



Big News Coming From NAME Board

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AS a member of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to let you know that the Board has been working very hard to add some new benefits that will make NAME membership an even better value.

At this time I am not at liberty to divulge exactly what we are working on until everything is actually approved, but I can say it is big. And, as the Board member from your region, I promise you will be the first to know when they are approved.

I urge you to also read your President's Column in the Gazette to keep up with the changes going on in NAME. We have been faced with a declining membership, due to both the economy and an aging member base, and our donations have been down, but again the Board is working hard to tackle these issues head on and make the changes necessary to move NAME forward. This is probably the most active, hands-on Board that NAME has had in many years, and all the members are very familiar with the issues facing NAME as well as what is needed to correct them.

For those of you planning on attending the National Convention in Indianapolis, be sure to schedule a visit to NAME headquarters. The NAME office and Museum are located in Carmel, just outside Indy, and there are planned bus tours to see it. The museum contains the history of NAME and a lot of volunteers have been working very hard to make sure that everything is in top shape for visitors. In addition, NAME recently received a grant from the Carmel Redevelopment Commission to upgrade our sign in front of the building and for the cost of installation of the new brick walkway. This is "your house" and I urge you to visit it and learn more about NAME.

Cary Yerves



Your Regional Team

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From The Regional Co-Coordinator's

Our club visits are proving to be interesting and fun. The clubs are enjoying the projects we bring. It's great to see your meeting places and talk about your projects and thoughts. We are learning more each time we meet a new group. Thanks once again to those clubs who have hosted us and we're anxious to meet with more of you. It turns out there are many familiar faces from shows and conventions that now have names. Speaking of conventions, we will be at National in Indiana and will be hosting our Regional Meeting. Don't forget to attend. We have some fun planned. We are looking forward to visiting the NAME museum in Carmel. Look for that report in August.

Thank you to those of you who remembered or took the time to send us nominations. We've learned from this new experience and want to pass a tip on to you. This is something to be thinking about ALL year long! Read over the qualifications for each award and make notes about people you meet who impress you with their contribution to the Miniature world and what NAME stands for. Some of us can't trust our minds to remember from now until nomination time rolls around next year. There are many deserving folks out there in Miniland. This leads to another way in which you can help your area. **We are still in**

need of State Reps for San Francisco/Oakland, Shasta/Trinity Sacramento and North Bay/Napa/Sonoma. Nominate yourself!! You can do it and we'll help.

We have started a fundraiser for N2. It's a 1" roombox Christmas Shop by Fran Huston. It's got lots of ideas for projects since many of the items were made by her and her club members. It will also appeal to teddy bear lovers. Tickets are one dollar and you'll find them in this newsletter. Now's the time to help your Region and perhaps win the prize. We'll be selling tickets through October. **(Note: See instructions for printing tickets on back page.)**

The MiniCals' "Spring Fling" was a success and they are excited about doing it again. So look for another "FLING" next spring. One thought that came out of a club visit is a Roundtable Day. We're giving this serious consideration and would like to hear from those of you interested in teaching a roundtable. We need a lot to make it worthwhile and cover costs. email or snail mail Ruth or Diane if interested. (addresses on page 1)

We'll be seeing you at Tahoe State Day and Good Sam. Fric and Frac signing off. Email: Grouchybeartoo@aol.com Please be sure to put minis in the subject line. I may not recognize your address.

Ruth and Diane

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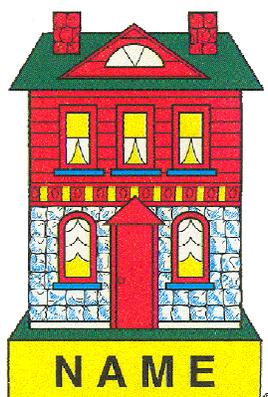
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LOOKING FOR A ROOMMATE FROM N-2 For an N-2 local mini event?

Pat Carter (one of the N-2 members) has offered to match people from N-2 who want to attend local mini events. This is not an official NAME matching but if you are wanting to attend an N-2 event and would like a roommate, Pat is willing to get people in touch with one another. Her information is:

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The NAME office does this already for National/Regional Houseparties so you may contact NAME directly if it is a National/Regional Houseparty you need a roommate for!

Showcase of Miniatures (better known as the Good Sam Show)

June is here and time to really get started on all of the little things (no pun intended) to put the "Showcase of Miniatures" 34th Annual Good Sam Show together

My name is Joan Hammon, the NEW Chairperson for the Good Sam Show. I have been the Exhibit Chairperson the Show for the past 11 years and loved every moment of it. Now, being the Chairperson for the WHOLE show, I realize what a wonderful job Barb Jones did, not only for the dealers but for the people attending the show. THANK YOU BARB FOR A SUPER JOB IN ALL YOU DID.

We, of the committee, are looking forward to October 10th and 11th, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose, CA. The Doubletree is in a great location, just half a block from the airport. It is a beautiful hotel with a lot of areas for just a cup of coffee, or a lavish dinner after mini shopping.

Johannes Landman, Judy Williamson and Nicole Walton-Marple are just three of the many artisans that will be dealers at the Show. Come to the Show, shop and you will see why we are the best Miniature Show on the West Coast. This year's theme in the Exhibit Area will be Medieval, and the theme will cover the Dealer Area as well. Come in costume if you choose.

We need donations for the White Elephant Sale at the Good Sam Show in October...we will take anything in the miniature line that people want to donate...all of the proceeds go directly to the Plane Tree Health Library as do all of the profits from the show...clean out your workroom of stuff that you will never use again

Please come to our "Showcase of Miniatures" (Good Sam Show) in October, see old friends, meet new ones, and share a great time. After all, isn't that what the love of Miniatures is about, "Friends in Sharing". For more information please go to www.goodsamshowcase.miniature.net. Or call Joan Hammon 530-888-6348

Editors **C**orner

Happy Summer to everyone!

It is amazing to me that summer 2009 is here already! How time flies when you are having fun...and especially as you get older. I remember when time seemed to go by so slowly and it took forever to get from one season to another. Not anymore! I turn around and another day...or month has passed. I hope that you are having this summer be a time for life to slow down and give you more time to do the fun things...like minis!

I want to especially thank Margaret Gordus for sending me an article about her club. She emailed it to me for the last issue but I never received it. Sorry Margaret...but it is in this issue! We love hearing news about what the clubs are doing. Please...send MORE club info.

I also wanted to briefly mention that we still have **FOUR** State Rep openings. See the Regional Coordinators column in this issue for where they are. There have to be one person in each of these areas who could contribute their time to Region N-2. Think about it!

You all enjoy your summer and remember to keep miniaturizing!

Yours in Miniature,
Leslie

Our Little Mini Club**Chico/Paradise****News for the year of 2008**

Carlene Brown designed and made kits for a chair for our latest club project, and all finished it in "one" meeting. We had a guest, Billie Ruonavaura, who is a natural miniaturist, and has been invited to join our club.

We have attended State Days with the Mini Wizards, Folsom Fiesta and Tahoe. Three of us attended the N3 "Rain, Wine & Roses" Regional house party. We have had several opportunities to exhibit our miniatures. Liz Driver had her room boxes for a quilt show. She also did a workshop (making a couch) for Pathfinder children from her church and donated two room boxes to Butte Home Health & Hospice for a fundraiser. Jack Rainey and Margaret Gordus exhibited 16 room boxes for Elks "Vice-President Wife" program. Margaret placed room boxes as centerpieces for a luncheon for her presentation on miniatures for the Elks Wives. The Paradise Stitchery Club had a field trip to Margaret's home to see her miniatures. Everyone was very impressed with all of our talents.

We are sad to announce the premature death of Carolyn Brown, who joined our club and NAME at the Membership Tea in January of 2007. Her excitement about the "Miniature World" was so refreshing to all of us. Her enthusiasm added a spark as we recalled our own early journey into miniatures and she will be truly missed.

Later this month will find us hosting a display of miniatures for an alumni sorority meeting. We are always happy and anxious to share this addiction we have, hoping to inspire others to join us in the fun. Enjoy the miniature world!

Margaret Gordus

News From Around The Region

State Rep's Reports

North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma by Cary Yerves



Not much news to report this time around. I still don't hear about any other club activities from this area. If any of you are doing something, please let me know, so I can pass along the information to others. Remember that other miniaturists love to hear what you are up to and sharing is what we are all about.

The Redwood Empire Mini-Acs has been on a nearly year long hiatus due to so many schedule conflicts, but it looks as though we may be getting together again soon. Several members attended the Folsom Fiesta and Elegant Dollhouse Flea Market this past May and we had a great time. We all agreed that just getting together to socialize is enough of a reason to re-establish regular club meetings. WE are going to poll all the members and see if we can't arrange ad hoc meetings each month with no specific project. At least we will be sharing ideas and treasures once again!

I did hear that there will be another miniature Flea Market in the Rohnert Park area in November. It will be held in the same building where Dena's

Dollhouse used to be and will again be hosted by Dena and Peg of Peg's Dollhouse and Museum. Speaking of Peg's, the liquidation of her museum collection is still going on and will continue until all items are gone. If you are interested in visiting Peg's, be sure to call ahead to schedule an appointment. The phone number is 707-823-3478.

South Bay/ Peninsula by Laura Johnson

I have heard from a couple of clubs in my area that they are working hard and having a good time with their minis. I even have a report from the Mini Attics that I am including here.

I just returned from the flea market in Sacramento. It was a fun day, even though the weather didn't cooperate. I (and many others) hurried through the parking lot, from booth to booth, dodging the showers while I looked for those treasures I just had to have. I saw many mini friends that I don't often see and it was a good time to catch up on what is happening with them.

Mini Attics Report: The attic has been humming with activity as the Mini Attics work on favors, projects and hosting guest miniaturists.

We recently completed 200 hand lotion/suntan lotion bottles as tote bag favors for the NAME convention. We are presently working on

a flea market display for Good Sam. Member Brenda Hough had some tables she no longer wanted, so each member has a sale table to assemble.

The Mini Attics are also continuing work on their long-term project, the Contest Houses for Shellie's Miniature Mania in San Carlos. The contest deadline is June 30, which is making some of us a bit uneasy.

At our recent club meeting we had the pleasure of having as guests Regional Coordinators, Ruth Heisch and Diane Piziali as well as N2 State Representative, Laura Johnson. It was an opportunity to meet one another as well as have some fun. Ruth and Diane brought a project for each of us, a display box containing Fiesta dinnerware. During their term of office they plan to visit as many clubs as possible.

I am happy to report that the Wee Housers have set a date for their flea market and picnic in San Mateo. **Save the date: Saturday, November 14.** We'll have more info later. Last year's flea market was a big success with lots of great bargains. You don't want to miss it!

Happy Miniaturizing!

Laura Johnson



State Rep's Reports (cont.)

North Coast

by Jo Anne Grundhofer

As of yesterday, the display in the McKinleyville is done.. had many thank-yous & Wows!! Our next display will be our window box kitchens that were built at our play day at the District Fair, held in Eureka at the end of June. The display will add to all the entries to be judged

The doll house we have been working on needs one more work day to finish. This will be done in May, then early in June we will present it to CASA. They were all excited about our choosing them. No problem about cleaning between groups of children, who will be accompanied by volunteers. CASA in Humboldt has a new room for play with a game closet, kitchen, extra meeting room, and they are fixing wonderful outdoor playground. When we do present it, we hope to have pictures and an article to share.

Our Play Day was the 25th of April. In the window box we taught doing stress walls with paint and Kleenex, then the floor was wallpaper to simulate linoleum, and the hutch, after painting the color of Chaise was rubbed with Minwax Wood-Sheen. Rubbing oil stain and

finish, we used manor oak, it gave a nice oil finish and antique look. *Hint: paint the back and test on that to be sure you like the finish. We also taught how to make mixing bowls from quilling paper. Other kits and gifts helped fill space.... And of course, everyone will add their own touch.

We all had a lunch of roll ups, salad, and desert furnished by the club. A big thank you to Scrapper's Edge for the room. Pat Carter had items for sale and the club had a free stuff table. All said and done, we had a great time.

Las February , River City Rendezvous was great fun – talk about a fish out of water.. it was my first State day without taking a tool box. I had a great time teaching. Next year is the lighted Christmas tree, with lots to go with it. Sure is a fun group to work with.

Now, before getting turned around, a bunch of us are headed to Sacramento for Folsom Fiesta and the Parking Lot Sale. Sure is fun trying to keep up.

The rows of shops Redwood Small World is doing range from a Music Shop, Fish Monger, Quilt, Post Office, Yarn, Fine Arts, Oriental, etc., just to mention a few. It will be great

fun watching them come to life.

Joanne Grundhofer

Northern Nevada by Mary Ann VanBuskirk

Reno Miniature Club is holding on; they have about 5 members who are still getting together and enjoying miniature projects. They don't have any projects planned at this time.

Carson City Mini Makers have great fun (usually on the first Sunday of each month). Most of these folks are into 1/4 inch scale and have a very creative project each month. Contact JoAnn Jacot for more information. I have heard that they are planning a 1/4 scale workshop for next year.

Tahoe Miniacs are busy getting ready for their State Day workshop - see ad in this issue. This is a state day club, meaning they focus on the state day and don't have "regular" meetings. This is a small club of seven members that have, for the past 16 years, planned and arranged for a state day workshop. The State Day is planned for August 28 and 28, 2009. Hope to see you all there.

Mary Ann VanBuskirk

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

San Francisco/Oakland
Open Position



No Report Received

Fresno
by Barbara Fairbanks

*No Report Received
Due to Joan McLean's illness
There will be a report next
newsletter. Thanks for your
understanding.*

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East Bay/ Tri-Valley
by Jennifer Rich

I cannot believe that it is already June. How this year is flying by!

My most exciting New Year's Resolution came true and I was able to go to Chicago the last week of March/first week of April and attend the Tom Bishop Chicago International

Show.

Attending the show had been a dream of mine for years and every year I kept putting it off for one reason or another. Finally I decided to commit to going and was very glad I did! I think it is the largest show I have ever been to.

Even though it wasn't a NAME sponsored event there was a NAME table there and I periodically ran into NAME members through out the sales rooms. (I think that is one of the things I like about belonging to NAME is even though you are far from home you always see a familiar face.) In addition I was able to take two classes there (the Steinke's Mama Mia dome kit and a flower class given by Kimberly Hammer...both classes were great!)

Chicago is definitely the windy city but it was also a lot of fun and I went to Museums (saw the Thorne Rooms) and other touristy sites. The train to downtown was about a block walk away from the hotel so I was downtown in about ½ an hour.

Of course I'm looking forward to attending the three events coming up, before you know it, in the Bay Area...in August the Tom Bishop show, in Septem-

ber the Champs Show put on by the Mini Dreamers (besides the shopping I have also enjoyed the projects they display), and the Good Sam Show in October (remember, it is now in a new hotel.)

The Miniacs of San Francisco have just sent out tote bag gifts we have made for the Salt Lake City Houseparty. (There are a few of us who are hoping to attend, but we won't find out until next week if we were able to get in...we're keeping our fingers crossed.)

Both The Mini Dreamers (in the East Bay) and The Miniacs of San Francisco currently have openings for members if any one is interested. The contact information for both clubs is located on the NAME website.

Until next time, hope you are all enjoying working on your mini projects and have a great summer!

Contact me at
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State Rep's Reports (cont.)

Shasta/Trinity

Open Position

No Report Received



Sacramento

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No Report Received

16th ANNUAL SUMMER AT TAHOE STATE DAY WORKSHOP

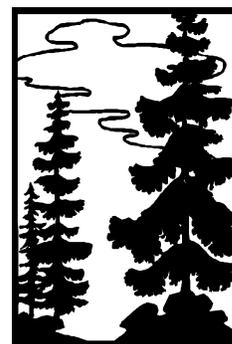
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This is a picture from the **Spring Fling** put on by the MiniCals.

These are MiniCals members Phyllis Hedman, Ruth Heisch, Marge Johnsen and Diane Piziali.

The MiniCals plan on presenting another **Spring Fling** next year!

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Regional Calendar of Events

July 16 - 19, 2009

NAME National Convention
"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
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Oct. 10 - 11, 2009

34th Annual Showcase of Miniatures
The Good Sam Show
Doubletree Hotel, San Jose, CA
Info: <http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net>

Printing Raffle Tickets

Please Note: This issue has printable tickets inside for the N2 Fundraiser Raffle. If you receive the newsletter online, you may print the tickets by using your drop down "File" menu.

Click File, then select "Print". When the printer dialogue box opens, look for the "Pages Range" you will see that "All" is selected. Change it to select "Pages" and enter the number 10. Then hit "OK". This will print only the page of tickets. For the address to send your tickets to, be sure to copy the address from page 9 in the newsletter.



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