

small talk

N.A.M.E. Region N-1 Newsletter Winter 2012 Issue No. 14
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Regional Coordinator Report

Hello,

Happy New Year and best wishes to everyone for this coming new year.

It is time for me to wind down as Regional Coordinator and find someone who will step in to continue with our Region N1 process. With my move to New Mexico and job commitments I am learning more about my town and local community. As this transition will happen in about 6 months, it will be here before you know it. Two years have gone by quickly especially with all that has transpired in my life.

Region N1 is still moving forward, we still want to improve our communications, website and other activities. It does take time and commitment from our volunteers to help with our membership and miniature activities. I appreciate each of our volunteers who provide service and information to the community at large.

I want to thank all our State Representatives and Club Presidents who continue to step forward and help with the growth of the miniature hobby. Through sharing our love and creativity with others we grow more members.

A Region N1 retreat will be held in late spring so be on the lookout for this event. I will send out a notification to everyone on this retreat as soon as I have confirmed dates place and time. We had a small turn out last year, but had a fun time and learned a lot from everyone who did attend.

Remember to please submit articles, events, club activities and photos to Robert or I so we can get this included in the next newsletter. Plus add to our website too.

Welcome Chair needed, we still would like to offer this as an opportunity to help our region communications. Please let me know if you or someone you know would be a good fit for this position.

NAME Day for 2012 planning is underway. State days and house parties are ongoing throughout the year and it's a fun time to attend any one of these events. Also, be sure to send in your AIM form to participate in this special recognition

Till next time,

Susan Sheridan,

Regional N1 Coordinator

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Club News:

Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts Submitted by Corena Wickett, Vice President

Hello from the Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts!

In September, **Kathy LaPorte** taught a fantastic workshop on how to make “minihulies”, which were a lot of fun and easy to make (and very addictive, too!). Members experimented with using different types of plastic from a variety of clear packaging, as well as using permanent markers &/or nail polish. Members found that permanent markers worked best, and when heated over a candle flame they come out with a more glass-like appearance than with the nail polish. These “minihulies” will make great art pieces in any dollhouse, mini art gallery, or mini museum!



Minihulies made by Corena Wickett

We had a very fun and successful **2nd Annual National NAME Day** in October in which members put together their work center table projects. We had a great project, yummy goodies to eat & drink, and fantastic company.



LVME members working on their NAME Day tables. Delicious goodies to eat & drink!



NAME Day table by Zona Ray.



NAME Day table by Jan Feldhouse.

(For more pictures, please see our web site; link is below)

Earlier this month, LVME had a Thanksgiving turkey platter workshop taught by *Ana Conroy*, our club president. Pictures will be posted on our web site as soon as I can get some (unfortunately, I wasn't there to take any because I was recovering from major surgery and could not attend).

During the mid-part of December, we have our holiday brunch party & gift exchange, which is looked forward to with great anticipation by LVME members every year. It's a fantastic time to celebrate the holidays with one another!

Projects for 2012 are currently being planned. We're very excited for the coming year because of what new things we'll be able to learn & how we can grow within our great hobby!

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

If you're in our area, feel free to drop by. We currently meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month (except in December) at the parish hall of the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church (6670 W Cheyenne Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89108; within 1 block east of Rainbow Blvd.) from 10:00 AM – (approx.) 1:00 PM. Visitors and new members are always welcome!

Happy Mini-ing!



Albuquerque Mini Makers

Submitted by Susan Sheridan, NM State Rep

Hello from New Mexico. The Albuquerque Mini Makers are currently finishing up a Christmas-scene project which will be donated to a local senior home. There are three seniors who will be receiving these special gifts of a Christmas scene which is a foam core room box containing a fireplace, Christmas tree and upholstered chair along with various gifts and accessories for each of the three rooms.

Pictures shown include two room box scenes, close up of the upholstered chair, and club members working on project.



We will have them completed at the December club meeting and holiday gathering. The scenes will be presented to the seniors at their place on Christmas day.

The Albuquerque Mini Makers are also working on holding another New Mexico Play day (State Day) scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2012 here in Albuquerque. There will more information and registration opening after the first of the new-year. Please plan to join us as we will have both 1" and 1/2" scale project available on the workshops. More on this soon.

We are looking for donations for tote-bag favors and or raffle prizes, so if you would like to donate to either please contact *Susan Sheridan* at ssheridan@q.com for more information. We appreciate the help with this fun day we are planning!

The Albuquerque Mini Makers send best wishes for a safe, healthy and happy Holiday Season to everyone.



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!



Minis in Paradise, Scottsdale, Arizona

Submitted by Robert Ravenwood

Our projects for this year have been centered around the dual themes of a Japanese Teahouse and a Garage/workshop.

In September *Peggy Stoker* taught all of us to make a Kimono to display on the wall of the teahouse. She printed the kimono on some silk fabric fused to a backing. The project was a great success and looks wonderful in the different versions of the teahouse each member is building.



Kimono as art



Compressor



Tansu Chest

Later in September *TJ Riehle* surprised everyone with a compressor for their garage. Using dowels and misc. beads and washers, everyone created a great looking compressor.

Also for the teahouse we worked on a stepped Tansu chest designed and taught by *Robert Ravenwood* and plants to decorate our Koi Ponds taught by *Rita Rider* who did a great job of getting us through the components for the Koi pond. Now most of us just have to assemble the pieces and add some sparkle.

Several members attended NAME DAY in October and had a great time. NAME DAY this year was even better than last year. I big thank you from **Minis in Paradise**.

On December 1, 2011 Minis in Paradise had our annual Holiday Party. It seems like several people had one nasty bug or another which kept them at home and in bed, but those who attended had a great time and exchanged some wonderful gifts. Thank to *Mary Visner* for opening her home and hosting the party.

Happy mini-making!



San Diego Miniature Crafters

Submitted by Marlene Griggs, Club President

Hello from the San Diego Miniature Crafters!

Members of SDMC continue a busy schedule. The club sponsored NAME Fun Day was a big success on October 1. Thirty one members (ten quarter-inchers and twenty one-inchers) enjoyed the picnic-themed day by sharing a full day of work on the workbench and receiving special kitchen related gifts throughout the day.

To begin the day each participant received a cigar box with the work bench kit and lots of other theme based kits and items inside. A gift exchange was enjoyed and an Opportunity Drawing provided lots of anticipation. A portion of the drawing proceeds will be sent to Name.

Jackie Hoefert and her committee - **Lori Lehman, Leslie Hopwood, Gloria Osborn** and **Marlene Griggs** - worked for weeks preparing for the special event. Knowing many NAME members worked on the same project on the same day added to the excitement of the day. Everyone is already asking about and ready to sign up for the 2012 NAME DAY!

The annual club project is creating lots of unique challenges as each member continues working on their structures at home and by completing special projects at club meetings. The smaller projects will enhance the overall project. In October our project chair, **Buff Greaney** provided instructions and kits to make several different kinds of plants. It was a fun morning as everyone completed at least one plant and several members completed more. Two guests attending the meeting also made a plant. The project was a great way to introduce new people to the miniature world. Buff has another special project planned for November.

In December we will have our annual holiday luncheon. The chairman of the event, **Diana Whitney** and her committee, completed the favors in July - is that long term planning? There will be wonderful food, a gift exchange and a collection for **Toys for Tots**.

January will find us working hard to make final plans for the club's annual show and sale to be held on February 4th & 5th, 2012. Included with the show and sale will be lots of exhibits completed by members and club friends.

Should your travels bring you to San Diego on one of our meeting days, please stop by, guests are always welcome. Information about time and location of meetings may be found on the NAME club information site.





www.2013Tucsonhouseparty.org

“At Night in the Museum”

N-1 is hosting the 2013 NAME National Convention in Tucson, Arizona and the committee is hard at work organizing and making plans to insure this convention will be special and memorable.

Let's start with the memorable part; every registered attendee will have the exciting experience of visiting the fabulous **“Mini Time Machine”** Miniature Museum founded by long time NAME members Pat and Walter Arnell. Transportation to and from the Museum will be available for a small fee.

We are planning on changing things up a little with some fresh new ideas and a little bit different schedule to make it a more pleasant experience.

In order to supplement the budget that is allotted for each convention and to keep registration fees low, the committee needs to do some intensive “Fundraising”. We have set up a website to promote the convention, give you news about our plans as they develop (without giving away any secrets or surprises) and to advertise our Fundraisers and Raffles.

Check us out at www.2013tucsonhouseparty.org

One great fundraiser that you can look forward to is a “Display Box” that is designed to hold the convention souvenirs. Details are on the website.

Raffles are planned at least every two months or more. Wonderful and exciting items have been donated for these Raffles.

We are looking for a Chair for the following Committees: Souvenir Book and Publicity.

We would like to remind all the dealers and instructors that we are looking for new and exciting classes and merchandise to offer our guests at the convention so do not hesitate to submit your applications to teach or sell. We would love to get some new faces in these categories.

Please visit our website, contact us with any questions or let us know if you wish to volunteer or participate in anyway.

Thank you for your time,
2013 National Committee

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San Diego Miniature Show and Sale

Preserving a Centuries Long Tradition



38th Annual “Nostalgia in Miniatures”

Join the San Diego Miniature Crafters for exhibits, sales, workshops and classes designed for crafters, artists and collectors of dollhouse size miniatures.

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced miniaturist, you're sure to find something that suits your fancy with our two floors of quarter inch, half inch and one inch scale miniatures.

Saturday February 4th, 2012 10: am - 5: pm

Sunday February 5th, 2012 11: am - 4: pm

Al Bahr Shrine Center San Diego CA

Adults \$7.00/Children \$2.00

www.sdminiatureshow.wordpress.com

\$1 off adult admission with this flyer!

Miniatures West is pleased to announce the 26th Annual Miniature Fantasy Show and Sale.

**February 11th 2012
9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

**Doubletree by Hilton (formerly the Radisson Hotel)
6161 W. Centinela Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230
310 649-1776**

Tickets \$6.00 children \$3.00

Workshops will be taught on Friday February 10th and Sunday February 12th. The teachers include Debbie Young, Judy Orr, Janet Smith, Laura Montgomery and Bridget McCarty. Please see the web site for details.

Free Exhibit Room with projects from our talented members and guest exhibitors.

Raffle with donations from our dealers to benefit NAME and Angels Attic.

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Web site Miniatureswest.com

Mention Miniatures West for a great discounted rate at the hotel and come have a fun miniature weekend.

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HELP WANTED

2013 NAME National Centerpiece Chairmen need your help! We are looking for individuals and/or groups to construct/build some of our "Table Centerpieces". We will have Centerpieces in 1", 1/2", 1/4" & 1/144 scales. A Basic Kit and instructions will be provided. Our theme is "***At Night in the Museum***", the centerpieces will consist of a Museum Exhibit; the theme of the exhibit is up to the builders.

Donations of items to use in exhibits (in all scales) are also needed, such as period furniture, vintage clothing, old toys, fancy shells, ceramics & glassware.

Contact: Gloria Osborn globob22@yahoo.com Jackie Hoefert skipnjackie@yahoo.com
Mail donations to: 2013 NAME Centerpieces, C/o Gloria Osborn 1997 Alameda Terrace, San Diego, CA 92103 Phone: 619-298-2447

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome to our newest members as of September 15, 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

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Shows and Sales

February 11, 2012, Culver City, CA: Miniatures West 26th Annual Miniature Show and Sale
(See ad above)

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

- * March 24, 2012, Regional N-1 Retreat meeting and workshop, Rio Rancho, NM, contact Susan Sheridan, Regional N1 Coordinator ssheridan@q.com
- * May 3-6, 2012 Portland, OR Small Scale Houseparty: *Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall ~ Celebrate Them All*
- * Spring 2013 Lexington All Scales Houseparty
- * June 23, 2012, New Mexico Play Day, "Martha Stewart doesn't live here" scene 1" & 1/2" scale workshop, contact Susan Sheridan, Regional N1 Coordinator ssheridan@q.com
- * 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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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION INFO

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All members of N.A.M.E. are welcome to submit contributions.

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Submissions for the Summer Issue (2012) are due by June 1st.

Submissions for the Fall Issue (2012) are due by September 1st.

Submissions for the Winter Issue (2013) are due by December 1st.

The editor welcomes articles containing news about club activities, events, displays, etc. Please keep club reports to 400 words and no more than six pictures.

*The editor needs to occasionally change font size, crop photos, and move things around to make things fit; **no PDF files please.*** Articles may be submitted as a WORD document, by email to rravenwood55@aol.com

Events, updates, other timely information, and past volumes of the newsletter may also be found on the Regional Web Site <http://www.name-n1.org>. Remember that your region relies solely upon volunteers and has no budget for mailings. You are encouraged to share this newsletter with your mini friends who do not have access to the internet.

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