

small talk

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Regional Coordinator Message

Where did the year go?! I hope you all have exciting holiday plans with your friends and family.

I am happy to announce that **Helen Sparks** has accepted the position of Region N1 Welcome Chair. We welcome your feedback on how to make our new members feel welcome.

We have an open position for California State Rep for Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino County. If you would like to fill this position, please contact me.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend the upcoming 2015 Regional Houseparty in Madison WI and the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

Have a wonderful holiday season filled with miniatures!

Sincerely,
Ginger Anderson

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NAME Day: Enjoy some photos of the NAME Day “Soda Shop” fun.





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Club News:

Albuquerque Mini Makers, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Submitted by Susan Sheridan, New Mexico State Representative



The Albuquerque Mini Makers had a workshop in making paper Bearded Iris at **Marie's** home in September.

October we had our NAME Day "Corner" project with potluck,

raffle, gift exchange and flea market sales. A fun day and we all had our corners completely assembled that day.

We look forward to seeing the corners in their scenes soon.

November meeting will be making a small train and village paper scene in a plastic ornament ball. December will be our annual Holiday party at the home of **Susan Sheridan** with gift exchange.

The Albuquerque Mini makers send their best wishes to everyone for a safe, healthy and happy Holiday season and looking forward to the New Year!



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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 Fall 2014.

At our August meeting we worked on our bookend project. Each member selected, or was assigned, at least one wooden letter, with some taking the left over letters. **John Stackhouse** constructed 26 wooden bookends which we then decorated with our letter as the theme.

In September our bookends were brought to the meeting to be admired, photographed, and collected for display in a local library during October. **Lorrilee Stackhouse** provided the materials and instructions so that everyone could make a miniature book with pages and a bookcloth cover.

Our President, **Jan Feldhouse**, with help from **Roger & Judy O'Brion**, **Corena Wickett** and **Sandy Leal**, installed the bookend display in the Summerlin Library at the beginning of October where it will remain through mid-November. The title of the display is 'The ABC's of Miniatures' and it has an interactive 'find the missing letter' component.

The October meeting was our N.A.M.E. Day event: we worked on the cozy corner project and enjoyed a pot luck luncheon. We were thrilled to have a visitor who saw the library display, came to our meeting, and plans to join our group.

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!



Corena Wickett and Judy O'Brion
with Library Display



X-Xstitch by Vicky Ashenfelter



A – Autumn by Nancy McCrillis and B by Leslie Nelson



T – Teddy Bear Tea Party by Nancy McCrillis and V – Vineyard by Zona Ray



P – Peacock by Caity Stackhouse and Q – Quill by John Stackhouse



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 a club we decided to tackle the 1:48 scale church project from the November/ December 2013 issue of the Miniature Gazette. **TJ Riehle** cut out all of the kits and led the group in construction of the buildings. Unlike the Gazette example, we opted to open our buildings and include interiors. Most members made a church but a couple of members decided to make a schoolhouse or some other interior. The photos are from the example that **TJ** made. We will include other photos in future issues of this newsletter as our members complete their building.



We also had a few other smaller projects that were quite fun. **Nancy Starkey** had us all making a "corn plant" which was a big hit! **Carol Jarchow** taught us how to use "shrinky-dinks" to make a tiffany style lamp shade or decorative bowls and platters. This project was really fun and everyone seemed to have a great time doing it. And last but certainly not least, **Rita Rider** taught us how to weave a "wicker" dog bed. The technique works for other types of baskets and furniture.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 4, 2014 and once again **Mary Visner** is opening here home to us for the festivities.

Have a happy holiday season!



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San Diego Miniature Crafters, San Diego, California

Submitted by Leslie Hopwood

When the University City Library called **Michael Sue Nanos** to ask if Ms. Peggie's Place and the San Diego Miniature Crafters would like to celebrate National Dollhouse and Miniatures Month at the library again, she didn't hesitate to respond with a big "Yes!"

"We had planned on calling the library, but they called us first. It's nice to know the community enjoys our miniature display so much," Michael Sue said. She went on to say that last year the configuration of the display cabinets was a little intimidating as they are only 24" deep, but more than 18' long, plus they are very tall and viewed from both sides. "We got it figured out last year then followed the same plan this year - lots of different levels for display of room boxes and individual items in all scales." This year's theme was simple: food.

The food themed exhibit was on display for the full month of October. The library kindly allowed the club to offer flyers for their February show and sale. Ms. Peggie's Place and the San Diego Miniature Crafters are pleased to have offered this extensive exhibit for the second year and plan on doing it again in 2015!

Ms. Peggie's Place
San Diego's Miniature Shop
www.mspeggiesplace.com

San Diego Miniature Crafters
sdminiatures.com & sdminiatureshow.com

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

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Region N-1 Events, Dates and Locations

- ❖ *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, 602-615-3867
- ❖ *February 7-8, 2015, San Diego, CA - 41st annual “Nostalgia in Miniature” show and sale*, Bahr Shrine Center in San Diego www.sdminiatureshow.com
- ❖ *February 14, 2015, Culver City, CA – 29th Annual Miniatures West Show and Sale*, Doubletree by Hilton 6161 W. Centinela Ave., Culver City, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- ❖ *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

- ❖ *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 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

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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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