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I'm planning a series of articles on your St. Rep. so you can learn a little about who is representing us and what they are like and what they do for us. This first article is on one of our newest State Representatives who has taken on her new job with a lot of gusto! It is precisely because of her "gusto" that I am having her first in this series.

Darwin has always loved small things. In 1992 at the urging of a friend, she attended her first Folsom Fiesta State Day in Sacramento hosted by the MayDay Minis. She "discovered" that miniatures encompassed many crafts that she was already practicing such as, needlework, painting and interior decorating. She has a natural eye for quarter scale and is most comfortable working on those kinds of projects, but she does work in all scales. She especially likes doing projects thought of as "whimsy" style: Woodland, Mary Engelbreit. "A Brook Tucker I ain't", she says!

She was part of the now disbanded N2 Miniatures Club for some years because she was still working and they were the only club that met in the evenings. Now that she is retired she belongs to "The Itty Bitty's" which was just a bit of luck for her as she attended the 2011 Folsom Fiesta and asked around for a club accepting members and they had room for 1 more!

She is the State Representative for Sacramento which now has 8 NAME clubs. She has also taken on the task of "Archivist" for our N2 region. We have a scrapbook of our history which hasn't had any additional info and work done in it since 2000! She has made this new task her responsibility until someone else "applies". She is a history "nut" and she hopes there will be others who are curious about our history. She says this job has turned out to be a wonderful reason to attend every possible event. Her duties include covering NAME tables and providing information to current members and recruiting new people. She got her first new member on her first time at the Champs show!

Connie Younker



Darwin Spring

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From The Regional Co-Coordinator

Hello! The holidays are almost here and I for one still have a lot to get accomplished before they arrive. September came and went so quickly. El Cerrito's Champs show was busy and NAME did very well with Cary Yerves and Nancy Wantiez working hard selling estate items. We were saddened by the news of Wini Buss's passing {see article} on October 2, 2012

October had Good Sam's and our NAME table was busy! Thank you to all the gals who gave their time to man the table. October was our 3rd annual NAME Day and it was also a huge success. Thank you to all the clubs who put on a special NAME event like the "MiniCals" and the ladies of "Through the Looking Glass" who jointly did a "By the Sea" event project. Also the "Itty Bitties" of Sacramento doing their 2nd annual NAME event. Ladies came from Stockton and all the way from Reno, Nevada to participate. I want to thank all the clubs who did the "Alcove" as their club project. Imagine how many people were crafting the same alcove project at the same time all over the world! We rock mini friends!

Connie Younker
New Region N2 Regional Coord.



Itty Bitties

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Projects



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Remembering Wini Buss Nov. 3, 1937 - Oct. 2, 2012

By Diane Walter

Wini loved life and filled every day with activity, be it Mini's, her church, or volunteer work for Children's Hospital in Oakland. She will be greatly missed.

Wini joined the world of miniatures in 1993 when the Mini Dreamers Club was formed under the leadership of Ken Stanford. Our first order of business was to become a NAME Club. Our charter members were Joan Kunze, Wini Buss, Ken Stanford, Helene Graichen, and Diane Walter. We were all so excited, we voted to hold our meetings once a week on Monday evenings. We could not fathom waiting longer to PLAY with our new hobby. Our first year we made and sofa and chair designed by Ken Stanford. The following year was filled with attending every show from Sacramento to Morro Bay mini shopping, taking every workshop available, from Folsom Fiesta, River City, Summer at Tahoe, workshops at Shellie's Miniatures, Cooper's Dollhouse Studio in Benicia, Elegant Dollhouse, and many more adding to our friendships, fun and knowledge.

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Hello there Miniaturists!!

Winter is here at my home. In fact we already had about 6" of snow! Christmas is coming, the busy time of the year, filled with excitement and family and friends! I participated in NAME day in October by myself...in my home...because the planned ones in this area were hours away. It was a fun project and, from what I've heard, everyone that participated had a wonderful time. It is always more fun to do something with other miniaturists but if you can't do that...working by yourself in the comfort of your own home is not so bad!

Winter...the time of year when we get to snuggle down in the warmth of our home. Read books. Practice playing the guitar. Working on Counted Cross Stitch. And working on miniatures! I'm hoping that this winter will be a time for me to do all of these things. I have LOTS of kits, some houses, some furniture, some miscellaneous. I will probably have to live to be 250 years old in order to finish everything...but I'm planning on doing some mini building this winter.

If any of you have any suggestions for the newsletter, I'm more than happy to listen to the suggestions. I don't write the newsletter (other than this Editors Corner) I receive articles from you folks and try and make them fit into the 12 pages we are allowed (due to mailing costs). I will take articles from anyone and will do my best to use them. Sometimes I have too much...sometimes not enough. Let me know if you have any ideas.

Please enjoy the holidays with family and friends. Life is precious and each day matters!

Yours in Miniature, Leslie



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South Bay/ Peninsula
by Lynne Hoffman and
Barbara Adams

2012 has been a wonderful year of miniature-related activities in our area! The MiniCal club sponsored a series of workshops January- June. These were well attended and it was fun to meet with miniaturists from around the Bay Area each month. The Spring Fling (also sponsored by the MiniCal club,) is an annual event that includes a potluck lunch and miniature flea market. In September, the MiniCals and Through the Looking Glass hosted the 3rd annual Name Day. The theme for the alcove was "By the Sea." It is always fun to see what each person creates from the same kit. In October The Mini Attics once again displayed projects at the Redwood City Library. Showcase of Miniatures (fondly known as The Good Sam Show,) is always a highlight of the season with classes, displays, silent auc-

tions, raffles, dealers from around the world, and another opportunity to connect with folks who love miniatures. In November, the Annual Bay Area Flea Market and Potluck hosted by the Wee Housers celebrated its 33rd year with many happy attendees sharing lunch and friendship as well as buying and selling miniatures! It's hard to believe that 2012 will soon be over.

We hope you have enjoyed some of the wonderful mini events this year. Thank you to all who work so hard to make them happen! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Lynne Hoffman
Barbara Adams

Mini Attics

Submitted by
Gerry Silberstein

The Mini Attics greeted fall with a flurry of activities. We put finishing touches on our club teacup projects so they would be ready to display at Good Sam. We also finished and collected projects for our annual October library display at the Redwood City Public Library. We decorated two display cabinets, one with Halloween minis and the other with projects which were special to members.

New club officers were elected at our October meeting: Presidents--Caryl Lepelly and Ruth Alves; Secretary--Gerry Silberstein; Treasurer--Diane Phillips. We thank Kathleen Sliter for serving multiple terms as president and for all her contributions to our club. Also, final plans for our holiday party and gift exchange were finalized. We wish everyone a happy holiday season.

A Sad Note: Our thoughts are with club member Kathleen Sliter whose husband passed away in early November.

MiniCals

Submitted by
Ruth Heisch

The MiniCals would like to announce the 2013 workshops and the Spring Fling 2013. (see ads in small talk)

"Through the Looking Glass"

Submitted by
Barbara Adams

Saturday, September 29th, was the culmination of almost a year of planning and working by "Through the Looking Glass" and "MiniCals" to organize and present a NAME Day Workshop in Morgan Hill. The theme, "By the Sea," inspired many creative kits and

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gifts from both of the clubs and their members to go with the Alcove Project. Forty NAME members attended and enjoyed a day of miniature building, brainstorming and socializing. Some of the completed Alcoves were displayed in settings at the Showcase of Miniatures the following weekend, October 6th and 7th. "Through the Looking Glass" also taught their annual Girl Scout Miniatures Workshop. The Club put together kits and materials for forty girls to create a beach scene set in a sand bucket. The scene, designed by Club President Lynne Hoffman and Karen Sesody, included a tiny bottle of sunscreen and a box of Girl Scout cookies! Halloween was celebrated with a party at Margaret Whalen's home and we are looking forward to making Christmas cookies- miniature, of course- with Monya Johnson. Our miniature year will be rounded out with our annual Christmas party hosted by Lynne and including large and small goodies. Happy New Year!

Wee Housers Submitted by Laura Johnson
The Wee Housers had a busy summer. In addition to our regular meetings we met several times to sort and price lots of great miniatures donated by one of our previous

members who was downsizing. Many of the items were sold at the CHAMPS show and the proceeds went to NAME.

We were also planning for our 33rd Annual Bay Area Flea Market. I'm happy to say that the event on November 10 was a success. We had a good crowd, lots of good food, sellers with lots of mini treasures and buyers to acquire them. I think buyers and sellers went away satisfied. We hope to hold this event again next year.

.North Coast
by Jo Anne Grundhofer

No Article Received
Will do one next time!

Sharon Spencer, for Joanne Grundhofer

Northern Nevada
By Mary Ann Van Buskirk

We are getting snow here in the mountains and after such a warm summer and fall, it is quite a shock. Christmas will be here before we know it.

Our Summer at Tahoe workshop was very enjoyable. I hope to have some pictures on the website soon, as well as the upcoming workshop next August. Please see our ad in this issue. This project will be a small "as you like it" project which means you can personalize it to suit yourself. Please sign up as

soon as possible so that we know how many to count on. We have quite a few folks who break it up into payments to make it easier. We have a great new room in which to hold the workshops, with a kitchen and lots of parking. Come on up and craft something!

Mary Ann Van Buskirk

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Fresno
By Barbara Fairbanks

Hello N2 members. Fresno members have been busy with many activities over the last few months. In fact this newsletter covers from 110 degrees day after day to in the 40's. Our fall lasted all of one month.

Our NAME DAY turned out to be well attended with members from Fresno, Clovis, Sanger, Madera, Visalia, and Porterville. It was a fun day and most of the attendees took home a finished Alcove. We began with coffee and sweet rolls, then we had lunch at the new

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GRILL at HobbyTown in Fresno, and ended with cake for the afternoon break. And we are ALL looking forward to doing it again next Oct.

We had a workshop last week doing Grandtline's "Cindy-You're Late" kit. Still a lot of work and painting to do on our pumpkin carriages but it is turning out to be a very cute project.

Nearly everyone in the club was able to make it to San Jose for the Good Sam show. Of course we all brought home many tiny packages. It was fun at our next meeting to have a show and tell of what we found at the show.

We are very happy to have 2 new members join our club. One has a little miniature building experience, the other is a brand new miniaturist. We are hoping that both will decide to join NAME.

Several long time Tinker Belles ordered Art Deco houses and are now building and learning about what goes into an Art Deco house. We have all done a lot of Victorian houses and wanted something a little different.

Our Christmas party will be changed this year but we will have a party anyway!! Now to get busy and make some plans. Happy Holidays!

Barbara Fairbanks
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East Bay / Tri-Valley by Suzanne Harrington

I have been involved in miniatures for about 10 years. A good friend would bring her various projects to work to show and little by little I became involved. I joined NAME at my first State Day and have met a lot of fun people and been involved in a lot of fun projects. I am retired and this year at the convention in Charlotte I decided it was time to volunteer, so here I am a State Rep. My goal for these articles is to give you some news about all the clubs in my area and not bore you to death in the process.

The MiniDreamers did a terrific job again this year and the CHAMPS show was a huge success enjoyed by the vendors and the shoppers alike. The exhibits are always inspiring and it is wonderful to see what others have created. It was, however, followed by the great sadness of the death of Wini Buss. Wini has been a member of MiniDreamers for the past 16 years. She was the person who contacted and organized the vendors for the CHAMPS show and was always there to welcome everyone who attended with a smile and a warm hello. Wini especially enjoyed creating and building from scratch and sharing her skills with the rest of her club members. She will be greatly missed

by her club and by all who knew her.

The Benicia Mini Magic has been having a great time with the teacup project featured in the May/June Gazette. Karen Cary cut the houses for us which was a huge help. Every cup as a distinct personality and the fun was creating a house that fit the cup. The project should be finished at our November meeting.

Everyone came home from the Good Sam with a bag of treasures and a big smile. I think this show gets better every year. Some of those vendors become very expensive habits, but I wouldn't have it any other way.

My wishes to everyone for a Happy Mini Holiday.

Suzanne Harrington

Shasta/Trinity By Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club Chico/Paradise

NAME DAY- Our club met with a pot luck lunch for the name day alcove. We all had fun 'gluing'. It went together easily.

Carlene & I went to San Jose to Good Sam. We took the flowers, with clay on Friday, which was very interesting & fun.

We are busy with our State

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Day "Tea house of the New Moon" work shop for Feb. 2013. Looking forward to seeing you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Margaret Gordus

**Sacramento
By Darwin Spring**

This is just the beginning of my term as State Representative and it has been so much fun! I am looking forward to getting to know more of my fellow miniaturists as I travel around the region.

Eve and Ed Mabe sponsored a class by British artisan Valerie Casson (who lives

in France) at their place in October. Valerie traveled to the U.S. to teach a class at Good Sam, staying with Eve and Ed, and was generous enough to schedule an extra session on making an ottoman. We were all excited to learn new techniques from Valerie who has been doing minis for over 30 years.

The Itty Bitty's club in Sacramento sponsored the local 2012 NAME Day for the second year in a row. Everyone had a great time and there were many door prizes, goody bags, grab bags and of course lots of delicious food. We had more than two dozen attendees with more than two dozen versions of the "Alcove". One of the best things about these kinds of sessions is the energy generated by so many creative people in one place and the chance to see folks you may not see that often.

Darwin Spring

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(Wini continued)

In 1995 the club decided to do the CHAMP'S" (ie:) Children's Hospital Annual Miniatures on Parade Show and Sale. Wini was instrumental in the success of the show. The Mini Dreamers plan to continue the CHAMP'S Show in Wini's memory. The 2013 dates will be SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2013. As always the week-end after Labor Day.

Wini you will be missed but the show will go on in your honor!

This is an upcoming State Day for February 2013. It will be in one inch scale!

State Day

Our Little Mini Club Chico/Paradise

Presents:

"Tea House of the New Moon"
(A Japanese Tea House)

February 23, 2013
Cost: \$60.00

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March 23: Learn a paint/tissue/glue texturing technique for the exterior of a vignette box. Make an egg carton/slate floor and electrify the box. **\$25**

***April 27:** We will build and tile a sink/cabinet/wine rack and paint wine bottles. This could be a sink/cabinet without a wine rack if that is your choice. This will furnish the March workshop vignette. **\$20**

May 18: Regular solder vs. liquid solder. Experiment with both and you will complete a simple metal project in 1 inch scale. **\$17**

June 22: Learn how to create decals and decorate plates. **\$15**

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***NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM ORIGINAL FLYER.**

Regional Calendar of Events

February 23, 2013

Our Little Mini Club
Tea House of the New Moon State Day
Feather Falls Casino
Oroville, CA

March 9, 2013

Spring Fling Potluck and Flea Market
10:00am to 2:00pm
M & L Precision, 315 Digital Drive
Morgan Hill, CA

August 16th and 17th, 2013

20th annual Summer at Tahoe
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