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Regional Coordinator Report

Hello and welcome to Fall! Finally have moved to New Mexico and the transition has gone very well. I will be starting my new full time job soon and probably will be unpacking for a month, sorting through everything that I have accumulated over the past 25 years. As I unpack I am clearing out the old to make room for the new.

Reminders to everyone that our newsletter and website are only as good as the information and photos we provide. So please be sure to send me or Cynthia Howe or Robert Ravenwood any updates for events, club activities and or photos so everyone has information on what our Region N1 is up too.

It is very important for our region to keep our contact information current, especially member's email addresses. Email is the cheapest and quickest way for us to communicate. I am requesting that each of you please send me the following information via email at ssheridan@q.com: your full name, email address, club association (if any), city and state by October 14th. This will help to insure that I have the correct email for you and that you will receive the quarterly newsletter from me. I will not be giving these email addresses to anyone else. This will help me to better serve you.

Region N1 meeting was held at National on July 23, 2011 in Cleveland and I want to thank Jackie Hoefert for representing me at National this year. Jackie provided the following information from members that attended the meeting : four clubs will be hosting the Oct 1 NAME Day work project this year; social media usage with Facebook and or You Tube by members was discussed and members asked to have articles on how to use these forms of social media; On regarding the website, to provide upcoming events, feature bios on long time miniaturists, and/or information on how a member got started in miniatures; suggestions to help promote new younger members to join were to provide workshop projects with the Girl Scouts and/or provide youth mini projects at shows or events. Thanks to those members who attended and provided feedback. This is helpful for all of us in planning our club and regional activities.

Welcome Chair needed, if you would like to help welcome our new members, please contact me so we can get you hooked up with these new members. Let's keep miniatures as an arts and craft form for future generations to learn more about our unique hobby.

I appreciate each of you as ambassadors for the miniature hobby and NAME. Your continued support and activities in miniatures provides the world a special opportunity for education and art.

Fall brings the start of the holidays and winding down of another year. My best wishes for a fun, safe Happy Halloween, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year. Time seems to be moving quicker these days, especially for me with all the new things to learn, new people to meet, new job and new home town to learn about.

The next newsletter will be the winter issue and the deadline for information due by November 1, 2011. Till next time,

Susan

Susan Sheridan, at ssheridan@q.com, 505.994.2502 (home phone)

Regional Coordinator N-1 2011-2012

Minutes, RC Retreat, July 25, 2011

Attendees:

Janet Smith (RC Liaison)
Barbara Thornton-Hill (N2)
Deb Baker (A1)
Diane Piziali (N2)
Kay Kalick (M1)
Olivia Beard-Wall (E1)
Ruth Heisch (N2)
Sandy Davis (E2)
Shannon Moore (online)
Susan Koelling (M1)
Terry Unnold (M2)

An agenda was distributed and discussed. Several topics were added, and topics were re-arranged to accommodate departure schedules.

I. The Online Region

Questions:

- The On-line region overlaps everything else. What is the role of the on-line region vs. other regions?
- Should this be addressed at the board level?
- Does it really belong as a REGION?

Discussion:

- The online region is the easiest way to communicate to a lot of members at once.
- It is an easy way for members to communicate to each other and an easy way for members to communicate to the regional teams and the board as a whole.
- It is a big selling point for NAME as a place where you can find out everything going on in the miniature community, but only if you are member of NAME.
- It helps answer the question of “there are no clubs near me.” Yep...there’s the online region.
- There is a perception that this was initially billed as a place for people without a home club, it has now been opened up to everyone. It was never really intended to be just for people without clubs, but the club corner is there especially for people who want to feel like it is a club.
- It’s a tool to connect everyone together.
- This is a NATIONAL club for NAME...not a Region.
- This is NAME’s “Cloud”
- Shannon handed out a form for submitting projects to the online region. They are looking to bring more projects to the group as an added benefit for joining.
- Shannon, or whoever replaces her at the end of her term, needs to be in the loop for the on-line convention in 2014.

II. Communication

Questions:

- How do we make sure that regions without representation on the board or representation on national committees are in the loop (e.g. was M2)? How do we improve communication into their region?
- How do we do a better job of including people in the decision making process (assure that decisions aren't made without consulting the stakeholders or those in a position to contribute to the decision making process)

Discussion:

- We aren't informing the people that will be getting questions about things before people find out. RCs/SRs would prefer more frequent communication by e-mail than waiting for a bi-monthly release of the Regional Matters. This could be accommodated through the Yahoo newsgroup.
- RCs/SRs want to continue getting monthly reports on membership (about 9 went out last year and one is very overdue now.)
- The fact that NAME Day is now an annual event was not communicated to them.
- Communication to members happens through newsletters.
- Olivia's website has a SR only section for internal communications to the leadership team.
- Most handle communication to their teams through e-mails.
- Sending e-mails to everyone is difficult as their e-mails change and it's hard to maintain a list. Constant Comment (small cost per month) or Mail Chimp (free) could be used to send out e-mails. Suggestion that we investigate doing this at the NAME level, but have a section for each region.
- There is some concern that the regions are NOT aware that members must opt-in to any mass mailings (like regional newsletters) and that all mass mailings must include opt-out instructions.
- The membership renewal process should include asking members for their e-mail address (this happens on some of the forms out there, but not all. It is requested through on-line renewals.) Club Presidents or Treasurers submitting membership renewals for their club membership should be confirming e-mail addresses. As an aside to this, members include their e-mail addresses on their registration forms for conventions, Houseparties and workshops, but these are not current compared to the e-mail address in the database and updated accordingly. Gwen is looking into whether or not the temp at the office could work on this.
- We can push out e-mails to our members. Every houseparty should be announced via e-mail, for example, with a link to further information. The new office system will enable this kind of mass e-mail communication.
- We need to add a statement to our membership forms and to any other form that requests an e-mail address that says something like, "By giving us your e-mail address, you are giving us permission to send you messages."

III. Technology

Questions:

- What does NAME need to do to embrace the changes in available technology?

- How about regions using social media to promote their local clubs and events. (Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter and blogs.)
- How many are currently using or have accounts set up in each of these areas?

Discussion:

- If we want younger members, we have to be available online.
- Having information online has the advantage of keeping it readily available
- We need guidelines on how to use social media and how to represent NAME when we are doing so. We need to know how NAME wants to be branded.
- We need some sort of “how to” manual. If we want to have NAME on Facebook, for example, we should point people to places where they can find out how to set up accounts and how to post messages and how to do so safely. The intent is not for NAME to write the content, but to provide their less technically savvy members with guidelines for where to go to find out how to use this sort of communication media.
- Do we need someone who is responsible for putting up seed information on a periodic basis to these kinds of sites? And which sites?
- Do we want regional Facebook pages, for example, or a single National NAME presence?
- We need to decide what we want and then communicate to everyone so that they work within our guidelines.
- For Facebook, we need to have a few people in the role of “moderators”; change them out every week or so that different faces/voices are posting NAME content.
- Of those in the meeting, many are currently on Facebook; none are actively using Twitter, Janet and Shannon use LinkedIn for professional contacts only. Terry Unnold blogs professionally. All agreed that our entry point in should be through Facebook.
- On the “how do we not leave people in the dust” question: We believe it is far less than half of our members who would be left in the dust. There are things we are doing now to help with this. Sandy calls one of her team members to let her know that she has e-mail waiting. Not all RCs are on the computer on a regular basis either. One RC mentioned that, if registration was available online, she would not use it unless there was no other option (they were assured that’s not what we’re currently considering). One RC has printed out packets for other people. Even those members who are not computer literate often have friends who could help them out like this. Ruth will call the SRs without e-mails and e-mail the rest. Susan went to Senior Center with some of her leadership team and they learned how to access e-mail. Also showed them printies. Some people are ADAMANT that they need hard copy communication.
- Discussed chat rooms and other options for virtual meetings, but notes are in the section on Team meetings.
- Susan Koelling suggested adding a section to the NAME site for children/youth that would contain projects for kids, possibly organized by age bracket. Susan would be willing to help populate this area and has a lot of projects. Shannon would like to see several projects offered, but then use this as a hook into NAME, where other projects would be available to members only.

IV. Team Structure

Questions:

- How is NAME structured?
- Who is on your teams and what roles do they play?

- What roles do other regions show on their list that you might like to add to your own?
- How do we motivate our NAME volunteers? What motivates YOU?
- How do we assure good communications between the volunteers in our organization (from Club Presidents to State Reps to RCs to the Board)?
- How do you handle a volunteer that isn't doing their job?
- How do you recruit new team members?
- How do you effectively train new team members?

Discussion:

- The attached org chart was handed out:
- And the following list of jobs that different regions have in place was discussed:
 - SR/PR Positions Include:
 - SRs/PRs (as traditionally defined)
 - Welcome Chairs (for region or by states)
 - Website Administrators
 - Newsletter Editors
 - Membership Chair
 - Program Chair/Events Coordinator
 - Publicity Chair
 - Regional Awards Chair
 - Secretary/Treasurer
 - Swap Coordinator
 - Goodwill Ambassador
 - Cyber Reps (incl. Cyber Reps in charge of workshops and the Club Corner)
 - And NOW: Estate Coordinator
- Not all regions will have all positions, but some of these may be positions that you would like to add to your region.
- What motivates us (the people at the meeting) may be different than other people.
 - o Recognition...note in the newsletter.
 - o Calls, e-mails, little gifts, awards at National.
 - o THANK YOU! Must be a TRUE thank you.
 - o Another motivator is doing things in your region, getting people together, having workshops, state days, etc.
 - o Meeting each other.
 - o NAME Day events last year...one club invited another...had a great time. Got to know them better.
 - o Thank you candies.
 - o Pass along gift like the Boyd's bear...but what happens when things don't get passed? (Like the boards for NAME shows).
 - o Nicest thank you is the totally unexpected one.
 - o Pass this gift along or give something else different. Gives a connection between the giver and receiver
 - o Even a little e-mail saying that they appreciate what you do...even if they haven't just completed a big task or something.

- We recognize people that stand out and don't necessarily recognize the people who are working their butts off in the background. Recognizing only the "big wigs" hurts the other participants.
- It takes 10 thank-yous to erase one negative comment.
- Suggestions for handling people who really aren't doing the jobs or who need to move out of a leadership role (and might not know it yet)
 - o End of terms...good time to thank them for their service and let them move on.
 - o New RCs can choose a new team.
 - o Let current people know that other people are asking for a chance to step up, so they should let new people get involved.
 - o Find someone else. Appoint someone to be a co-RC or co-SR.
 - o Find the one job that they would do...and let them do it, but then find another person to fill the void.
- Suggestions for recruiting:
 - o Think about who would be good for a position, then call 'em up and ask.
 - o A lot of time, it's just a matter of letting people know that you have a need.
 - o Announce at the regional meeting. If you know someone...or are remotely interested. Offer to help.
 - o Let them take a piece of the job and try it out. When we're saying we need a "somebody" they don't know what's expected...break it into pieces so it's not so overwhelming.
- Suggestions for training:
 - o At the E-3 retreat, they went through the job descriptions and talked about them. If you can't do this, find someone to help.
 - o Deb assigned the calls. Be clear about what is needed and what needs to be done.
 - o Create a "Script" for welcome calls. Not really training, just clear instructions.
 - o Be specific.
 - o Non-renewals don't need to be done anymore formally, but touching base with friends, etc., is a good thing. These will still be sent out as RCs have requested them.
 - o Consider a "co-RC" position for the last year of your four year terms to train up a RC.

V. RC Manual

Questions:

- Have you looked at the new manual?
- Is the new update meeting your needs?
- Are there other topics you'd like to see covered?

Discussion:

- There was a question about regional awards, but these are controlled by the region, not NAME as a whole so the question was taken off-line.
- A state day application was submitted and should have gone through the RC. Was happy to have the document to know what had to be done.
- The information on what the RC can use the funds for and how to get seed money approved and how to handle seed money is confusing. This should be clarified.

- Deadlines are there, but more reminders might be good. Would like a quick reference guide on the deadlines for reports, ambassador awards, etc.
- Need to clarify AIM vs. AIM Even Higher....what are they for and who do they apply for. Clarify that people can get BOTH.
- Would be nice if RCs and SRs got a list of people in their region who have gotten the AIM pin....or anything else that they get from the office, so we can drop a note.
- Before, we really had no guidelines on what you had to do.

VI. Team Meetings

Questions:

- Who has held or attended a team meeting?
- How were these team meetings structured (e.g. was there a project? Just a get together and discussions? Were there agendas?)
- How well were they attended?
- What was done for follow-up? Were minutes taken? Were action items assigned? Were reports created for regional newsletters?

Discussion:

- Two day meetings with projects.
- One day without a project. Or maybe a little roundtable kit. The project can be the way to get people to the meetings.
- Issue with projects is that there can be a lot of sidebar conversations while people were working on the project.
- Following up with something in writing would be good, especially to catch up people who weren't able to attend. A mix of formal (meeting) and informal (a meal or project) is good.
- Covering the same ground is just necessary as part of a training exercise. Deb's meeting was more about getting ideas from people who have done things before.
- Excellent forum for Information gathering.
- Some regions are REALLY big and it's difficult to have face-to-face team meetings.
- Shannon offered the use of the online region chat room for any RC who would like to hold a chat team meeting with their SRs.
- Connie Reagan has held a meeting using Skype (so video conferencing).
- Google also offers video conferencing. Shannon is willing to help set up other chat rooms.
- People who have been part of face to face meetings really like them and find them very beneficial.
- Barbara believes SO STRONGLY in face-to-face team meetings. It's a bonding experience. You can exchange ideas. You can do training. You can set regional goals.
- Put your meetings next to a popular show that people will be at anyway.
- You can spend regional funds to pay for a night at the hotel or meals or whatever.
- Remember that we are a charitable organization, so mileage and expenses are tax deductible.
- You can hold these at Nationals or regional meetings.

VII. NAME Day 2011

Questions:

- Are there NAME Day events in your region?
- What kinds of things are you doing?

- How are you advertising these events?

Discussion:

- One day events. Country theme...with small side projects.
- Kits left over for the ½” scale stuff that will be auctioned off.
- Dollhouse/hobby center.
- Door prizes and silent auction.
- Potlucks are happening.
- NAME Day at the library.
- Ordering the kits and having a potluck, but no themes.
- Inviting anyone and having basically a one day state day like event.
- Small scale group, half scale group, one inch weekend with roombox (but didn't get enough people), another one inch.
- One doing a cookbook with a full kitchen in it.
- Shoebox sales...people can only bring what will fit in a shoebox. In Tahoe, they used sweater box sales.
- Some clubs have listed NAME day projects, but are for the club only. Others have included their clubs on the list, but have asked not to be posted as they're "closed" events. Others, of course, are having events that are open to others to register.
- Register with Romaine, and then we can get the events up on the website. We'd like to know how many events are going on whether they are open or not.
- BIG CHANGE: NAME Day is open to all NAME members and/or NAME clubs. NAME Clubs are supposedly only open to NAME members, but we know that many clubs have non-NAME members in them. But please remember that this is supposed to be a benefit of being a NAME member.
- This is not intended to be a forum for recruiting NAME members....State Days are good forums for this.
- For 2012, we'll be working with the girl scouts and we're trying to figure out what we can do with them. Thinking of a make-it-and-take-it that we can provide to them for their celebrations.

VIII. Regional Fundraising

Questions:

- How do the regions handle fundraising? Is anything working especially well for your region?
- Are you aware of the new policy on purchasing NAME merchandise for sale at NAME tables? Are you using this? How successful is it?
- Once you have regional funds, what can you do with them?
- What other ideas do you have for fundraising? How do we raise money without our members feeling like we are "nickel and diming" them?

Discussion:

- Where NAME sells items from a NAME table, do we need to provide a letter for shows that indicate that we are tax free status?
- Things done to raise money for the regions:
 - o You can sell pins at state days and NAME Day events. You have to buy the pins from the NAME office (at a discount) and can then sell them.
 - o Raffles in the regional newsletter...mini furniture as prizes.

- o In N2, they had a big roombox and took it to various shows, so it got a little beat up in the process. And they sold tickets in the newsletter. One shot raffle seemed to work better (logistically) but didn't bring in as much money.
- o Grab bags go like hotcakes at any event. Issue is getting the donations to fill them. Christmas party every year....last year they did chalets in different scales and sold these to buy a PA system.
- o Selling donated magazines...try to focus on one kind of magazine at a show...selling for \$1 each.
- o Started a children's table. They get three tables at that show...two are used for the children's table. In Denver, they hang sheets around the children's table so that the adults can't coach the kids on what to buy.
- o Selling estate items.
- o Rotating raffle items.

There was a question about why we had so many fundraisers at the convention. Answer was: People don't understand it costs \$75/person/year to run the organization, but we take in \$35/person/year. We have house expenses; we need new computers and software. Convention costs are NOT covered by the cost of registration fees. We rely on houseparty helpers, etc. to break even and make money, and these are the primary fund raisers for NAME.

Do the RCs want to keep doing the 50/50 raffle at next year's convention? Yes.

IX. Welcome Committee Roles

Questions:

- Who has a welcome committee?
- What are they doing?
- How are you communicating to new members?
- Are you announcing new members in your regional newsletters?
- Are you sending out Welcome Packets?
- How can we welcome new members and make them feel like they are part of the organization...and not just member number nnnnn?

Discussion

- There are regions or areas that don't have clubs in their area or the clubs in their area are closed. We need A Club Finder.
- We have people who would be willing to mentor a new club. Sometimes the closest club isn't in the same region... (e.g. Kansas City).
- Olivia has a map of the states in the region and put pins in for where the clubs are and where the members are. The map can sit on the NAME tables so they know where there are other miniaturists.
- Question: Do you need a welcome committee chair in each region or each state? Depends on where you are and what you need. It's being done both ways now.

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Club News

Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts

submitted by Corena Wickett, Vice President (8/31/2011)

Hello from the Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts!

Since the beginning of May, LVME club members have been working on our Little Spice of Life Shop 1" scale projects (from Dollhouse Miniatures magazine, May 2002, pp. 12-16) taught by LVME club president, **Ana Conroy**. We just completed the last workshop for it at our August meeting. Members will complete them at home in time for our January 2012 meeting & workshop for an exhibit & photos.



Spice Of Life 1" scale project made by Ana Conroy 2011 (inside & outside views).

In July 2011, LVME members celebrated the club's 35th year anniversary as a NAME club and NAME sent a recognition certificate to the club in order to mark this great milestone.

There's more exciting news for our club! LVME was featured in a 2-page article in the September 2011 issue of Miniature Collector (pp.38-39). The article, written by **Susan Sheridan**, was about our Joann Swanson Flower & Gift Shoppes projects. The workshops were taught by fellow club members **Kathy LaPorte** and **Norma Kessling** (great job ladies!). Several pictures of the completed projects were also featured in the article. It's fun to see how creative and different each project turned out!

Recently, we've had to say good-bye to our last remaining LVME club founding member, **Susan Sheridan**, because she is moving out of state. We want to thank her for her leadership, knowledge, and, especially, her friendship! At our August 2011 club meeting, Susan was sent off with a farewell party that had yummy goodies to eat & drink and mini gifts to take home with her (mostly in 1/4" scale). However, she won't be able to shake us off that easily since she still will be serving as our NAME N-1 Regional Coordinator. Susan will be missed!



Future projects for workshops during the rest of the year include:

- * September: "Minihuly" plastic art pieces (taught by **Kathy LaPorte**)
- * October: 2nd Annual National NAME Day (work center project)
- * November: TBA
- * December: holiday brunch party & gift exchange

Visitors and new members are always welcome!

Please go to <http://communitylink.reviewjournal.com/lvrj/lvminiatures> for more information and to see more photos of the LVME club's meeting activities.

Happy Mini-ing!

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The Morro Bay NAME Club, Morro Bay, California

submitted by Betty Hodges

The Morro Bay NAME Club meets every Wednesday from 10 to 5. One week we work on projects that we teach others, or community donations, and the next week we work on our own projects.

We also have Mini Retreats. When one of our husbands leave for a few days the entire club packs their bags and moves into that house to be taught a new technique by one of our members. Our Mini Retreats have resulted in beaded dresses, jewelry, gloves, flowers, etc. Also, we have made trips to miniature stores and new craft stores.

We are working on the exhibits for the February Miniature Show theme of Route 66. 500 tote bag favors for the Tucson Houseparty have already been started. With a group of only 5 active members, we need to allow lots of time!

NAME Day has been planned and the kits ordered for 10 people. A day of fun and new friends is planned. Hope to meet some of you at the Good Sam Show in October.

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Minis in Paradise, Scottsdale, Arizona

submitted by Robert Ravenwood

MINIS IN PARADISE meet the first and third Thursdays of every month.

We had one new member join **Minis in Paradise** in August. **Anne Monday** is well known to Phoenix miniaturists and is a member of other clubs but is new to **Minis in Paradise**. We welcome her and look forward to her contribution to our club.



June saw us making a Koi pond for our Japanese Garden complete with Koi fish, plants and a waterfall. This is an on-going project and in June we sculpted the basic shape of the pond and painted the bottom of the pond. We also spent an evening making Koi fish from Fimo clay. Thank you to **Rita Rider** and **Jody Johnson** for their hard work to teach the classes and for the innovative ideas they presented to the rest of us. We will also be spending time at future meetings making plants for the pond and the final assembly.



In July, **Nancy Starky** taught us all to make an *Ikebana* flower arrangement. We made three different versions with Cherry blossoms, Irises and other types of flowers. I personally enjoyed making the flowers because the paper we used seemed a bit easier for me than previous attempts to make flowers from clay and I loved the end result.

In August I taught the club to make the Shoji screens that serve as doors and windows in Japanese structures. As everyone will be doing their own unique structure or room box the shoji can be varied in size and shape as needed. My shoji screens slide in a track as the entrance to the tea room.



Also in August, **Teresa Hall** led us in making an Asian decorative screen with “bamboo” frame and a painted scene. As with all projects that at first seem simple, the screen was a bit more challenging than at first met the eye. The screen was a Joann Swanson project from the March 2006 issue of [DOLLHOUSE MINIATURES](#).



Coming up in the fall will be more projects for the Teahouse and a couple of exciting things for the Workshop: a compressor and a shop vacuum. Both projects look exciting and a good use of found materials. Several club members are also looking forward to **N.A.M.E.** day on October 1.

Happy mini-making!

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San Diego Miniature Crafters

submitted by Marlene Griggs, Club President

THE LATEST NEWS FROM SDMC!

The San Diego Miniatures Crafters have had two special events this summer. The June luncheon, held at San Diego's Bay Club, celebrated the end of another successful and fun year. **Lori Lehman** planned the day. Lunch was delicious. New officers were installed and **Debi Cerone** was recognized as the club's Member-of-the-Year. This award is the result of a secret vote by club members and is a highly kept secret until the luncheon.

July found 24 members on a Field trip and carpooling up to Ramona, CA to visit Carolyn's Miniatures, the newest miniature shop in San Diego County. We gathered our straw hats, sunscreen and toolboxes for a trip to the country. It was a delightful day! Carolyn had planned a special project for her visitors and we in turn enjoyed shopping. Afterward we went to Collier County Park (only about 3 blocks from the store) and enjoyed a picnic under a huge live oak tree with several shaded tables underneath. The delicious picnic lunch was catered by our very own **Debi Cerone's, "A Sweet Affaires"**.

The SDMC are sponsoring a NAME FUN DAY on October 1. **Jackie Hoefert**, our State Rep and an Associate member of our club, is chairing the day. Jackie's knowledge and enthusiasm are contagious - she wants to share miniatures with everyone! We are all excited about the day. A picnic pot luck lunch and lots of surprises are planned for the 30 participants.

We begin the yearly club project in August and though we all begin with the same structure it is always fun to see the final resulting project from each member. The completed projects will be exhibited at our Show and Sale in 2013.

Until next time, take care and enjoy the fun, friendships, and expanded world of knowledge and skills provided by miniatures.

Marlene Griggs, President

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Congratulations to **Jenifer MacLowry** as *Regional Ambassador NI* award winner for 2011! Thank you for your hard work as newsletter editor and for your continued support with your club.
- Welcome to our newest members as of May 5, 2011:
Carol Colleran, Marana, AZ
Barbara Knable, Gold Canyon, AZ
Marta Betancourt, Shadow Hills, CA
Irina Gnera, Los Angeles, CA
Irene McGehee, Ramona, CA
Jerry Miller, Hemet, CA
Melissa Mullican, Bakersfield, CA

Region N-1

Shows and Sales

October 15-16, 2011, San Jose, CA: Showcase of Miniatures Doubletree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place. <http://goodsamshowcase.miniature.net/>

October 22-23, 2011, Tucson, AZ: Tucson Miniature Society 34th Annual Show and Sale. Tucson Women's Club, 6245 E. Bellevue, www.TucsonMiniatureSociety.org.

February 4-5, 2012, San Diego Miniatures, *Nostalgia in Miniatures*, sd.minishow@gmail.com

March 10-11, 2012, Phoenix, AZ: Small World Miniature Club, The Phoenix Arizona Dollhouse Miniature Show & Sale www.hov.org

April 27-29, 2012, Colorado Springs, CO: Southwest Miniature Roundup www.southwestminiatureroundup.com

September 5-9, 2012, Denver, CO: Mini Tales of Travel, Miniature & Doll Show & Sale, The Double Tree Hotel TEC

N.A.M.E. Events, Dates and Locations

* October 1, 2011 N.A.M.E. DAY - NAME Day has been set! October 1, 2011! The Project selected is a "Workcenter" in a design that can coordinate with last year's hutch or can be a stand-alone project. The committee is still debating a couple of the features. Wood has been ordered and kits will be sent out to the committee to try-out. Check out your last gazette for details, including a list of "cutters" and the activities we know about at this point. Plans for the project will be published in the July/August Gazette.

- * October 1, 2011 N.A.M.E. DAY, North Orange County Miniature Guild will host NAME DAY WORK BENCH at First Presbyterian Church, 838 N. Euclid Street, Fullerton, CA 92832. Please contact Pat Bigham at miniobj@gmail.com for more information.
- * October 1, 2011 N.A.M.E. DAY Minis-n-Mountains (Los Angeles area) will host NAME DAY WORK BENCH all are welcome. Contact Sheila Benjamin to order a bench and/or reserve a space. sheilabenjamin@aol.com
- * October 1, 2011 N.A.M.E. DAY (Phoenix area). 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3257 E. University Drive, Mesa, Arizona 85213. Please contact Carol Rush at cjr9846@cox.net for more information.
- * October 15, 2011 N.A.M.E. Day, Las Vegas 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Parish Hall 6670 W. Cheyenne Las Vegas, NV 89108 Hosted by Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts, Potluck luncheon, Mini Gift Exchange, Exhibits Kits in 3 scales available. To order kit and sign up for potluck please contact Anna Conroy at Anitalabonita60@yahoo.com Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts website: <http://communitylink.reviewjournal.com/lvrj/lvminiature>
- * May 3-6, 2012 Portland, OR Small Scale Houseparty: *Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall ~ Celebrate Them All*
- * Spring 2013 Lexington All Scales Houseparty
- * July, 11-14, 2013 Tucson, AZ National Convention 2013, *At Night In the Museum (where miniatures come alive)*
- * Fall 2014 Greenville Small Scales Regional



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