



Region Loses Two Longtime Miniaturists

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Margaret Peila passed away on January 13, 2009 after a seven year fight with a rare form of cancer. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Marge Peila was a miniaturist in every sense of the word. She was a crafter, collector and a patron of the art form. I first met Marge when we both joined the same miniature club within a month of each other. Although we both had prior miniature experience, we were both new to club membership, and that commonality created an instant bond between us. We found that we had similar tastes in many facets of the miniature world, and would often use one another as a sounding board to develop our ideas.

Even though I had been making minis for some time, I had never attended an actual miniature show, and it was Marge who introduced me to my first one, the Tom Bishop Chicago International. Being my first show, it was as though I was a kid in a candy store, and it was Marge who educated me on the protocols of mini shopping. When I decided that I wanted to start a new miniature club that went beyond the scope of the one we belonged to, it was only natural that I turned to Marge for advice and guidance. Together we formed the first NAME chartered club in our area.

And again, when we decided that we would take on the immense task of

putting an annual miniature show together, it was Marge who was my co-producer, mentor and confidant. Her experience at other shows helped us develop a unique vision for our event. She single-handedly put together the many workshops, and even developed six of her own classes when instructors could not be found.

Marge continued as a driving force behind our club's annual show, "Minis In The Wine Country", even after she was diagnosed and began treatment for her rare form of cancer. Still recovering from surgery, nothing would deter Marge from coming to the show and teaching her classes, because her students "were counting on her". Her dedication, talent and willingness to share that talent earned her a spot in Region N2's Hall of Fame in 2002.

She always demanded perfectionism from herself. More than once I saw her discard a perfectly wonderful project because it "just wasn't right" to her. Yet was just the opposite in dealing with her students, reminding them that each piece was as unique as they were. She knew quality and strived for it in her own work, and she was a strong supporter of up and coming artisans in the miniature community.

Everyone who came in contact with Marge was instantly enamored by

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From The Regional Co-Coordinator's

As we write this column there is mental in the addition of a class-excitement in the air. The Mini- room and has tried very hard to Cals are sponsoring a "Spring supply us with the materials we Fling" in Campbell, Ca. It will be need. We spoke with Nan who a Pot Luck and Flea Market on is taking over the miniatures and Saturday March 28. The cost is she is very interested in promot-\$6 prepaid or \$8 at the door. The ing classes and keeping our drinks are on us! The informa- needs supplied. She wants to tion is on the website and Presi- know what you'd like to see there dent's should have received fly- or what you need and she will be ers. It's time to do some "Spring" happy to order it. They will con- cleaning and "Fling" out those tinue the NAME discount. Ask minis you no longer need. Some- for her when you visit. If anyone one else would love to have is interested in giving classes them. Anyone attending may there for adults or children con- have table space for items tact Nan.

"priced to sell"! We'd also love to have some door prizes donated We are excited about our first to make it even more fun. We club visit this month. We'd like to will waiting to meet you and your visit your club,too, and we will club members. We'll be in the bring the project. Email: crazy hats! Any Questions? 408 Grouchybeartoo@aol.com 997-1004 Please be sure to put minis in the subject line. I may not recognize

There have been concerns in your address. our local area about D & J Hobby terminating Matt. He was instru-

Ruth and Diane

LOOKING FOR A ROOMMATE FROM N-2?

Pat Carter (one of the N-2 members) has a suggestion that we in N-2 could try and find roommates from this area for upcoming shows and conventions. It sounds like a good idea to me!

Is there anyone who would be willing to be the contact person in N-2 for this? Please send me an email or a phone call to let me know if you are interested.

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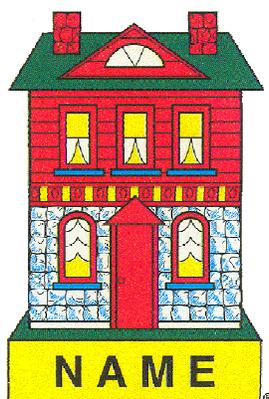
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Notes From The Board

On January 15th -17th I attended the face-to-face meeting of the NAME Board of Trustees in Indianapolis, IN. The Board holds two face-to-face meetings annually, once at the National Convention, the other at the convention hotel the January prior to the convention. The remaining meetings are all held by conference call. The face-to-face meetings are always the most productive because they allow the Board members to interact on a personal level and to bond as a group to work toward the common goals we all have for NAME.

The evening before the meetings began, we all got an opportunity to visit NAME's house in Carmel, Indiana, a suburb of Indianapolis. It is a charming, modest Victorian that serves as a museum of NAME's history downstairs and office space on the second floor. (You can see some of the pictures that were taken at the house on the NAME website.) The house will be open to tours during this year's convention as well as being the site of this year's Patron Party, so the Board spent some time accessing the work that needed to be done before July, to put the house in tip top shape. An anonymous donor has made a significant donation toward some necessary repairs, and it will be nice to re-visit the house this summer when the work is complete.

At 8 a.m. on Saturday morning the Board got down to serious business. I can't go into a lot of the details of all the things we discussed, because many are still either in the planning stages or are being investigated to see if they are feasible, but I will say that the Board has taken some bold steps toward moving NAME ahead into the future. Many of the new programs and features will be presented in your President's column in the Miniature Gazette, so be sure to watch it for details. We have approved looking into some new fundraising ideas, developing some new member benefits and we are working to improve the office technology to make the jobs of the office staff easier and response time to members much quicker.

It is no secret that our economy is bad, and selling a non-necessity like membership in NAME is a tough sell right now, but your Board is working hard to make sure that membership a greater value and to promote NAME as the organization to be involved with, to meet new friends, to find inexpensive leisure outlets and be the meeting place for miniaturists everywhere.

I know that we all came away from our meeting renewed and re-energized and with a new level of commitment to seeing that NAME continues to be a strong organization and the ultimate organization for the miniature hobby.

Cary Yerves

Editors **C**orner

Hello everyone!

I hope that Spring finds all of you well and healthy. I don't know about you...but up here in the Sierra Nevada mountains we have snow...lots of it in the past few days. If I were a skier, I could be skiing on my own land. But I would rather be inside the house working on my minis...I mean...what could be more fun than that?

I must confess that my good intentions to work on my minis in the winter has gone by the wayside. Between 13 people for several days at Christmas time...and several family emergencies...my time has been filled with non-mini things. How sad it is! But my hope is that springtime will bring a wonderful amount of time for me to do the things I love...like minis. I must confess that I bought Debbie Young's English Cottage...and I now have the furniture kits for it also...so even though I have other minis started...I really want to work on it! I guess that some would say that it is cheating to begin another mini before you have completed the current one...but I think that it would be so much fun to complete...the cottage is calling me!

How have all of you done this winter in working on your mini projects? I know that Thanksgiving and Christmas tend to be busy months but my hope for you is that you have had some quiet, quality time to work on the minis that are calling to you!

I really want to emphasize that I need articles for the newsletter. Please...if you have some pictures from a show that you went to...and want to write an article to go with them...or if you just want to send an article on a show or happening...or if you just have some interesting information to give to other mini people...please send them to me! This newsletter is only as good as the people and articles that are contributed!

My hope for all of you is that your Spring is filled with singing birds, lovely holidays, spring flowers, lovely breezes and lots of time to do your mini thing!

Yours in Miniature,
Leslie



News From Around The Region

State Rep's Reports

North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma by Cary Yerves

Sadly, there still isn't a lot of news in the Sonoma, Napa, Marin area to report on. I don't hear much from the area clubs about their activities, so if you are out there and doing things, please let me know so I can share it with our readers.

Peg's Dollhouse and Museum is continuing the museum closure and is selling off the contents. Peg says that she will continue doing a few limited shows, but that once the contents of the museum are gone, it will be closed. I know of so many people who have wonderful pieces and collections, and it sure would be nice to have a permanent museum in Northern California to house some of these items when the owners no longer want or can keep them.

I attended the recent River City Rendezvous State Day in Sacramento in February. It was a fun-filled "Ketchup Day", where attendees could work on projects provided or anything they brought with them. The attendance was small, but those who were there had a great time and enjoyed the camaraderie. Next year's project will be an electrified Christmas tree

in a accessorized roombox. If you plan to attend, you need to sign up now, as you must complete the tree before the workshop next year. Contact Suzanne Rogers at sprdmr@aol.com to sign up and get your tree kit. The proto-types were beautiful and pictures will be posted on the regional website soon.

Don't forget the Spring Fling Potluck/Flea Market coming up on March 28th in Campbell and sponsored by the Minicals. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Also remember the Folsom Fiesta State Day in Sacramento on May 1st followed by the annual Elegant Dollhouse Parking Lot sale the following day. This annual event always draws a huge crowd and you can find some great bargains, if I don't spot them first!

Hope to see you at some of the regional events and be sure to drop me a note if you have anything you'd like me to report on.



South Bay/ Peninsula by Laura Johnson

After several quiet weeks over the holidays, the N2 region seems to be gearing up for a new year of miniatures.

Shellie's Miniature Mania shop had a party to show off the miniatures she got at CIMTA. There were many wonderful new items and the food was good too! This was just what we needed to get our enthusiasm back.

While there, I saw several members of the Mini Attics club, who were there looking for furnishings for the dollhouses they got at Shellie's so they could enter her contest. The houses can be decorated in any way participants want. The deadline is June 30. I can hardly wait to see the end products!

February brought River City Rendezvous and several area miniaturists were there. The report was that everyone had a great time.

We are still short on grab bags, so, if you have anything to donate, please get in touch with your state rep.

Laura Johnson

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

North Coast

by Jo Anne Grundhofer

Holidays are over, display in the Ferndale Library is over, the three changes were very well received and we will return next year for October, November, and December.

Pat Carter reports the display at the Clark Museum turned out fantastic, lots of schools came on field trips and some of the children brought their parents back. Next year the plan is to do circus things with Halloween and Christmas too!

The next display will be the month of April in the McKinleyville Library done by Redwood Small World.

The Doll House given to Redwood Small World last year as a result of the McKinleyville display is now painted outside, has a brick foundation, is wall-papered and floors are done. The kitchen is installed as well as the bathroom. There is a mother, father, boy and girl, twins, and a baby. The house is ready for curtains, furniture, pictures, etc. Then we will be ready to present it to a children's group—need to research that now.

River City Rendezvous is next week, I am excited to go this

year as I'm now one of the Mini Wizards and get to help. I will also enjoy seeing everyone again. There are four others from Redwood Small World planning to attend.

The January issue of Miniature Collector featured Redwood Small World in their club fanfare article, page 49. We are very happy to be so honored. The day that we needed to get our picture taken was the saddest. as not all could be there, the picture was taken next door in front of Delores Sallady's home because we all just live her roses. By the way she was out at the lake with her family.

This year's project for the club is making shops from "Making Miniatures" by Christiane Berridge. Should be an interesting challenge and display. This idea came to us by the Secretary/Treasurer, Sharon Spencer. Her husband Richard is going to build the buildings for us. Such a guy!

On April 25, Redwood Small World will again do a play day. It will be held at Scrapper's Edge, a scrapbooking store in Eureka – Thank you Sondra. We will be doing a vignette of one end of a kitchen or dining room contain a hutch etc. It will be framed and may sit or hang on a wall. We ex-

pect 20 people. The boxes for this project are being made by Shirley Banks and her husband Andy. They are also supplying the frames. We do have a great group, thanks Shirley and Andy.

January 29 is the first meeting of R.S.W. 2009. We have two new members, Robbin Edwards and Gail Freeman. They both attended the club a few times last year. At the last meeting, I reported I did not wish to remain both President & State Rep. Gail Freeman volunteered to take over as President. Wow! Thank you Gail.

Joanne Grundhofer

Northern Nevada by Mary Ann VanBuskirk

TAHOE MINIACS CLUB: We are gearing up for the 16th Annual Summer at Tahoe Workshop, August 28 and 29, 2009. The plan is for a storefront vignette which can be customized to be anything you wish. If you have always wanted to do a doctor's office, vet's office, pet shop, general store, quilt shop, toy store, (well, you get the idea) here is your opportunity. At the workshop, we will finish the outside of the shop

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and you will decorate the inside. It is shallow enough in depth to be a wallhanger which can be a real space saver.

We have brought back the Friday night pizza party and Saturday's workshop will have lots of surprises and fun. Our new meeting place at the Middle School is working out well. It is not as spacious as the senior center but the lighting is good and the price is terrific. It gives us a chance to lower prices and provide more materials.

See our ad in this issue.

On a sad note, Tahoe Miniacs will certainly miss Ken Stanford. He has been a regular attendee of our workshop for about the past 8 years, along with his fellow members of the Pinole club. We can only imagine the pain they are feeling at his departure.

Mary Ann VanBuskirk

San Francisco/Oakland
Open Position

No Report Received

Fresno
by Barbara Fairbanks

The Fresno Tinker Belles club met at Red Robin to have lunch before our club meeting. It was really a lot of fun as we all pigged out and laughed through lunch. We managed to fill two tables placed together and were missing only two members. We will all be anxious to do this again before too long. We have started building on the Brambly Hedge tree house. We are collecting the parts needed for the tree trunk and each of the rooms. We have made many pieces of furniture and have many more to build. It seems to be falling into it's own scale -- somewhere between 1/2" and 1/4".

Kayanne Yung is making a great miniature area in her Hobby Town store. Kayanne just got back from SIMTA with all kinds of ideas and samples. The club had a wonderful time looking through the new wallpapers that she will be ordering. The closest mini store is in Stockton so this will be helping a lot of us in this area.

Many of our members will be

heading to Morro Bay next week for the annual show. The show is not large but always has great dealers there and we all come away with purchases that we just HAD to have. No one leaves without a fish and fries meal eaten in one of the restaurants over hanging the bay. The shell shop is also on the list to see as one of the Brambly Hedge rooms is filled with shells. A MUST SEE too is the Miniature Cottage and what new things have arrived there.

The club is also working on our Houseparty Helper for the Salt Lake City houseparty. A grouping of 3 shops on a street in Paris.

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No Report Received

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State Rep's Reports (cont.)

East Bay/ Tri-Valley by Jennifer Rich

Unfortunately the first bit of news I have is sad. For those of you who haven't heard Ken Stanford, a wonderful person and active miniaturist, passed away this past December. It was an honor to know such a talented and giving person. All that knew him will miss him. He was very active in the Champs show, which is a show held in the East Bay in September and I can only hope in some way he will continue to be there, with us, in spirit.

The Miniacs in San Francisco have changed their meeting dates from the second Thursday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month. We are always welcoming new people who are interested in joining. Currently we are finishing up the Tote Bag Favors for the 2009 SLC Small Scale Houseparty but please feel free to join even if you want to work on your own project.

My husband and I had lunch in Benicia last month and I went to go to Cooper's Doll House Studio and was surprised to find it wasn't in its usual place (I hadn't been to Benicia in a while.) Luckily I asked a shopkeeper in another store and they advised me that they moved to a new address. They are now located in the back of another store just a few blocks away (the business card I picked up said their address was 918

First Street.) I was very relieved they were still around. Their local phone number still appears to be the same.

I hope 2009 is going well and that you are finding time to work on your projects. For myself I finished the Tuck Box kit I had been working on and yesterday I just finished the Wine Tasting dome kit I had from a class I had taken at the Portland Houseparty. I have to say it felt nice to complete it (I work very slowly.) Now on to the dozens of other unfinished projects.

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State Rep Report

For Sacramento Region
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In Memoriam

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her talent, knowledge and outgoing personality. She had a remarkable way of putting everyone at ease, and guiding even a beginner into creating a work of art all their own. Although she was taken from us far too soon, I am confident that she is now teaching all about our wonderful hobby in the great beyond.

Our region lost another community leader with the passing of local miniaturist and former NAME State Rep, **Kenneth "Ken" Stanford**. Ken passed away on Thursday, December 25th, after suffering an aortic aneurism the previous Monday. Ken had just turned 87 on December 20th.

Ken was a longtime member of The Mini Dreamers of Pinole miniature club and also served as a State Rep for NAME for 13 years. Ken was one of the founding members of the C.H.A.M.P.'s Miniature Show held annually in El Sobrante. In 2003, he was honored as an inductee into the N2 Region's Hall of Fame. He was also actively involved and served on the Board of Directors of the Pinole Senior Center.

A memorial service was held on Monday, December 29th at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 3415 Barrett Ave., Richmond, CA. 94805

The family has asked that donations in his honor be made to the Pinole Senior Center, 2500 Charles Ave., Pinole, CA 94564 or to the Deacon's Fund at the First Presbyterian Church at the address above.

Ken will be dearly missed by the miniature community he loved so much.

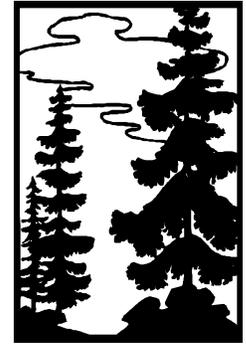
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Report from Sacramento, Auburn, Grass Valley Areas:

Last weekend, I attended the River City Rendevous "Ketch Up" Day. It was a very pleasant day. I actually got a little work done and a lot of visiting. We received some wonderful tips and kits and great food! I like to go just to see others from the region who I don't necessarily see any other time of year so it's a social "ketcha-up" as well as a chance to work on something I want to make a little progress on. Great job Mini Wizards!

I'm not sure what is going on in the Sacramento clubs at this point? We really need someone to take over the position of State Rep for this area as I have way too many jobs with NAME and N2 right now so am having trouble doing any of them adequately. Please call me if you are interested in this position. It's not a lot of work but there are some responsibilities that go with the position. And there are so many perks, mainly that you really get to know others in your area.

In the Grass Valley/Nevada City area, there are still 2 very active NAME clubs. The Gold Country Miniature Society is wrapping up their several year project of a Garden Shop or Shed. The club has been working on fixtures, accessories and plants for this project for a long time now and they plan to have their projects DONE by Good Sam this year. Then on to something new.

The Gold Country Petal Pushers, a flower and plants project group, has been busy with their monthly floral projects. This past year, they have also done a lot of work on making a variety of containers for their arrangements.

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming months' activities and hope you're all staying warm this winter.

Barbara Thornton-Hill
Temporary State Rep

N2 Events Coordinator Report – 2/09

I am frequently asked "When are we going to have a Houseparty in our region?"

Well, we would love to have a Houseparty in our region. An "All Scales" Houseparty would be especially welcome. The answer I have to this question is Will you chair one? We will have one as soon as someone comes forth with an idea and a willingness to chair a Houseparty. A Houseparty also requires a committee with a Chairperson for each job that needs to be done to put on a Houseparty. So, as soon as that Chairperson comes forth, AND a committee of Chairperson's can be found, we will have a Houseparty.

I cannot tell you how many people I have talked to about chairing a committee and the answer I usually get is: "I'm happy to help but I don't want to be in charge of anything." Well, that doesn't get the job done. Think about it and let me know if you want to be a big part of putting on a Houseparty. I am also willing to help but, I find that I simply cannot be on the NAME Board, have two State Rep jobs in the region and Chair a Houseparty. WE NEED ALL OF YOU to help!

And just a REMINDER: If you are planning a big activity in your area, please let me know. As Event's Coordinator, it is my job to keep the region's calendar and so I am like a clearing house for dates. It is best if we can spread events out over the year rather than have more than one

event on the same weekend or even two weekends in a row.

And on that scheduling note, I would like to clear up a misconception about NAME Houseparties conflicting with local events. NAME Houseparties and Conventions are scheduled years in advance. It is not possible for the National Organization to be able to schedule around all the local events in the country. Hotel contracts, dealers and many other details have to be arranged years in advance. So, if you want to find out if a date seems good for a local event, feel free to check with me for what NAME events or other area events may be going on at that time. It could make the difference between a successful event or not.

I am looking forward to the Potluck/ Flea Market in March in Campbell, Folsom Fiesta in May, the Elegant Dollhouse Parking Lot Sale in May. More to come later this year. See you around the region.

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Special Events Coordinator

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May 3, 2009

Elegant Dollhouse Parking Lot Sale
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Sacramento, CA
Info: 916-484-0411

July 16 - 19, 2009

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"Our Family Reunion"
Indianapolis, IN
Info In The Gazette

Oct. 2 - 4, 2009

Region A2 Small Scales Houseparty
"Weekend In Paris - La Vie en Rose"
Salt Lake City, UT

Info: Carol Prince - cprince@comcast.net

Oct. 10 - 11, 2009

34th Annual Showcase of Miniatures
The Good Sam Show
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