

small talk

N.A.M.E. Region N-1 Newsletter Spring 2016 Issue No. 31
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!

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Regional Coordinator message:

Hello,

Spring is in the air! I hope many of you will be attending the National Convention in Seattle. It is sure to be a wonderful National.

This will be the end of my second term as Regional Coordinator and I am in need of a replacement. If any of you think you would like to step in, please let me know and I will submit your name to the board for consideration. Please read the latest description on the NAME web page in the members section in the SR & RC manual.

We have just wrapped up the Show season for our region. San Diego, CA, Culver City, CA and Phoenix, AZ all have their shows early in the year. Tucson, AZ will be having a miniature showcase at the Mini Time Machine Museum in Tucson this fall. I hope it is a successful endeavor. We have seen the loss of 2 of our region's shows this year, so I want to encourage all of you to patronize these shows as well as our remaining miniature stores. There is nothing like seeing the miniatures in person. There is no better way to appreciate the detail and artistry of the items.

Be sure to send all of your miniature events to Robert Ravenwood for inclusion in our newsletter.

Look for me in Seattle!
Ginger Anderson

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Club News:

Minis in Paradise, Scottsdale, Arizona

Submitted by Robert Ravenwood

Our club year starts in February and this year we are concentrating on a double theme. We will work on building beautiful gardens for the first part of the year and then some wonderful African themed projects for the remainder of the year.

Our first garden project was a slightly modified version of the pergola from the February 16 issue of AMERICAN MINIATURIST magazine. Members spent two meetings putting the pergola together and we are waiting to see the variety of finishes that are used for each pergola. We have also built a metal and tile garden table provided by **Betty Knoche**. The table was from a project on The Mini Time Machine website.



Also planned is a Fairy Door, Birdbath, Hose and Faucet and others.

Until next time, Happy mini-making



San Diego Miniature Crafters, San Diego, California

Submitted by Leslie Hopwood

Remembering Jackie Hoefert

One couldn't help but share enthusiasm for tiny things knowing Jackie. She had a natural appreciation for artistry and for the unanticipated comical flare in a miniature piece - the tiny cat snuggled into an even tinier dollhouse, a potted pussy willow with teeny kittens on the branch ends.

NAME State Representative, convention committees, Jackie contributed to the national organization in many ways including donations to fundraising efforts. As a SDMC'er, Jackie was first to loan her beautiful miniatures for display in the library and airport, and is currently included in the exhibit at the Craftsmanship Museum in Carlsbad. She was very supportive of the philanthropy efforts for San Pasqual Academy. For many years, Jackie had been a committee member for the San Diego Miniatures Show and Sale.

Jackie's passing leaves us with grateful hearts for having known this talented and enthusiastic miniaturist. Generous with her time, talent and treasures she has taught us to slow down to see the tiny details, have a giggle from the unexpected and to always have plenty of kits on hand. "Why not?! You're going to be glad you have that!"

San Diego Miniature Crafters Lose Charter Member

Jackie Burton was special, not just because she was a charter member of SDMC holding 42 years of membership; but because she was able to witness miniatures come full circle. Once a nurse who sometimes treated the children at San Diego's Hillcrest Receiving Home, Jackie was touched when SDMC chose Polinsky Center (formerly HRH) for their philanthropy project where little things turned into a sizeable donation to help children in crisis. Her love of miniatures became a vehicle to help vulnerable children.

Jackie was in a group of SDMC ladies who met weekly to make little perfume bottles. Hundreds of beautiful perfume bottles! Many NAME members have one of these lovely items in their collections as they were donated to convention for tote bags, hundreds have been handed out to SDMC show attendees as gifts.

For many years Jackie was a dealer at the San Diego miniatures show, the recent show was the first missed in decades. Jackie will be missed, but we have many fond memories of this fine friend.

Joan Helton Passes

One time San Diego Miniature Crafter, Joan Helton recently passed away leaving behind many with fond memories and inspiration from having known her.

Joan and her husband worked together in an antique shop on Adams Ave. in the 60s; like many early miniaturists, Joan started as a doll collector then became a miniaturist. She and her husband became dealers in the 70s after joining San Diego Miniature.

Members still recall the clever know-how Joan would bring to projects and the lovely items she sold. After leaving SDMC, members continued to enjoy her company at many miniatures events and always remember her with a happy memory and a bit of inspiration.

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)

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“WELCOME TO MY GARDEN”, SEATTLE JULY 17-24, 2016

Registration opens January 29, 2016. The Seattle Steering committee has been busy working on plans for our Convention. See the NAME web page for pictures and information. <https://miniatures.org/2016Seattle> Pre-convention workshops, registered workshops, theme luncheons, Breakfast in the Garden, and the Youth Workshop are posted with descriptions. It is going to be a difficult decision to decide which ones to take. They are all fantastic!!



Saturday morning join Georgia Queen, Jean Lierman, Barbara Thornton Hill and their gardening helpers for Breakfast in the Garden. After a breakfast buffet they will guide us through creating a wonderful scene that will hold all your souvenirs and special gifts. There will be lots of surprise gifts and a raffle for items that will also work in your Garden Scene. This workshop will be limited to 200 attendees. \$65 will cover your meal and all the fun!! You don't want to miss out on this opportunity!

Bring a donation for the TreeHouse Charity and your name will be in a drawing for a darling little garden cottage made by Rosemary Shipman and Abby Carlson.

Participate in swaps, design and teach a Round Table Class or a Mega Round Table Class.... Bring your money for buying roundtable kits! Enjoy a Salesroom filled with wonderful things to buy.... We have 60+ dealers. Souvenirs will be wonderful.... You won't want to miss out on the fun in our Garden.

Consider bringing an exhibit to share, donate items for door prizes or bring a Houseparty Helper to help raise funds for NAME. Consider making tote bag favors. Items are also needed for the NAME auction that will be held Friday evening. Join us in the Garden for the party!

There will be 5 Free Home Improvement Seminars held during the convention. A wonderful tour of Seattle is planned. The NAME board will have a Gala planned for attendees.

Centerpieces have been designed by Debbie Young..... several groups across the country have been busy making these wonderful works of art. You don't want to miss out on these gems....



Special Youth Workshop will be held for youth registered at the convention (age 5-15). Sally Lonn and Marcia Beardsley have planned a wonderful fairy garden workshop. The cost will be \$25 to cover supplies. This will be made in 3 sessions. July 20 Wednesday 1:30pm – 3:30 pm, July 21 Thursday 10:00 am – 11:30 am, and July 22 Friday 10:00 am – 11:30 pm.

Public Day will be on Saturday July 23 and Sunday July 24. There will be a wonderful project for youth attending public day, and a scavenger hunt in the hospitality room.



Youth attending Public day may work on this darling free project. The background art work was generously donated by Robin Betterly for this little garden scene. Invite all your friends to come and enjoy our displays, sales room, and share what our miniature world is all about.

Registration form is available in the fall/winter Gazette or online at <https://miniatures.org/2016Seattle>

Don't miss out plan to join us. "Welcome to My Garden" Seattle July 17-24, 2016.

Leanne Kirsch, Chair

Debbie Young, Co-Chair



2016 Arizona Miniature State Day
"Lighted Trunk Roombox"

Saturday August 27, 2016 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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

Registration includes the trunk kit, hardware, shelving instructions, interior wood trim and 12 volt interior lighting.

We will also have coffee & morning snacks along with door prizes, raffle items & sales tables.

We will provide lunch and one tote bag per person to those attending.

If you would like to donate tote bag favors please contact Elizabeth Johnston 623-435-2327, door prizes or raffle items
please contact Helen Sparks minihelen2002@yahoo.com 480-277-0951

Deadline for registration is June 30, 2016. No refunds after June 30, 2016. Limited to 50 participants. NOTE: If you do not receive confirmation within 2 weeks, please contact Ginger Anderson ginnymini@aol.com 623-465-7994 to confirm.

****NOTE: Kits will NOT include exterior or interior finishing (paper or fabric) or power source (battery or transformer). These will vary for each participant. Participants may order additional kits from Ginger Anderson 623-385-6193.**

*****Send this form with your payment*****

NAME(s) attending: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail _____

Address: _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

One kit per registered attendee:

___ 1"\$65

___ 1/2" \$55

___ 1/4"\$45

___ I want to have a card table size sales tableadd \$10

TOTAL _____

Check or Money Order payable to "Small World Miniature Club"
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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Region N-1 Events, Dates and Locations

❖ *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.

❖ *Saturday, August 27, 2016 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, 2016 Arizona Miniature State Day* "Lighted Trunk Roombox" offered in 1", ½" and ¼", St. Andrews Episcopal Church 6300 W. Camelback Rd, Glendale, Arizona 85301. Registration includes the trunk kit with hardware & LED lighting, Lunch, coffee & morning snacks Deadline for registration is June 30, 2016. Limited to 50 participants. Please contact Ginger Anderson ginnymini@aol.com 623-465-7994. (See registration form above)

❖ *Saturday & Sunday, February 25 & 25, 2017, Phoenix, Arizona - 39th Phoenix Miniature Show & Sale*

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

❖ *July 21–24, 2016, Seattle, WA – 2016 NAME National Convention, Welcome to My Garden*, (see the article above)

❖ *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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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION INFO

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Submissions for the Summer Issue are due by May 1st.

Submissions for the Fall Issue are due by August 1st.

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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