



What a Show!!

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Good Sam Show News

The 36th Good Sam Show is now history, but I'm still enjoying the thought of it. I had a blast! It seemed more crowded than usual, so I updated the mailing list faster than usual to find that we had 201 brand new attendees who filled out mailing list tickets. That is huge. I know there were a few others who did not fill out tickets.

About 160 of the new people are from Calif., and over 30 of them from San Jose itself. Others ranged from elsewhere in the bay area to a few from almost anywhere in our state. We had about 27 from other states and countries.

The entire committee worked hard to put on the show, and we hope those of you who came really enjoyed yourselves. Most dealers seemed to be quite happy.

I visited the Smallsea Miniature Museum after the show, and can recommend it as a great place to visit, with super places to eat nearby.

Next year's show will be October 6 and 7, 2012, same place, same times. The web site will be updated whenever there is something new, so check it periodically. The next thing up will be the dealer list, in March.

For more information see <http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net> or call me at 408-257-9385 or email at northbaj@att.net and we'll see you at the Doubletree.

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From The Regional Co-Coordinator's

Here's a little story that reminds me why I love miniatures so much. My grandson and a couple of friends were at our house for dinner on Nov. 5. One of them was attracted to my Thanksgiving room box gracing the table this time of year. He snapped a photo, a close up of the food table with its golden brown turkey, on his cell phone and sent it off to his girlfriend in Portland. She immediately commented back "You're having Thanksgiving already??" Don't you just love it??

We Had a busy fall in N2 with Wee Houser's Pot Luck and Flea Market, "Champs", the Good Sam show and NAME DAY. Hopefully all the events went well for the work center project. I just saw the first sketch for the 2012 NAME Day project called "The Alcove". It should be a great project and we have already been tossing ideas around for our club's NAME DAY next year. If you are thinking about holding an event or organizing your club, consider this. The Good Sam show will be held on what is officially NAME DAY, the first Saturday, October 6. This contract was signed 2 years before NAME DAY became official and cannot be changed. Our group has opted to do NAME DAY on September 29. So plan well for next fall. On that same note, if anyone would like to purchase a 2011 NAME DAY pin (\$5), please call or email Ruth at grouchybear-too@aol.com or 408-997-1004.

The Good Sam show was one of the best this year. We had more classes and more donations than ever. Once again the kid's classes, both free and registered were a hit with our young miniaturists. It's a great show to work on and we could sure use you and your club to help next year. We need LOTS more volunteers. We would hate to lose this show for lack of help. Also, thank you to the clubs and estates that did their spring cleaning early and brought me so many boxes of 'treasures' for the white elephant table at Good Sam. We had a huge amount and Pat Carter, crutch and all, did a super job once again.

Some of the clubs in N2 have done exhibits for area libraries. Exhibits are a great way to expose the public to our hobby. Check out your area!

Judy Pick is refurbishing a HUGE replica of Juliette Gordon Lowe's home. Maybe you saw it at the Good Sam show. Juliette was the founder of the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. This year is the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting. If you would like to donate \$\$\$ or furnishings for this huge undertaking, they would be much appreciated. Contact us.

We were sorry to have to postpone our visit to Benicia. With the unfortunate closing of another miniature shop, Cooper's Doll-

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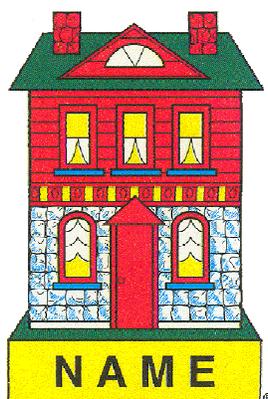
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house, the club had not worked out a new meeting place yet but we are looking forward to rescheduling our visit.

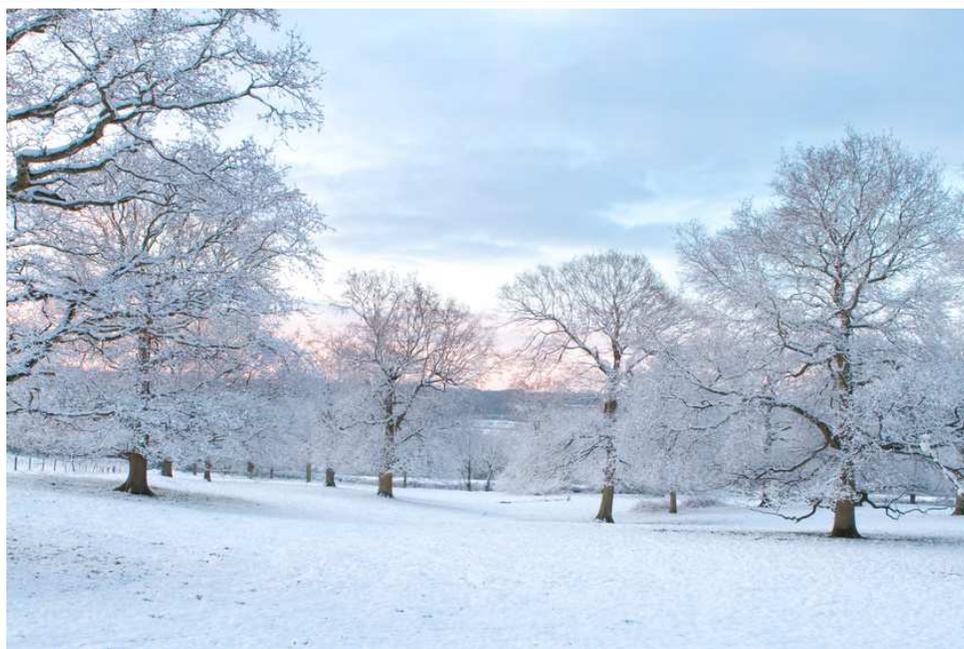
Karen Laisure and her MiniCals are setting up a series of How-to's and Workshops at her Morgan Hill location and it begins on Feb 4th, 2012. They hope to offer these how-to's and the tools to do them at a very nominal fee. They are also interested in scheduling some teachers for workshops. Let us know if you would be interested in the classes or teaching at our email address.

The Spring Fling Flea Market and Pot Luck will be March 24, 2012 at 315 Digital Dr., Morgan Hill. Early registration(\$6) to Ruth Heisch, 7197 Wooded Lake Drive. San Jose, 95120. \$8 at the door. This past year was great with old and new and one of a kind items. Hope to see you there.

Our region is in need of grab bag items. Please contact us if you can donate. We must support our region and this newsletter. Last, but not least, we are still looking for enthusiastic folks for our vacant State Rep positions. Some areas have been without for a very long time. Talk to a friend to Co-Rep with you.

The 2012 National in Charlotte, North Carolina will be an exciting event since it is the 40th anniversary of NAME. I'm sure some great things will be happening. We will be there!! Will you??

Until next time!
Ruth and Diane



Editors **C**orner

Hello there everyone!

The holidays are here again...a family time and a time for everyone to appreciate for who they are. We are going to be somewhat quiet in the miniature world for a few weeks but there are at least some events to look forward to in January, February and March. I'm looking forward to the Small Scale Houseparty in May and also this summer there will be the National in North Carolina, both of which I am planning on attending. In the meantime...what to do with the weeks that come before that time. Perhaps I will have some time during the winter months working on miniatures. Making up some of those kits that I have that take up room in plastic boxes. Or perhaps working on the multiple Debbie Young house kits that I have (I love her houses!). Whatever I chose to do my hope is that the winter months allow me the time and space to complete some wonderful miniatures.

What plans do all of you have for this winter? What miniature projects are calling to you from their plastic boxes and drawers...just waiting to be completed? Hopefully all of you will also be able to have the time and space to complete some of those projects.

I also want to mention that there are still State Representative positions that need to be filled. Honest...it is not that bad! Please people...help NAME and give some payback for all that the region and NAME have done for you! Volunteer for one of these positions!

Yours in Miniature, Leslie

An illustration of a young girl with dark hair, wearing a green dress and a checkered apron, sitting on the floor and reading a book. To her right is a paint palette and a glass of brushes. The entire illustration is framed by a yellow border.

Playtime Memories

**A-3 Regional Houseparty 2013
Lexington May 16-19 Kentucky**

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

This has been a busy season for minis! The CHAMPS show was enjoyable. It is always a nice show, great dealers, wonderful exhibits, and good cause (Children's Hospital Oakland.) NAME Day in Morgan Hill was a lot of fun. "Work as Little as You Can" was the theme. We received loads of gifts, favors, and kits to complete a miniaturist's workroom in 1:12 scale. It was fun to work and chat with folks from around the bay area. Mini Attics had a display in a local library. More on that in their club report. Last, but never least, Showcase of Miniatures was delightful. There were wonderful dealers, a wide variety of exhibits, a silent auction, raffles, white elephant sales, interesting classes, and workshops for children...and more! Hope you were able to attend. So much fun!

Mark your calendars for mini events coming up:

March 24, 2012: Spring Fling potluck/flea market in Morgan Hill.

Sept. 29, 2012: NAME Day in Morgan Hill

Also, look for "How to" workshops in the Spring in Morgan Hill.

Club reports:

Mini Attics-Kathleen Sliter

October has been a busy month for the MiniAttics. The club had a display in the Redwood City Public Library with literature themed projects such as the souvenir book room boxes from the 2006 Anaheim Convention. On October 1st, several club members attended the workshop at Shellie's Miniature Mania and several traveled to Morgan Hill for the NAME Day workshop put on by the MiniCals and Through the Looking Glass clubs. We are all looking forward to our annual Holiday Party and gift swap in December.

MiniCals- Ruth Heisch

MiniCals are hosting their annual Spring Fling on March 24, 2012. NAME Day will be Sept. 29, 2012. We are also planning some "How to" workshops

in the spring in Morgan Hill.

Through the Looking Glass- Barbara Adams

The "Through the Looking Glass" miniature group of San Jose has been busy these last months, getting ready for October. Early in the month, they joined with the "Mini Cals" group, also of San Jose, in planning, preparing and participating in a NAME Day Workday. We displayed some of our completed Worktable Projects at the October Showcase of Miniatures Show (Good Sam). Members of our group volunteered in assisting with the two-day show, as well as teaching a miniature workshop to groups of Girl Scouts. This year the theme for the G.S. workshop was a tiny garden in a flower pot saucer complete with bench, lily pond and a garden gnome! Our Halloween meeting was a witch-y Black Hat Tea Party and we are looking forward to our traditional warm and wonderful Christmas Party.

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



State Rep's Reports (cont.)

North Coast by Jo Anne Grundhofer

The Redwood Small World club is working to get back on an even keel, and have been happy to have just about all of our members able to attend meetings and get-togethers again.

Our intrepid State Rep, Joanne Grundhofer, is still working to regain her strength, but we enjoy having her back at our meetings. Elaine Schulman, a charter member of our club, is coming out of "mini" retirement and joining us again, too.

Six club members of the Redwood Small World club made the trip to San Jose for the Good Sam Show this year. It's an all day drive for those of us who live in Humboldt County. Robin Edwards was one of the assistants at Pat Carter's White Elephant Sale for NAME at the Good Sam Show. Pat's sale was doing a brisk business, especially with those of us waiting for the main event to open on Saturday morning. Carolynn Walden's three-story Masquerade Shop, built as part of the club's Street of Shoppes project, was on display and was the subject of a lot of photographs, including some taken for American Miniaturist

magazine. Several members attended Judy Kinkaid's class on Friday afternoon. But mostly we all just shopped 'til we dropped (or ran out of money).

Our display of miniatures at the Ferndale Library will continue through December 31. The items displayed are changed each month to reflect the season. Our Christmas roomboxes and vignettes will be installed on Dec. 1. We've selected a project for our 2012 Play Day, and our committee is working on prototypes of a Market Cart. It is based on Joann Swanson's blog project, posted in April, of an Easter Cart. Joann has designed and shared wonderful projects on her blog and in the Miniature Gazette. I especially appreciate that they are crafted from easily obtained and inexpensive materials, yet still have a beautiful finish. Living hundreds of miles from the nearest miniatures store, the "easily obtained" part is important, and in our current economic climate, so is the "inexpensive" part.

We've been enjoying beautiful weather recently "behind the Redwood Curtain", so I've been going to a lot of yard sales, estate sales, antique sales and flea markets...as well as visiting all the antique, 2nd hand and thrift shops in our area. I've accumulated a lot of minis, and parts and piece with "potential", that are languishing in boxes and need to be turned into 'something'. I'm not looking forward to winter's

cold and wet weather, but I'm trying to look at it as an opportunity to stay indoors, working on miniature projects and ending up with 'something wonderful'!

Sharon Spencer, for Joanne Grundhofer

Northern Nevada By Mary Ann Van Buskirk

The folks in the Carson City club are busy planning their meetings for the coming winter and spring. They are very organized with their projects and meeting dates. Contact JoAnn Jacot to visit.

Many of the ladies in the Reno club came to the Summer at Tahoe State Day this August and I have since heard from a couple of them. They enjoyed the cabin project and one even sent me photos of her project in progress. It was very, very good to get re-acquainted with them.

Tahoe Miniacs are still recuperating from the state day workshop. It was exhausting but a terrifically good time. We were really fortunate that my newest grandchild,

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

Harper Elizabeth Dean, was able to visit for a while at the workshop. She was two weeks old and very well behaved (and cute).

We are starting to plan and execute next August's state day. The name may change (I have not had any inspiration for a better name yet). It will be an outdoor scene with appropriate patio furniture, fencing and foliage.

The first 25 people to sign up will be entered into a drawing to receive \$25 gift certificates. Four winners will be chosen to receive a gift certificate. So hurry up and send in your check. See our ad in the newsletter. If you need to spread the monies out, call us. Telephone numbers are on the ad.

We have had nearly a foot of snow already this fall. We were hoping for a milder winter than last year, but it doesn't look too promising. Neither my hubby or myself are able to shovel very much. He severely shattered his right leg bones last March and is still healing. I have to depend on a son-in-law and a grandson to help dig us out.

Happy holidays to you all.
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

The Tinker Belle group from Fresno has been busy!! Most of the members have been cleaning out their minis and passing the unwanted supplies on to others. Each meeting there has been a table for everyone to find a treasure and take it home. Many items have found new homes!

Cathie Peterka brought a huge filing cabinet to our meeting place (HobbyTown) for us to put items in for later use. It has a lock and each of us have our own key. We even found that it was handy to store paper plates, napkins, and plastic silverware. Some of our members have been sharing their cooking and baking talents for a great treat in the middle of the afternoon.

Some were able to attend the Good Sam show this year and like always found it to be wonderful. The dealers are

always just the best! Although most of the Fresno group works in 1/4 scale now, they were able to find plenty of fabulous things to bring home.

Ten of us got together for a special NAME day on Oct. 22 to build our workcenters. All of our group did buy a kit, some were not able to attend that day. We worked in 3 scales, had lunch together, and generally had a great day. It even turned out to be a nice enough day for us to have our lunch on the patio that gave us a break from the worktables in the house. We were very pleased that a new NAME member from Visalia joined us for that day. Kathy Rumelhart is the niece of Carol Menze-Guimond and they have written a great article, with pictures, for the Gazette.

We are pleased that we have a new member, KC Ragland. A long-time NAME member that who has moved into the Fresno area now.

Several of us have sent in our registrations for Portland and now waiting eagerly to see if we are all in. Other than the Morro Bay show in Feb., there is nothing on our calendars until next May.

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East Bay /
Tri-Valley
Open Position



Jose for Good Sam show for the day. We met up with three other members who came separately. Two had taken a class on Fri. Four of us went to Grass Valley to a Miniature estate sale. One purchased a dollhouse & was able to find great bargains to fill it.



One of our members has gotten into "Steampunk"- art. Can you guess what it is?

Margaret Gordus

Yet another opportunity to help the region!

Contact our Regional Coordinators for more information!

Shasta/Trinity
By Margaret Gordus



Our Little Mini Club
Chico/Paradise

Our club joined the Itty-Bitty club of Sacramento to make the Work Center for NAME DAY. It was day of fun, food, and fellowship.

Four of members with a group from Sac took the train to San

Sacramento
By Connie Yonker

No report received

Connie Younker

NAME Board Report

Many of our members are still not sure what the NAME Board does and what issues we deal with. In an effort to be more transparent and to keep members informed of what the Board is actually working on, the Board voted unanimously to have a written summary of every Board meeting and then distribute it to RC's, State Reps, to post it on the NAME website and to encourage Newsletter Editors to include it in the regional newsletters. Of course, most newsletters are quarterly, so it may be a while before it gets into print, so for the most up to date summary, please check the website. The reports should begin being posted as soon as Lee can get it done. The summary reports are prepared by Janet Smith, our RC Liaison on the Board.

The NAME Board are all volunteers in the organization, who give their time and talent freely to help NAME grow and prosper. We meet 9 times a year via conference call, which can last from 2 to 4 hours. In addition we have a face to face meeting at the convention site for one weekend in January prior to the convention. We also meet for 2 full days prior to the convention in July and for a half day after the Sunday Brunch. Being a Board member is a significant commitment both

in terms of time and financially. Board members are not compensated for their service to NAME and do so because they believe in the organization and its mission. That being said, here is the first of the summary reports from the October Board meeting.

The following are notes from the October, 2011, board meeting:

1. The Joenk's were contacted about potential upgrades to the museum. Babette is writing an article with the museum needs and is taking photos to be printed in the Gazette to show those areas that need work. The article will ask for specific donations for specific items.
2. The barn has now been repaired and is safe to use again. The front steps and railings have been repaired.
3. Our application for registering our trademark has been sent to LegalZoom and they have completed the search process to see if there are any existing trademarks that might cause ours application to be rejected. There were no conflicts found and they will now submit our application to the USPTO.
4. In accordance with recommendations from our financial auditors, we've instituted a new policy for reimbursements for the office staff.
5. We are on track with respect to our annual budget.
6. The Cleveland Convention did net a profit for NAME. As an aside, the net cost per registrant (meals, souvenirs, etc.), was \$232.
7. There was a very slight increase of membership during Sept. Our past dues are at an ever-increasing number. Many are saying that it is one area that they can cut spending on for the time being and will return when they have more disposable income. Congratulations to E3 which netted 12 new members this month, as well as C-E and E2 who showed the most increases in membership on a percentage basis.
8. All future Houseparties and conventions were discussed. We've signed a contract with a hotel in Greenville for the Small Scales Regional in 2014. Romaine Eyler and Helen Sparks will chair the Houseparty in the Gazette.
9. We voted to no longer allow a person to act as advisor for a convention/houseparty where they are also a member of the convention/houseparty steering committee. Colleen Walker is replacing Debbie Young on the Advisory Committee and will now be the advisor for the Portland Houseparty. Susan Karatjas will be replacing Dan Zerkel on the Advisory Committee.
10. Tom Walden has met with both Kim and Toni and has been given a complete demo of their current system. Thanks to both who had to come into the office on a Sunday to do these demos to accommodate Tom's work schedule.
11. Starting with the Charlotte convention, the registration forms have been updated to allow submission of the registration forms starting 30 days prior to the opening day for registration. Those forms are then treated as "first day postmarks."
12. A shopping cart has been added to the NAME website for review and testing only. Once we are satisfied that it does what we need, Shannon will install this on the NAME website as a permanent feature to make paying dues, etc., easier.
13. Board summary reports will now be sent to all RCs/SRs/PRs following each board meeting. These can be used in regional newsletters if desired to notify NAME members about what the board is working on. They will also be posted on the NAME website.
14. We still have 13 clubs you have not renewed for 2011.

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15. The NAME Day project for 2012 is on the drawing board.
16. We raised \$579 from the Tom Walden radio offered in the gazette as a fundraiser.
17. 62 trunks have been sold as part of the "Legendary Trunk" contest using the 2007 convention trunk souvenir .The contest submissions will be due at the NAME office on or before March 1, 2012.
18. The Jan/Feb 2012 Gazette fundraiser will feature the Cleveland Convention Souvenirs as well as several other items from the event.
19. The Estate Committee is working on a Duties Description for the regional estate liaison person as well as a document for members and families that will outline the various options of NAME's estate donation and disbursement program. In the meantime, we have acquired several estates.

Any questions? Please contact me or another member of the NAME Board

Cary Yerves



Regional Calendar of Events

January 27th, 2012

The Mini Time Machine
Museum of Miniatures

First Annual Fundraising Gala

For information contact
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October 6th and 7th, 2012

Good Samaritan Miniature Show and Sale

September 29th

NAME Day in Region N-2
Save the Date

February 4th, 2012

Mini Cals How to and Workshops begins
in Morgan Hill, CA

March 24, 2012

Spring Fling Flea Market and Pot Luck
Morgan Hill, CA

July 26 to 29th 2012

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