

small talk

N.A.M.E. Region N-1 Newsletter Fall 2014 Issue No. 25
Representing: Arizona; New Mexico; So. Nevada; El Paso, Texas and So. California



Regional Coordinator Report

Hello,

The St. Louis National Convention was great fun. I hope each of you have an opportunity to attend a NAME convention. It is really something exciting for miniaturists to experience.

At this time I hope many of you are planning to attend a NAME Day event. These activities are a great opportunity to work on a project with other NAME members. The kits are retired after the event, but the directions are always available in the NAME Gazette; another benefit to being a member of NAME.

I hope that many of you are also planning to attend upcoming miniature shows in our region and elsewhere. Please remember to send Robert Ravenwood your show information so that it can be included in our regional newsletter.

Sincerely,
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 have been busy this past summer, made 55 crates of assorted grapes in 1" scale for tote bag favors. (See photos) We also had a table at the local Doll, Teddy Bear & Miniature show, generated a lot of interest from attendees. (See photo).



In August, **Diane** will be teaching us to make a 1" scale wicker rocking chair; September, **Marie** will be teaching us how to make bearded iris; October will be our NAME Day project; November will be our holiday gift workshop and December our holiday party and gift exchange. This year has flown by with our activities.



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. We are all looking forward to this special event.

So as Fall brings on the seasonal changes we send our best wishes to everyone for a fun Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving!

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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 busy Summer 2014.

At our May meeting **Janet Gordon** helped us make miniature scrapbooks and **Kathy LaPorte** helped assemble ribbon roses. They generously provided materials as well as instructions and we left with our completed creations.

In June our club planned the 2014-15 year with workshops and projects galore, including the October N.A.M.E. Day project and brunch, our annual December holiday brunch and gift exchange, and a class from **Ginger Langdon Siegel** in February. Many member led projects were also planned for the upcoming year. We admired the scenes in a teacup that our members completed this spring and brought for display.

At the July meeting members worked on their UFO - Unfinished Object or PHD - Project Half Done and shared tips. The N.A.M.E. Project order was also finalized.

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!



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Mini-Imaginations, Torrance, California

Submitted by Linda Knapp

This spring Mini-Imaginations started a new project. We are making chenille Christmas trees. It's a fun project and we will round out the year making ornaments and decorations for it. We also made some great walking sticks taught by **Jenifer Maclowry**.

In July we had our installation dinner for new officers. We elect officers on alternate years. This year was president and secretary. **Pat Hausman** will be our president for another 2 years and **Nancy Waters** and **Dee Espinoza** will share the secretary position. We all brought in our finished projects which are last year's Name Day cart for all reasons and a clock box project that each one of us built from a kit and then decorated in our own individual way. It is always amazing how many different ways a project turns out

We are looking forward to NAME Day and doing our corner bench and table. This fall we are also having our annual raffle (my personal favorite meeting) and then its Christmas. Don't forget for anyone who wants to find us we are now meeting at El Retiro Park, 126 Vista del Parque in Torrance. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM.

That's it for now. Have fun with your mini projects.

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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.

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. The fireplace project continued during May and June. Here are some photos of the completed fireplaces.



Our first meeting in May the club held our annual "Unbirthday party". We get together for a potluck meal, gift exchange, fun and socializing. The party this year was at the home of **Mary Visner**.

Besides the fireplace we had two other projects this summer. **Lee Logan** taught us all to make a jewelry box with a necklace and earrings inside. **Anne Monday** had a fun planter project in July.



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!

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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

- ❖ *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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