

small talk



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Representing: Arizona; New Mexico; So. Nevada; El Paso, Texas; and So. California

REGION N-1 HAS A WEBSITE! <http://n1.miniatures.org/>

From Jan Feldhouse, Our Regional Coordinator

I recently wrote a thank you note to a non-miniaturist who gave me some miniature furniture purchased years ago for her daughter's dollhouse. I used our NAME phrase "only through sharing can we really enjoy our treasures" in it. That got me to ponder how many little and big items I have been given for my loving hobby.

People would give me bottle caps, empty creamer cups, beads, old jewelry, shells from their beach trip, magazine pictures, bits and pieces of wood, and other various items. I have a collection of these things, as I am sure you do. It's amazing how many times I am looking to complete a scene or a piece of furniture and I dig through these treasures.

If you aren't using your mini treasures, why not share them with somebody in your club or prepare them to send to the garage sale for our next convention in Indianapolis. The garage sale chairperson is Katie Vitullo. You may contact her at Ktbug55@hotmail.com. If you can't take your items to Indianapolis, Katie can tell you how to get them to her. If you are having a show, package these mini treasures as a give away bag to non-members who attend your show or give to children. It's never too early to develop an interest in miniatures!

I want to thank anyone who wrote an article for this newsletter or sent in photos. YOU make this newsletter interesting.

Happy upcoming holidays everybody!





Jeri Stephan DeButy

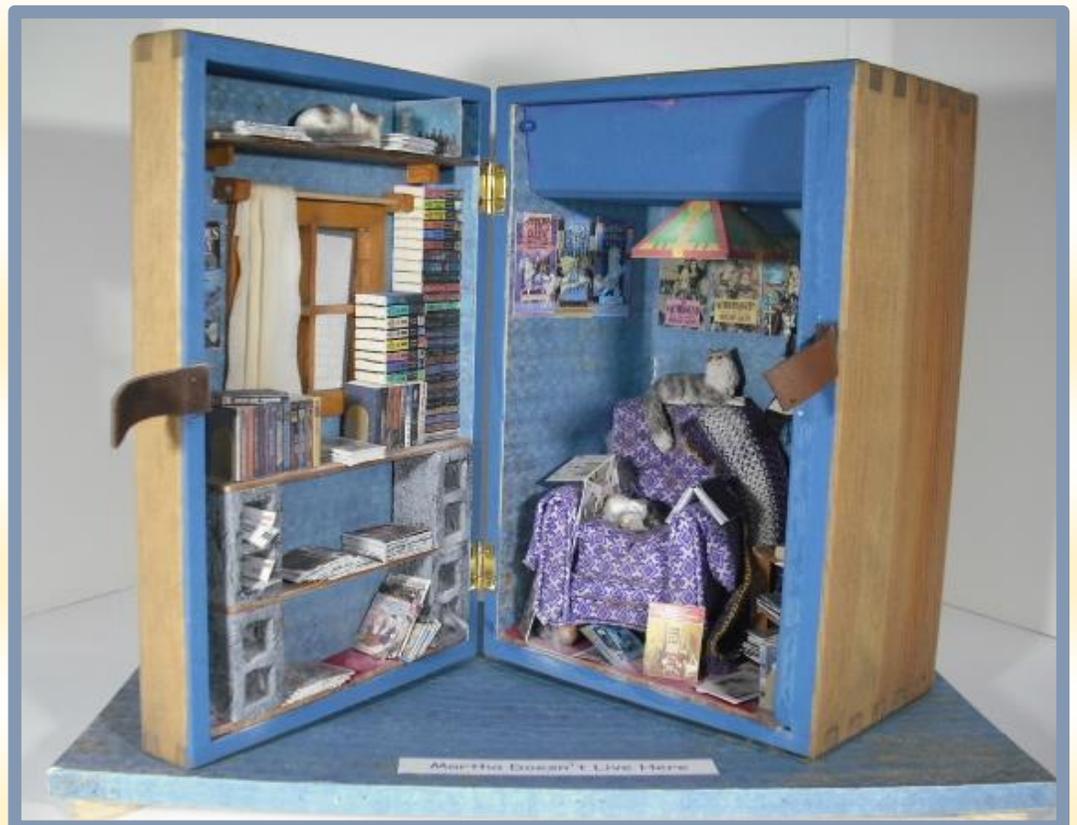
My interest in miniatures began when I was a kid and saw a dollhouse at the Smithsonian on a school field trip. Interest was renewed in the mid-1980's when I read a "biography" of Nero Wolfe's brownstone, and developed a desire to build the brownstone in miniature. (This won't ever happen, given the size it would need to be – even in 1/2" scale because it would take up a good portion of a room!)

I began collecting House of Miniatures kits in the late 80's through the early 90's and have increased that collection in recent years. I have put together a few of the kits. The rest are waiting for "free" time. My biggest wish would be to have enough room to display all my finished kits and projects.

I have taught a bead and jewelry findings goblet class, a crochet class, and how to use a heat gun on shrink plastic. As part of the Albuquerque Mini-Makers' State Day in 2010, I taught a snowman made of beads and a wreath of holly leaf-shaped paper cutouts.

Not one piece of my collection stands out specifically, but I like my faire-style food stall, "Martha doesn't live here" vignette, the pumpkin patch in a craft pumpkin, and a 1/4" Tudor house.

Things on my bucket list to do are to see the Thorne rooms and the Nutshell Murder rooms and maybe make just a portion of the Nero Wolfe



brownstone and/or Harry Potter's "room under the stairs" from the beginning of the book series.

My club and members are dear to me. I was secretary/treasurer of the Albuquerque Mini-Makers beginning when the 2010 State Day was being planned, and held the office(s) for a few years. I am very proud to have been part of start up group of the Albuquerque Mini-Makers Club.





Please notify the website administrator of any upcoming shows or events in your area.

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).
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SAN DIEGO MINIATURE CRAFTERS

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

San Diego is so excited to get back to seeing each other and working on miniatures. You can just feel the energy at our meetings. We have our show and tells that are so cute. Some very awesome kits were done while on lock down.

The club project, sideboard cabinets, are all taking on a different look. One member actually cut a corner at an angle off so she could put it in a curio box at an angle. So ingenious. We have been learning painting techniques from Tamsen. She knows her stuff. I have a few pics to share of some of the many ideas being done.



But the real energy is in planning our show which is Feb 5th and 6th, 2021, which is really something to put on your to-do list. It is a club run show and so it has the warmth and fun that our meetings also have. I am excited just writing about it. I am especially excited about the vendors and the display area, and it is all in San Diego! We would love to have everyone of you, because through sharing is how we truly enjoy our treasures.





CENTRAL COAST MINI MAKERS

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

The Central Coast Mini Makers are finally going to start meeting again on a regular basis! We are starting with having our NAME DAY meeting, Saturday, October 23rd. There are twelve NAME members coming. Some as far as 5 hours away! We are looking forward to being with old friends who have moved away! We have just helped our dear friends, Mike and Cherrell Botkin close Miniature Cottage. They have retired and moved to Oregon to be close to their son and family. Our members have been active doing the Lodi, Good Sam, and Tucson miniature shows. Others have been doing the online classes taught on the NAME website. Everyone seems excited to finish and have a show and tell about what we have been doing during the time of being apart. We have missed each other's company as well as not working together on projects. We have to "adjust" to not having a miniature store to "pop" into whenever we please just around the corner! It means more day trips to find our miniature supplies!

ALBUQUERQUE MINI MAKERS

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

The Albuquerque Mini Makers will be hosting a NAME Day on Saturday, October 9th. We will be meeting at Susan Sheridan's home and Christiane Stark's home. We will once again offer all scales cost will be ordering your 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.

The club will meet for the annual Holiday party this year with a gift exchange at Susan Sheridan's home. Christiane will also host a party for their group as well.

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.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season this year.

Miniaturely yours, *Susan*

Sonia's Cottage



Sample of the NAME DAY tiki bar and Susan's cottage "under construction."

ARIZONA Club News
From Ginger Anderson, State Representative

Have you visited the NAME Create web page?



There are a lot of interesting activities going on there. Visit the site and take a look at all that is offered for people who love miniatures. <https://create.miniatures.org/>

Some people in our region have been working on the NAME Create project called Neverwas. The project was taught via Zoom video sessions. Patterns were provided, but no kits for anything. This is a totally scratch built project lasting several months.

Attached are pictures of the still unfinished projects by Joyce Puma and Ginger Anderson. These are works in progress and will be on display at the Phoenix Miniature Show March 26 and 27, 2022.

Another project from the Create web page was the "Camp Makamini." Attached are pictures of the 1/2" scale project finished by Helen Sparks.



Joyce Puma and Ginger Anderson built the 1/4" scale structures in the attached pictures. It was a lot of fun to build and participate in the other activities to go along with the project. Round Table kits are now being known as "Quick Minis".





**CALIFORNIA: Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties,
Grace Mlynowski, Representative**

Mid Valley Mini Maniacs

Mid Valley Mini Maniacs in Sherman Oaks, CA, is back after a hiatus from COVID. We have secured our former meeting site at the Sherman Oaks Galleria Community Room located near The Cheesecake Factory. For our first meeting in September, we made a 1 in. tray. We are interested in all scales and looking forward to working together on projects.



We meet the third Tuesday of the month, from 6pm-8pm. We welcome new members! Please join us. Sandi Shalometh, President Mid Valley Mini Maniacs, sshalometh@socal.rr.com

LAS VEGAS MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS
By Janet Gordon
Sonia Burke, State Representative, Southern Nevada

NAME DAY 2021: The Brain Trust at Work



We celebrated NAME DAY on Saturday, October 16 with a lot of creating and eating. We are busy making great and productive plans for the healthy, safe, and happy new year.



Norma Kesling's gnome workshop

Sharon Wechsler's fairy house.



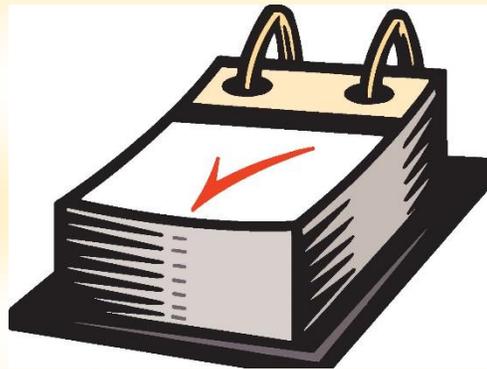


Visit create.miniatures.org.
Join NAME every Wednesday
(4 Pacific Time) for virtual
“A Round Tuit” Zoom workshops.
Craft the same project as other members, or
work on your own and chat

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 Winter issue
are due by **January 15th**.
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**.



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.

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

Check the website (miniatures.org) for the latest information!

*The **Miniatures West** 35th Annual Miniature Fantasy Show and Sale in Culver City, CA is scheduled for Saturday, **January 29th, 2022**
(<http://www.miniatureswest.com/2022-fantasy-show-and-sale.html>)

*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 check the website <http://phoenixminiatures.com>.

*The **2020 Portland Regional Houseparty, "Come Fly with Me,"** has been postponed to **May 6-8, 2022**.

***Nevada State Day** has been postponed to **2022**. For more information 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**.

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**San Diego
MINIATURES
Show & Sale**

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it’s laser cuts and 3D prints and LEDs along with handcrafted wonders!”

February 5 & 6, 2022

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11966 El Camino Real, San Diego, CA 92130

Adults \$10 | Children (8-12) \$5 | Credit Cards Accepted
FREE Sunday with paid Saturday

Text **MINIS** to **22828** to receive show news by email

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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

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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

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Special Events



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. They will be announced here. Please read the application for further details.

The first deadline is Oct.15th

The following is a fillable pdf form for applying to provide a 50th Anniversary Kit and/or Finished piece.

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

Every browser handles these differently:

- You may download and fill in by hand. Scan and send on to the address on the form.
- You may download and use acrobat reader to fill them out.
- Your browser may have its own "reader" type application built in.
- To save your filled out form use the print function and select print to a pdf file. You will be asked for a file name to store on you computer. Then send this file to the address on the form.