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By now it is no surprise that the Showcase of Miniatures (Good Sam Show) made a last minute schedule change, the results of which rippled throughout both our Region and National NAME events creating a number of conflicts. For many years Good Sam has held onto the second week in October as their traditional show date. When the City of San Jose denied them access to their facility for the scheduled weekend, promoters scrambled to choose either another location or date. Unfortunately, they chose to change the date, rather than the location, and thus began a series of conflicts.

Without personal knowledge of why the decision was made to change dates, rather than location, I cannot comment on why this choice was made. Early in my tenure as R.C., I established the position of Events Coordinator within our Region, to help avoid this type of conflict. Unfortunately, not everyone has made use of this position to determine if their proposed dates conflict with other events. Sadly, this can be a detriment to everyone involved and often events suffer because of these conflicts. In this case, the new Good Sam date was in direct conflict with the Summer At Tahoe State Day and the NAME

Greenville, S.C. Regional Houseparty. This also put two shows, CHAMP's and Good Sam, just a few weeks apart, which can't be profitable for either show.

A similar situation occurred between the recent Folsom Fiesta and the N-3 Portland Regional Houseparty. It is unfortunate when this happens, and at NAME we try to avoid this from occurring, but it is important to remember that all NAME events - State Days, Houseparties, etc., are put on by individual clubs and groups who pick their own dates. While NAME will try to discourage other NAME groups from conflicting with each other's events, NAME is not a governing body, and has no authority to deny any group a specific date. This is why it is so important, regardless of how long you have held an established date, to clear that date with our Events Coordinator. This will help to avoid conflict, at least within the Region.

Remember that we are losing more and more events and it is important that we all work together to ensure the success of all of them. Fortunately, a quick date change was possible for Summer At Tahoe and the date has been changed to September 13. All other dates remain the same.

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From The Regional Coordinator...

I have started to write this column several times. With each attempt I tried to come up with just the right words to sum up what the last four years has been like. But each time, the words just didn't sound right and I would pitch the column and decide to return later when the muse was more inspirational. Finally with my deadline looming, I decided to go without whatever ended up on the paper. Actually a nasty case of late-season flu had me laid up for seven days and although the deadline had passed, Leslie was kind enough to extend me a little leeway.

So how do I sum up the last four years? When I assumed this position I was a NAME "greenhorn" with only about 4 years membership. I really didn't have much of an idea what was expected of me by both NAME and by the members of our Region. But, I had some pretty clear ideas about what would make my involvement in NAME more enjoyable and beneficial; and if I thought my ideas were better, hopefully other members would as well.

Without question, the best part of the last four years has been working with an outstanding Regional team. Each of them, far more experienced than me, helped to guide me along as we developed some new ideas and tried some new concepts. As I leave office I will probably miss my close interaction with many of them the most. And it is not because I will not still be actively

involved in our Region, but because many of them are retiring or have retired recently. We are losing some fine, hard-working individuals, but the ones who remain are equally hard-working and qualified and I know there will be some energetic new folks to take their place.

Surprisingly, I thought I would miss all of the wonderful members in our Region next. But I won't. And that's because although I am continuing to work for NAME in a Board position, as I said before I still plan to be actively involved in Regional activities as long as Diane and Ruth will have me. So, I'll still see many of the new friends I have met at upcoming events and activities.

Over the last four years our team has made some great accomplishments that I am very proud of. We took our Regional newsletter into the new millennium with an online version, saving hundreds of dollars. We hosted a very financially successful Small Scale Houseparty. We held our first ever Club Representatives Retreat. We continued to host more State Days than any other Region. We established a Welcome Committee Chari and hosted numerous Welcome Teas throughout our Region and of course, last year we won the Board's prestigious Membership Growth Award! And there were other, smaller successes that escape me right now.

Now I can't take credit for all

Your Regional Team

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North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma

Open Position

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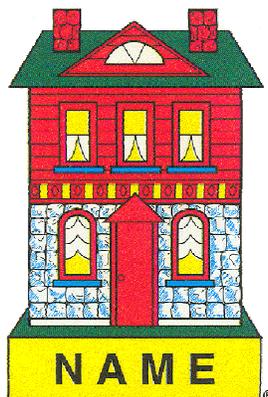
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these things. A few might have been a concept I started, but the success is because of all of the Regional team, and the members of the clubs who put on the shows, and the exhibits and State Days, and the Houseparty Steering Committees, and the Tea Party Hostesses, and all of you who lent a hand, made a donation, exhibited a project, attended a function or submitted a news article that helped to continue to promote miniatures and NAME throughout our Region. You are the heroes and the accomplishments and awards are yours! In my new position I hope to develop new ideas to stimulate enthusiasm for NAME and recharge our membership roles. I want NAME to grow even stronger and become "the" organization for the

miniaturists everywhere. I want to see NAME continue to be the organization where everyone, artisan or collector, novice or professional, regardless of skill level, can enjoy friendships like I have found here. An organization where there is a free exchange of ideas and a camaraderie that no other organization can offer. And the premiere organization where people share the love and passion of our tiny art form and promote our hobby by educating others throughout the world. Thank you for a wonderful four years of personal growth within this hobby. I am so proud to have been able to serve all of you and to be a part of this outstanding, caring group of miniaturists. As always, I'll still be seeing you around the Region!

Cary

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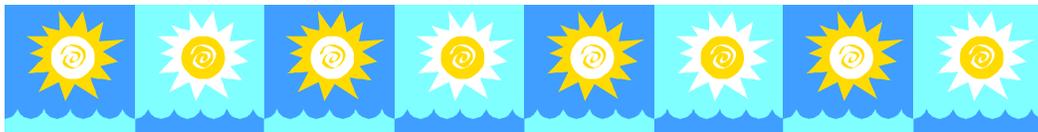
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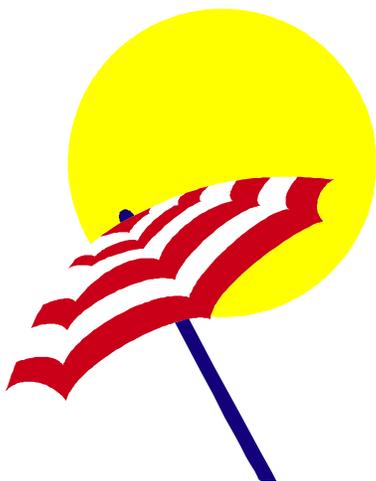
Oh My...as I write this Editors Corner the sun is shining, there is beautiful blue sky outside, and I am loving life! Things have been very busy for me, with working full time and trying to find some special quiet time to do minis...alas...the minis have lost out...as have I. But there is hope on the near horizon. In July I am going to the NAME National in New Hampshire...and I am sure that I will be able to do minis at least there. I am also caught up on my work finally, which will likely make more time for me to do the things that I love, including miniatures.

I want to say a public thank you to Cary Yerves, our Regional Coordinator who is just finishing his term. Cary has been supportive, wonderful, energetic and he is also funny, which has made taking over the editorship of the newsletter a much easier task. He is aware of what is happening around the region, and in addition understands Publisher, no small feat (at least as far as this editor is concerned). His dedication to NAME and his helpfulness is a tribute to him, as a person and also to him as a miniaturist. It has been a pleasure to work with you, Cary, and my hope is that you will continue to help this editor with the quarterly regional newsletter because your help has been invaluable.

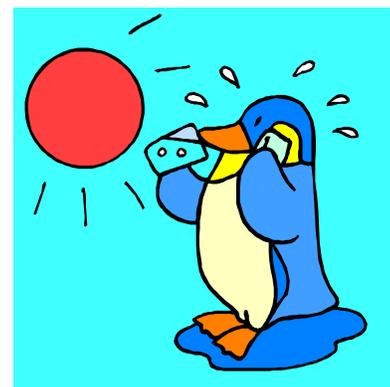
So we all have the summer months coming up...weeks of pretty weather, maybe too hot sometimes, but not the challenge of the winter in the Sierra Nevada's for sure. The question I have for all of you and also for myself is this: What am I going to have at the end of the summer that shows how much I love making miniatures and also showing them to others? Well...for starters...I am displaying a monthly scene at my work, in one of Cortland Doan's cases. The staff look forward to the 1st of the month so that they can see what is displayed on the stage for that month. It is my way of enjoying the things that I have created and also sharing the miniature world with others who don't have experience in this wonderful mini world. In addition, I am trying to figure out a way to take one of my miniatures to display at the Houseparty in New Hampshire but the limitations of the airlines are making that more difficult. I bought 4 decorated hanging cups at the Small Scales Houseparty (one for each of the 4 seasons) and I am determined to get them decorated and filled with furniture in time for their appropriate season. We will see how successful I will be at that.

So my question to all of you...and my challenge to you...is what are you going to do this summer that will show your love for miniatures when summer days draw to a close?

Yours in Miniature,
Leslie



SUMMER



News From Around The Region

State Rep's Reports

East Bay/ Tri-Valley by Jennifer Rich

As I write this, I'm sitting at Gate C14 at the Portland Airport, ready to head home, after having just attended the Portland Rain, Wine & Roses Houseparty! (Glad I didn't have to explain all the 1-inch wine bottles in my backpack.) Between the classes, catching up with other miniaturists, attending the Home Improvement Seminars, mini-swaps, the displays, the shopping and anything else I'm forgetting, I had a great time! Compliments to the Steering Committee!

We received exciting news at the Sunday Breakfast about future HouseParties so be sure to check out the NAME website or Gazette to find out about those (though I don't think some are on the calendar yet) and other events and State Days coming up.

Speaking of State Days I wasn't able to attend Folsom Fiesta for the first time in years (because of being in Portland) but I spoke to a friend of mine that attended and she had an equally great time there (and was also able to go to the Flea Market the next day at the Elegant Dollhouse.)

Other news we heard about was that the Good Sam Show is changing it's date from October to September 20th and 21st. It also looks like they will be offering classes on the afternoon and evening of Friday the 19th. Be sure to check out their website <http://goodsamshow-case.miniature.net/> to see what classes are being offered. I've taken classes there for the last four years and have enjoyed all of them. It looks like September will be a busy mini show month, with the Champs Show and the Good Sam Show both in the same month.

As always please email me if you are interested in meeting other miniaturists, or if you know of any miniature events in the area.

The Miniacs in San Francisco has openings for new members. We currently have six members and can always find room for more around the table.

Summer is almost here. Now that you have done the Spring Cleaning (and found all those unfinished projects) lets have some fun this Summer putting them together!!!!

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Sacramento *Open Position*

No Report Received

North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma by Robin Rose

Hi everyone! This newsletter heralds the end of what I consider an era for our state reps and RC. Not only is Cary moving on to become a board member of NAME but I am giving up my position as state rep as is Joan McLean. It's always good to have new people take over though, I'm looking forward to changes that can be nothing but good.

As I write this I am getting my car packed for the houseparty in Portland. I am leaving very early in the morning, will pick up Mary Fish and then drive up I-5. I'm looking forward to the classes I will be taking-yes you heard me right. I never take classes but will actually be taking 3 this time around. Driving to an event is really liberating-I don't have to worry about fitting things into a suitcase or shipping them home.

I want to thank everyone who has supported me while I was a State Rep. The best part of the whole experience has been meeting and making friends with all of you. Robin

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

South Bay/ Peninsula by Laura Johnson

My article didn't make it into the last newsletter so I'll recap in this one.

The Wee Housers started the year off by working on Brooke Tucker's Christmas roombox in quarter scale. We're all searching for just the right wallpaper, furniture and accessories. Their February meeting was pretty exciting, as they had a group birthday—everyone received eight gifts! The Mini-Attics made a Christmas box (thanks for plans from Debbie Young) with Barbara Thornton-Hill.

We have one club in our area, the Mini-Holics that has been a chartered club for 30 years!

That's quite an achievement.

Are there more?

I just returned from the Portland houseparty. The classes were good, the souvenirs were great and the committee did a wonderful job. So many people came through with houseparty helpers and door prizes. Miniaturists are so generous. It was nice to connect with several miniaturists we hadn't seen in a while.

In November I promised to report on the flea market the Wee Housers sponsored in San Mateo. There were a few glitches but at the end of the day there were many happy

buyers and sellers. The space was a little tight so we think we have found another place to hold it in '08. Saturday, October 4 is the date, San Mateo is the place. There is more space and better access for sellers and those who have trouble walking up the hills. Watch for more information soon.

Happy "Miniaturizing" to you all!

Laura Johnson

(Note from the editor: My wonderful email system somehow did not receive Laura's report for the Spring edition. My apologies to her and to all of you in South Bay/Peninsula LS)

North Coast by Jo Anne Grundhofer

Here we go again with more news from up north in Humboldt County. The Redwood Small world club has been very busy—#1 on the list is we have been working with both our fairs (the Redwood Acers District Fair that happens in June and the Humboldt County Fair in August). Both now have the same categories in their entry books and judging guidelines to help the judges score the entries, and they both will let members of the club set up the displays after judging is finished. This way our items will be handled by people used to

minis. Also it allows us to bring in extra things to make the display more attractive "extra items not to be judged of course".

#2 on the list is the last newsletter was sent email by a close friend, Pat Lindley. She has just retired from College of the Redwoods and is great on the computer (something I do not do). This is a skip because I am on my way to the Folsom Fiesta so snail mail again takes over. In the future, Pat will be on the job. Thanx a bunch Pat. #3 on the list, "wow, I'm beginning to feel like Earl". April 26th the Redwood Small World sponsored a Play Day. 20 ladies enjoyed making a potting shed with lots of kits made by club members, and gifts to help fill it. Two of our members taught the class, Kay Tiersbeck and Elaine Schulman, both charter members of this club started over 30 years ago. This leads into...

#4 on the list. This club will sponsor another Play Day October 18th, a smaller scare day taught by Pauline Pier and Debbie Jones, it will be a 1/4" parlor. It will be held in the same place as the last two, The Scrappers Edge, a scrapbooking store in Eureka. Happens to be owned by my niece, Sondra Kirtby. Thank you Sondra. Her workroom is great and free, also since we do not

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have a mini store in Humboldt, we have been discovering many items that work with us as well.

#5 We did do a display in the Public Library in McKinnlyville the month of April. It was very well received by the community. One lady called and donated a Queen Ann dollhouse that she and her daughter started years ago and never finished. Our club has decided to finish it and donate it to some group yet to be chosen, for the benefit of children. Thank you Chris Hutchenson!

Now #6. One of our members (Carolyn Walden) went to the Chicago show and came home so excited with the two witches and a witch book she made there. The witches used a polymer clay to enchase (ugly up) the faces, build hands and adjust body parts (such as longer legs for sitting figures, lower breasts for older witches "grin". It was a great experience for her and we will learn a lot from her. Isn't that what NAME is all about?

#7 is very good news. Pat Carter (of the Humboldt Wizards) has been having health problems but she is doing better now. She has sent a raffle item for the Folsom Fiestas' State Day. Happy you are doing well Pat!

Now at last #8 is a bit on the personal side. I have been honored by being asked to be-

come a long distance member of the "Mini Wizards" group. You know, the gals that do our Feb. State Day in Sacramento. I will not be able to attend many meetings, but the telephone works well. I will be helping at the 2009 February State Day— I am soooo excited!

Till next issue (with a smaller list hopefully)!

Jo Anne Grundhofer
State Representative

Northern Nevada
by Mary Ann VanBuskirk

SORRY I DID NOT HAVE A REPORT LAST ISSUE. JUST BUSY SHOVELING SNOW AND MISSED IT.

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 20th but Good Sam stepped on our date and we are moving it one week earlier.

CARSON MINI-MAKERS:

They meet the first Sunday of the month in Carson City at the recreation room of the Cottonwood Mobile Home Park.

Email JoAnn Jacot at jacot@clearwire.net for further info. These are mainly ¼" scale folks but they occasionally dabble in 1" also. They always have an interesting project and lots of finger foods to nibble. Friendly miniaturists to the core.

RENO MINIATURE CLUB:

Call Debbie Zalmana at 775-329-1630 if you are in Reno on the second Friday of each month. They meet in each other's homes, always have a great project and wonderful food.

San Francisco/Oakland
by Jan Costello

No Report Received

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

Fresno
by Barbara Fairbanks

Hello, I would like to introduce myself as your new State Rep. I am Barbara Fairbanks and have been in miniatures most of my life and a member of NAME almost 20 years. I am a member of the Fresno Tinker Belles club and we are now building furniture for the Brambly Hedge tree house that we will build later this summer. We would all like to invite you to join us. We meet at Hobby Town in the afternoon so you

do not have to drive at night or be out late. Joan McLean, Kayanne Yung, Annie Quock, and myself just returned from the Portland OR houseparty and did we have a great time!! It was very well organized and we had fun playing bingo, taking classes, and searching the sales room for just the perfect addition to our collections. The display room was huge and filled to the brim. Kayanne spoke to many instructors about coming to Fresno to teach classes at Hobby Town. The room can accommodate about 30 students.

We were pleased at how many would love to come and teach . We will do lots of advertising so that none of you miss out on being able to make a short trip and spend the day in Fresno. Be sure to contact me if I can do anything to help your experience in miniatures.
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Shasta Trinity
Open Position

No Report Received

GOOD SAM SHOW DATE CHANGE

The convention center has forced us out of Parkside Hall and has made us change the date of the Good Sam Show. It will be September 20 and 21 this year. It will be held in Exhibit Hall #2 of the main convention center. If you park in the \$7/day parking at Almaden and Woz Way, cross the street with the signal in the middle of the block and enter at the Starbucks entrance. If you park under the convention center (\$3/hour) use the elevator that takes you to Exhibit Hall #2. It is very convenient. 90% of our dealers will still be able to come, and we will be filling in

with some you may not have seen before. Hours of the show and activities in conjunction with the show will remain the same as always.

We are very excited to be offering Lady Bug's 1700's baby house as our featured workshop this year. She will be teaching it on Sept. 22 and 23, Monday and Tuesday after the show, at the PlaneTree Health Library. Information will soon be up on our website or you may call Karen Laisure at 408-463-0540 for further information. The baby house itself is 1" scale, the rooms inside are in

tiny scale. It is adorable.

We deeply regret that we are now in conflict with an east coast smaller scales houseparty and an IGMA study program, but we had no choice.

Come and enjoy the show, 3 weeks earlier than usual, we look forward to seeing you.

Barbara Jones, Chairman
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Open Positions in N-2

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

N-2 has three positions available for State Representatives.
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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 Cary Yerves to get more information and to offer your support for one of these positions!

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Computer Crash Results In Lost NAME Addresses

I am sorry to report that my hard drive recently crashed and some files were lost. I knew my computer was getting old, and had already begun to back up my files, but I was unable to get them all before the inevitable occurred. The main file I lost was the address list of all the people who have requested to receive the newsletter via regular mail.

I am attempting to re-build the list from memory, but if you know someone who does not have computer access, or who mentions that they have not received their copy of the newsletter in the mail, please contact me as soon as possible. You can email, write or phone me with their name and address. Thanks for the help. Cary

Never Been To The National Convention? You're Missing Out On A Big Part of NAME Membership

If you have never attended the National Convention, you are missing out on a large part of participation in NAME. Now, I know the first response I hear from most people is, but it costs so much. But, really that isn't necessarily true. When you take into account all the things that the convention offers, it is truly a vacation bargain. And let's face it, for many of your miniaturist friends, this is an annual vacation. Many people, myself included, save all year long for this yearly event, and it is my vacation, and offers me every bit as much fun as a trip to Disneyland!

And, depending where the convention is held, you might even be able to include a side trip to Dis-

neyland, or another major local attraction. (This year will be my opportunity to discover some of our nation's history, as I side trip just a short hop from Nashua to Boston!)

A convention includes several meals, some wonderful souvenirs and a lot of fun all for just \$225.00! Add to that the chance to take many workshops from great instructors, numerous activities, an auction, garage sale, roundtables, Patron Party, and making so many new friends and wonderful memories. Everyone should attend at least one National, and once you have, I guarantee you will be hooked and want to do it again and again. So start saving for next year, or at least the year after that.



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The Clark Historical Museum Allows Holiday Miniature display

By Pat Carter

We are fortunate in Humboldt County to have the Clarke Historical Museum in Old Town Eureka, CA. housed in a century old former bank building. For the past several years I have filled one of their cases with a display of miniature vignettes and roomboxes to celebrate the Holidays. This year I put together a witches Halloween party in a ceramic pumpkin, the yard is filled with games, food and presents for the neighborhood children. For Christmas, I used Rik Pierce's magnificent tower we made at the NAME College of Miniature Knowledge in Las Vegas. Inhabiting the tower was one of Cat Wingler's dragons. The trouble with dragons is that you can't stop with just one. I was planning on attending the Good Sam Show in San Jose and Cat was scheduled to be there. So, a quick S.O.S. email requesting dragons. Sure enough, when I got to her table there were three great dragons, one who was already anticipating the season along with one very small dragon that refused to left behind Also on display was Carolyn Walden's Harry Potter display and on permanent display is the hand crafted four story cabinet dollhouse filled with vintage Beidermier furniture and a large collection of Bliss houses. Please stop by the museum if you are ever in Eureka. It would be well worth your time!



Regional Calendar of Events

July

24th —27th National Convention
“Castles And Cottages”
Nashua, NH.
Info: In Gazette

September

5th — 6th CHAMP's Show
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13th — “Tahogwarts An All”
Summer at Tahoe State Day
Lake Tahoe, CA
See info in this issue
Info: www.summerattahoe.org

September

20th — 21st Showcase of Miniatures
Good Sam Show
Main Convention Center
Exhibit Hall #2
San Jose, CA
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19th —21st “Hail To The Chief”
Small Scales Houseparty
Greenville, S.C.
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27th — “Pirates Hideaway”
San Diego State Day
Info in The Gazette



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