



## NAME NATIONAL-NASHUA, NH

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Oh my goodness...what fun was this! Multiple days of minis, minis and more minis. Multiple days of talking about minis, building minis, looking at minis...and buying minis (much to the chagrin of my husband).

The hotel was on a beautiful site in Nashua, 15 acres of trees and grass and beauty. The hotel itself looked like a castle...a perfect setting for "Castles and Cottages". I heard very few complaints when I was there and felt that the hotel did a marvelous job of hosting all of us crazy mini people.

I walked around the hotel during the pre-convention workshop and found so many tiny things being built and sewn and painted and everything. Such wonderful teachers they had for our learning pleasure.

I picked up my registration packed and all the lovely goodies that came in the tote bag. I spent the next hour or so in my room at the hotel with my roommates and we went through each and every lovely prize found in there.

The convention started with a lovely opening lunch where we got to meet all the people that had worked so hard to pull this national together. Our souvenir for the luncheon was a two sided wall with a castle setting (done by

Robin Betterly) on one side and a cottage setting (done by Amy Robinson) on the other. It was indeed the beginning to what would turn out to be a fun time with wonderful souvenirs.

The rest of the day was spent at the Exhibit room, Hospitality room, Sales room...and oh, yes the Roundtable and Mini Exchange were also that evening (not much sleep for our tired mini people).

In the next few days there was more time in the sales and exhibit room, an auction, regional meetings, a garage sale and a business meeting. Let's not forget to mention the Saturday night banquet where we were treated to the second and third souvenir, the Demi Lune Table by Bruce Dawson and flower arrangement by Kimberly Hammer. The breakfast souvenirs were an aged table by Al Chandronnait and a pottery piece by Eileen Vernon. These were the final souvenirs of a wonderful set that will make a lovely miniature display, especially filled with the many tote bag favors.

Keep your eyes open in this issue for the first set of pictures from the NAME National in Nashua. Hopefully these pictures will bring all of you a little piece of what we experienced. Leslie Swager

## Your Regional Team

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## From The Regional Co-ordinators

We would like to introduce ourselves as your new Regional Co-ordinators. We are Ruth Heisch and Diane Piziali. If you should forget our names we answer to Frick & Frack. (Thanks to Larry Hecox!) We have been in NAME for over 32 years and have attended 9 National and 11 Regional Houseparties, as they used to be called. Our club, the MiniCals has been active now for 32 years. We have been on 2 Steering Committees and done a couple of convention center-pieces. It seems about time we got involved in doing more to promote miniatures and keep our hobby alive! This first year will definitely be a learning experience and we would like to hear your questions and concerns for

you or your club.

We recently returned from National in Nashua, New Hampshire. It was a great time and we met many of our old friends there and added some new ones. A new one is Jerry Silberstein from the Miniattics in San Mateo. We mentioned that we planned to try and visit as many clubs in the area as we possibly can and she extended the first invitation to us. We would love to hear from you, too, and come and meet with your club to share ideas. We'll even bring the project!!

We have been on the "Good Sam" committee for several years and hope to see you there. Stop by the raffle table and say hello.

Ruth and Diane

## Mystery Author at Showcase of Miniatures

For all those readers that like mysteries this year at the 2008 Showcase of Miniatures {Good Sam Show} in San Jose, CA we have a miniatures literary dealer.....Camille Minichino (aka Margaret Grace), author of "Murder in Miniature" and "Mayhem in Miniature" will be signing books on **Sunday, September 21st**. Minichino uses her lifelong hobby to introduce a new mystery series, featuring Gerry Porter, a miniaturist, and her 10-yr-old granddaughter - a crime-solving team of no small proportions. Camille will be delighted to sign her books for you at the show both days. If you already have "Murder in Miniature" bring it for her autograph. **OR** Plan to buy one or both of Camille's miniature mysteries, very affordable paperbacks. Patricia;RWC,CA

Showcase of Miniatures Web Liaison & Publicity  
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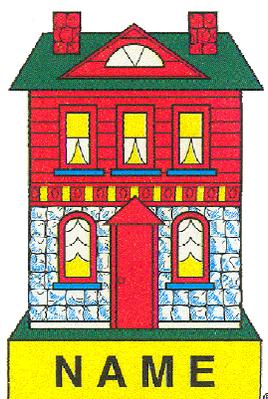
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## Regional Awards Announced

Winners of N2's Regional Awards were announced at the regional meeting held at the National Convention in Nashua last July. Since several categories had no nominees, there were no awards given in those categories this year. The following were recognized this year. 2007 Hall of Fame inductees were Robin Rose and Barbara Jones. There are few, if any, people in our region who are not familiar with the outstanding contributions that these two ladies have made to our Region.

As well as being a State Rep representing the North Bay area, Robin Rose also served for many years as our Newsletter Editor. Starting with little funds, Robin encouraged donations for grab bags, hosted "No Bake" Bake Sales and instituted many other ingenious methods to raise funds needed to produce the quarterly publication. She tirelessly used old school means to produce the newsletter, opting not to work with newer desktop publishing programs, still managing to produce an informative, quality publication. Robin has also been a leading voice for recognition of N2 accomplishments.

For eleven years, Barbara Jones has spearheaded the largest and oldest show west of the Mississippi, the Showcase of Miniatures, commonly called the Good Sam Show. Under Barbara's leadership, Good Sam has grown into a world class show, attracting vendors and attendees from around the world. Over the years it has added many new innovations to the miniature show agenda, including Chil-

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# E ditors C orner



OK...here we go again. In the Summer issue of small talk I wrote to you about my plans for the future long summer days, where I planned on working on decorating the cups that I had purchased at the miniature show that I attended. Guess what...I didn't touch them...sigh...what is a busy girl to do. I have lots of excuses...two different vacations (one being the NAME National) and having to spend WAY too much time doing work...I mean real work...like my job. This full time job thing takes up so much of my time but it does bring in money. And if I didn't have money...I could not purchase more miniatures. However, just because I wasn't successful with these long summer days, maybe some of you were. Please send me an email (lswager@volcano.net) or even a snail mail of the project that you completed this summer...or even started, worked on...but didn't complete. If you send a picture with it, I'll try and share it with everyone for the winter issue of the newsletter.

I have to tell you that I had a wonderful time this summer. First I went on a vacation to see my son and his family (my daughter-in-law is a mini person too) and while there, we flew to NH and attended the National. It was 6 days of mini fun, laughing, talking, playing, building, buying and awing at the amazing exhibits that were there. I came home for two weeks and then left on a 10 day cruise to Alaska. We don't normally do two vacations in one year but we did this time because my 89 and 85 year old parents had planned this cruise and we decided that we should take advantage of traveling with them while we could. I actually brought some miniatures along on the cruise but did not even open the box...too many other fun things to do. The next time that I hear about a mini cruise...I swear I'm going to sign up.

We are now going into the fall season, my most favorite season. I love the trees changing and actually live in a place where I can see this happen. Some day I'm going to be in New England to see the fall colors, perhaps when I retire I'll be able to pull this one off. In the meantime, please pay attention to the changes that nature puts in front of us at this time of year. It is amazing and awesome, all at the same time. And also take time to play with your miniatures. Perhaps those cups will get done as the fall commences...I would really love that! Take care and know that my love for miniatures continues full force, even when I am not able to work on them as much as I wish.

Yours in Miniature,  
Leslie



# News From Around The Region

## State Rep's Reports

East Bay/ Tri-Valley  
by Jennifer Rich

*No Report Received*

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Sacramento  
**Open Position**

*No Report Received*

North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma  
by Cary Yerves

Well, as I take on this new position as your temporary State Rep for the North Bay area, I have to admit that I am sort of out of touch with what has been happening here. I hope that the many clubs in the area will drop me a note to let me know what projects you are working on, or what activities your club is up to. Other readers love to hear about clubs and projects, so please share your news.

All clubs please remember that your club renewals are due each and every year to keep your club active and on the NAME charter role. There is no charge to renew your charter, but failure to do so will result in losing your status as a non-profit under the

NAME umbrella. In the future, club renewal forms will be online and you can submit the form quickly and simply. Renewal reminders are sent out in April each year and are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

My own club, the Redwood Empire Mini-Acs has been on hiatus for a few months because of member's busy schedules, but I hope we will be getting back into meeting soon. I was disappointed to see only three entries, from only two entrants, in the miniature category at our local fair this year. I hope that other clubs are participating in local fairs and shows. This is one of the best ways to get the word out about our hobby.

I hope to see some of you at the many upcoming events in our region this September. Don't forget the CHAMP's Show, Summer At Tahoe State Day (one of my favorites) and the Good Sam Show. Then in October, don't forget the Wee Housers club is again hosting the revived Flea Market/Potluck. See the calendar for complete details on all events.

Cary



South Bay/ Peninsula  
by Laura Johnson

Summer is almost over and we are all looking forward to fall, children (and adults) back in school and the resumption of our miniature activities. There's Good Sam in September and the Flea Market on October 4 in San Mateo. The Flea Market is in a new, larger place so we can spread out for a day of great bargain shopping!

I attended National in Nashua, along with a number of other people in our area. Most attended the annual business meeting and the regional meeting. At the regional meeting we said goodbye to Cary (but only as our RC; he is now on the board) and welcomed the new RCs from San Jose. Thanks to Cary for doing such a good job!

The Mini Attics had two members attend Rain, Wine and Roses in Portland (where they met their newest member, Carol Walls). Two members just returned from Nashua where they had a wonderful time. Emeritus member Janet Smith was at both conventions. Most of the club members have the Blulette Meloney contest box from Shellie's Miniature Mania in San Carlos. They are all busy ponder-

## State Rep's Reports (cont.)

ing plans for a winning entry. I hope you have all renewed your memberships so you will enjoy all the benefits of NAME. We will be taking new members at Good Sam. I hope to see all of you at one miniature event or another this fall.

Happy "Miniaturing" to you all!  
Laura Johnson

### North Coast by Jo Anne Grundhofer

Hi, here we go again trying to up-date you with the goings on up here in Redwood Country. Our exhibit at the Eureka District Fair in June, went very well, there were a few more entries and the judge let us know she really liked the guide lines our club put together.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of August we all had to get our entries into the County Fair in Ferndale. The judging happens on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Four of our club members will set up the display in the afternoon. Opening day is the 7<sup>th</sup> and for eight of the eleven days of the fair, members will be working on the doll house that was donated to us and when finished will be given to some children's place of need—yet to be determined. By working at the fair, we feel it is a great way to show

people what it is like to build and decorate a house.

October will be a very busy month for us. Redwood Small World will be putting a display in the public library in Ferndale. In November we will change it and in December change to Christmas items. Three month display in one place – Wow! Also in October, R.S.W. will do a display in the main public library in Eureka, good thing we all have a lot to share.

I have been told that Pat Carter will be doing a display in the Clark Museum in downtown Eureka. Looks like October could be a great month to visit the Redwoods and see lots of Minis – call me if you come this way, I'm in the phone book.

The 1/4" play day is progressing well. There are 16 signed up and the class is full.

This month we learned a lot of history of our club. The first meeting was March 19, 1975 – 6 people attended and they made a candy dish – not knowing a lot about glue one lady told me they almost got loopy from the fumes. Glad we have better information now.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was April 12, 1975, at least 2 more joined and their project was to make chairs with woven seats. The

seats were done with waxed linen thread. Pauline Pire has saved them all these years. Photo will come if my friend Pat Lindley can get it out of the camera, into the computer and onto Leslie's computer. (see attached photo file) This is all out of my talent area.

The club became a NAME club in November 1975. The members now feel anyone attending the 1<sup>st</sup> year should be considered charter members. Lida Coyle, Kay Tirsbeck and Elaine Schulman are on that list and their membership has never lapsed.

The last item I have to address is a big thank you to Sharon Spencer (Sec-Treasure of RSW) and Cary Yerves for nominating me and accepting my award at the National Meeting. Also for seeing it got to my house. Oh, yes—the award was this year's recipient of the Region N2's Regional Ambassador Award. Could have blown me over with a feather. Didn't think an award would come for just doing a fun hobby. Thanks to everyone involved.

Jo Anne Grundhofer  
State Representative



# State Rep's Reports (cont.)

Northern Nevada  
by Mary Ann VanBuskirk

*(This is a repeat of part of Mary Ann's column from last time. It seemed appropriate to put it in again since it hasn't happened yet. No other report was received. LS)*

TAHOE MINIACS: Summer at Tahoe State Day will be held September 13, 2008, cost will be \$70. We are limiting it to 25 registrants. Please sign up early, if we don't have sufficient response, we will have to cancel. The theme is a magician/wizard's study but if you have deep feelings about these subjects, you can make it into a castle room of your choosing. Please see ad in this issue for further information. It will be a great roombox to build: a corner fireplace, desk, bookcase and all items to furnish your castle room. Price includes two meals, project, gifts and fun, fun, fun, fun! Weather is still fairly predictable here in Tahoe in September. We had originally scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> but Good Sam stepped on our date and we are moving it one week earlier.



San Francisco/Oakland  
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Fresno  
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*No Report Received*

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Shasta Trinity  
**Open Position**

*No Report Received*

**Pictures, Pictures, Pictures  
From the Nashua National**



Castle by Carol Block



Castle by Marie C Eastman



Owner-Marion Sargent  
Maker-Sally Dorman



## FLEA MARKETS GALORE!!

### Miniature Flea Market Slated For North Bay

A miniature flea market has been scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> in the North Bay area. Former shop owner Dena Avila and Peg Puckett of Peg's Dollhouse have joined forces to hold the event in Rohnert Park. The flea market will be held indoors in the rear suites of the Avila Building, 5850 Commerce Blvd. Rohnert Park from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. This is the third year the event has been held in this location, and the planners are hoping for an even larger turnout this year.



### 30th Bay Area Miniaturists' Potluck and Flea Market

Hosted by the Wee Housers Club

**Saturday, October 4, 2008**

**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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N-2 has four positions available for State Representatives.

Shasta Trinity  
North Bay/ Napa/Sonoma  
Sacramento  
San Francisco

These are important positions and can be filled by people who love minis and are interested in doing their part to help our region and also help NAME.

Being a State Rep is a great opportunity to meet new friends, help plan activities and events for our Region and serve as a valuable member of the NAME team.

Please contact R.C.'s Ruth or Diane to get more information and to offer your support for one of these positions!

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### Regional Awards (Continued)

dren's Workshops, Kid's Only Sales tables and free Tips and Techniques seminars and, since being assumed by miniaturist's leadership, has raised over \$125,000 for the Planetree Health Library's funds. The exhibit section showcases some of the finest miniature artisans from around the Bay Area and beyond, and Barbara has exhibited in the show for 31 of the last 33 years. While this award is long overdue, her accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. Previously she was recognized as the Region's Volunteer of the Year and received N2's Regional Ambassador Award. Barbara's contributions to NAME, the region and the miniature community are without equal.

This year's Club of the Year is presented to Our Little Mini Club of Chico/Paradise. This active group exemplifies the spirit of "only through sharing" and has made donations to Regional events and fundraisers, including a special project of a Tea Shoppe and Antique Store combination called "Tea N' Tiques". Club member Margaret Gordus hosted one of the most successful Welcome Teas in the region, displaying many of the club member's projects and introducing miniatures to a whole new audience through exceptional media coverage.

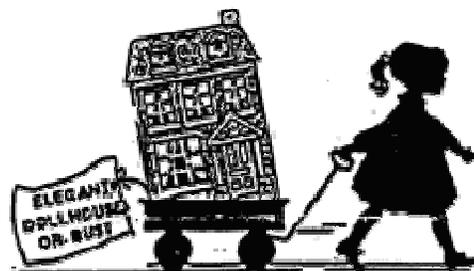
Finally, and far from least, our region's most prestigious award, the Regional Ambassador Award, was presented to Joanne Grundhofer, North Coast State Rep. This award is presented to the person who has demonstrated outstanding efforts in promoting NAME and the public awareness of miniatures and the miniature hobby. To show the spirit Joanne has inspired, this quote was taken from the nomination letter submitted to the committee: "...*She is the one who gets everyone fired up (or, at least, gets everyone to participate) in a new project or event.... I know that you are aware of all she does (even if it doesn't include "online"). But until I read your piece on nominating someone I just didn't think about how strongly she supports N.A.M.E. and the hobby*



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**Regional Awards (Continued)**

*itself... Joanne's focus is ... on the hobby ... and in interesting and involving other people."*

Congratulations to Joanne on her award. She is truly a credit to our region and to our hobby. Please remember that you can nominate any member for a regional award at any time throughout the year. Send your nomination along with a brief description of why you are nominating the person to your Regional Coordinator or State Rep. The deadline for next year's nominations is March 1, 2009.

**Showcase of Miniatures (Good Sam Show)**

Definitely do not forget to mark your calendars today for the largest miniatures show west of the Mississippi River!!!! We will be saving all of you a place in line for the show. Y'all come and bring a friend!!!!!!

IT'S COMING!!!! IT'S COMING!!!! THE DAYS ARE ALMOST HERE.....!!!!  
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Sat. 10-5; Sun. 11-4

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Children under 5 free (*no strollers please*)

Wheeled backpacks must be checked at box office

Daily Parking available at Almaden and Woz Way

For more information on this premier miniature show use the following link:

<http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net>

**Exhibits for 2008 Exhibitor Gallery**

First-time and long-time exhibitors are strongly encouraged to bring their room boxes, structures and unusual containers to share in 2008. We enjoyed over 100 miniature exhibits in 2007. At one time we had as many as 150 exhibits annually. We want to see the number climb again. While Halloween is the theme for 2008, all exhibits are welcomed.

To share an exhibit please contact:

[http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net/exhibit\\_form.htm](http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net/exhibit_form.htm)

**Pre Registered Classes**

Class #1 - A Day of Toys by Valerie Casson - {1 inch scale Theatre & Pull Horse}  
Class #2 - A Day of Toys by Valerie Casson - {1 inch scale Toy Fort & Jack in the Box}  
Class #3 - Chess Board by Layne Halliday {1 inch scale}  
Class #4 - Millinery Confections by Deb Laue {1 inch scale}  
Class #5 - Wrong Way Witch by Marsha Mees {1 inch scale}  
Class #6 - "Do It Yourself" Reupholstery by Judy Kincaid {1 inch scale}  
Class #7 - 1/4" Sea Shell Stand by Sharon Granicy {1/4 inch scale}  
Class #8 - 1/4" Scale Flower Making Made Easy by Sharon Granicy {1/4 inch scale}  
Class #9 - Assemble and Dress a 5 1/2" Renaissance Jester with Bauble by Judy Orr {1 inch scale}

## Regional Calendar of Events

### September

#### **13th — “Tahogwarts An All”**

Summer at Tahoe State Day  
Lake Tahoe, CA

See info in this issue

Info: [www.summerattahoe.org](http://www.summerattahoe.org)

#### **20th — 21st Showcase of Miniatures**

##### **Good Sam Show**

Saturday 10 to 5, Sunday 11 to 4

McEnery Convention Center

San Jose, CA

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Information and Dealer List at:

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#### **19th —21st “Hail To The Chief”**

Small Scales Houseparty  
Greenville, S.C.

Info in The Gazette

#### **27th — “Pirates Hideaway”**

San Diego State Day

Info in The Gazette

### October

#### **4th—Miniature Potluck and Flea Market**

San Mateo

(see details in this issue)

#### **25th—Miniature Flea Market**

Rohnert Park

(see details in this issue)



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