

# small talk

N.A.M.E. Region N-1 Newsletter Spring 2015 Issue No. 27  
Representing: Arizona; New Mexico; So. Nevada; El Paso, Texas and So. California



## Regional Coordinator Message

Hello,

It has been a pleasant winter for us in Region N1 compared to the rest of the country. We have had several miniature shows in our region in February providing lots of inspiration.

I hope many of you will be able to attend the Small Scale house party in Madison Wisconsin and the NAME National Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

I would like to pass on a request from NAME First Vice President, **Babette Overman**:

"This year's National Convention will be held in Indianapolis, and as usual, we will hold a Gala on Wednesday night. The theme for this year's Gala is "A Taste of Indy".

One of the main attractions of any Gala is the Silent Auction. And, that is where the Regional Teams come in. We would like each team to put together a gift basket that represents their Region, and its foods. The basket should include real life full-scale foods which are regional favorites, as well as miniature items that also represent your Region."

If you have mini items representative of our region that you could donate, I would appreciate if you could send those to me. Also, if you have food item suggestions that I might be able to purchase locally I would appreciate your ideas. These will need to be non-perishable items. I will need these before July 1, so that they can be mailed to Babette before the Gala event.

We are pleased to have **Janet Smith** volunteer to serve as our webmistress for region N1. Many thanks to **Cynthia Howe** for all of her hard work and dedication in getting the web page established for us.

I hope to see many of you at the National convention.

Thank you!  
Ginger Anderson



## Club News:

**Albuquerque Mini Makers, Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Submitted by Susan Sheridan, New Mexico State Representative & AMM Secretary

The Albuquerque Mini celebrated the end of 2014 with a Holiday party held at the home of **Susan Sheridan**. We had a wonderful potluck luncheon, great gift exchange along with discussing plans for the 2015 year club activities. (See photo of gifts)



2015 kicked off with **Peggy** teaching everyone how to make a heart shaped corner table at our January meeting. (See photos) The next two months will be bringing a project you're working on to complete. The following months include a tea cup scene taught by **Susan Sheridan**, garden item by **Barbara Burns**, and Quarter scale cupcake scene in cupcake frame taught by **Rose Furlong**.



The Albuquerque Mini Makers will again host a NAME Day with workshops in all scales, potluck, gift exchange, exhibit & raffles on Saturday, October 24. Please contact **Susan Sheridan** at [ssheridan@q.com](mailto:ssheridan@q.com) if you would like to attend and to order your kit "Window Shopping" in your preferred scale(s).



Hope your spring season brings out some great ideas for your minis. Till next time,  
Susan Sheridan



## Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts, Las Vegas, Nevada

Submitted by Lorrilee Stackhouse, Southern Nevada State Rep

The Las Vegas group enjoyed our winter activities.

**Sandy Leal** and **Diane Zammito** who own VegasAirs, (hand dying lovely materials and creating whimsical creatures) taught a class in making a 1/12 scale art deco style purse at our November meeting. They furnished all the materials and expertise. Everyone was very happy with their creations!

December saw the club again at the lovely home of **Norma Kesling** for our holiday party. We have a pot luck brunch, enjoy visiting and looking at Norma's wonderful decorations, and exchange gifts each year. We each bring a gift for each other participating club member, so we have an exciting group of presents to take home!

Our January meeting was devoted to creating a 'Moment in Time'. This is a small scene in a container celebrating a moment such as a birthday party, Valentine's Day, or whatever you want to commemorate. The two members who finished their N.A.M.E. Day cozy corner projects brought them to share.

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!



Cozy Corner by **Ana Conroy**

Cozy Corner by **Judy O'Brion**

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**Minis in Paradise**, Scottsdale, Arizona

Submitted by Robert Ravenwood

The holidays are behind us and a new year begins. In January we hold elections for officers for the coming year and those officers begin their service in February. For the first time in a few years we have had a complete reshuffling of officers and everyone is getting used to their new duties within the club.

As well as election of officers, we voted on an *Art Deco* theme for the coming year and made a list of various projects we would like to accomplish. As usual we had far more of a list than we can possibly accomplish. Oh well, we can continue the theme into next year if we want.



We had a couple of very cute projects in January. **Mary Visner** provided the raw materials to make hyacinths in a pot (1/12 scale). The results looked spectacular and as usual for a project that looks very easy, it was more difficult than it looked to get them just right.



**Karen Hardy** brought us all the material to make a “dollhouse for a dollhouse”. Karen’s kit included the house structure as well as doors, windows and even landscaping.



**Nancy Starkey** led us in making a ceiling fan with

lights from kits put together by her late sister **Barb Poissant**. Barb has passed on but is certainly still making minis through all of us.

**Carole Jarchow** brought us our first *Art Deco* themed project in February with a delightful shelving unit made from mahogany wood and metal. I can’t wait to see the results as there are many variations on a theme planned by club members.



We look forward to a great year and wish you all Happy Mini Making!

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

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

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### Region N-1 Events, Dates and Locations

- ❖ *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
  
- ❖ *Saturday, April 9, 2016, Las Vegas, NV 89108 – Nevada State Day*, The Holy Spirit Curch-Parish Hall, 6670 W. Cheyenne, Las Vegas, NV 89108 – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, fee: \$80.  
*Theme: ELEGANT ART DECO ENTRY WAY* (1” scale).  
*Contact: Corena Wickett @ [HianHeart@aol.com](mailto:HianHeart@aol.com),*  
*website: <http://lvminiatures.wix.com/home#!nv-state-day-2016>*  
*Optional: Friday, April 8, 2016, Pizza and Roundtables, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, fee: \$30.*

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

- ❖ *May 1-3, 2015, Madison, WI - Regional Small Scales Houseparty, “A NAME County Fair”*
  - ❖ *July 30–August 2, 2015, Indianapolis, IN – 2015 NAME National Convention, What’s Cookin’?*, registration opened January 30, 2015
  - ❖ *July 21–24, 2016, Seattle, WA – 2016 NAME National Convention, Welcome to My Garden*
  - ❖ *July 27-30, 2017, Alexandria, VA - 2017 NAME National Convention, Come to the Circus*
  - ❖ *July 2018 - 2018 NAME National Convention, Sweet Tea & Sunshine – a Southern Celebration*
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### **Region N1 Leadership Team**

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Submissions for the Fall Issue (2015) 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](mailto: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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