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The NAME Board has been hard at work on several projects that are a part of our Long Range Plan. The Long Range Plan is the Board established set of goals and strategies to accomplish those goals and determines the direction the organization will take in the years ahead. Each Board member is charged with one or more areas of responsibility and to see that those goals are achieved. Every six months we review the goals in depth to determine what has been accomplished and can be moved off the list and what needs to be added. Many of the goals that are set are the direct result of input from members, State Reps, R.C.'s and Club Presidents, so it is important that you convey your ideas and suggestions to the Board. We really do listen to or members to determine what they would like to see from NAME.

Currently we have several special committees that are working on projects, including a complete overhaul of the web site and development of a more interactive site, establishing guidelines for collection and disbursement of member estates, work on an ongoing National NAME Day, development of a new software program for the office to replace the outdated system, and special programs to attract new members outside the miniature community and to network with other hobby groups, such as model railroaders, etc. We are also looking at grant writing and corporate sponsorships to add additional funding. These are just a few of the ongoing projects the Board has undertaken. This is probably the most hands-on Board that NAME has had in many years and we all work well together as a cohesive team.

I am proud to serve on this Board and I encourage everyone who has a little free time to consider running for the Board. Remember that the Board changes every two years, and although some members choose to run again for different positions, there are always open positions for those interested. It is not necessary to have "deep pockets" to be a Board member as some have suggested. I am the perfect example that this is untrue, as I am semi-retired (I work 12 hours a week) and I live on Social Security. So, all that is required to be a Board member is a desire to further the goals of NAME and to promote the miniature hobby.

If you have ideas or suggestions, please feel free to write me anytime at: mrminimeister@yahoo.com

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From The Regional Co-ordinators

Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over we can move into Spring. Many of this year's events are taking signups already. We have seen the prototype for the Tahoe State Day and it is a wonderful house/cabin to finish as you like. MaryAnn Buskirk has probably mentioned this in her column. The MiniCals are putting on the Spring Fling Pot Luck/Flea Mkt. Contact Ruth Heisch, Grouchybeartoo@aol.com for details. They also are hosting a workshop in June using kits donated to NAME by Joan McLean's Estate. The details are yet to be announced and the number is limited. Joan was a huge NAME Supporter.

Sadly, we lost another of our long time friends, miniaturist and Good Sam Committee members this winter. Pat Townsend was a great supporter of all things miniature and will be missed. Some of her estate will be available at the Spring Fling and Good Sam. All sales have been donated by the family to Good Sam's charity, the Planetree Health Library.

Your NAME DAY Committee has the "Work Center" project ready to go for October 1, 2011. Once again we're looking for hosts for this event. If you or your club is interested in hosting large or small workshops, please let us know. All the pertinent info will be in the next Miniature Gazette. So far, Through the Looking Glass and MiniCals will host once again in Morgan Hill. We

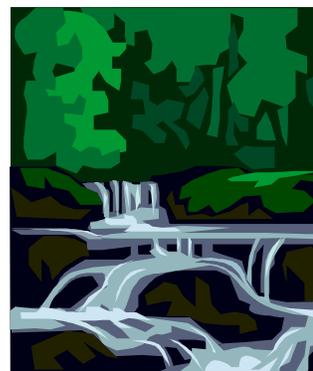
had a great time last fall and hope to meet more of you this year.

It's time to start thinking about our Regional Awards. Check out their description on the N2 Website at Miniatures.org. The Ambassador, HALL of FAME, Rising Star, etc honor those special folks who go beyond the call for you and our hobby. We and your State Reps want to hear from you and learn about these dedicated miniaturists.

We are ready to resume our club visits and would like to hear from you. Contact us if you're ready NOW and just CAN'T WAIT to see us or wait for us to get around to you. We'll bring the project and some ideas and would like to learn some of yours. Could the club presidents please get their reports to their State Representatives. We have a few State Rep vacancies to fill. Is it time for you to do more and learn how NAME works for you??????

Diane and I hope to see some of you at our Regional Meeting at National in Cleveland. We'll be there with the noisemakers!!

Ruth and Diane



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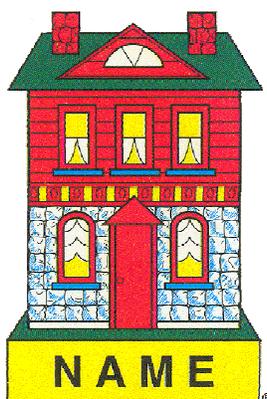
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New Exhibit at the Time Museum transport Visitors to Another Era

Tucson, Ariz.-November 10, 2010- The Mini-Time Machine Museum of Miniatures will premier its new exhibit, Lagniappe Mansion, on Wednesday, November 17, 2010. Lagniappe is a southern mansion representative of the many fine homes found in the Virginia Tideland area of America during the 18th century, created in 1:12 scale by nationally renowned miniature artist Madelyn Cook.

Madelyn Cook and her husband James were living in California in 1977 when she commenced the construction of Lagniappe after two years of planning. The original structure took nine months to complete. The following year, two wings were added, bringing the size of the mansion to eight feet by five feet with an impressive 25 rooms. A decade later, a 1,500 hour renovation was undertaken. "I have a philosophy- don't ever do anything small," laughs Cook.

Cook's extensive work in miniatures led her to be very well known in the field. The Mini-Time Machine Museum Founder, Patricia Arnell, comments, "Madelyn Cook is a well known artisan in the miniature world. Her name is recognized nationally and internationally not only for her artistry and craftsmanship in the design and building of miniatures, but also for her knowledge of the miniature world. All that she makes is thoroughly researched and crafted to the highest detail. In addition, over the years she has shared her talent by teaching classes to other miniaturists." Indeed, Madelyn Cook contributed articles to several national miniature publications as well as taught at the College of Miniature Knowledge in Sacramento.

Now retired in Tucson, the Cooks were delighted to hear of the

Editors **C**orner

Happy Miniature spring to all! I love spring...the trees start to bloom...in California the hills are turning green and lush...and the daffodils are starting to bloom! It is a lovely time of year...my most favorite time. The best part about this spring to me is that I am retiring at the end of March! People keep asking me what I'm going to do and I have a whole lot of things that I am planning on doing in my retirement. After I stop laughing...I let people know that I have many hobbies that I will finally get the time to do...including miniatures. Usually people then ask about miniatures and what I mean by that...and I get the opportunity to explain the miniature world to them. There is always fascination and I love letting people know about the miniature world that I love so much. So this spring allows me the time to begin my journey in retirement and to continue my journey in the miniature world!

There are activities this spring such as the Spring Fling...that are sure to delight all of us in the miniature community. I also hope that I will have the time to do a visit to our local miniature shop with a new miniaturist friend. There is nothing like having a new miniaturist go to a miniature store for the first time. This friend attended the National Name Day in October....and it was her first exploration into the miniature world...how fun will this be! What are all of you N2 folks going to do this spring...any kits that need making? Any mini projects to finish? Lets all get busy!

Yours in Miniature, Leslie

(museum continued) opening of The Mini-Time Machine Museum of Miniatures in 2009 and approached the founders about the prospect of donating Lagniappe and five other exquisite pieces from their collection. Up until this point, all of the pieces at The Mini-Time Machine Museum of Miniatures came from the founder's private collection. Lagniappe represents the first major gift to the museum. "Many people don't realize that as a non-profit, The Mini-Time Machine Museum is the steward of some of the world's most extraordinary miniatures held in the public trust. We're honored that the Cooks turned to us when considering a legacy gift of this importance and we look forward to its impact on our public outreach and education programs," says museum Executive Director, Nina Daldrup. "The capacity-building aspect of the Cook gift for our young institution is significant. The new pieces are of great value because they were given by a living artist of national standing and represent very high quality workmanship and materials".

"All of us at the Mini-Time Machine are delighted and overwhelmed at Madelyn's gift of Lagniappe to the museum," echoes Arnell. "Not only will visitors be able to view an outstanding work of art, they will also be able to catch an accurate historical glimpse of how people lived in earlier times."

When asked how she feels about giving her masterpiece to the museum Cook replied, "This couldn't be a better place. It was meant to be." Lagniappe will be on display in the museum's lobby beginning November 17, 2010. The other five pieces gifted by the Cooks are planned for exhibition in 2011.

News From Around The Region

State Rep's Reports

North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma
by Cary Yerves
Open Position



On February 5th, I attended the last River City Rendezvous hosted by the Mini Wizards of Sacramento. For 12 years the group has hosted the annual State Day, and as the club's membership has diminished down to four members, it has become nearly impossible to continue the event. In addition, personal health issue of some of the members has added to the lack of help to continue producing this endeavor.

Most people don't realize what an immense undertaking it is to host such an event. Most of these events have an attendance of between 60 to 70 people, so besides designing and completing the prototype project, the hosting club must also create the necessary 60 -70 additional room boxes, and all the needed kits of counters, fixtures and accessories to fill the setting. This takes a dedicated and hard working group willing to meet several times a week for a year in order to make it happen.

This year's event was titled "My Boutique" and was a ladies apparel, shoe, hat, and jewelry store. While everyone in atten-

dance was having a wonderful time, there was still an air of sadness as people knew it would be the last. For nine of the past twelve years the Mini Wizards have created shops for this event, and if you have attended since the beginning in 2000, your mini town now has a Pawn Shop with a Private Investigator's Office upstairs, an Art Gallery, a Pet Shop, a Photographer's Studio, a Styling Salon, an Old English-style Pub and a Patio Bistro, in addition to this year's Boutique.

Everyone expressed gratitude to the Mini Wizards and especially the President, Suzanne Rogers for the many years of hosting this event. Losing the River City Rendezvous greatly reduces the number of local activities and will be sorely missed.

Cary Yerves
Acting State Representative

South Bay/ Peninsula
by Lynne Hoffman and
Barbara Adams

*No report received.
They will do one for next time
Happy Miniaturings!
Lynne and Barbara*

North Coast
by Jo Anne Grundhofer

The Redwood Small World Miniatures Club displayed our work at the Ferndale branch of the Humboldt County Library in October, November and December. We changed our display each month to feature roomboxes and vignettes that fit the season. This year, for the first time, we were able to fill the library's floor to ceiling case with "just Christmas" for the month of December. Christmas has become a popular theme with club members. We were also lucky to enjoy more of Jackie Taylor's antique miniatures displayed in Christmas settings. Our annual Play Day is scheduled for March 12, and it seems like the weeks are just speeding by as we try to get everything ready for it. Our project is a copy of an antique German wooden market stand. We have sample stands finished and decorated to display at the event, and the wood kits are all cut, thanks to Shirley Banks' husband, Andy. Club members are working on accessory kits and gifts that will be included in the package. We've all got an assignment for the pot-luck lunch. Due to space restrictions, we limit our

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annual event to 20 participants, including club members. Those of us up here in our corner of California really enjoy and look forward to our annual get-together with other local miniaturists.

Four of our members will be traveling to attend the River City Rendezvous, hosted by the Mini Wizards of Sacramento, in early February. We've been enjoying unusually mild winter weather this January, and we hope it holds another week or so, so that no one gets snowed in at home the weekend of that trip! It is sad that this will be the last River City Rendezvous workshop. We thank and salute the members of the Mini Wizards for all the energy, thought, and hard work they've put into these workshops over the years.

Sharon Spencer and Joanne Grundhofer

Northern Nevada
By Mary Ann Van Buskirk

I hope that groundhog was correct about an early spring. Here in Tahoe, November and December were just unbelievably snowy, stormy and cold! Consequently, not much gets done about any-

thing except snow removal. January was better and I hope we are through with the really heavy snows.

TAHOE MINIACS is gearing up big time for the 18th annual Summer at Tahoe State Day on August 12th and 13th. It is another "as you like it" project, meaning that you will change it to suit your ideas, desires and preferences.

It is a two-room cottage and is perfect for: cabin, fishing shack, shore-side cottage, railway station, store, bed and breakfast inn, pioneer-era school, etc. You name it and it should work!

Pictures are now on our website of the basic building – more accessories and stuff to come. Our website is www.summerattahoe.org.

Registration is limited to 40 so register early, please.

As weather gets better, I will visit the two other clubs in this area.

Happy miniaturizing
Mary Ann Van Buskirk

San Francisco/Oakland
Open Position

No Report Received

Hello there!



Wouldn't you like to volunteer for this position?

I knew you would!

Fresno
By Barbara Fairbanks

The Fresno area has been busy over the fall and winter months. We had a wonderful Christmas party at Glendon Davis' house. Lots of food, laughs, and friendship. Her house decorations are something to see.

In January Rik Pierce came to Hobby Town to teach a 3 day class. Miniaturists came from many different areas in N2 to learn and work, work, work. They made the "LOO". Kayanne Yung, Glendon Davis, June Jones, and Jim Walcher from the Fresno area enjoyed the workshop. The other attendees were Moonyeen Moller, Nancy Wantiez, Mavis Wictum and her daughter Heather from the Los Angeles area, Barbara Thorton-Hill, Nan Wytman, Laura Johnson, Lynn Hamel and Diane Reuss.

Marlene Foster and Terri Millar from Visalia are taking Debbie Young's workshop in

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

Culver City. It is a two day class on Fri. and Sun.

All of us are looking forward to going to the Morro Bay show on Feb. 19. It is a small show but somehow we all find something new to bring home. We don't have anyone from this area attending the Houseparties this year. I think the economy has hit us all as has illnesses. Many from this area are planning to attend the smaller scales Houseparty in Portland, OR next year.

It is nice to know that NAME will be having another NAME DAY in Oct. of this year. We are all eager to hear what the project will be. Stay warm. See you in Spring.

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East Bay / Tri-Valley
Open Position



Wouldn't someone like to take on this position? It is fun and you would be helping N2!

Contact our Regional Coordinators for more information!

Shasta/Trinity
 By Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club

Rose Mary Whitenon visited our club after we were featured in our local paper, and we hope she will join us for our next project, the Peddler Wagon.

Seven of us had a great time at State Day workshop 'My Boutique' The Mini Wizards have always made it so special.

We had a fun time at Billie Ruonavaara's beautifully decorated home, for our Christmas potluck luncheon and gift exchange. We also enjoyed getting to see Billie's doll houses which were decorated for Christmas. She also makes full use of her minis in her overall home decoration and has quite a display despite the short time she has been involved in miniatures. We even had a gingerbread house, made by Carloyn Iott.

Margaret Gordus



Sacramento
 By Connie Yonker

Hope all your holiday wishes came true this past season! February 5th was the Mini Wizards 11th annual State Day. Their River City Rendezvous plan was a boutique project. They had several fun kits to assemble and of course they had several items to win! This year will be their last workshop. I'll post pictures in the next newsletter.

Now is that time of year that I buckle down and clean up - and out - my workroom of accumulated clutter and minis that I don't plan to use. The Elegant Dollhouse's annual parking lot sale will be here soon enough { the first Sunday of May} which will help get rid of those unwanted, discarded kits and minis. You may contact The Elegant Dollhouse on their website and sign up to sell, or just come shopping for all those bargains!

The May Day Minis of Woodland will have their 26th annual Folsom Fiesta State Day on Saturday, April 30th. This year they have planned a conservatory room. Sounds exciting!

It's not too early to start think-

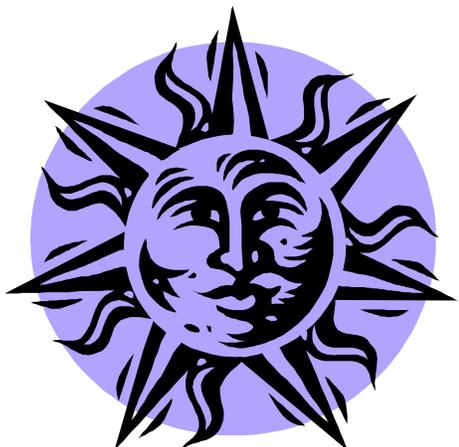
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ing about our 2nd annual NAME Day project for October. I have heard that this year's plans are to make a kitchen/workroom type cart/table.

The Itty Bitties club members have planned a hollowed out pumpkin project for this year and the gals of Gold Country Miniature Society have planned their yearlong project of a seller's stall. Contact me and let me know what project your club is planning to create this year. I would love to see pictures that I can post later this year in this newsletter.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you might have at olposminis@att.net

Til next time, Connie Younker



What will happen to your Minis?

Pat Townsend of Redwood City, a many year member of the Good Sam Show committee, passed away about 2 weeks before Christmas. Her Godson came out from Arkansas to close down her apartment with the help of a friend locally, but he had to return to work in less than a week. Pat had made no arrangements for her minis. The local friend called me, I emailed the committee, and several of them agreed to help Michael. A friend in Texas told us she had been promised 2 rooms, so Brenda Hough shipped those to her. Everything else was sorted for the Good Sam silent auction or white elephant sale, and some will go to the Spring Fling flea market. Michael is receiving a Visa gift card as a thank you, from the Good Sam Show.

These gals did this in just 3 or 4 days. We now have someone who has been through this and will head up future projects in an emergency, with the help of whichever of our committee members is available that time.

This tale is to ask each of you to put names and contact info on the bottom or back of every mini house, room box or scene, to help whoever must deal with your minis. Also, make them aware of what to do with supplies and other miscellaneous. There are a number of charitable miniature organizations and groups that you can specify where you would like your collections donated.

We know Pat would be happy with what we did with her minis, but you need to do this now, whether you have an actual written inventory or not. Your heirs will be grateful.

Barb Jones

Editors Note: NAME currently has an Estate Planning and Disposition Committee who are looking into various options for members to dispose or downsize of their collections. There will be options for donations and selling for members heirs.



Good Sam Show or Showcase of Miniatures

We are very excited. We don't jury the dealers until Feb. 19th, but we have more applications than we have had in some time. We will probably have a second dealer from Spain, a dealer from Japan, and the other dealers from foreign lands that we had last year.

One of them Geoff Wonnacott, is even teaching a featured 2 day workshop in 1" scale immediately after the show. Watch our web page for that, I hope to have the cost and supplies type stuff by March 1st for you. We are working on getting a featured workshop after the show for you in 1/4" scale as well, also the two days after the show.

We will have the dealer list posted around March 1st as well, and the Friday workshops will be up by June 1st as usual. The hotel is now accepting reservations at our show rate of \$89 a night, and registering through our web site could not be easier. You may also call them at 408-453-4000, and use our code, "GSS".

We hope we can choose which of the new dealers you would most like to see, as we have more dealers than space this year. Hope to see you October 15 and 16. Our web site is at <http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net>

Barbara Jones

When doing your Spring cleaning in your workroom please remember the White Elephant Sale at the Good Sam Show in October...a great chance to downsize all of that stuff you can't use and you will be helping to support our show....in the past years everything that has been donated has been sold to our many buyers....so bring it all in...last year an old tin dollhouse that had been donated was grabbed up by one of our dealers from Germany...we don't now how she managed to ship it home...we will find out this year when she comes back.

From Pat Carter, Eureka, CA



18th ANNUAL SUMMER AT TAHOE STATE DAY WORKSHOP

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Regional Calendar of Events

March 26 , 2011

Annual Spring Fling
Potluck/Flea Market
in Morgan Hill, CA

April 30, 2011

Folsom Fiesta
"A Garden Conservatory"
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May 1, 2011

Elegant Dollhouse's Annual
Parking Lot Sale
Come Early & Save!
Info: Barbara Taplin
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May 13-15, 2011

Small Scale Houseparty
Rochester, NY
"Somewhere In Time"

July 21-24, 2011

"A Song in my Heart"
National Convention in Cleveland , OH

August 12 & 13th, 2011

18th Annual Summer at Tahoe Workshop
"Our Mountain Cabin"
(See ad in this issue)

October 15 & 16th

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