to Chicago to attend three miniature shows and we also traveled to Sacramento for the Regional Houseparty where each of us volunteered.

We also did our usual volunteering at the Good Sam Show. Several of us brought our nieces and introduced them to miniatures by enrolling them in the children's classes. They all enjoyed being at the show and hopefully will continue to love minis. I even brought my husband and put him to work. He had a great time and said he is going back next year to work the gate and garage sale. LOL

I guess you would say this has been our year for travel. We have made trips to Morgan Hill to attend the Spring Fling with the Mini Club and for NAME Day. We had a great time traveling to Moorpark where Susan Chusid taught us to make a



Members at their Valentine Tea

beautiful chair. Tons of fun. Many of our club members give classes at Miniature Cottage once a month. Because of our busy schedules during the holidays, we decided to forgo our December tea and changed it to February. It now is our Valentine Tea and it has become our big yearly event. We hold it on a Saturday to make sure everyone can come. Our club is celebrating it's 15th year. We may be small but we are mighty!



Members Camping in Morgan Hill for NAME Day

## Orange County Miniature Guild

Pat Hausman, President C-887

Holiday Greetings from Orange County Miniature Guild. We wish everyone a joyous, prosperous and safe 2018.

Our club changed its name this year from North Orange County Miniatures Guild, to our present "Orange County Miniature Guild", as we have many members coming from the southern part of the county. We are growing and enjoying the talents of our newer members, as well as those of our long time members.

Our theme for the past two years has been "Shabby Chic", and the original idea was to create a shop in one of the decorative "book" boxes, but many members are coming up with creative ways to display the many kits we have made. Our theme for next year is "Nautical". These kits can be included in a Nautical Stall, an "Indoor/Outdoor" wall in a dome, or many other settings.

Members have contributed to the Gazette (Vicki Skidmore), and have exhibited at shows around the Southland. Vicki also had a wonderful display at the Whittier Library. We're looking forward to more displays this coming year.

Wishing everyone a year full of "mini" adventures.

## Desert MiniMakers and More or Less

By Nancy McEwen



1" scale prototype from the mini retreat



1/2" scale prototype from the mini retreat

More Retreat Pics Below!



### East Valley (Mesa, AZ) clubs accepting new members!

Desert MiniMakers and More or Less clubs are now meeting as one group on the first Saturday of the month (except for July and August) from 9:00 AM to 12: PM. We meet at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church at 3257 E University Dr. in Mesa. Desert MiniMakers are a one inch scale club and More or Less works primarily in half or quarter inch scales. We have some fun projects planned for the upcoming year along with our annual Mini-Retreat. For more information you can contact Pat Roberson at 480-838-2030 or Nancy McEwen at 480-456-0024.

### 2017 Arizona Mini Retreat

Desert MiniMakers and More or Less held their annual mini-retreat in May. The project was called "Arizona Outdoor Living". It consisted of an outdoor fireplace and pergola designed by Nancy McEwen. The backdrop was a painting done by Rita Rider. The project was offered in both one inch scale and half inch scale. It is always a thrill to see how everyone customizes their projects. Our meeting place is at a school where one of our members works. We had the pleasure of having the teachers bring their students into our work room so that we could introduce them to the world of Miniatures. As a group of students were watching a club member work with a drill press, the teacher said "See, even girls can use power tools!". The kids enjoyed seeing us work.





State Day Project

### 2017 Arizona Miniature State Day

The 2017 State Day was hosted by Desert MiniMakers and More or Less in August. The project was "Still Life in Miniature". Participants were able to select one of two scenes (Wine is Life or Simple Pleasures) that are made to fit into a 4 x 6 wooden frame. They also had their choice of one of 3 unfinished frames styles for their still life scene. We had great participation and everyone who attended had a great time.



State Day Project

## San Diego Miniature Crafters

By Debra Cerone

Never a dull moment for the San Diego Miniature Crafters! We have finished our club project of the Shepherd's Huts, which were featured in the Gazette and will be on display at this year's show. Now we have moved on to a front door project, incorporating paperclay, plaster, and rustic faux finishes. It is always amazing to see the creative directions our club members take with the same starting materials. NAME day was a blast, we have ours at a Chinese restaurant – doesn't everybody? Additionally we have exhibited at a local library during National Miniatures Month, and have an ongoing exhibit at the Craftsmanship Museum in Carlsbad. You can see some of our projects on exhibit at : <https://www.craftsmanshipmuseum.com/Dollhouses.htm>, but better yet – go see this amazing museum for yourself.

We have been actively promoting our club and show on social media to increase our reach and share our passion for all things miniature.

Follow us on Facebook and Pinterest.. <https://www.facebook.com/sdminiatures/>  
For more info on our club, go to <https://sandiegominiaturecrafters.com>

**The SHOW is coming! The SHOW is coming!**

We are thrilled, excited, and over-the-moon proud to announce that our 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniatures Show and Sale is coming right up on February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. After much time spent searching for a new venue that could accommodate all our dealers on one floor, we have found the perfect new show location at the Mission Valley Marriott. Our dealers must be excited too because we have sold all our tables and have a waiting list. For a list of dealers, venue map and information, plus early ticket sales and workshop registration, visit our show website at <https://sdminiatureshow.com>

We even have a 3D vendor coming who will set up a special scanning booth so you, your family and your friends can be made dollhouse size! Our members will display at least 70 exhibits, classes are offered for kids and first-time miniaturists, and also workshops by Ruth Stewart and Maria Ray. Ruth's Daisy Cakes class is sold out, but spots remain in Maria's Dolly in an Altoid Tin class (see attached)

Attached is our show flyer and we look forward to seeing you there!!!

## Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts

Submitted by Janet Gordon, Southern Nevada State Rep., President, LVME



NAME Day Armoires



The Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts club has had a busy year. We started in January with a table at the CIMTA show in Las Vegas showcasing our club and NAME. This year the show was open to the public and we had a "make and take" workshop for the public which was taught by Co-Presidents Lori Sorenson and Sharon Wechsler. The birdhouses looked great.

We were fortunate to have three display cases at the Summerlin Library in the Spring and four display cases at the Sahara West Library in Las Vegas in the Fall. A new exhibit will start in January 2018 at Sahara West.

We celebrated NAME Day in October with armoires and clay pumpkins.

And congratulations to Debbie Cochran who won Third Place in the Small-Scale Category at the Seattle Miniature Show and to Sandy Leal and Diane Zammito for their featured article about their collaboration, "Fantasy and Fun in Minis," in the October 2016 *American Miniaturist*.

If you are in the area, come and visit us. We meet every 3rd Saturday except in December. Check out our **new** website for more information: [lvminiatures.org](http://lvminiatures.org). Or contact us at [lvminiatures@gmail.com](mailto:lvminiatures@gmail.com).



Workshop for Halloween, 2017

## More from the Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts



Exhibits in the Sahara West Library, Las Vegas, NV



Debbie Cochran's winner at the Seattle Miniature Show, Small Scale Category



The Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts' Make and Take project at the CIMTA Show, January 2017



Debbie Cochran, Nancy Fix, Corena Wickett at NAME/LVME Table

CIMTA, January 2017

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Region N-1 Events, Dates and Locations

**February 3-4, 2018**

**44th Annual Miniatures Show & Sale**

Where: San Diego, CA

For more info: [www.sdminiatureshow.com](http://www.sdminiatureshow.com)

**February 10, 2018**

**Miniature Fantasy Show and Sale 2018**

Where: Culver City, CA

For more info: [www.miniatureswest.com](http://www.miniatureswest.com)

**March 17-18, 2018**

**40th Annual Phoenix Doll House Miniature Show and Sale**

Where: Phoenix, AZ

For more info: [www.phoenixminiatures.com/show](http://www.phoenixminiatures.com/show)

**November 3, 2018**

**Arizona State Day**

Presented by Small World Miniature club.

Place held is St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 6300 W Camelback RD Phoenix AZ.

A half scale project with options of an indoor theme or an outdoor theme.

Case included with most materials to finish project. You only provide your paint colors and your wall paper to make it your own.

Cost is \$65.00. Email Elizabeth Johnston at [eaj725@gmail.com](mailto:eaj725@gmail.com) for more information.

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

**May 18-20, 2018**

**Jockeys and Juleps, all scales houseparty**

Where: Louisville, KY

For more info: [www.miniatures.org/2018Louisville](http://www.miniatures.org/2018Louisville)

**August 23-26 2018**

**Sweet Tea & Sunshine, 2018 National Convention**

Where: Charleston, SC

For more info: [www.miniatures.org/2018Charleston](http://www.miniatures.org/2018Charleston)

San Diego Miniatures Show & Sale is pleased to offer WORKSHOPS!

### **Dolly in an Altoid Tin**

This lovely porcelain dolly is ready for you to dress! Make her little dresses and bonnet, cover the tin and line the tiny shelves. Fabric is precut! Charming little accessories finish "Dolly in an Altoid Tin"!

Instructor: Maria Ray, an experienced miniaturist and doll maker. Her business *My Dolly's Bebe* has been a miniature show favorite for years! What you may not know is Maria is an experienced instructor too, having taught doll making classes all over the country!

**Register Early, class is limited to twelve adults. Beginners welcome!**

Please bring: basic sewing kit, paper scissors, tacky glue, tooth picks and lighting if needed. Everything else will be provided!

Details:  
Sunday February 4, 2018  
8am - noon  
Marriott Mission Valley Ballroom

\$75 Workshop fee to register  
*Preregistration required*

Email [sd.minishow@gmail.com](mailto:sd.minishow@gmail.com) for registration details and payment options; subject line: WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Cancellation Policy - notice must be made by January 4, 2018 for a full refund.



*Of course we are still offering "Intro to Mini Making"! Details are on the website.*



# San Diego MINIATURES Show & Sale

44<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniatures Extravaganza!  
Exhibits, Workshops, Classes & Sales

HAVE FUN, CHECK OUT MINIATURES!

February 3 & 4, 2018

Saturday 10am-5pm | Sunday 10am-4pm

*New Location:*

**MARRIOTT MISSION VALLEY**

8757 Rio San Diego Drive, San Diego, CA 92108

Only minutes from our previous location & on the trolley route!

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**Opportunity Drawing benefits San Pasqual Academy**  
Hosted by San Diego Miniature Crafters a San Diego 501c3 nonprofit since 1972

# Deb Laue Millinery Delight Workshop



Create and decorate a straw hat, hat box, threads, ribbon rolls, fabric bolts, and numerous other sewing supplies. Then arrange them on a worktable. Make the scene yours by picking colors that speak to you in a style that can be anywhere from elegant and pristine to messy and shabby chic. 4" x 2" x 4"

A workshop at the 2018 Small World Miniature Club Show & Sale

On Friday, March 16, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

At St. Andrews Episcopal Church 6300 W Camelback Rd, Glendale, Arizona

Cost \$95.00 – Limited to the first 20 participants

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40<sup>th</sup> Annual Phoenix Small World Miniature Show & Sale Friday Workshop Application

March 16, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Deb Laue (Dragonfly International) Millinery Delight**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for Confirmation and Tool List \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \$95.00 – Check made out to Small World Miniature Club

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit to: Mary ~~Visner~~, 10050 N 25<sup>th</sup> Place, Phoenix, AZ 85028

mpvis1@centurylink.net

# Fern Vasi Workshop



Known for her lifelike character dolls IGMA Artisan Fern Vasi will be offering a workshop at the 2018 Small World Miniature Club Show & Sale On Friday, March 16, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. At St. Andrews Episcopal Church 6300 W Camelback Rd, Glendale, Arizona Learn how to wig and dress Fern Vasi's Elf Doll Cost \$125.00 – Limited to the first 10 participants

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40<sup>th</sup> Annual Phoenix Small World Miniature Show & Sale Friday Workshop Application  
March 16, 2018 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **Fern Vasi's Elf Workshop**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for Confirmation and Tool List \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \$125.00 – Check made out to Small World Miniature Club

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit to: Mary Visner, 10050 N 25<sup>th</sup> Place, Phoenix, AZ 85028

mpvis1@centurylink.net

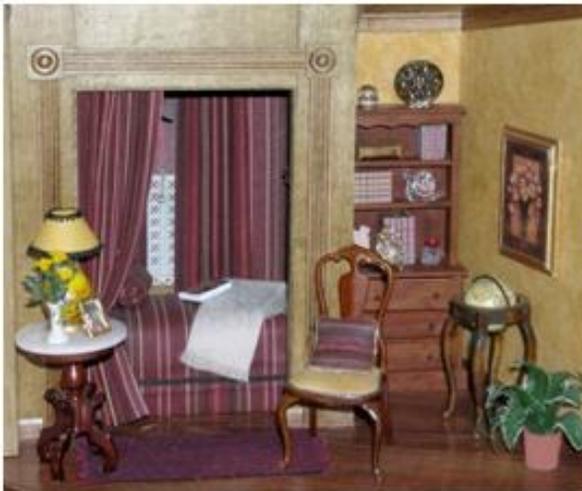
*Phoenix, Arizona*  
**Dollhouse Miniatures**  
**Show & Sale**

**By Small World Miniature Club**

**Saturday, March 17, 2018 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Sunday, March 18, 2018 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Location: Arizona State University West - UCB  
4701 West Thunderbird, Phoenix, Arizona 85069**



**Admission \$5  
Children under age 12 \$2**

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480-466-9691 [phxminishow@gmail.com](mailto:phxminishow@gmail.com)  
**Benefits: Children First Academy <http://cfaphoenix.org>****

# Regional N1 Leadership Team

## Region N1 Leadership Team

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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION INFO

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All members of N.A.M.E. are welcome to submit contributions.

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Submissions for the Summer Issue (2018) are due by June 1st.

Submissions for the Fall Issue (2018) are due by September 1st.

Submissions for the Winter Issue (2018) are due by December 1st.

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 <http://www.name-n1.or>. 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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