



## Good Sam Show News

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As was the case last year, as we get ready to jury the dealers we have more applications than we have room. Some of the new ones are very exciting, such as a premier doll dealer from Spain and a premier animal maker from Japan. We are looking forward to sharing the 2012 dealer list with you on the web site the first week of March.

Martha and Michael Puff, our Publicist and our Photographer, started a Good Sam Show blog on New Year's Day. Each Saturday they feature a post with pictures from 3 dealers, one or two exhibitors, and occasionally a new product. What a way to shop during the year before attending the show, or to get inspired by items you see on the blog. The blog is at <http://goodsamshow.blogspot.com> for your entertainment.

Our Friday Workshops will be on our web site around June 1<sup>st</sup>, as always. We hope to post our post-show Featured Workshops in March. We will have a Japanese Tea House taught by The Guys, and a pottery workshop taught by Craig Roberts of the Hairy Potter. We hope to have a quarter scale featured workshop as well, by one of the top quarter scale teachers known to man. Stay tuned.

Come play with us October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information call Barb Jones at 408-257-9385 or see our web site at <http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net>

Our date conflicts with the NAME Day across the country, as the hotel could only have us that weekend, so keep track of your local group NAME Day dates. Our local group will have NAME Day a week early in 2012. Also enjoy the Tom Bishop show in August and CHAMPS in Emeryville the weekend after Labor Day.

Barb Jones

**Your Regional Team**

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**From The Regional Co-Coordinator's**

I am making this short and sweet as I have had a full knee replacement and some complications so I am not completely with it yet and my partner is out of the country. Before the surgery I did manage to finish the sample kit of "The Alcove" Name Day project. It is fun and very simple. I painted, of course. Now is the time to plan and register an Event in your area for NAME Day. Most of your questions are answered in my article in the MiniGazette. I mentioned in the last newsletter that Good Sam had a signed contract prior to the 1st Saturday of October being named the official NAME DAY each year. Through the Looking Glass and MiniCals are doing Name Day on September 29,2012. Come spend the week in San Jose and continue into the week with Good Sam classes and the Good Sam Show on the following weekend. FUN! FUN! FUN!

We will be accepting nominations very soon for the Regional Awards. First up is the Ambassador Award. This is very special in that it is the only one voted on outside of the Region . We have had several recipients go on to get the President's Award. Let your State Reps hear from you. We also have Helping Hands award for those always ready to help 'every' and 'any' where. The Rising Star is more or less a newcomer or new to her recent accomplishments. The Hall

of Fame Award is someone in N2 who is always a ready helper and goes beyond the call of duty for her club and NAME.

Last but not least, are the Club of the Year and the Youth Mentor awards.

Don't forget to do your club's charter renewal and the AIM points!!!

Check the calendar for lots happening this spring in N2.

We are looking forward to the 40th Anniversary in Charlotte this year. Hope to see you there. We will be attending for the last time as RCS. It's been a real learning experience. Call us if you think you would like to carry the N2 banner. We'd be happy to help. We are still looking for a few State Reps. It is basically the liaison between the RCs and the Clubs, their Presidents or representatives. It's fun to visit clubs and see what they are doing for their communities and NAME and FUN. You can take it as far as you like. The SRs also host the NAME table at as many shows as possible. We're waiting to hear from you.

Until next time!  
Ruth and Diane



## Your Regional Team

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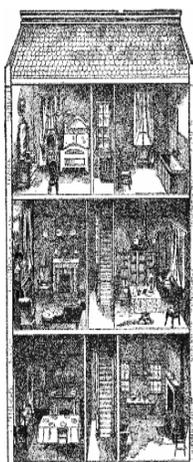
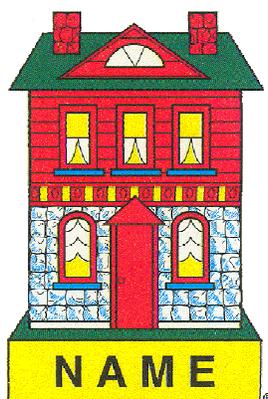
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## Miniaturist's House Fire Destroys Years of Minis

To Our Regional Members,  
I am sure that most of you know Toni Cochran who works for us in the NAME office. I learned recently that her house burned down. This is devastating news, as the fire department was unable to save anything. My reason for writing is to update you on this news, and to ask you to be more patient if things from the NAME office take a little longer. Toni will obviously be out for a short time to handle all the issues that come with this kind of disaster, so Kim and Barb are going to have their hands full assuming the extra responsibilities while Toni is out. They would appreciate you holding off on any non-urgent business calls. (This part was written on 3-12-12)

Additionally, because Toni lost everything, if you would like (Cont)

**E**ditors **C**orner

Spring



Hello there everyone!

Spring has sprung and even up at 4200 feet the daffodils are blooming like crazy! There are a couple of really fun times coming up for this editor. I am registered and am planning on attending the Portland Small Scales Houseparty in May. The theme there is "Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall –Celebrate them all"! I'm really looking forward to this houseparty because it is small scale and also because I LOVE decorating for each month and the whole houseparty is about the seasons! It was made for ME!

In July I am going to be attending the National Houseparty in North Carolina! I haven't been to one for a while and am really looking forward to seeing everyone and participating in the celebration of NAME's 40 birthday. I have been a member since July 1st, 1977 so I've been around to see the growth and changes in the organization and I will be celebrating 35 years in NAME. My, my...how time flies when you are having fun!!

The N-2 region has lost a very active miniaturist since the last newsletter. Pat Carter died recently and you can read about her unexpected death in the column for the North Coast written by Sharon Spencer. As NAME ages...so do some of it's members.

So between now and May...and July...I will be busy trying to figure out what table favors to give and what individual gift to give to a tablemate at both houseparties! Hummm...what would work as a gift??

Yours in Miniature, Leslie

**(Continued from previous page)** to help, here is what we are asking. The NAME Board is starting a campaign to help Toni replace some of her lost minis. Although Toni had insurance, as you know, this never covers so many irreplaceable treasures. Toni was extremely upset that she lost all of the miniature kits that she had been collecting to work on in her retirement, not to mention her finished miniatures. If you would like to help, you may do so by sending a miniature or a miniature kit directly to Toni's attention, c/o **NAME, PO Box 69, Carmel, IN, 46082**

If you have any questions or concerns, you may write to me at [mrminimeister@gmail.com](mailto:mrminimeister@gmail.com) I know that we miniaturists are all like family and I am confident that we will come together to help one of our most hard working and dedicated staff members. Thank you in advance for your care and concern!

Cary Yerves

### Pat Carter will be missed!!



# News From Around The Region

## State Rep's Reports

North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma  
by Cary Yerves  
**Open Position**



*No Report Received*

Cary Yerves  
Acting State Representative

South Bay/ Peninsula  
by Lynne Hoffman and  
Barbara Adams

2012 looks like it will be full of miniature activity in our area. The MiniCals are sponsoring a series of workshops at the wonderful Morgan Hill location. The first one, a paper clay workshop, was a sell-out. The participants worked all day on various paper clay techniques, and ended with making a sample board of painting techniques to aid in finishing the project. The project is a room box that will fit the NAME Day 2012 project if desired. More workshops are planned featuring different techniques. Contact Ruth Heisch or Diane Piziali for more info.

Save the dates:

March 24- Annual Spring Fling Flea Market and Potluck in Morgan Hill.

September 29- NAME Day

Event, "The Alcove" sponsored by MiniCals and Through the Looking Glass clubs. This will again be held in Morgan Hill. October 6 and 7- Showcase of Miniatures

### Mini Attics

Submitted by Gerry Silberstein

After the rush to get our 1/4" Southwest houses ready for the Good Sam Exhibit the Mini Attics have been working on finishing up projects that were started months ago. Miniaturists seem to have a wealth of unfinished projects.

Several club members are participating in the Mini Cals How To Workshops in Morgan Hill on five Saturdays beginning February 4 and ending May 19. This is a series of workshops teaching different skills, and, when completed, result in a vignette which coordinates with the NAME Day project for 2012. For information on the workshops contact Regional Reps Ruth Heisch or Diane Piziali

### MiniCals

Submitted by Ruth Heisch

MiniCals once again, added our support and hours to the Good Sam show for the most successful show of

all. Several of us chair various committees.

The MiniCals had their first of 6 workshops on Feb. 4. This was the paperclay class and making of a roombox to clay the floor, interior and exterior. We were thrilled with the reception of the series and, at 30, #1 was a sellout. I'm hearing it was lots of fun! The series will run each month until June 16. We are so lucky to have Karen Laisure's spacious facility for our use. She and her husband are most generous! They are making the tools needed in these classes for every attendee to keep. There are still spaces available in upcoming workshops.

MiniCals is again hosting the Spring Fling Flea Market and Pot Luck on March 24.

MiniCals and Through the Looking Glass are beginning work on our September 29, Name Day Event. We have enjoyed the last two NAME Day events together and are anxious to do the "Alcove" this year.

### Through the Looking Glass

Submitted by Barbara Adams

## State Rep's Reports (cont.)

The "Through the Looking Glass" mini club of San Jose has a year of miniature fun planned for 2012. Each month we will be working on a small project taught by the member at whose house we meet. Most of our club members are taking part in the MiniCal workshop series. Our club will continue to help prepare and teach the Girl Scout Workshop, inspiration of members Lynne Hoffman and Karen Sesody, at Good Sam in October. In addition, we have joined with the "Mini Cals" club, also of San Jose, to plan and present the NAME Day Workshop in Morgan Hill at the end of September. An all-day workshop at member Monya Johnson's home in May and a proposed field trip in August to a miniature shop rounds off our busy "little" year!

Happy Miniaturing!  
Lynne Hoffman and  
Barbara Adams  
Bay Area State Reps.

North Coast  
by Jo Anne Grundhofer

How can we be writing reports for the Spring Newsletter when it is the middle of winter! Actually, we've been very lucky this year. After an early

wet start, we've had a surprisingly mild winter with only one real "storm" as of the end of January. The only disappointment in that is that I haven't had weather as an excuse to hibernate at home, working on miniature projects.

We are getting ready to host our annual Play Day on March 17. Our project this year is a Peddler's Cart, a project we found on Joann Swanson's wonderful blog [site \(http://www.joannswansondiyminiatures.blogspot.com/2011\\_04\\_01\\_archive.html\)](http://www.joannswansondiyminiatures.blogspot.com/2011_04_01_archive.html). I'm especially interested in this project, as we don't have to enlist the help of anyone's husband to cut a lot of wood parts for us. We always look forward to working with miniaturists in our area who aren't members of our club, and we will be meeting and making some new friends this year. (A photo of our prototype cart is enclosed.)

We are also looking ahead to the two local fairs in our area, where we enter our projects for judging in the Miniature Arts category, set up a non-judged display of a larger group project, and demonstrate different miniatures techniques and projects each day. The Redwood Acres Fair in Eureka is held June 21-24. The Humboldt County Fair in Ferndale is held August 15-26, and this year will be the 116<sup>th</sup> year of that fair. The staff at both fairs

works with us to protect miniature entries and non-judged displays, and ensures that everything is shown in the best manner. The Redwood Small World club sponsors a prize for 'Best-In-Show, Amateur Entry' at each fair.

We are proud to report that Carolynn Walden's Piccadilly Masquerade Shop will be featured in the March issue of American Miniaturist magazine. All the members of the Redwood Small World club finished, decorated and stocked a three story plywood shell, and we have displayed the finished shops together as our 'Street of Shoppes' at several local venues. While the same plywood shell was used by each club member, the completed shops are unique, and reflect each owner's style, interests, and skill level. Carolynn's shop is outstanding, and it was on display at the Good Sam Show last August where it was photographed by Michael Puff for the magazine. Carolynn wrote an article to accompany the photos, which describes the development of the project and includes tips and hint on displaying miniature items within a scene like her shop.

# State Rep's Reports (cont.)

In closing, we join everyone in the miniatures community mourning the passing of Pat Carter. Pat lived in Humboldt County and was active in the miniatures "world" locally, and also very involved in NAME. Pat shared her love of miniatures and her collections through displays at local museums and fairs, and offering classes in her home to groups of local miniaturists. She joined us at our annual Play Day each year. If you attended the Good Sam Show, you probably met Pat, where she worked so hard on the White Elephant Sale each year. Pat passed away in January, and most of her miniatures collection will be sold through Shellie's Miniatures in San Carlos. Members of Pat's family will also be selling some of Pat's collection of materials, supplies and tools to the Elegant Dollhouse Flea Market in July.

Sharon Spencer, for Joanne Grundhofer

Northern Nevada  
By Mary Ann Van Buskirk

Not much to report except that the winter has been long and cold. Unlike last year, we have

not had much snow, but we are tired of shoveling just the same. We are ready for warm days and yard work.

Tahoe Miniacs: We are working hard on the upcoming Summer at Tahoe State Day Workshop and expect to have a photo of the project on our website soon. Our theme this year is "If you are lucky enough to be in the mountains, you are lucky enough." It will be a backyard patio on the lake with all appropriate accessories. Come join us and have a respite from the summer heat. All this scenery and miniatures, too! What a deal. See our ad in this issue.

Carson City Club: They send me updates on their meeting schedules and I am always amazed how much they tackle on a monthly basis. If you get a chance, contact JoAnn Jacot and visit one of their meetings.

Mary Ann Van Buskirk

San Francisco/  
Oakland  
**Open Position**



*No Report Received*

*An open position and a great Opportunity to support the region!*

Fresno  
By Barbara Fairbanks

Tinker Belles of Fresno have been involved with all kinds of ill health. Those of us that have been able to attend the meetings are working on unfinished projects. We have also had the joy of feeding the ill members, with each of us taking a night and providing dinner.

Several of us are doing the count down to Portland and really looking forward to it. We are busy making our table exchanges.

We are also working on trying to get to Morro Bay Miniature Show and Sale. It is always a nice show and the day trip is great!!

The next newsletter should have much more news!

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East Bay /  
Tri-Valley  
**Open Position**



Yet another opportunity to help the region!

Contact our Regional Coordinators for more information!

Shasta/Trinity  
By Margaret Gordus

Day, that we will be hosting on February 23, 2013 for 50. See flyer for registration.

filled up but you may sign up on a waiting list with Karen Sandvick at [gnome-home13@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gnome-home13@sbcglobal.net). The first Saturday in May 9am to 4pm. And don't forget the annual Elegant Dollhouse Parking Lot Sale on Fulton in Sacramento. It starts at 8ish to 3ish. Always rain or shine, this event has great deals on tons of minis!

Our Little Mini Club Chico/Paradise

We lost one of our long-time members, Betty Moural, in December. She will be truly missed.

Margaret Gordus

Four of us went to Morgan Hill for the class on paper clay. It was a great learning experience and Karen was a wonderful teacher.

It is especially fun that we can still have "Slumber Parties" at our age!

Sacramento  
By Connie Yonker

Two members hosted a tour for three generations, a teenager interested in miniatures, her mother and her grandmother. They seemed to thoroughly enjoy our display of room boxes and we're hoping that the mini bug has bitten. She already has a dollhouse which she wishes to furnish.

Hello all! Leslie Flint is asking all who are interested to do a show and sale at the Stockton Waterfront Warehouse/ Stockton Marina to sign up with her. Tables will be \$50.00 each. Sale will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 9am to 3pm. Her group wants to make this a yearly event hopefully with your support. You can reach her by e - m a i l

I'm hearing a lot of you are attempting to finish your past projects. Pattie Hong from Grass Valley, myself and Renate Winter from Citrus Heights to name just a few have decided that it's time to dig in to those cupboards and pull out those unfinished projects and make them happen! It makes you feel great completing them. Pattie has completed 3 already!

The club is busy working on our "Teahouse of the New Moon"(1 inch scale) for State

[www.stocktonmarina@aol.com](mailto:www.stocktonmarina@aol.com)  
For everyone who signed up for Folsom Fiesta {their 27<sup>th</sup>} it will be here soon! As of now it is

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Joan Wion



**This is an upcoming State Day for February 2013.  
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## State Day

Our Little Mini Club Chico/Paradise

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"Tea House of the New Moon"

(A Japanese Tea House)

February 23, 2013

Cost: \$60.00

Workshop to be held at:

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# Regional Calendar of Events

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**March 24, 2012**

Spring Fling Flea Market and Pot Luck  
Morgan Hill, CA

**May 4 through 6th**

Portland Small Scales Party  
"Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall  
Celebrate them all"

**May 5th, 2011**

Folsom Fiesta State Day in Sacramento  
Info: Karen Sandvick,  
[gnomehome13@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gnomehome13@sbcglobal.net)  
Project- a Safari Room

**May 6, 2011**

Elegant Dollhouse Parking Lot Sale  
(Flea Market) in Sacramento  
Info: [ElegantDollhouse@aol.com](mailto:ElegantDollhouse@aol.com)

**July 26 to 29th 2012**

NAME National  
Charlotte, NC

**October 6th and 7th, 2012**

Good Samaritan Miniature Show and Sale  
Doubletree Hotel, San Jose, CA

**September 29th, 2012**

NAME Day in Region N-2  
Save the Date



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