

small talk

N.A.M.E. Region N-1 Newsletter Fall 2015 Issue No. 29
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. 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,

I was happy to have attended the National Convention in Indianapolis. It was excellent! The spirit was very upbeat and the new board seems very much to have the best interests of NAME at heart. I am also happy to report that we had good news at the annual Business Meeting.



At the Regional meeting the following awards were given for years as a member of NAME:

- Althea Baker** - 25 years
- Judy Meyer** - 30 years
- Sheila Benjamin** - 35 years

At the NAME business meeting:

Regional Ambassador for Region N1 - **Stephanie Engeseth**

The President's Award (selected from all of the 2015 Regional Ambassadors) went to **Stephanie Engeseth**. Stephanie is very deserving and her service to NAME and our region is very much appreciated.

Due to several fund-raising activities; Dollar Club (TBD), Love of NAME (raised \$13,000), the Duck race (raised one duck short of \$11,000. Note: Ducks were sold for \$25 each), NAME was able to recoup predicted losses and finished the year in the black. Thanks to all who contributed to these fund-raising events.

The Gala event was sold out and the regional baskets contributed to a profitable event. The Garage Sale raised \$3,524 and the auction raised \$12,070. Conventions continue to be profitable for NAME.

More conventions and houseparties are needed on the west coast. If you have any ideas for a houseparty in our region, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Ginger Anderson



Club News:

Albuquerque Mini Makers, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Submitted by Susan Sheridan, New Mexico State Representative & Secretary Albuquerque Mini Makers



The Albuquerque Mini Makers have been busy these past few months. We are getting ready for our Oct 24 NAME Day event here in Albuquerque. Recent projects included a miniature fairy garden in containers, Quarter scale Cupcake framed



cupcake shop. Next couple of months includes a one inch scale dressed skeleton along with a anthropology find table, senior gift of a one inch scale Christmas corner scene in November and annual gift exchange and Holiday party in December.



This year has flown by and sending our best wishes for the coming Holiday season.

Till next time, Susan Sheridan



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Las Vegas Miniature Enthusiasts, Las Vegas, Nevada

Submitted by Janet Gotdon, Southern Nevada State Rep



Congratulations to **Norma Kesling** for her article in the May/June issue of the *Miniature Gazette*. Norma shows us how to turn a dollar store resin doll into an expensive looking addition to your dollhouse.

Our group has been busy (indoors) during the hot summer months planning the **2016 Nevada State Day "Elegant Art Deco Entryway"** activities---tote bags, favors, door prizes, and all of the fun. On Saturday, April 9, from 9am to 9pm we'll be creating the Elegant Art Deco Entryway Room Box. At the Friday night "pizza and roundtables"

(which is an optional session) we'll be making items to fill our entryway. See our website for all of the details.



At our monthly meetings, we have been working on our annual project for display in the Summerlin Library. This year our theme is “Sweet Dreams” --the fanciful, dramatic, beautiful, or whimsical bed of our sweet dreams. If you are in the neighborhood in November, drop by the library.

Shelley and Stan Carroll hosted our May meeting in their home to view Shelley’s great dollhouses and to enjoy a tasty barbeque.



In June, **Norma Kesling** shared a variety of lighting items that are easily obtainable and very easy to adapt for

miniatures. **Debby Cochran** shared the projects she made at the Madison Small Scale Convention.

In July, **Judy O’Brion** taught us how to make the perfect little bows using the tines of a fork. The “fat fingers” excuse is a thing of the past. **Debbie Cochran** shared her clever tool for scribing panels and flooring made of a dowel and a nail. She also gave instructions for using dryer lint to make paper with a variegated look without adding dye.

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, you are welcome to drop by our meetings. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month (except in December).

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Minis-n-Mountains, Culver City, California

Submitted by Sheila Benjamin

Our miniatures club is a little different. We have no board, no dues, and no rules. And although it is a NAME club we are open to anyone, though all who come do become members.

We meet on the 1st Saturday of the month in my home. I send out an email reminder as you do need to notify me that you are coming so I have enough tables and chairs set. We all work on our own project, kits, etc. Some even come just for conversation or they work on something that is not mini related, such as knitting in full size.

Everyone brings their own lunch and I open the doors between 9:30 & 10 and people stay as long as they want, however I don't serve dinner.

It is a great environment as people ask what color shall I paint this, which fabric should I use or the most asked for help is "What do you think this instruction was supposed to say"? So we all get to shout out our opinion or suggestion and lots of kits that have been in the "collection" get done each month.

We are always looking for new people and all are welcome. And as I always say: “Come when you can, leave when you must.”

Sheila Benjamin

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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 continued our theme with several more Art Deco projects. **Peggy Stoker** brought us a small side table to be a companion piece to our club chair. Of course, there were several different versions by the time everyone was completed.

TJ Riehle taught us how to make an Art Deco tea/cocktail cart. It was one of those projects that looks simple but allows you to learn a few new swear words as you proceed.

Carole Jarchow provided kits for a table lamp complete with silk shade and **Betty Knoche** walked us through making a high-style Art Deco bar. **Alexis Sharif** completed a very fine example pictured at right.



We also want to congratulate **Karen Hardy** on her article for *Miniature Collector* magazine. She highlighted one of her prized possessions, a miniature replica of the farm house she lived in as a child.

Have a great Autumn and for those of you who don't live in Arizona, start unpacking those sweaters.

Until next time, 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

- ❖ *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*
- ❖ *Saturday, February 6 & Sunday, February 7, 2016, San Diego, CA – 42nd Annual Miniatures Show & Sale, Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, CA www.sdminiatureshow.com*
- ❖ *March 12 & 13, 2016, Phoenix, AZ – Phoenix Miniatures Show & Sale, ASU West, La Sala Rooms, 4701 W. Thunderbird Rd., Saturday – 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday – 11 am to 4 pm www.phoenixminiatures.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, 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

- ❖ *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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Submissions for the Winter Issue 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

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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