

# small talk

N.A.M.E. Region N-1 Newsletter Summer 2015 Issue No. 28  
Representing: Arizona; New Mexico; So. Nevada; El Paso, Texas and So. California



## Regional Website:

Have you checked out the N1 website recently? It's being updated! But we still have a ways to go. Please send any event information or photos of events or links to your clubs that aren't already listed to **Janet Smith** at [desertminis@gmail.com](mailto:desertminis@gmail.com). The website is only as up-to-date as YOU make it! See us at: **name-n1.org**. Many thanks to Noëlla Slater for providing hosting for our website!

## Regional Coordinator Message

Dear Members of region N1,

It is with great pleasure that I announce that **Peggy Boggeln** has agreed to take on the position of State Rep for California - San Diego & Imperial Counties. Welcome to Peggy! We are grateful to **Lori Lehman** for her support and for finding Peggy to take over as state Rep. Also, **Janet Gordon** will be replacing **Lorilee Stackhouse** as State Rep for Southern Nevada, pending board approval.

In late July our NAME National Convention will be held in Indianapolis, IN. The theme is *"What's Cooking?"* We are assembling a Regional Basket to be raffled at the convention. We are in need of any miniatures that represent the N1 region - Arizona, Southern California New Mexico, Las Vegas Nevada and El Paso Texas. We also need ideas for real-life (non-perishable) food items that can be included in the basket. Currently I am planning to mail it at the end of June.

On May 2, **Roy Moore** (husband of **Shannon Moore**) posted a message to the NAME yahoo group. Roy is not a miniaturist, but he accompanies Shannon and takes the opportunity to hike area trails and posts his observations. He and his wife have been discussing the financial situation of NAME and he posted the following: *"Currently, we are thinking about a new NAME club along the lines of the Men's Garden Club, let's call it the Dollar Club. In the Dollar Club, members would commit to giving an annual dollar amount. This could be a dollar a year, dollar a month, a dollar a week, a dollar a day; or if you are really outta this world, a dollar an hour. The "dollar dues" would go directly to the general fund of NAME and be used to supplement the NAME budget. This would not be a short term fund raiser, and we hope not impact your decision to give to the current and much needed Love of NAME campaign. This would be a chartered club but with the purposes of having more FUNds."*

There was a lot more to his message, but it prompted me to join the "dollar club" and to remind all of you that you can keep our wonderful hobby alive by supporting NAME in any way you see fit. Donations of completed miniatures can be used to support the auctions; making house party helpers; your time volunteering at houseparties and also by making a tax-deductible monetary donation. On the NAME home page there is a spot about half way down the page where you can make a donation in any amount you see fit.

I hope that many of you are planning a NAME Day event in your area. When plans come together, please send the information to **Robert Ravenwood** to include in our newsletter.

Also, please plan to attend our regional meeting if you are attending the National convention in Indianapolis.

Now I need to share some recent events that you should all be aware of.

In April Luci Hanson found it necessary to resign as President of NAME. Her reasons were personal and not specific. Her resignation was effective May 5, 2015. This event was unprecedented and resulted in much scrambling and confusion amongst the NAME board members.

On May 12, a message was posted on the NAME online group from Babette Overman announcing some decisions of the board - some of which appeared to be in conflict with the NAME by-laws. Two of these decisions were to appoint Karen Barone (past NAME president) to complete the term of President in place of Luci Hanson, keeping Babette Overman as First Vice President. Many felt this was in conflict with the NAME bylaws which state that the President vacancy is to be filled by the first Vice President. There was much disagreement in the interpretation of the by-laws and also discussion on the NAME online group. The result was the resignation from the NAME board of Babette Overman, Cary Yerves, Karla Smith and Maxine Rudder (Parliamentarian).

Since the resignation of the 4 board members, an emergency board meeting was called. I am pleased to note that several prominent NAME members have stepped up to fill the vacancies. It looks like proper procedure was followed and we now have a strong board in place.

Here is Your New Board:

- President: Karen Barone (will serve until July 2016)
- 1st VP: Barbara Thornton-Hill (will become President in July 2016)
- 2nd VP: Becky Lipscomb
- Secretary: Marti Icenogle
- Treasurer: Stan Boyd
- Past President: Bruce Steinke (will serve until July 2016)
- Parliamentarian: Terri Reasor (will serve until July 2016)

Members at Large:

- Amy Rauch
- Kim Wood
- Tom Walden
- Leslie Swager
- TBD: 2 member at large positions, one of which is Convention/Houseparty Liaison.

In closing, I am grateful to those who have stepped up to lead our organization and also to those former board members for their contributions. They were all volunteers working for the good of NAME.

Sincerely, Ginger Anderson

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## Club News:

Albuquerque Mini Makers, Albuquerque, New Mexico

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

The Albuquerque Mini Makers completed a workshop creating a tea cup scene taught by **Susan Sheridan**, (see photos). Our May & June class will



be making Fairy Gardens by **Barbara Burns** (see photos). The July workshop will be a Quarter scale cupcake scene in cupcake frame taught by **Rose Furlong**. August is Mr. Bones & Archeological dig workshop to be taught by **Tina Pavlakovich** (see photos) and an Altoid Tin scene quarter scale taught by **Karin Malloy & Dianne Bishop**. So the club is keeping busy with a variety of classes and

each member taking a turn teaching. It's lots of fun!



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).

Summer time is here, but we start making minis for our holiday gift exchange so it doesn't catch up with us at the last minute. Till next time,  
Susan Sheridan

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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 great Spring with many activities.

Our February meeting featured a class from **Ginger Landon Siegel** that allowed us to customize a chandelier with shrink art embellishments. She furnished the shrink art plastic, colored pencils, and helped us form the shrink art into half globes to fit on the chandeliers. We were extremely happy with the class and our creations. Some of the members worked on tote bag favors for the 2015 National convention. The favors are the brain child of **Ana Conroy** and she led the club members in creating them.

In March we discussed our 2016 State Day plans. Our president, **Jan Feldhouse**, taught us how to do granite and marble faux finishes, **Kathy LaPorte** taught us to do a stucco finish using tissues and paint, and **Debbie Cochran** gave us each a ¼ scale trunk kit and explained how to more easily construct it. Debbie is determined to drag more of us in a smaller scale direction!

The April meeting was devoted to an assembly line creation of more tote bag favors for the 2015 National convention. There are a lot of favors needed, and we've found they are time consuming to create and package!

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!



Ginger instructing the group



One motif colored and ready to shrink



The completed chandelier with four colored, shrunk and shaped pieces added.



Corena Wickett coloring her motifs

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## Minis in Paradise, Scottsdale, Arizona

Submitted by Robert Ravenwood

We have an ART DECO theme for our 2015 club year. We had some great projects in January and February, and continued with some really fun projects for the past three months.

**Robert Ravenwood** designed and taught an Art Deco club chair. We had some amazing results as everyone provided their own fabric. All of the chairs looked very different. **Alexis Sharif** did an amazing chair with a black and white geometric pattern and **Robert** used leather upholstery, for the first time, along with bent-wood arms.



**Karen Hardy** once again brought her creativity to our club meeting in the form of a ladies dressing table and stool with an accompanying hat box, very glitzy and fashionable.

**Nancy Starkey** put together a great project in the form of a large Art Deco wall clock. The pieces of the clock kit could be assembled and painted in various ways to achieve completely unique results.



**Jean Tomes** hosted our annual "Un-Birthday Party" on May 7. For our first meeting every May, we get together for a potluck supper and gift exchange to celebrate all of



our birthdays for the year. We even sing our mini birthday song, “*This is your birthday song, it isn’t very long.*” Thank you Jean for being such a great host, we all had a wonderful time.

We look forward to some more great fun this year and wish you all Happy Mini Making!



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

- ❖ *Saturday, June 13, 2015, Glendale, AZ, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm* – **Miniature Sale and Pizza Party** sponsored by The Small World Miniature Club, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 6300 W. Camelback Road, Glendale, AZ. Please RSVP to **Heather Myers** at 602-469-6455.
  
- ❖ *Saturday, October 2, 2015, Glendale, AZ, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm* – **2015 National NAME Day “Window Shopping”**, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 6300 W. Camelback Road, Glendale, AZ 85301; Deadline for registration is August 1, 2015, Contact: Helen Sparks at 480-277-0951 or [miniHelen2002@yahoo.com](mailto:miniHelen2002@yahoo.com)
  
- ❖ *Saturday, April 9, 2016, Las Vegas, NV 89108* – **Nevada State Day**, The Holy Spirit Church-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.*



**2015 National NAME Day  
"Window Shopping"**

**Saturday October 3, 2015  
9:30 AM to 2:30 PM**

St. Andrews Episcopal Church  
6300 W. Camelback Rd.  
Glendale, Arizona 85301

**Registered attendees will also be able to enjoy coffee, morning snacks, a pizza lunch, door prizes, and raffle items.  
Funds raised will be donated to the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts**

**If you would like to donate door prizes or raffle items please contact  
Ginger Anderson 623-465-7994 or [ginnymini@aol.com](mailto:ginnymini@aol.com)**

Deadline for registration is August 1, 2015. No refunds after August 15, 2015.  
NOTE: If you do not receive confirmation within 2 weeks, please call or email  
Helen Sparks to confirm your reservation at 480-277-0951 or  
[minihelen2002@yahoo.com](mailto:minihelen2002@yahoo.com)

\*\*\*\*\*Send this form you're your payment\*\*\*\*\*

NAME(s) of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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| NAME Day Registration fee | _____ | @\$15.00 each | _____ |
| 1" kit in Cherry          | _____ | @\$25.00 each | _____ |
| 1" kit in Maple           | _____ | @\$25.00 each | _____ |
| 1/2" kit in Basswood      | _____ | @\$16.50 each | _____ |
| 1/4" kit in Basswood      | _____ | @\$10.00 each | _____ |
| 1/144th kit in Basswood   | _____ | @\$6.00 each  | _____ |
| Total Remitted            |       |               | _____ |

Make check or money order payable to "**Small World Miniature Club**" and mail to:  
Helen Sparks  
45974 W Dirk St  
Maricopa, AZ 85139

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

- ❖ *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 Summer Issue (2015) are due by May 1st.

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 approx. 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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