

Small Talk

National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

Region N2, Winter 2020–21

<http://nameregionn2.org>

From Your Regional Coordinator

What can I say? Now November and we're almost going back to Phase I of shutdowns. Is that progress??

I can say that I have found ways to interact with the world and it is on the internet. I hope you have all become aware of www.createminiatures.com. This is NAME's new "Events" website. It is a place to go to see free videos related to miniatures, workshops, free seminars and other events happening. You need to check the site almost weekly because new things are constantly being scheduled on this site. If you choose to take one of the paid workshops, when you register and put your NAME number in, you will get a discount on the workshops. The price listed is not the NAME member price. This site is open to all miniaturists anywhere, not just NAME members.

On Wednesday evenings, beginning at 4:00 pm, PST, there are the "Round Tuit" sessions which are set up for all of us to work on those Roundtable projects we haven't gotten around to doing. The link to Zoom for these sessions each week is posted on the site and all you have to do is go there and click on the link..... well If you do not already have Zoom downloaded on your device, you will have to do that first. So, join us for a work time and chat each Wednesday evening.

Are you a bit confused by all of the various groups out there now? Well, here's a brief explanation of the NAME related groups.

1. **www.CreateMiniatures.com**—this is the new NAME website created just for NAME events. The old website still exists as before with the information about NAME. This site is just for activities, information and events. See more in the paragraphs above.
2. **www.miniatures.org**—this is the same website NAME has always had with information about NAME, Houseparties & Conventions, NAME Day, etc.
3. **NAMEOnline@groups.io**—this is a long-standing group of NAME members only where various topics such as techniques, materials, questions of how to, sources for information and so forth are discussed, via emails to the group. Questions are asked and answered and there are some activities to get involved in, such as a "Chat group," Swaps and so forth.
4. **MiniCyberClub@groups.io**—this is an actual NAME Club online with participants from all over, where various topics, such as techniques, materials, questions of how to, sources for information and so forth, are discussed, via emails to the group. Questions are asked and answered and there are some activities to get involved in. Zoom is used for: the monthly club meeting + free seminar; weekly get together on Tuesday evenings beginning at 4:00 pm, PST, and going until participants are done (sometimes midnight). Participants work on their various mini projects and share them during the course of the get-together. Various events, such as workshops, auctions and parties occur throughout the year through MCC.
5. **Facebook: National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts (NAME)**—this group is on Facebook and there is a lot of sharing of miniatures as well as news of various upcoming NAME events and activities. There are several miniature special interest groups on Facebook: Christmas in Minis/Winter NAME POD, All Hallow's Day & Fall Minis NAME POD and NAME UFOers POD.

So, take advantage of some of these sites and get involved. I have been getting more minis done than ever by joining groups to work with others.

There is no news about any changes regarding the Portland Houseparty or the National Convention in Providence for 2021 at this time. Stay tuned for updates and keep an eye on some of the links I have mentioned above for news and updates. Hope to see you all soon????

**Barbara Thornton-Hill,
Temporary Regional Coordinator, Region N2**

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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON AUGUST 27, 2020.

Financial Summary: Fiscal Year June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021

Budgeted Income for the year: \$254,243.00

Income YTD (July 31, 2020) \$60,841.95 (23.9% of budgeted income)

Budgeted Expenses for the Year: \$253,045.00

Expenses YTD (July 31, 2020) \$61,588.86 (24.3% of budgeted expenses)

Year to Date Profit: (\$746.92)

President's Report: President Roy Moore presented Terry Unnold to fill one of two Member at Large vacancies on the Board and she was accepted. He announced that he's working to fill NAME committee positions and has called over 100 members so far.

Convention/Houseparty Report: The NAME Office has completed all refunds for the 2020 Indianapolis Convention. The Portland Houseparty has a few openings and promos will start soon. The Providence Convention needs dealers and workshops.

Regional Coordinator Report: RC Liaison Nancye Claypool is working to fill vacant and end-of-term positions for RCs and State Reps. Three new State Reps were approved: Debbie Graham, Washington- West, Region N-3; Abby Carlson, Alaska. Region N-3; Emily Blair, Massachusetts-East, Region M-2.

Club Liaison Report: Liaison Sarah Westenberg will begin quarterly ZOOM meetings with club presidents. She's recommending clubs use the ZOOM option to prevent club closings and encourage connection during the pandemic.

Fundraising Report: Indianapolis online sales of Round-Tables and Mega Round-Tables are going well. The new MaKitz will be in the next Miniature Gazette issue.

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINIATURE ENTHUSIASTS (NAME) HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Financial Summary: Fiscal Year June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021

Budgeted Income for the year: \$254,243.00

Income YTD (August 31, 2020) \$77,579.64 (30.5% of budgeted income)

Budgeted Expenses for the Year: \$253,045.00

Expenses YTD (August 31, 2020) \$84,520.76 (33.4% of budgeted expenses)

Year to Date Profit: (\$6941.12)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Janet Smith recommended adding a new bank account to ensure cash accounts are protected under the FDIC limit of \$250,000.00 total.

Create Website Committee: Webmaster Dan Stewart demonstrated the new Create.miniatures.org website. The Board approved the launch of this new site and feels non-members who visit the site and interact with it and other miniaturists will feel incentivized to join the organization.

Convention/Houseparty Liaison: Work continues on the 2021 Convention in Providence. The 2022 Online Houseparty Committee is working on the event's budget, and the 2022 Indianapolis Convention Committee is in search of a new hotel.

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Good Sam

Sadly, we lost one of our most enthusiastic volunteers in June. Dan Bonfield, husband of our exhibit chairman, Joan, passed away from heart issues. He will be missed by all the friends he made with his happy disposition. One of our long time dealers, Kathy Tepper of Rainbow Hand, passed away from complications of stroke and cancer. Her talents will be greatly missed at the show.

Our White Elephant chair has moved to Oregon to be closer to family. Don't worry. She plans to be back for the show and we have an extra year to collect great "stuff!"

We certainly miss not having the show in October, but we'll be back in 2021 with wonderful things to add to all those minis you've been working on while sheltering. We're looking forward to seeing new exhibits from you! Stay well mini friends!

Ruth Heisch

MiniCals Dates for 2021

Attic Room Workshop Sat.–Sun., January 16–17

Shabby Chic Garden Workshop Saturday, February 20

MiniCals Spring Fling Potluck and Flea Market

Saturday, March 20

Bring a dish to share and treasures to sell.

Pre-Registered, \$6. Pay at the door, \$8.

One entry fee provides one table space to sell your items.

All events take place at:
M&L Precision
18665 Madrone Parkway
Morgan Hill, CA

For more info, contact Ruth Heisch
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January Attic Room

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State Rep Reports

East Bay/Tri-Valley

Open Position

North Central CA

State Rep Margaret Gordus

Our Little Mini Club: We had a ZOOM meeting, which was mostly chit chat as we are all scattered & haven't been together since 2018. Had some "show & tell," but mostly reminiscing and laughter. Plan on making a small project at the next Zoom meeting.

Carlene Brown is a dealer of "Something Special Miniatures," and she has her miniatures on Etsy.

NAME Day: I joined my club Tinker Belles in Fresno. Had a fun, productive day.

:-))) Most FUN I've had on Halloween in AGES. ANDDDDDD we took Second Place!! A \$50.00 Gift certificate to the ice cream shop downtown.

—Margaret Gordus



Billie's Halloween table

North Coastal CA

State Rep Sharon Ocheltree

Redwood Small World: All's well here on the North Coast! We enjoyed a play day, workshop last month and couldn't stop talking!! It was so wonderful to see each other and share stories. We assembled the NAME Day workbench for the craft room. With five of our members attending, a proper skeleton in an overstuffed chair in the living room, a stuffed gentleman dressed in black on the sofa, and four new ladies, we had a lively group. We met at Sue Kuhnhausen's home, which was decorated over the top with Halloween decor. We worked all day with an array of holiday finger foods to nibble on at our pleasure. The four visitors were impressed with our lighted miniature project and our joyful spirits.

Two of the visitors are of the younger generation and work during the week. They are excited about miniatures and have met again on a Saturday morning with plans to meet again. One has already, playfully, said she is hooked. Here's hoping this is the beginning of a new group to meet at a time for working women to have fun and share.

We'll be working on that.

Our ladies have been busy working on their own dollhouses, even purchasing new ones. A few of us have even finished projects!! I, for one, have finished a Roombox, my Birdwatcher. I purchased the initial box at a local thrift store. It contained a few pieces of great furniture. The fireplace was a signed piece of a NAME project from years ago. There was a photograph of a family and after some research I discovered it was of the woman who originally created the box. I resized the photo and included it as a framed portrait on the mantel, Ms. Sally Dorhman lives on. I'll include this information on the back of the Roombox, so the history and an individual miniaturists will continue. Sorry, you can't see Sally very clearly.

Holiday greetings and blessings to all our mini friends.

—Sharon Ocheltree



Margaret's completed NAME Day project

Halloween Story by Billie Ruonavaara

Our church did a Trunk or Treat. Cars spaced out around the church parking lot and families with reservation times. So it was very well orchestrated and we felt SAFE!! 350 kids!!! From 4-7 pm. Here you see our trunk and Kath Pedroni in Costume. All vehicles had tables for laying out candy, no little hands grabbing in bowls. Kath's Haunted house on our table was a Big HIT. I was Dracula Hello Kitty



Sharon's Birdwatcher roombox

South Bay & Peninsula

Open Position

MiniCals: The MiniCals had a delightful meeting in October with wonderful Halloween treats and a Fairy Garden project developed by Beth Newick. Baskets were filled with gravel and soil and each member planted small plants for ground cover and trees. Our challenge for the next meeting is to find more items to place in our gardens.

The group is still planning an Attic room workshop on January 16-17 2021, a Shabby Chic garden on February 20, and our al-

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ways exciting Spring Fling flea market sale on March 20.

Please contact Ruth Heisch by email closer to the planned dates for more information. grouchybeartoo@aol.com

—Brenda Hough

Mini Attics: The Mini Attics have been meeting weekly on Zoom. It's not the same as sitting at a table working side by side, but it is far better than not meeting at all. We are pleased to have two new members, Cindy Loman and Michelle Ortiz.

At our last "meeting" we talked about projects members will work on next and have finished by our target date in January or February. At our November 4 and 11 Zoom we will share our doll collections, and for December 3 and 9 we will share Christmas minis.

We are planning to work on Tote Bag favors for National, and Hong McKinsey has worked on a design and template for a tote bag.

Marge Milani is doing a hat shop based on a book a friend wrote.

Meg Milani has been organizing some unfinished projects—a Tahoe box, a sweet shop which includes ice cream and a China shop with China paintings upstairs. She will also remodel a Christmas house. Her goal is to work on them for the next few months and share some finished projects in January or February.

Lynn Miller is working on a Tiki hut and room box, which she wants to finish for her 45th wedding anniversary. She has included a tutorial in quarter scale palm trees. The palm tree idea came from Kitz Miniatures (no longer available). She liked the palm trees and felt they were natural looking.

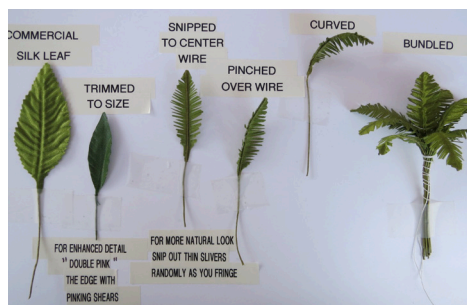
—Gerry Silberstein



Lynn's Tiki hut



Box for Lynn's Tiki hut



Parts for palm trees from Kitz

Through the Looking Glass: Through the Looking Glass is deeply saddened by the loss of our long time member and dear friend JoAnne Conly. She was a gifted and creative miniaturist. Her embroidery skills were amazing and she enjoyed playing bridge, crafting, and collecting. She was also the mother of Lynne Hoffman, our club president. We miss JoAnne.

Our club continues to keep in touch and keep in good spirits by meeting on-line each month. Our president, Lynne, surprised us all with a miniature copper cauldron and challenged us to decorate it for Halloween any way we wished. Such fun—the results were as varied and as creative as our members. We also mailed and delivered door-to-door Halloween cards, gifts and kits that we enjoyed during our October meeting.

—Barbara Adams

Wee Housers of the Peninsula: The Wee Housers have now had a few Zoom meetings. It was good to see everyone and catch up on what we all are doing. We decided to exchange Christmas gifts again this year. We drew names and will mail our gifts so that we can open them together at our December Zoom meeting.

Moonyeen and Rhona have been working on garden sheds, sometimes together over Zoom. Several of us have finished projects, shown below.

Happy Miniaturing!

—Laura Johnson



Moonyeen's bookcase containing some of the more than a thousand books she has made. The doll is by Sharon Cariola (Doll Mine), a prolific doll creator.



Rhona shows a Marcia Backstrom resin doll painted, dressed and accessorized by Nancy Wantiez. It fits perfectly into Bluette Meloney's faux finish class, a snippet of a French country courtyard.

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Marin, Napa Valley

Open Position

No. Nevada, Tahoe

State Rep Mary Ann Van Buskirk

Hawaii

State Rep Naomi Losch



Sacramento, Central Valley, Sierra Foothills

State Rep Laura Seibert

Gold Country Minis: We have been meeting (only 4 of us) again and have been working on a 1/4" unique Gazebo type of project based on a photo that Carol Carton found on the internet. Hopefully, we might have pictures for the next issue of the newsletter. It is made with doors as the walls.

—Barbara Thornton-Hill



Laura's completed 1/4 scale Cynthia Howe hat shop kit

Fresno

State Rep Barbara Fairbanks

San Francisco/ N. Peninsula

Open Position

Itty Bitties: The Itty Bitties Club has been meeting monthly on Zoom, thanks to Dr. Debra Taylor for setting it up and helping us navigate through this wonderful new method of communication. In September, we learned how to make little haunted houses with lights. In October, we made little pull toys and a jointed Santa. Some of us have taken other online workshops and we share information and tips that we have learned with each other. We made a jewelry box and jewelry in a workshop taught by Deb Laue in September. In October, we made pumpkin vines taught by Ynez Fritsch. In November, we started a rose trellis bush and will complete the rest of the project in December in a 2-part workshop taught by Deb Laue. Most of us have been able to complete unfinished projects since we were quarantined in our homes, but the best thing is being able to see and talk to our mini friends while we work on a project!

—Frances Bigler



Projects the Itty Bitties members have made in the past few months

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Name N2 Region Calendar

January 16–17	MiniCals Attic Workshop
February 20	MiniCals Shabby Chic Garden Workshop
March 20	MiiCals Spring Fling
April 9–11	Portland OR Houseparty, Come Fly with Me
July 22–25	Providence RI National Convention, From Sea to Shining Sea

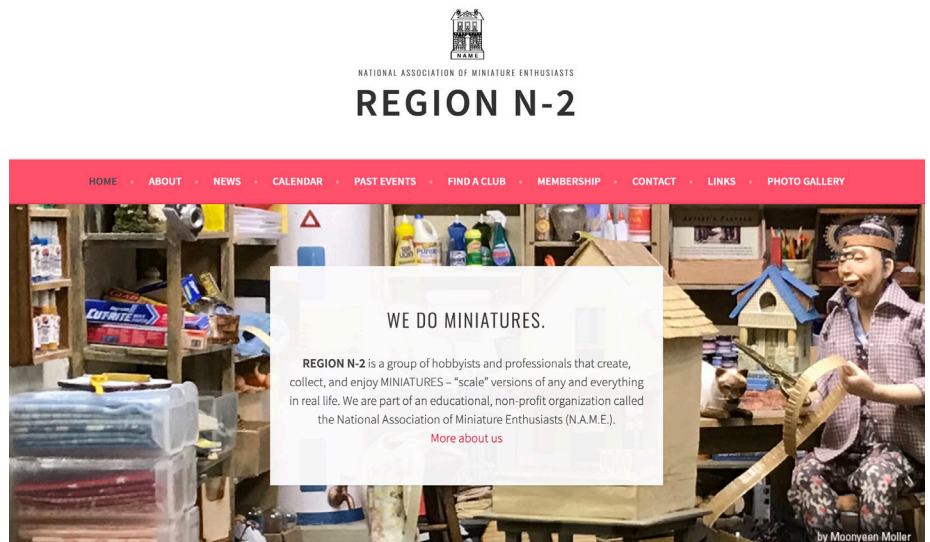
Check Create.Minatures and other online groups for their offerings

Check the N2 Website

Local mini events may be limited, but there are opportunities to get together and share our enthusiasm for miniatures online! Check out the calendar on our N2 website: nameregionn2.org/events-calendar It's updated with online events, including workshops and sales.

If you know of a miniature related event or have information/photos to share, please contact Carol (namen2regionwebmaster@gmail.com) to add it to the calendar page of the website.

Thanks, Carol



Holiday Miniature Show & Sale

December 4th–6th

In Lodi, Californai

For details visit our website at: miniaturesonthewaterfront.com

Go to preview sale 2020 page

You have to sign up to attend as we are having limited guests due to Covid

free admission—over 30 tables full of miniatures, dollhouses supplies & more!! Offered by Debbie Heard

**Lots of deals on dollhouses
Great time for Christmas gifts!**

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