



## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES

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Lynne has always loved tiny things. She made dollhouses from shoe boxes and bits and pieces. She "borrowed" tiny things from other toys to accessorize her houses. At the age of nine she went with her mother and grandmother to her first doll show. The sight of a display of small scenes of 2" dressed mice is the main thing Lynne remembers from that show. Dressed cowboys and a "girl" mouse dressed like "Miss Kitty" from the Gunsmoke television show in a saloon impressed her. It took her a few months to find those little mice to buy with her allowance but she has never looked back!

Barbara has also had the same love of tiny things and always desired a dollhouse. As an adult she realized she could fulfill that desire and started collecting and crafting what she loved. NAME started in the mid seventies and Barbara joined as a charter member. That was the beginning of a life long love affair with miniatures.

You will always find these ladies at the "Good Sam" show at our NAME table. Stop by to say hello. Thank you ladies for your work.

Lynne Hoffman



Barbara Adams



## Your Regional Team

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## From The Regional Co-Coordinator

It's supposed to be spring but I'm still cold like a winters day! Time to get my art room clean. (Seems like I keep doing this task too many times!)

Check out the next 2 State Representatives bios in the "Get to know your St. Reps." articles in this newsletter. State Representatives are the diligent volunteers who make up the backbone of our organization.

We planned a State Reps. 3 day retreat on January 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>. Almost all our N2 reps were present to discuss issues and plans on attracting new members and ways to keep new members interested. It may surprise you to know that our membership is seriously low (4500 hundred total worldwide!) Perhaps more fun things to do in the Gazette or techniques & tips. Anyone of you can submit articles you think would be of interest. Maybe you came across a new tool or perhaps a technique that you found by accident. Do you have ideas to attract new members? Contact your State Representatives. It's up to all of us, not just a few to make a difference.

I have included a picture of a Franklin Mint Oriental room box. All unwrapped but never used furniture and accessories are accounted for with the exception of the front steps. This was an estate donation that we would like to auction off. Originally it was over \$450.00 so we are asking bidders to submit bids over \$150.00 to start the bidding. Send bids to me at [olpos-minis@att.net](mailto:olpos-minis@att.net). And include your phone number. The money from this auction will stay in our N2 region. All bids must be submitted by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

Last but not least, we are asking you to put on your thinking caps to offer ideas for a theme for a regional house party in our region. It's time we had one! We're just in the initial planning and haven't even formed a complete committee. Send your ideas to Barbara Thornton-Hill at [bathca@gmail.com](mailto:bathca@gmail.com). Anyone interested can volunteer to help make this happen.

Happy mini making! I'll talk to you soon.  
Connie Younker, Regional Coordinator N2

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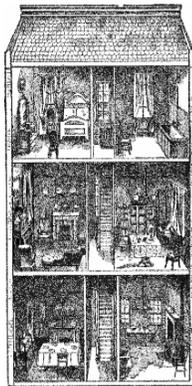
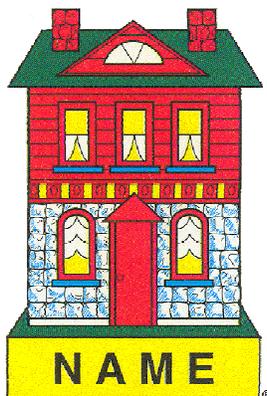
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# E<sub>ditors</sub> C<sub>orner</sub>



Hello to everyone!

Spring is in the air in the lower elevations. I've seen daffodils blooming, which is a sure sign that things are changing. I attended a State Rep's Retreat in January and it was so very nice to put a face with the names that I have seen for all these years. It is certainly funny when you see people for the first time but have been communicating by email for quite a length of time. We had laughter, fun and also a great deal of discussion and work, trying to figure out how to keep the members that we have, as well as recruit new members and keep them as well. Lots of learning went on there, at least on my part.

I have been doing the newsletter for 5 years, with my first issue being the December issue in 2007. I wasn't sure that I would be able to find someone who would have the computer skills to take this from me, but the retreat produced a new State Rep, Christine Cordner, who happens to work in publishing and journalism. Was I excited or what!! At any rate, Chris will be taking over the editorship of this newsletter, starting with the next issue in June. She is excited about doing it, and it will be nice for me to be able to simply get the email and read it, without having the pressure of pulling it together.

I have plans to work on my minis and am almost at a time when the mounds of sorting, etc is almost completed, which will give me time to do minis again!! I'm also sure that something will come along in NAME where I will be able to contribute to the organization, and also enjoy a different part of this miniature world. Please send articles and information to Christine and support her in her new role. I am privileged to have been part of this mini newsletter world!

Yours in Miniature, Leslie



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# News From Around The Region

## State Rep's Reports

### Marin/Napa Valley

**Open Position**



minis-you-may-never-use and sell them to someone else on March 9!

Lynne Hoffman  
Barbara Adams

No Report Received

### North Coastal by Jo Anne Grundhofer

### South Bay/ Peninsula by Lynne Hoffman and Barbara Adams

Happy 2013 to you all! We are off and running with many mini projects in the works. The Mini Attics are working on Christmas Stalls. Through the Looking Glass is busy preparing for the Girl Scout workshop at Showcase of Miniatures. The MiniCal club workshop series has begun with many members from our area clubs and members around the bay participating. It's a low-key, fun way to spend a Saturday with local miniaturists. Planning has begun for NAME Day 2013 which will be held in Morgan Hill Oct. 5 hosted by the MiniCals and Through the Looking Glass clubs. The Good Sam committee is working diligently towards Showcase of Miniatures 2013 October 12/13 with Friday workshops and the new GSAM courses the following week. Spring Fling will be here before you know it. Sort through those

Our dear friend and club member, JACKIE TAYLOR, passed away suddenly in early December. Jackie collected antique miniatures and also made her own miniatures and settings. Jackie's parents, Jay and Bea DeArmond, were charter members of the first N.A.M.E. club in Fullerton, CA, so her love and knowledge of miniatures developed at an early age. When Jackie was growing up, she worked in her parents' antique store, and she collected treasures all her life. When Jackie hosted a club meeting at her home, it was like going on a field trip to a museum for the rest of us...and there was always something new to marvel over. Described by one friend as "a true renaissance woman", Jackie also collected and repaired antique dolls and was the president of a local doll club. She made various types of lace and taught classes in lace making. She raised llamas, spun wool, and collected antique sock-knitting machines that she taught people to work so they could all make wool socks to sell at fund raising events. She was a black powder "shooter",

and owned a black powder gun shop at one time. When I first met Jackie, she was the proprietor of a shop that sold wool and yarn, and if you didn't know how to knit, she'd teach you. She loved animals, and kept a rescued Great Pyrenees dog that guarded the llamas...AND Jackie. Jackie was so generous, and she was always ready to share: ideas and techniques, materials for a project, a book from her library. If you wanted to try to reproduce something...say, an old Bliss dollhouse or a vintage paper theater... Jackie would say "I've got one if you want to borrow it for a while". You may have met Jackie at one of the annual River City Rendezvous or Folsom Fiesta events or other NAME events in Northern California, or taking a workshop at a miniature show, such as the "Good Sam Show" in San Jose. She was adventurous and confident, and would invite those of us not as confident in driving off into the sunset to ride along with her to a miniature show or workshop. You could find Jackie in a crowd by looking for her long mane of white hair.

Our club displays our miniatures at a local library every year for the months of October through December. Jackie always brought a varied selection of things to display, and comparing her antique miniatures to modern miniatures was educational in itself. Our club puts together a Street of Shoppes that is always a popular display at

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the County Fair in August. Jackie's shops were always a great hit, and showed off her sense of humor: an antique stork nesting in the chimney of her Antique Shop; a risqué mermaid figure taking a bath upstairs in the Fishmonger Shop. The members of our club are going to miss her terribly, but there is a much wider community that will miss her, too. We all send her our love.

Sharon Spencer, for Joanne Grundhofer

carpet and colors to please themselves. Lamps will also be provided.

### **CARSON CITY CLUB:**

I get updates from this busy club. They are planning to go as a group to the Sacramento Eggery Show. Most of them are 1/4" scale crafters so it will be exciting for them to score new craft items.

### **STATE REP RETREAT:**

I was fortunate enough that the weather allowed me to meet with some of the other state reps in this region in January. We had a really good time discussing some of the new and exciting things to come in the near future.

Mary Ann Van Buskirk

tures a relaxing form of art appreciation, all conveniently in the palm of my hand. My primary goal as rep is to create a group that works on projects together so we can boost each other's skill sets and inspire ideas that we don't get working alone. I also hope to coordinate stocking-up visits to mini shops so we can advise each other on the best products, host show-and-tells of favorite minis and mini collection tours so we can learn more about each other and appreciate the wonderful work we do and buy, schedule field trips that provide inspiration for outdoor and indoor projects, and hopefully classes from enticing instructors to come to San Francisco as a convenient airport destination. I am open to holding meetings outside of San Francisco that rotate around the Bay Area as well as hearing any and all ideas for activities and goals from those who collect, make, sell or all of the above. I also am inviting people of all ages into the group so we can inspire new and younger generation NAME members to continue their interest in this art form. Please contact me at [ccvan-ya89@yahoo.com](mailto:ccvan-ya89@yahoo.com) or 571-241-1016 if you are interested in joining the club so we can get the ball rolling. I look forward to hearing from you and meeting

### **Northern Nevada/Tahoe By Mary Ann Van Buskirk**

#### **TAHOE MINIACS:**

We are busy gearing up for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop of Summer At Tahoe State Day. Please check the ad in this issue. It is entitled, "Crafters Niche".

It is a small room which can be a wall-hanger and is designed to let the registrant customize it as they wish. For instance, a miniaturist may also be into knitting so they could put a basket of knitting into the room.

Everyone will get a roombox, desk, desk chair, easy chair and everything needed to finish the roombox, but they may substitute their own wallpaper and

### **San Francisco/ N. Peninsula By Christine Cordner**

Hello Fellow NAME N-2 Miniaturists! I am the new representative for the San Francisco and Oakland area. I have lived in San Francisco for over a decade, but I grew up outside of Boston. I became involved in miniatures in the 1980s when my grandmother would take me mini-shopping on Cape Cod. Back in 2008 on a whim, I decided to rehab my childhood RGT Newport dollhouse built by my father and off I went, my love of 1:12 scale minis back in full force. I particularly love collecting handpainted furniture and paintings as well as making vibrant room boxes depicting architectural periods. I consider my love of minia-

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more of the wonderful mini-addicts out there!

Chris Cordner

chat with the vendors about their products. It was the first miniature show I attended and it is still my favorite.

Carlene Brown and I went to the 'State Rep's Retreat Weekend' held at Barbara Thornton Hills home. It was nice to meet and spend time with other State Reps in N2. It was very productive and a fun time.

Carlene Brown is our new **N2 Historian**.

Please send articles & pictures of interest to her at

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### Fresno By Barbara Fairbanks

Nothing to report  
Will send a report next time!

Barbara Fairbanks

The Mini Dreamers have space for two new members. They meet Monday nights from 7-9 and work a many and various projects. Call Diane (see above) if you are interested in joining the innovative group of women.

The Benicia Mini Magic made chairs from champagne cages for their January project. The cage is the wire that holds to cork in the bottle. The chairs were fairly easy and will be a welcome addition to many of our houses in the future (mine still needs a little work but I made two and they are both adorable). Our February project is to experiment with the new 3 volt led lights. One of our members discovered that they are small enough to fit into most beads. That opened a whole new world of ideas. There are so many new things available to us these days and it is fun to find ever more adventurous ways to use some of them.

Or home address:

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Margaret Gordus

### East Bay / Tri-Valley by Suzanne Harrington

With the Christmas holidays and New Year's celebrations behind them the Mini Dreamers have settled down to work on the Children's Hospital Annual Miniature Parade (CHAMPs) show. As always the show will be held the week-end after Labor Day, this year that is September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Diane Walters asks that you contact her if you want a table to sell or if you have had a table in the past, but has changed your e-mail address. She will be sending out contracts next month. You can email Diane at [jandi2000@comcast.net](mailto:jandi2000@comcast.net) or give her a call at 510/724-0587

For the shoppers in the crowd, be sure to mark the date. This is a fun show with good vendors – big enough to find new and wonderful treasurers, yet small enough to

It looks like Spring is just around the corner. I hope yours is full of daffodils and minis.

Suzanne Harrington

### Shasta/Trinity By Margaret Gordus

The final steps for our State Day are going well. We had a workshop day with our spouses helping.

### Sacramento/ Central Valley By Darwin Spring

The Central Valley has a new club! It's so new they haven't selected a name yet, but will do so at their second meeting this month. It's a small scales club and already has twelve members. Way to go!

#### May Day Minis

The May Day Minis have been meeting monthly to work on projects for the "Folsom Fiesta" State Day. This will be their 28<sup>th</sup> year! The workshop is full with a waiting list (seems like it's always full with a waiting list). It is so popular that folks sign up a year ahead of time. The club did take time out to have a Christmas potluck, then back to work.

#### Gold Country Petal Pushers

This club specializes in minia-

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ture flowers and plants, doesn't that sound like fun? They are planning a big project for this year in which each member will reproduce a pastel colored garden-type picture from one of the Kim Jacobs calendars and put it in a scene. I hope they send pictures around because it is going to be beautiful.

### Gold Country Miniature Society

This year the group has decided to work on decorating and supplying a hutch. They are starting with the idea that Lorie Ann Potts published last year in the Miniature Gazette for a "sewing hutch" but members can use any theme. They will also be recreating the

painting techniques that Lorie Ann presented in the magazine.

### The Itty Bitties

This club started in 2008 with five members and has grown to sixteen. They have some very talented people including Debra Taylor (weaving) and Jody Maple (needlepoint) who both do wonderful miniature needlecraft work. Another member, Jan Kimbro, was featured in an issue of Dollhouse Miniatures magazine for her exquisite flower creations. Virgi Bondi travels all around the world teaching classes in Eggerly. They also have the N-2 Regional Coordinator and a State Representa-

tive.

Last year the club voted to do an annual project of a sewing/quilting room and each month a member taught a different item to go into the scene. The club also sponsored the local 2012 NAME Day event in October. The club did a lot last year and were honored as a "Blue Ribbon Club" and received a paper award with a blue ribbon. They also visited a Moroccan restaurant to get ideas for the 2013 Folsom Fiesta and enjoy the wonderful food along with each other's company.

Darwin Spring

### Another Good Sam Show is History

We hope those of you who came to the show this year had a fun time and found some of the minis you wanted. The dealers were pleased. We had new foreign dealers in 2012, and more are asking to come in 2013. Jurying our dealers is a bigger challenge than it used to be, as more and more dealers want to come. It is a problem we are glad to have, however.

The Friday workshops were as good as we have ever had, with some of our new dealers really teaching people how to make things, not just how to glue projects together. I hope we can continue that trend.

Tools & Techniques on Sunday morning was almost as good as attending a workshop this year, as at least 100 people took advantage of this free program.

Our featured workshops have been put to rest, as we have plans for a "Good Sam Academy of Miniatures" (GSAM), to be held the week after the 2013 show. Details will appear on the web site and the blog as they are worked out. Connie Sauve will be Director of GSAM. We have lined up 6 teachers for our first GSAM. They are Pete Acquisto, Geoff Wonnacott, Carol Wagner, Nancy Summers, Bluette Meloney, and Rik Pierce, all very experienced teachers. For further information email Connie at [Connie@thechinadoll](mailto:Connie@thechinadoll) with your name, email and address. We are working hard on the budget and a registration form should be ready soon.

Our 38<sup>th</sup> show will be October 12 & 13, 2013 at the Doubletree. See you then. Barb Jones, [northbaj@att.net](mailto:northbaj@att.net) or 408-257-9385. Web site <http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net>, blog <http://goodsamshow.blogspot.com>

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**\*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**

A basic toolbox and gluing jig is all that is needed.

We are now taking reservations. If you are interested email Ruth Heisch.

We will offer shoebox sales. Bring your sack lunch and we will provide hot and cold beverage.

Questions??? Ruth @ 408-997-1004 or grouchybeartoo@aol.com

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

# Regional Calendar of Events

**March 9, 2013**

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

**July 11-14, 2013**

“A Night at the Museum”  
2013 National Convention  
Hilton El Conquistador Tennis & Golf Resort  
Tucson, AZ

**August 16th and 17th, 2013**

20th annual Summer at Tahoe  
State Day Workshop  
Multipurpose Room, Sierra House Elementary  
South Lake Tahoe, CA

**August/September Gazette**

“Over the Hill Retreat” Houseparty  
Location: “Wherever the Gazette goes”

**October 12, 2013**

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**October 12-13, 2013**

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Check newsletter for Mini Cal workshop dates



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