



Good Sam Show Report

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The Party's Over...and it was a super weekend. Thanks to all who supported the show with your presence, your help, your exhibits, and your pocketbooks. Wasn't that silent auction something else? WOW!

I am pleased to announce that Phyllis Hedman and I are turning our jobs over to Joan Hammon and Janine Doezie this month. Joan will be the new chairman of the Good Sam Show, and Janine will be her dealer chairman. I have great confidence in both of them. The rest of the committee is dedicated to working with them. Joan's email is hammono@att.net

The 2009 Good Sam Show will move once again, as the convention center wants us to pay over \$20,000 just for the room plus over \$8,000 for electrical. We hope we have found a new long term home, but we will have a

2009 show for sure at the Doubletree Hotel San Jose, ½ mile from the airport. The hotel is lovely, they have a free airport shuttle, and we will have the Bayshore Ballroom for the show.

The 34th show will be October 10 & 11 of 2009, with workshops on the 9th. Our best chance of returning there in 2010 will depend upon how many people stay at the hotel. If you are from out of town, please consider the \$129 room rate and share with a friend. Dealers will be expected to stay in the hotel. More details will be on our web site at <http://goodsamshow-case.miniature.net> and in our August mailer. See you on the show floor!

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North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma Open Position

From The Regional Co-Coordinator's

We have just returned from our Regional Coordinator's Retreat in Nevada City.

We had a great time, made a new room box, got a lot of information and feel we know what is expected from us. Look out, here we come!

Exciting things are coming up. NAME is hoping to coordinate a National State Day. We will all be doing the same project on the same day across the country. Regional Coordinators will be looking for assistance in their respective regions.

After attending the annual Pot Luck up the peninsula in October, we were thinking this would be a great thing for the South Bay to do in the spring when things

are pretty quiet as miniatures go. We presented the idea to our own club and they liked the idea. Soooo you'll be hearing from us soon on the date and location.

After the Holidays we will be visiting your club. We'll see you soon.

Fric & Frac (Ruth and Diane)



To all the members of N2

You might notice that this newsletter is smaller than some of them have been. That is because it is missing several pages. This is YOUR newsletter...not mine. I really wish that the wonderful miniaturists in N2 would send me some articles. I am very interested in articles from others and I know that everyone else would be too!

I have to give some real kudos to the miniaturists in the Redwood Small World club in the North Coast region of N2. They were privileged to have a 1 1/2 page article on their club in their local paper. The article had several pictures, an entire column written by one of the columnists, and also had ways to contact these people. Talk about promoting miniatures...they people are GREAT at promotion. In addition to getting this published...they also sent this editor the pages from the newspaper...which were delightful to read.

I know that there are other clubs and individuals who are involved with miniatures that I never hear from. The regional reports are wonderful...but I would like some articles from all of YOU! I'M WAITING!! Please send me some articles!! Leslie

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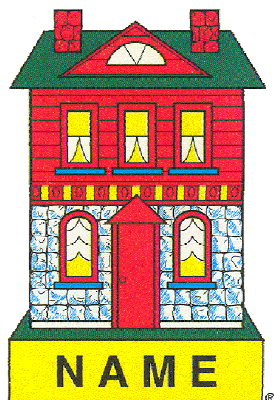
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More Pictures from Nashua National Convention



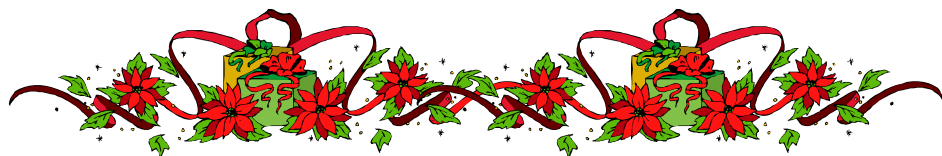
The Princess and the Pea
By Jan Prescott



Seaside Retreat
By Sandy Ingmanson



Castle Stalker by Bernadette Shustak

Editors **C**orner

The winter edition! How times flies by so quickly. I see it with my children who are getting older all the time (my eldest son, David, just turned 40...I'm not sure how that happened). I also see time flying by in the miniature world. People get older, some actually die, estate sales of miniature artisans happen, miniature shops that have been around for many years close...how sad some things are. But there are happy things too! The regional coordinators had a meeting here in California and came from all the regions around the United States...and perhaps from other countries...I'm not sure on that one. They talked and played and talked some more and have come up with a plan to have a National State Day...one day when everyone across the states are working on the same project! It sounds quite fun and I'm looking forward to participating. Can hardly wait for the date to be set!

The Holidays are here in full force! Thanksgiving just happened a little over a week ago and Christmas is but 2 1/2 weeks away...oh...my! I love the holiday season. People are busy and there is sometimes a lot of stress...but there is also time to look at beautiful decorations which make the drive home not seem so long. Even in my little town of approximately 700 people, there are still some homes that go out of their way to decorate themselves! Beautiful lights that shine through the evening and make a street glow in the most beautiful way. And my miniature world gets its decorations too! The tree goes up in my largest miniature house! The waving Santa gets put on the door. The holiday garlands are put above the fireplace...all in a house that is about the size of a bookcase. And when I do this...I get to see all the rooms of the house all over again. I open up the front of the house and I'm always excited at seeing the rooms that are closed during most of the year. They all have windows and have lights in them...but many weeks pass and I never even turn on the lights. We are on solar...so miniature house lights are not as critical as lights in our real house. But I could turn them on more often...I just don't. So when I open the house...the memories flood in. Memories of cutting the plywood for the house and for the divisions between the rooms. Memories of the ins and outs of learning how to electrify a house...what fun was that! And memories of a time when my best friend, Pat Pleis, and my daughter-in-law Jennifer Swager, and I took the house apart wrapped up the furniture and all the accessories and drove the house to Anaheim where it could be on display at a NAME National. We set it up there and at the end of the National...took it all apart again to bring it home...and then set it up again at home! Memories, memories, memories! I hope that your holiday season is one filled with remembering and also making new memories to have in the future. May you and your family be blessed with joy and laughter!

Yours in Miniature,
Leslie



News From Around The Region

State Rep's Reports

North Bay/ Napa/ Sonoma by Cary Yerves

There is not a lot going on to report about in the North bay. Seems that every thing has quieted down and all are settled in doing minis for the winter. I do want to remind everyone that the Mini Wizards will be holding River City Rendezvous again on February 7th, with a 2nd Ketchup Social Day. Now if you aren't real keen on the idea of a Ketchup Day, it is still important that you attend, because the 2010 project for R.C.R. will be a decorated Christmas tree, and in order to participate, you will need to sign up and get your kit at the Ketchup Day in 2009. This way you will be able to do your "homework" on the Christmas tree project before the 2010 event. To sign up for the Ketchup Up Day, get your form at: <http://miniwizards.com/form.htm>

The only other big news up here is that Peg Puckett is permanently closing her Dollhouse Museum. Effective immediately Peg will begin liquidating all of the museum collection. (see article elsewhere in this issue). Peg will continue to do shows, but the museum will be closed for good. Persons interested in purchasing anything from the museum are reminded that you must make an appointment to view

the collection. Call Peg at 707-826-3478 for an appointment.

Well, I hope all of you are planning on spending an enjoyable holiday surrounded by family, friends and lots of minis. Please be sure to let me know of anything happening in the North Bay area if you would like it included in the next newsletter. Happy Holidays!

Cary

South Bay/ Peninsula by Laura Johnson

Wow! The N2 area has had some exciting happenings in the last few months. It began with the Good Sam show in September. It was a great show, with new dealers and old favorites, and lots of new and unique minis. I manned the NAME table on Friday and was excited by all the interesting people I spoke with. I enjoyed seeing all the children working on their own minis. The Girl Scouts visited our table and wiped out all our grab bags. So, if you have anything to donate to grab bags, please get in touch with your state rep. On Saturday, October 4, the Wee Housers sponsored their

second flea market in San Mateo. New place, new sellers and buyers, and lots of good food make for a special day. We had lots more room so the sellers could spread out and buyers could scramble to find all those treasures at bargain prices. You won't want to miss it next year!

Our final treat was a Halloween party at Shellie's Miniature Mania in San Carlos. Shellie and company outdid themselves with great food and drink and a wonderful project. Each attendee was given a kit including wall, floor and hutch with all the trimmings. We each got a skeleton to sit on a chair and made a witch hat to put on it's head; we covered a round table with Halloween fabrics and got goodies to place on it, pumpkins, cushions and a lot more! It was good to see so many miniaturists having so much fun. Thanks to Shellie and her wonderful helpers for such a nice day.

My Wee Housers club is working on a Christmas room so we are getting into the spirit. I hope all of you have a good holiday season and get lots of minis from Santa!

Laura Johnson

State Rep's Reports (cont.)

North Coast by Jo Anne Grundhofer

Hi,

Here we are again from the North Coast. Busy as can be – Redwood Small World has an exhibit in the Eureka County Library for October. Also in the Ferndale Branch of the County Library for October and November. Most of the display will change to fall, football and Thanksgiving. Then in December, we will change the display for Christmas. One of the main reasons for the display in Ferndale, is it is “The Victorian Village,” and has a lot of tourists. We feel this is a good way to expose our craft to many people. Also the Ferndale Library has a great report with the schools in the area. A real contact to enhance an interest in minis to young people. Along with the two libraries, Pat Carter has a display in the Clark Museum in downtown Eureka. This will be there through the first week in January.

As the World Turns, R.S.W. has found more people interested in minis..... so We have decided to enlarge our club membership from 12 to 15. In November we have invited three people to our club and if they like us, to join us.

The ¼” Play Day, we did in October was a great hit... so... much fun. Thank you Debbie Jones and Pauline Pier for teaching us. Our next play day is in the planning stage – many ideas are running around. It will be in late March 2009.

To date, the doll house we are completing and plan to donate for the benefit of children who may never have a house their own, is becoming a big dilemma. There are at least 9 interested places, hope we can choose the best.

Last, but not least, R.S.W. has decided to do a project for the first few months of 2009. We will be doing shops from “Making Miniatures,” by Christiane Berridge. When done, we will display them in our two local fairs, “not for Judging.” Also in libraries and where ever else we are asked. The point is to share and encourage the craft of minis!

Must get busy now, so, till next time..

Joanne Grundhofer

Northern Nevada by Mary Ann VanBuskirk

No Report Received

San Francisco/Oakland *Open Position*

No Report Received

Fresno by Barbara Fairbanks

The Fresno/Visalia miniaturists are very saddened by the closing of Millcreek Miniatures. Judy Lewin has decided to close and move on to other important things in her life. If you are in the Visalia area, do stop in and say "hi" to Judy. With the death of Barbara Personett earlier this year and the closing of the Pink Dollhouse, we will have quite a few hours of travel to another miniature store. The Fresno club have not started the planned Brambly Hedge tree yet as there has been so much illness in our members and their husbands. We are looking forward to the Visalia club joining us for this project. The plans are ready and hopefully everyone will be starting this new project right after the first of the year. Kayanne Yung (Hobby Town USA) will be having classes at her store beginning in Jan. or Feb. She has been working hard this year to set these up and has the perfect

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place to hold classes. A list of classes and dates will be announced soon.

In the meantime, the Tinker Belles are building a House-party Helper to be given to the Salt Lake City house-party. This is the main money raiser of each houseparty for NAME. Each member will be contributing to this project. We hope you will all love it and buy lots of tickets in the hopes of winning it.

We will be looking forward to other N2 members joining us at the classes next year.

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Shasta Trinity
Open Position

No Report Received

East Bay/ Tri-Valley
by Jennifer Rich

It's amazing to think that it is almost the end of the year....time does fly! Still trying to work my way through my many unfinished mini projects but I managed to finish a couple this year. Even was able to get a picture of one of my older finished projects in American Miniaturist (this was especially

special because it was a tribute to my father-in-law who I adored.) All in all it was a very good mini year! In September I attended the Champs Show and the Good Sam Show but unfortunately I was only able to spend about an hour or so at each show due to other plans. However I was able to take the Friday off before Good Sam and attended Sharon Granicy's ¼ scale flower making class with some friends. Had a great time!

We also went to the Bay Area Miniaturist's Potluck & Flea Market this Fall. The food was good and the flea market part was fun.

Attending any miniature event, whether it's a club meeting, a flea market, a show or a House Party really makes me appreciate the people who run these events! I volunteered at a couple in the past and I am always amazed at the amount of work that goes into organizing any event. I applaud them all!!! (After all if it wasn't for them where would the rest of us be.)

In October my husband and I took a few days off from work and went down south to Big Sur. One of the areas we stopped by was Carmel. I've been to Carmel many times before but this time was especially exciting because I went by the Tuck Box Restaurant. I'm currently finishing up a kit

that I had bought of it so it was exciting to see the real restaurant. (I'm sure one or two people might have wondered why I was so preoccupied with taking a picture of one of the signs outside. Of course any miniaturist would know it's for my mini project. When I get my pictures developed the store gives me the option of also ordering a sheet of proofs of all the pictures and this allows me to get pictures for my ¼ scale projects.)

Currently the San Francisco Miniature Group I attend, Miniacs in San Francisco, is busy making Tote Bag Favors for the 2009 SLC Small Scale House-party. If any one is interested in attending, whether to help or just bring their own project to work on, we meet one evening a month in San Francisco (currently it is the second Thursday of the month but we might be changing the day.)

Until next time hope you all enjoy the rest of the year, all your miniatures/miniature projects and have a Happy Holiday Season!

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Sacramento
Open Position

No Report Received

Regional Calendar of Events

February 7, 2009

River City Rendezvous
"A Ketchup Day"
KVIE TV Studios, Sacramento, CA.
Info: <http://miniwizards.com>

July 16 - 19, 2009

NAME National Convention
"Our Family Reunion"
Indianapolis, IN
Info In The Gazette

May 2, 2009

Folsom Fiesta XXIV
"A Room To Pout"
Sacramento, CA
Info: Karen Sandvick - 530-666-1837

Oct. 2 - 4, 2009

Region A2 Small Scales Houseparty
"Weekend In Paris - La Vie en Rose"
Salt Lake City, UT
Info: Carol Prince - cprince@comcast.net

May 3, 2009

Elegant Dollhouse Parking Lot Sale
1120 Fulton Ave.
Sacramento, CA
Info: 916-484-0411

Oct. 10 - 11, 2009

34th Annual Showcase of Miniatures
The Good Sam Show
Doubletree Hotel, San Jose, CA
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