

small talk

N.A.M.E. Region N-1 Newsletter Summer 2014 Issue No. 24
Representing: Arizona; New Mexico; So. Nevada; El Paso, Texas and So. California



Regional Coordinator Report

Hello to Region N1,

The NAME National Convention is coming up fast. I hope that many of you will be able to attend in St. Louis, Missouri. They are featuring a special session with Mary Engelbreit! It promises to be a most enjoyable convention.

I am excited to report that we have, at last, filled our open position for Santa Barbara, Ventura & LA counties. **Grace Mlynowski** has agreed to fill that spot. She has been a State Representative in the past and will be an excellent person for the volunteer position.

I hope many of you are planning events for the latest NAME Day project. If you are not attending an event, the instructions will be in the Gazette. We will be posting any planned events for our region.

I hope that the club presidents have all been able to get your club reports to your NAME State representative. These reports are needed to maintain our non-profit status.

If you are coming to St. Louis, please plan to come to the N1 regional meeting. We will have door prizes!

I hope to see many of you there!

Ginger Anderson

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Club News:

Albuquerque Mini Makers, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Submitted by Susan Sheridan, New Mexico State Representative

The Albuquerque Mini Makers will be hosting a club table at the May 31, *A Doll & Teddy Bear Gathering* at the MCM Elegante Hotel & Conference center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It is open to the public on May 31 from 10 am to 4 pm. We are looking forward to promoting our club and hopefully get some new members to join us.

The library exhibit actually brought us one new member, **Marie Nido**, who joined our club. We were very happy to have her join us.

Some of the club projects we have completed to date are a door hanger vignette taught by **Tina Pavlakovich** (see photos), Papier-mâché Book with window scene project taught by **Susan Sheridan** (see photos) and how to use Paperclay for stonework, bricks & flooring workshop also



taught by **Susan Sheridan** (see photos). Our club will be celebrating a baby shower for our club member **Jessica Soppet**, for her first child, at our May meeting.



We are also hosting a **NAME Day “Corner” project event on Saturday, October 11** at the Meadowbrook Trailer Park Community Center from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, includes project kits in scales of your choice, snacks, pot luck lunch, exhibit, raffles and gift exchanges. Anyone interested in joining us please contact me at ssheridan@rrcc.org to reserve your space and order your kit(s) in preferred scales.

I enjoyed our first NAME Houseparty Online in April, many thanks to everyone who helped put this together, donated time, items, and fun! I loved it, got great souvenirs and swaps. Can't wait for the next one! If you didn't participate, you have to do it the next time. So much fun being at home playing and ordering minis that week!



That's it for now, have a great summer to everyone!

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Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts, Las Vegas, Nevada

submitted by Lorrilee Stackhouse, Southern Nevada State Rep

The Las Vegas group had a fun and creative Spring 2014.

February was an especially great month as we were lucky to have two talented instructors. **Alice Zinn** gave not one, but two, workshops at the home of our President, **Jan Feldhouse**. Jan provided a great space for instruction and a wonderful chicken salad lunch. The morning was devoted to a class teaching a mother of pearl oriental table. The afternoon class created a choice of a tiny scene in a dome. Our club has had several opportunities to enjoy classes with Alice following CIMTA.



Our February meeting was attended by **Ginger Landon Siegel**, who spends part of the year (the winter, of course) in Las Vegas. She has taught classes for us for several years now. Aren't we lucky to live in Las Vegas! This time it was our choice of a filled cupboard with either Hummel or Delftware figures.

In March our club started a tea cup project, using instructions and patterns from the Miniature Gazette (March/April and May/June 2012) for inspiration. **Kathy LaPorte** brought in a finished sample and gave us suggestions for landscaping. She donated task board to use for creation of our tiny houses to place in the cup, and we were thrilled with this material that can be easily cut with scissors. Our President, **Jan Feldhouse** brought copies of the patterns we needed as well as landscaping materials and textured papers to share. A wide variety of cups and saucers were used for unique mini creations.

At the April meeting the tea cups were again on the agenda, and were really progressing or already finished. **Jan Feldhouse** had a tutorial on making hydrangea flower pots and brought the supplies of tissue paper, punches, stems and round beads to glue the petals on.

For more information about the Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts club (including updated photos, club history, etc.), please go to our club's web site: <http://lvminiatures.wix.com/home>.

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



Minis in Paradise, Scottsdale, Arizona

Submitted by Robert Ravenwood, club president

As club members have an eclectic mix of interests, our club is doing an eclectic mix of projects this year.

We started off 2014 by spending January making tote bag favors for the NAME 2014 National Convention and continued through the spring with our medieval chandelier (pictured in the Spring newsletter).

In March, we put together a version of a lute that we can use in our medieval rooms. **Robert Ravenwood** prepared kits and led the club in constructing the lutes. Due to the flu bug going around, our regular meeting place was temporarily unavailable so **Karen Hardy** graciously invited us to her home for our first meeting in March.



Also in March and April, **Robert Ravenwood** taught a technique for creating stone, tile and brick that was new to some of the members. It included thin coats of drywall compound over a primed surface; once the compound was dry we were able to carve the stone pattern into the surface. We used the technique to create fireplaces that also had a medieval theme. It is always amazing how the same project, using the same technique can have so

many different and wonderful results depending on the imagination of the miniaturist.

At our second meeting in April, **Jean Tomes** changed gears a little bit and led us in making a washboard. When I showed it to my mother she reminisced about washing my baby diapers on one just like it (except full-size of course).



Minis in Paradise meet the first and third Thursdays of every month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. We welcome visitors and new members.

Have a great summer!

San Diego Miniature Crafters, San Diego, California

submitted by Leslie Hopwood

San Diego Miniature Crafters (<http://sdminiatureshow.com>) has jumped into the social media scene and invite you to Follow Us

Pinterest: <http://www.pinterest.com/sdminishow/>

Facebook: [Facebook.com/sdminiatures](https://www.facebook.com/sdminiatures)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Region N-1 Events, Dates and Locations

- ❖ *October 4, 2014, Glendale, AZ – National NAME Day*, St. Andrews Episcopal Church
- ❖ *October 18-19, 2014, Tucson, AZ – Southern Arizona Miniature Enthusiasts 37th Annual Show and Sale*, Tucson Women’s Club, 6245 E. Belleview, Tucson, Saturday – 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday – 11 am to 4 pm,
- ❖ *January 17, 2015, Mesa, AZ – 2015 Arizona Miniature State Day*, Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3257 E. University Dr., Mesa, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- ❖ *February 7-8, 2015, San Diego, CA - 41st annual “Nostalgia in Miniature” show and sale*, Bahr Shrine Center in San Diego
- ❖ *February 28 – March 1, 2015, Phoenix, AZ 85069 – Phoenix Dollhouse Miniatures Show & Sale*, ASU West, La Sala Rooms, 4701 W. Thunderbird Rd., Saturday – 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday – 11 am to 4 pm

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

- ❖ *July 17-20, 2014, St. Louis, MO - National Convention 2014, “Rollin’ on the River”*
 - ❖ *September 12-14, 2014, Greenville, SC - Regional Small Scales Houseparty “Touring Tuscany”*
 - ❖ *May 1-3, 2015, Madison, WI - Regional Small Scales Houseparty, “A NAME County Fair”*
 - ❖ *July 2015, Indianapolis, IN – National Convention*
 - ❖ *July 2016, Seattle, WA – National Convention*
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Submissions for the Fall Issue (2014) are due by August 1st.

Submissions for the Winter Issue (2015) are due by November 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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