

California Dreaming

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NAME National Convention



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History of La Quinta



Established in 1926 by Walter H. Morgan, La Quinta Resort & Club is essentially the grandfather of the Coachella Valley. Designed by Gordon Kaufmann (who clearly had a "desert chic" vision), the place was built with 100,000 hand-fired adobe bricks—which is a lot of mud, but it certainly beat the alternative of melting in the sun.

The Original "Do Not Disturb" Sign Long before Instagram made everyone famous, Hollywood's elite came here to actually disappear. It was the ultimate "Hideaway" for stars who were tired of being stared at: Frank Capra: He wrote *It's a Wonderful Life* here. Apparently, the desert heat is great for curing writer's block.

Irving Berlin: He reportedly wrote "White Christmas" while sitting poolside in 100-degree heat, which is either peak irony or a very effective way to cool down.

Greta Garbo: She stayed here so often that she probably should have just been on the payroll. From 20 Rooms to a Whole City. What started as 20 tiny casitas eventually got so popular they had to build a city around it. The City of La Quinta was incorporated in 1982, naming itself after the resort (talk about a successful brand). Today, it has grown from a quiet 20-unit escape to a massive 800-room golf mecca, proved that if you build enough adobe houses in the sand, eventually, everyone will follow.



Welcome Letter from the Name President



Welcome to the 2026 National Convention in sunny La Quinta, California! I am thrilled to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones, all brought together by a shared passion for miniatures. After a busy day filled with shopping, building kits, and participating in auctions, I hope you take some time to unwind and enjoy the pools - so don't forget your swimsuit.

A BIG thank you goes out to Chairman Sandi Shalometh, Co-Chair Barbara Thornton-Hill, and their dedicated committee members. Their tireless efforts and months of planning have made this wonderful event possible. They have organized classes, themed luncheons, auctions, and special activities to ensure a fun weekend for everyone. Please remember to thank them for hosting this convention. We are fortunate to have some amazing teachers leading engaging classes and educational, fun-themed luncheons. The thirty-three dealers are eagerly awaiting the opening of the salesroom, where you can find a unique treasure to take home with you!

Don't forget to bring \$5 and \$10 for the roundtable kits and for Houseparty Helper tickets. The Roundtable kits are unique and are perfect for travelers, as they pack easily in your suitcase.

I want to thank each of you for attending this year's National Convention. Your presence truly makes a difference, and the organization depends on your support to keep NAMC vibrant and thriving.

It has been a pleasure serving you as President, and I am confident that NAMC is in good hands with the incoming board.

*Hugs and love,
Jane McNatt*



Letter from the Convention Chairmen



We are excited to welcome you to this year's convention, California Dreaming, in La Quinta, CA! Our destination is the beautiful La Quinta Resort, a Hilton property. With retail shopping, a marketplace and three restaurants on site, you don't even have to leave the resort.

Our committee has been hard at work to bring you a full week of convention fun. This will be the last full week of National Conventions as next year we will move to a shorter format. Our committee members will be dressed in bright turquoise aprons so please feel free to ask us any questions, directions to the next activity etc. We are here to make your convention experience memorable.

A little about our theme, California Dreaming. We are all things California, from the beaches to the deserts to the mountains. Think of California in the 1960's and 1970's. During this time of flower children, hippies, peace signs and great music, you are sure to find something to inspire you.

Please join in the festivities at the Saturday night banquet by dressing in attire of the time period. Think bell bottoms, long dresses, beads, peace signs and flowers in your hair.

We have a large group of first timers at this convention. We are so excited that you made California Dreaming your first convention experience. You are going to have the time of your lives! Remember to attend the first timers meeting as you will receive a bag of goodies. We will also be handing out gifts especially for first timers so if we don't see you first, come up and say hi to us. We can hardly wait to see you in July!!

Sandi Shalometh - Chair

Barbara Thornton-Hill - Co-Chair



FIRST TIMERS



First Timers Meeting: This meeting will be held for all those attending their first Convention. We know this meeting is early, but you won't want to miss it. You are going to have questions, and you are going to hear questions and answers you didn't know you needed to know. Best part is that you receive great gifts for attending. If you don't attend, you don't get the gifts. Just have lots of fun! **SIGN UP FOR EVERYTHING!!!** You won't regret it. If you have any problems onsite or not sure where to go or what to do...find a committee member and ask them. They will all be wearing a special turquoise apron, so they are easy to find. We look forward to seeing you in California!!!

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Chairman – Debbie Young



The **Academy of Honor** recognizes those members of NAME whose talent, leadership, and achievement have helped determine and preserve the art of miniatures. Honorees may be selected for their outstanding artistic achievement or for their outstanding support of the miniature hobby and NAME.

The **Mell Prescott award**, established by the Prescott family in memory of their mother, is granted yearly “to a talented miniaturist who has contributed substantially to the growth and enjoyment of the miniature hobby”. The recipient is recommended by fellow AOH members.





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OUR WALK OF FAME

By sponsoring a Star, the donors have chosen to recognize the friends, mentors, and pillars of the miniature community who make a difference in our lives. The funds raised through this program provide essential support for our convention. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and for the opportunity to celebrate the "stars" among us.

Thank you for your support!

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Home Improvement Seminars

Chairman Beth Grabau



Thursday Sessions - 8pm

So you want a 3D Printer?

If you are considering purchasing a 3D printer, this session is for you. Alician Pearce of Blackthorn Miniatures will answer questions you may have during this informative session. Far from plugging it in and printing, Alician will give important tips on what you should look out for or what you need to know before you buy, as well as answering some of your basic printing questions.

Faux Finishes for the Win

Do you love faux finishes but need ideas for achieving the look? We have a session for that. Angelika Oeckl is a maker herself and does wonderful faux finishes and will be offering her tips and tricks to achieve some of the looks you want. She has taught at past NAME conventions and we are happy to have her offer this session again.

Add Shade to Mini Scenes by Making Palm Trees

Have you been inspired with all the palm trees at the resort and want them in your miniature scenes? Beth Grabau will show you a simple way to make palm trees all from common items most miniaturists have in their stash. These realistic trees are just wire, brown paper bags, formal tape and a few other supplies. Adapt them to any scale and size.

Friday Sessions – 1:30pm

It Looks Fun, So Lets Get Started with UV Resin

Ruth Stewart of Stewart Dollhouse Creations has inspired us by including UV resin in many of her projects. In this session, Ruth will go over the basics of using UV resin in your miniatures and help demystify this new to many product. She will also go over what supplies are needed to get you started.

Scrubby Holders, Just Not for Kitchens Anymore

Have you collected scrubby holders but are just not sure how to start? Suzie Aguliar and Amy Burgess will provide tips and techniques on transforming these kitchen accessories into adorable miniature scenes.. Suzie's passion for these unique containers inspired her to start a Facebook page dedicated to this subject. Group members will share their creation ideas and where they have spotted this hard-to-find holders in stores.





Hospitality Room

Chairman Peggy Zorn



Surf into Wellness” by joining us in our Hospitality Rooms. Enjoy daily projects and gifts in the Activities Room where you will also find the amazing House Party Helpers. If you need a little down time visit our Zen room where you will be able to relax and restore. There you will also find our daily free raffle of some wonderful miniatures.

COME BY AND MAKE A MEMORY

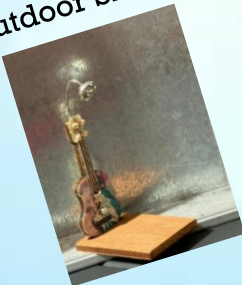
Beach Towels



Zen/Meditation Pillows



Outdoor Shower



Memory Bottles



Ocean Boards



Wreathes



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Hospitality Room*

Visit to enjoy our daily raffles. Watch the schedule for our open hours and signs for our popup hours.



NAME UNDER THE STARS

Wednesday Evening Project

Chairman Stephanie Engseth



Many of you have been buying kits and building miniatures for a long time, while others are new to this hobby. Have you ever considered what it takes to produce a kit for sale? Here is an overview of the process involved in providing these products. Some products may require additional or repeated steps not mentioned here. Many people produce kits in different ways, but regardless of the method, it is always a time-consuming endeavor.

Conceptualizing the Project

Every project begins with an idea. For example, the 2026 California Dreaming Convention provided a theme to help spark inspiration. When thinking about the theme, images of the beach and ocean came to mind. Searching online using keywords such as surf, ocean, beach, and California led to a variety of pictures and posters on Pinterest. Among these, beach buildings and palm trees stood out, sparking the idea for a “Surf Shack” and marking the start of the development process.

Determining Scale and Size

The process often starts with a smaller scale (1/4”) and progresses to larger sizes. Deciding which size makes sense for the project is an important early step.

Design Considerations

How many walls, doors, and windows will there be? Will the doors be stationary? Should acrylic be used in the windows? **(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)**



NAME UNDER THE STARS

Wednesday Evening Project

continued



Materials needed and what thickness will be appropriate?

Foundation, Floors, Porches/Decks, Roof, Stairs, Walls.

Determining the type of materials required, such as wood or mat board, considering factors like warping depending on the size & thickness. Wood types: Basswood, Plywood, Maple, Cherry, etc

Design and Prototyping

After creating a simple sketch, the next step is to lay out the pieces using Corel Draw, a 2D software used to run my laser machine. Each thickness and size of wood is organized on different pages within the file, similar to how Excel works. For example, different pages might be dedicated to 3" x 24" x 3/32" cherry wood, and so on.

All the required parts are drawn for the project, keeping assembly in mind. Guidelines, notches, and other features may be added to facilitate easier assembly.

Prototype Creation and Refinement

Measurements are verified and each part is checked to ensure a proper fit with adjacent components. The first prototype is cut using Basswood, as it is affordable. This initial prototype is typically discarded after making necessary changes in the design.

Adjustments are made in the software, and a new prototype is cut. During this stage, the steps for assembly are documented, photographed and instructions are prepared.

When cutting the first production kit other factors are decided:

Size of bags for parts; Labels for marking the bags; Labels for the Main Kit; Does it require a box and what size.

Procurement

An additional step is sourcing all materials and supplies for the kit, which can also be time-consuming depending on the complexity of the kit.

Final Steps - Print the Labels; Print the Instructions; Cut the parts; Bag and Tag parts

Place in final container (Box or Bag) with the instructions

<https://handcrafted-miniature-furniture.com/>





SURF SHACK SHOEBOX SALE DEALERS



NAME

½ " & ¼ " Cabana Kits by Teri Hanson

Crabs (Set of 3 in all scales) Blackthorn Miniatures

Dog's Digging in the Sand by Barbara Ann Meyer

Lemonade Sets by Carolyn's Creations

Cindy Bottasso

¼ " Beachy Items

Inlay Tables

Jeanne Christofferson

Assorted Items

Dia Crissey-Baum

¼ " Beach Cabin Kit

¼ " Lawn Chairs & Outdoor Furniture Kits

¼ " Concrete Table

Umbrella

Beaded Curtains

Bean Bag Chairs

Fun Stuff!

Stephanie Cuellar

Tiki Bar Items

Beach Themed Items

Coconut Cups

Pineapple Cups

Tiki Cups

Planters

Anchors

Seashell Mirror

Beach Themed Signs

•Shell Candle Holder

Gwen Culbreth

¼ " Flowers & Plants

Bob Francis

¼ " 3D Printed Flip Flops

¼ " Lifeguard Chair Kits

¼ " 3D Printed Flamingos (Pair)

Assorted Items!

Cheryl Hubbard

¼ " Wicker Sets – Floral, Tropical & Beach Themed Fabric

Nancye Claypool

Miscellaneous must have minis of all scales

Sherri Lackey

Surf Boards

Solo Cups

Patio Bars

Benches

Patio Tables and Chairs

Coolers

Luggage

Liquor Bottles

Palm Trees

Lounge Chairs with Umbrella

Mugs and Glasses

Wall Bottle Opener

Life Preservers

Stanley Cups

Grace Mlynowski

1" Leather Purses (5 Different Styles)

Alician Pearce

Water Look Clay Rollers

VW Bug Convertible

Flip Flops

Beach Bag

Pool Floats

Outside Shower Stall

Radio





Centerpiece Artisans

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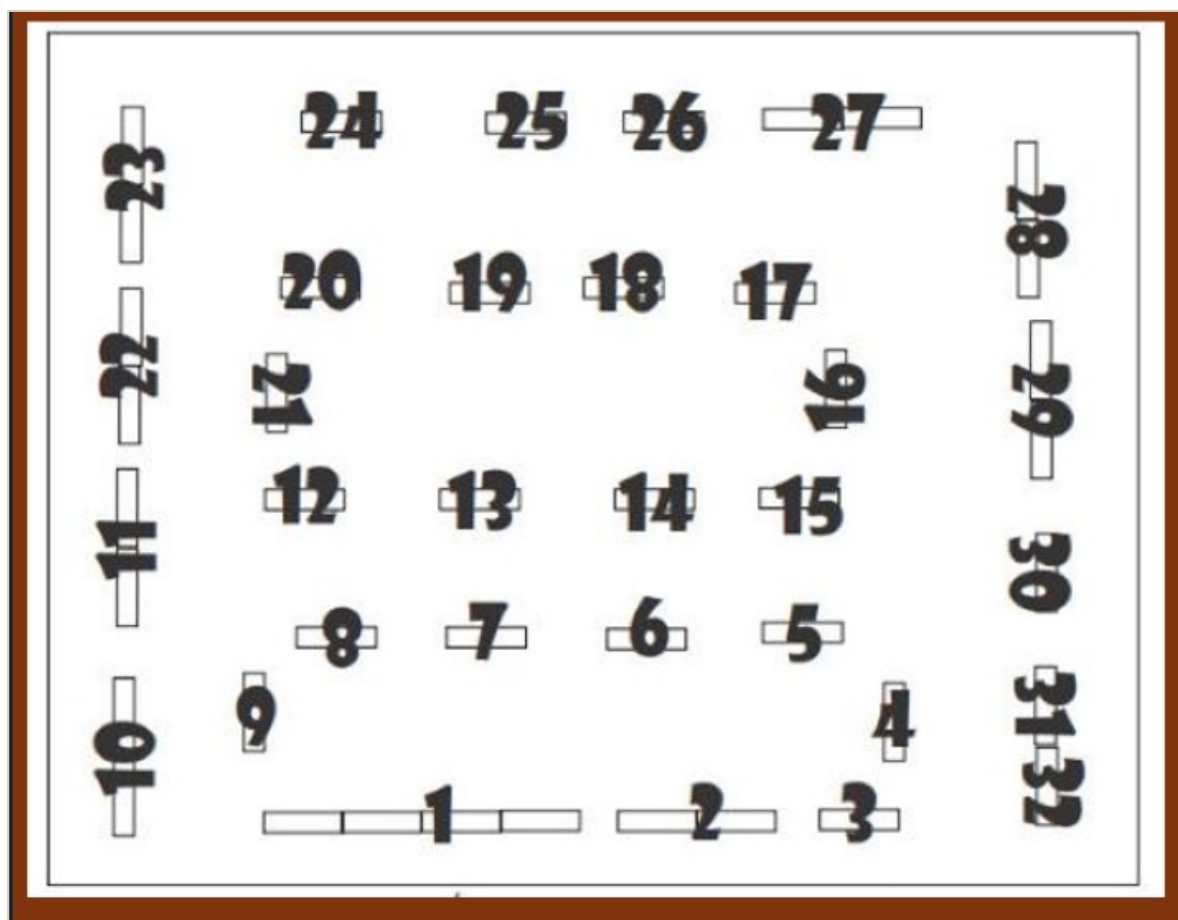


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Flores Ballroom



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Gala

"You're Invited To The
EVENING WITH FRIENDS
"NAME UNDER THE STARS"

WEDNESDAY
JULY 22ND
5:30 - 6:45

The Friends Gala is your chance to celebrate with friends, and support **NAME** during this special fundraising celebration. The **NAME** Board of Trustees warmly invites you to enjoy a delicious Mexican-inspired meal, an indulgent dessert, door prizes, a small raffle, a cash bar, and a silent auction filled with unique miniature treasures to enrich your collection.

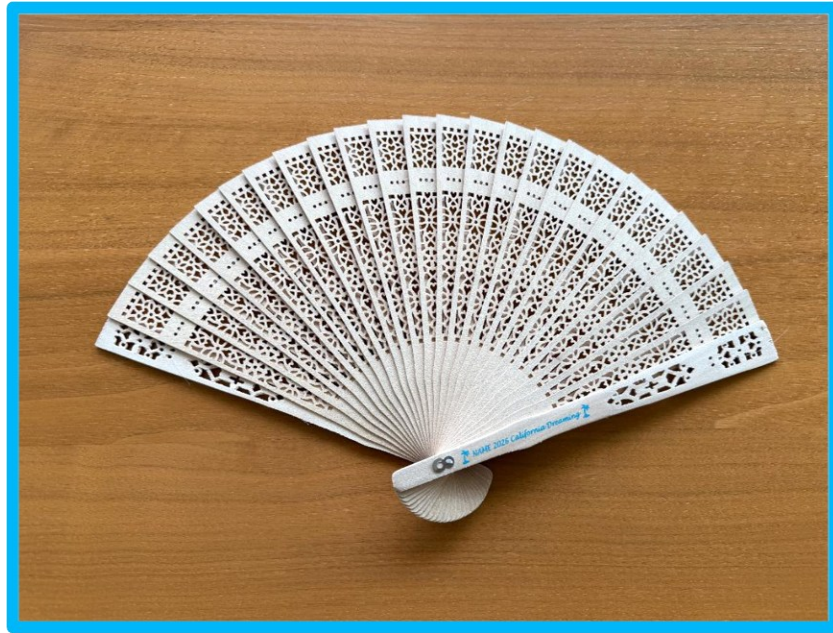
The Friends Gala is the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow members and support **NAME** through this memorable fundraising event. WEDNESDAY JULY 22ND 5:30 - 6:45 Registration Fee: \$130 if registered for the Wednesday Evening Workshop or \$160 if registering for Gala only. **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE WEDNESDAY EVENING WORKSHOP TO GET A \$30 DISCOUNT ON YOUR GALA TICKET. THE WORKSHOP BEGINS AT 7:00 PM RIGHT AFTER THE GALA.**



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WOOD FAN PROJECTS



<https://create.miniatures.org/SpiralStaircaseFundraiser>

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Faux metal spiral staircase:

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Making a lamp:

<https://youtu.be/i2NCbS3zkFY?si=7zeuawqa8wKDSKIU>

Pinterest board on Miniature Wooden Fan Projects:

<https://pin.it/7yF2LnP4r>

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SOUVENIR ARTISANS

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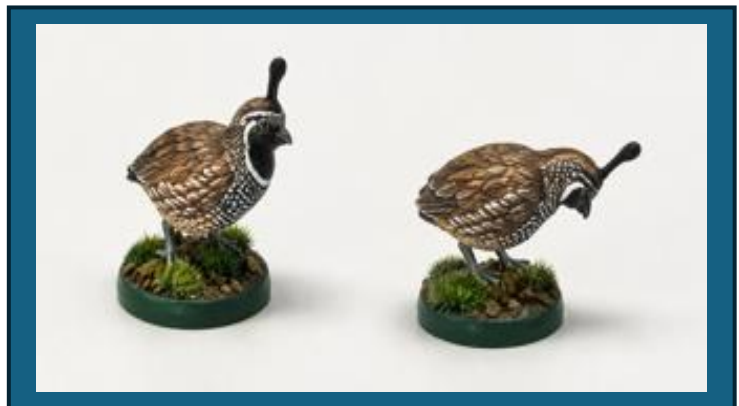


Barbara Ann Meyers



<https://minigems.com/>

For over five decades, Barbara has dedicated herself to the intricate world of miniatures. While her early years were filled with a variety of creative pursuits, it was the art of the small-scale that ultimately captured her heart and became a lifelong devotion. By masterfully blending her passion for sculpting with her love for animals, she has carved out a unique and soulful niche in the miniature community.



The Quail is the California State Bird
California chose the California quail as its state bird in 1931 because the species was already deeply woven into the state's natural landscape. It lives across California year-round, thrives in the oak woodlands, chaparral, and coastal scrub that define so much of the state's terrain, and it had been recognized as a distinctly Californian species for well over a century.



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Nothing captures "California Dreaming" like a wine and cheese tray. It's an edible survival kit that lets attendees taste the laid-back Golden State lifestyle. After hours of classes and sales a pour of Cabernet and some brie isn't just a souvenir—it's a public service.



Charrita Teague

I have been involved in miniatures since 1986. I really enjoy the camaraderie with fellow miniaturist. Miniatures fulfill a significant part of my life. It allows me to travel, experience various art forms and meet great people.

I was first enthralled with miniatures when I attended Columbia College in downtown Chicago and was able go to the museums for free. So of course, once I discovered the Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle at the Museum of Science and Industry and the Thorne Rooms at the Art Institute I was hooked and visited often.

I am a member of NAME and an IGMA Artisan in Plants/Flowers. During my miniature journey I have been a member of the Wee C Club, the Wee B's, Northshore Miniature Society all in the Chicagoland area. I am currently residing in Paris, TN and now I depend on the online groups, NAME Conventions and Create to fulfil my miniature needs. I credit these clubs and organizations for what I have become today.

Shout out to NAME for having online workshops, create shares and conventions so I can continue meet new people, enjoy old friends, travel and share my knowledge. Also shout out to MCC (Miniature Cyber Club) and any other online platforms having an outlet where Miniaturist from all over the world can gather, share and create.

Thanks to NAME and the Convention Committee!

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Jeff Debbie Young



The Adirondack chair is a beach house favorite because its low center of gravity and wide footprint keep it stable on shifting sand or windy decks.

I joined NAME right after graduating from high school. This year, I'll have spent 49 years making and selling miniatures. Although I began working in 1" scale, I quickly discovered Half Inch and didn't see any reason to make things smaller—at least until 1986, some forty years ago, when I bought my first ¼" scale house at the Houseparty on the Queen Mary. Building it was a challenge: I needed a table saw just to get the parts to fit, and I spent most of the project frustrated and swearing. Still, when it was finished...it was the cutest little thing I had ever seen. Of course, it needed furniture. So...I made some...and since then, I have been making pretty much nothing but ¼ " furniture and houses.

I consider myself lucky to have spent my life making miniatures. I've had the privilege of knowing, learning from, and befriending some of the greatest miniaturists of our time. I gave my life to this organization...attending and being a part of a vast majority of the Houseparties and Conventions...either as an instructor, a dealer, a Committee member...or as the Chair. I have served on the Board...and as the President. I am an AOH member and a Mell Prescott Award Recipient.

I am also lucky enough to have someone who supports and cuts and does whatever I ask. Together...WE are better than I ever could have been. We have made over a hundred different houses and made thousands and thousands and thousands of RoundTables. And...oh yeah...we made one of the souvenirs this year...hope you like it.



COMMITTEE GIFTS

Chairman Barbara Thornton-Hill



The California poppy was chosen as the state flower on March 2, 1903, primarily because its vibrant golden-orange color symbolized the "fields of gold" from the Gold Rush and the sunny promise of the "Golden State"



Succulents are part of California's native flora because they adapted to survive the state's dry, desert climates and hot summers. By evolving to store water in thick leaves and stems, these plants naturally thrive in environments with very little rainfall.



EVERYONE needs a tiny table!



PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP

Chairman Trish Billard



Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Class

MTW1 - Shell Cottage by Debbie Young

Class Fee: \$177



Imagine a charming little cottage by the sea, its exterior covered in shells. This delightful two-story cottage embodies rustic charm and creative expression. The cottage stands out with its exterior, featuring a selection of natural shells carefully arranged to give each cottage a one-of-a-kind look. Heavy wood sills reinforce the cottage's sturdy appearance, while a detailed, welcoming door beckons visitors inside.

The interior continues the rustic theme. The walls are constructed with pre-cut timbers, and the spaces between these timbers feature plaster embedded with shells. Students will lay wood floors throughout the interior, infusing the project with even more warmth and texture. Creativity is at the heart of this project. The student's hands-on work doesn't just shape the cottage; it lets them leave a little piece of themselves in every corner, making each house truly special. The finished size is approximately: 5-3/4"L x 5"D x 6-1/4"H

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1/4" Scale



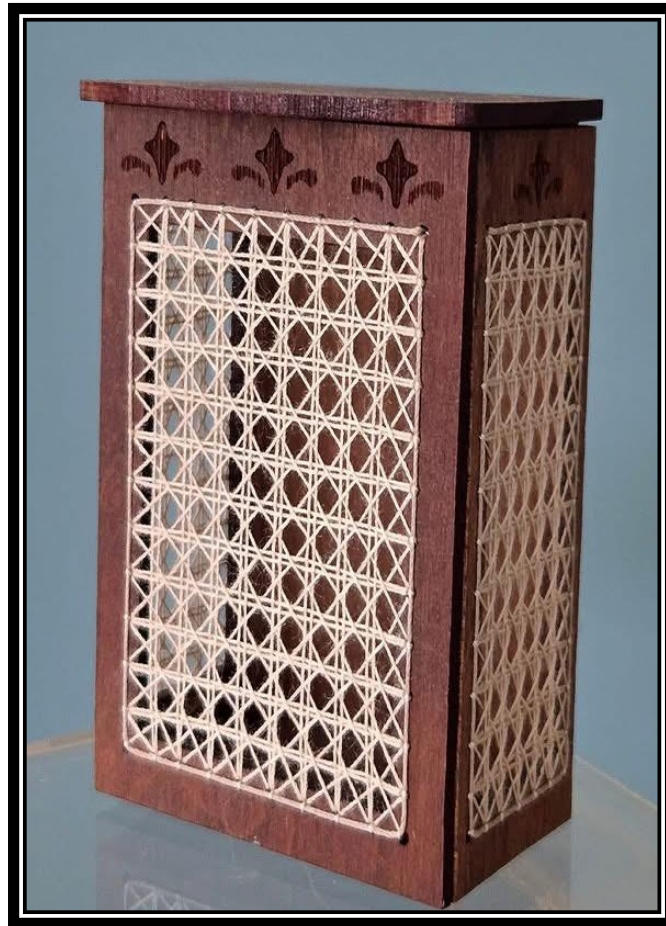
PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS



Monday Class

M1 – Cane Hamper by Sue Ann Ketchum

Class Fee: \$92



Cane this 3 panel, hinged-top hamper, the perfect addition to a bathroom or hallway outside a bathroom. Visual aids will be available. Some needlework experience recommended. The finished size is approximately: 2-3/4"H x 2"W x 1"D Minimum

Skill Level: Intermediate & Advanced

1" Scale



PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS



Monday Class

M2 – Teaching Raptor Kit Construction by Angela Kinnunen
Class Fee: \$107



Join Angela as she teaches the construction, decoration, and lighting of a 1/4th Raptor Kit. The finished size is approximately: 4"L x 3.15"W x 4"H

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner
Scale

1/4"



PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS



Tuesday Class

T1– Sculpting Potter, Vases and Bowls on a Mini Potter's Wheel

by Lynette Barker

Class Fee: \$232



Lynette will instruct you in the skills you need to sculpt clay on a mini potter's wheel, which will be supplied for you in class. You get to keep the wheel! And the tools! And some air-dry clay! This is a fun class in which you learn how to make 1:12 scale pots, vases, bowls, plates, platters, planters and so much more! Your style is your own, no strict rules to follow about shapes or size. You decide. Or you let the clay decide what it will be. It sometimes has a mind of its own! But enjoy! Learning can be a great experience, shared with a class of like-minded miniaturists. Lynette will provide individual assistance to each student. No one is left behind! All students will go home with finished pieces that they will be proud of. This is a time to let your imagination go! You don't know what you can do until you try. This is your best chance yet to be creative. Variations of style, form, type and color are encouraged. Clay is a wonderful medium which lets you make amazing creations. Table not included. The finished size is approximately: 3"L x 3"W x 1"H
Minimum Skill Level: Beginner 1"scale



PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS



Tuesday Class

T2 - At the Seaside by Cheryl Hubbard

Class Fee: \$185



This is a British style beach hut in a ceramic shell. We will be landscaping the beach inside the shell, building a 1:144 scale beach hut from scratch. We will furnish the inside of the hut using laser cut kits from SDK Miniatures. We will be building the deck, railing and stairs from scratch. We will apply the sand for the beach, paint the waters edge and apply resin to give the water a very realistic look. The finished size is approximately: 6"W x 7"D x 4.5"H

Minimum Skill Level: Intermediate

1/144" Scale



PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS



Tuesday Class

T3 - Golden Vale Tasting Room: A California Winery in Miniature

By Sherry Taylor

Class Fee: \$252



Step into California wine country miniature style. In this workshop, participants will build a rustic tasting room inspired by the boutique wineries of Napa, Sonoma, and the Sierra Foothills. The structure features detailed wood finishes, stone-style walls, a working bar area, shelving with miniature wine bottles, stools, signage, and a pergola accented with vines. Students will learn techniques for realistic wood staining, aging, and texturing, as well as label making, accessory styling, and layout planning for a fully immersive 1:12 scale scene. Raise a (tiny) glass and a toast to California charm in miniature! The finished size is approximately: 10"L x 10"W x 8.5"H

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" Scale



PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS



Tuesday Class

T4 - Cocktail Cove by Ruth Stewart

Class Fee: \$182



Join me for a day learning how to paint 3D items with acrylic paints and alcohol inks. This adorable 1:48 Boat Bar will come to life right before your eyes. Brand new jelly fish lanterns will light up the sand along with new nautilus lamps at the bar. You will learn how to make margaritas as well. The bar stools will actually swivel. The Palm trees are 3D printed and I'll teach you how to paint them. Tiny corals and crabs will litter the sandy beach while brand new alcohol, beer & tequila bottles decorate the bar. The size is approximately 6"W x 5-1/2"D x 6" H.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1/4" Scale



PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS



Wednesday Class

W1 - The Hippie Highball by Alician Pearce

Class Fee: \$167



Spend the day at the beach, sipping drinks and relaxing. In this class, you will build the converted VW bus, make the bar and get plenty of bottles and other glassware to fill it up. Everything you see in the photo is included in the workshop. There will be homework to do before the convention. Students will receive the VW bus and the tiki fire pit before the convention. I will host a zoom to show how to remove the supports from the bus and tiki fire pit and show you how I painted them. These will NEED to be painted before you get to convention to save time. I am also flying and will not have a lot of paints with me so bring your favorite colors with you. The size is approximately 6"W x 6"D x 6"H.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1/4" Scale



PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS



Wednesday Class

W2 - Sounds of the 1960's by Mike & Allison Thomas

Class Fee: \$65



Come and sing-along to 'California Dreaming' while creating and painting a vintage record player designed by us. The Beach Boys and The Mamas and Papas will feature on the realistic record sleeves with vinyl looking records that slip in and out of the sleeves. Take home your 'Sounds of the 1960's' to add to your dolls house or mount a base for a stand-alone piece. This workshop is only 4 hours long. The size is approximately 1.18"W x 1.18"D x 1.18"H.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" Scale



PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS



Wednesday Class

W3 - The Gilded Girls by Cheryl Hubbard

Class Fee: \$237



This living room is a replica of one featured in a very popular sitcom that aired in the mid 80's to the early 90's. The beginning of the class will be spent primarily on making one of the bamboo chairs and one of the tables, so you have the knowledge and practice to make the other wicker pieces at home. We will also start working on the back so you will see the technique for the beams and fireplace. We will work on the ceiling fan and table lamp to the extent that they can be finished at home. We will not be able to finish this workshop in one day. Know that once you are home, I am always available to answer questions and give you help. Frame may be different based on availability. The 3D printed lovely ladies that lived in this house will be available in 1:48 scale from Alician Pierce, Blackthorne Miniatures, for purchase in the salesroom during the convention. The size is approximately 5.5"W x 3-3/4"D x 3-1/8"H (without frame).

Minimum Skill Level: Intermediate

1/4th" Scale



REGISTERED WORKSHOPS

Chairman Trish Billard

THURSDAY



TH1 – Miniature Tropical Dessert by Betinha Murta **Class Fee \$137**

I'm going to teach you how to work with cold porcelain, an Air dry clay. I will teach you to also work with UV resin as well. We are going to make a beautiful set of tropical desserts.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" Scale



TH2 – Miniature Stained-Glass Workshop by Rafael Acevedo **Class Fee: \$167**

In this class, students will learn the art of creating a miniature-stained glass piece. Participants can choose from two unique designs and will receive a plexiglass panel as their base. The class will cover essential techniques, including lead cutting, lead application, and basic glazing methods. I will provide materials and all tools needed for the workshop. Students will be given the tools as a gift to take home. You are welcome to bring your own tweezers utility knife or cutting mat if you would like. Lighting and magnification are suggested. Window frame pictures is not included. The finished size is approximately: 2" x 5"

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" Scale



TH3 – Wicker Beach Bag by Joan Purcell **Class Fee: \$67**

Students will learn basic wicker weaving skills and make a wicker beach bag. Items to take to the beach will be included with simple assembly of a couple of items.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" Scale



REGISTERED WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY



TH4 – Grandma Crocheting In Her Rocking Chair by Fern Vasi

Class Fee: \$167

Join Fern on dressing Grandma and getting her ready to rock in her chair while she crochets. The rocking chair will be white and the dress fabric may vary. Students will need a pair of small sharp scissors and Fern will provide the rest. This workshop is a \$395 value.

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" Scale



TH5 – Monet's Hutch by Kari Crawford

Class Fee: \$79

The painter Monet loved this style so much that there are several hutches like these in his farmhouse in Giverny, France. His are painted yellow and house his blue willow plate collection. You will assemble this maple laser-cut kit, paint it, and make your own blue willow style plates from coated paper pressed in a 3D plate press. The plate press is yours to keep for your next project. The finished size is approximately: 2" x 5"

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1/2" Scale



TH6 – Little Round Tower by Claudia Crissey-Baum

Class Fee: \$162

Come make a tiny getaway! Make a two-room BNB based on a real-life European rental cottage. We'll paint the walls to look like stone, wire two lights, assemble the building including windows, doors, stairs and the roof, and work on landscaping the base as well. You can furnish the cottage with fabulous pieces available on Dia's sales table in the salesroom. The finished size is approximately: 6"L x 9"W x 9W (including base; 3.5" x 3.5" without).

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1/4" Scale



REGISTERED WORKSHOPS FRIDAY



F1 - Quarter Scale Christmas Tree and Gifts by Carl Bronsdon

Class Fee: \$92

Students will use a variety of beads, rhinestones and other materials to decorate a tiny Christmas tree with tinsel garland, colored balls, tiny houses and fancy snowflakes. A red striped tree skirt finishes the bottom of the tree and makes a lovely backdrop for a variety of wrapped gifts in holiday papers, all topped with cheery red bows, and a tiny opened box of ornaments. Techniques for making tiny bows and wrapping gifts will be taught. You will leave with extra materials to make more holiday decorations.

Minimum Skill Level: Intermediate

1/4" Scale



F2 - Design Elements-Styling a Foyer by Mini Cousins Miniatures

Class Fee: \$117

Create your very own 1" scale charming foyer! In this hands on class you'll design a beautifully detailed entryway scene – complete with a custom bench ladder, flowers, wreath, and a delightful assortment of accessories that bring your miniature home to life. This class will spark your creativity and leave you with a finished scene ready to display as a stand alone in an included Plexi case or to add to a dollhouse. The finished size is approximately: 8.5"H x 4"W x 2D

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" Scale



F3 - Wicker Settee by Sue Ann Ketchum

Class Fee: \$77

Weave this white wicker settee in 1/2" scale and learn seat upholstery techniques. The finished size is approximately: 3"L x 2.5"H x 1-1/4D

Minimum Skill Level: Intermediate

1/2" Scale



REGISTERED WORKSHOPS FRIDAY



F4 – Kozy Escapes by Alison & Mike Thomas **Class Fee: \$85**

Come along to create your freedom to travel in a quarter scale retro teardrop trailer. Dream of California sunshine while assembling, painting and accessorizing our laser-cut MDF kit. Plan your miniature road trip while experimenting with paint colors, fabrics and tips on accessories. We'll be there to guide you "off grid" to complete your "Kozy Escape." The finished size is approximately: 2.75"L x 1.96"H x 1.18D

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1/4" Scale



F5 – Sculpting Pottery on a Mini Wheel by Lynette Barker **Class Fee: \$137**

Lynette will instruct you in the skills you need to sculpt clay on a mini potter's wheel, which will be supplied for you in class. You get to keep the wheel! And the tools! And some air-dry clay! This is a fun class in which you learn how to make 1:12 scale pots, vases, bowls, plates, platters, planters and so much more! Your style is your own, no strict rules to follow about shapes or size. You decide. Or you let the clay decide what it will be. Lynette will provide individual assistance to each student. No one is left behind! All students will go home with finished pieces that they will be proud of. This is a time to let your imagination go! You don't know what you can do until you try. Variations of style, form, type and color are encouraged.

Clay is a wonderful medium which lets you make amazing creations. The finished size is approximately: 3"L x 3"W x 1H

Minimum Skill Level: Advanced

1" Scale



F6 – Village Spice Set w/Rack by Kelly Trichter **Class Fee: \$167**

Join us to make a charming 1:12 scale vintage spice village set, complete with a small display rack. We'll cut, assemble, and paint tiny spice "houses" that look adorable in any dollhouse kitchen or miniature scene. The finished size is approximately: 1.5"L x 1/2"W x 1.5H

Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

1" Scale



THEME LUNCHES

Chairman – Janet Smith
Friday, July 24, Noon – 1:30PM



TLF1 – The Secret Heiress & the Gilded Age Legacy: The Enigma of Huguette Clark by Beth Nance \$137

Join Beth Nance, Executive Director of the NC Museum of Dolls, Toys & Miniatures, for a captivating look at Huguette Clark – an incredibly wealthy yet intensely private heiress whose life spanned the opulence of the gilded Age to the modern era. Though she inherited the grand Bellos Guardo estate in Santa Barbara, CA, Huguette chose not to live there preferring seclusion elsewhere that deepened the mystery surrounding her and her \$300 million fortune. Attendees will receive a set of flower children originally commissioned during the 1940's for Huguette by renowned doll-maker Edith Van Arps. Your 1" scale gift for joining Beth has been carefully reproduced by NC miniaturist Jan Sylsberry

TLF2 – My Life in Miniatures By Pete Acquisto \$192

Pete will discuss his life making miniatures for the last 47 years. A question-and-answer time will follow. After the talk everyone will receive a surprise silver miniature piece in 1" scale made by Pete especially for the luncheon.

TLF3 – Pottery, Kilns, & Glazes by Katie Vitullo \$132

Demystify clays and kilns with Katie! She'll share how she got into pottery, including some pitfalls and mayhem along the way. Each student will learn about different materials they can use to throw pottery, how to make free-form pieces, and be given useful techniques and tricks they can try at home, even if they don't have a kiln. For those who are interested in kilns, ceramics, and firing, this is a great introductory course. She'll cover the basics of working with airdry, oven-baked, and kiln-fired clay, plus glazes and temperatures. Each student will be given two finished, 1" scale souvenirs.

TLF4 – The Happiest Tea Party on Earth by Donna Jacques & "Micro" Michaels \$102

Welcome to an immersive world where a nonsensical tea party is already in progress. Join us for wildly silly conversations, joyful exchanges of absolutely MAD items, and the wackadoodle world of Alice and the Mad Hatter as they journey through time and their Convention costumed adventures. Your gift for joining Donna & "Micro" will be 1" scale.



THEME LUNCHES

Saturday, July 25, Noon – 1:30PM



TLS1 – Between the Seaside and the Prairie by Ruth & Dan Stewart and Mike & Alison Thomas \$207

Join this special collaboration between Ruth & Dan Stewart of Stewart Dollhouse Creations and Mike & Alison Thomas from Seaside Miniatures. Mike & Alison are English, living in France, and they will talk about their adventures fixing up their 400-year-old French cottage, and building a workshop while traveling and selling miniatures. Ruth & Dan will talk about living in the wilds of Montana and operating a mini business from the Winter lands. Together they'll discuss the friendships & community created around the shared interest in dollhouse miniatures. Your gift for joining us will be a special unique ¼" scale collaboration that they've created together for the luncheon.

TLS2 – Hippies and Miniaturists: We're Not that Different! by Dia Crissey-Baum \$162

Miniaturists. Hippies. We have more in common than you might think. Join me as we learn a little bit about Hippie communes and find that we're not that different from one another. After all, we believe in sharing; we often make something out of nothing; we are familiar with the scent of glue... Shoot, some of you probably were hippies! (Not judging!) I promise it'll be fun, and there won't be a test! Turn on, tune in, eat up! You will receive a special ¼" scale gift for joining Dia for the luncheon as well as a special gift created by Pat Hamilton.

TLS3 – “La Dolce Vita” with the Cousins by Kim Carlson & Ann McNeil, The Mini Cousins \$182

Join us for a charming luncheon as we sip, laugh and tell stories about our unforgettable trip to Italy this past summer! Hosted by cousins, Kim and Ann, this gathering celebrates friendship, family, travel and the joy of sun-drenched piazzas to late-night laughter over pasta and prosecco. Each guest will take home a signed ¼" scale limited edition Italian inspired piece made exclusively for sharing lunch with the cousins. You won't want to miss out on this amazing souvenir and lots of fun!

TLS4 – Tea Time at the Beach by Lynette Barker \$157

Join us for a delightful luncheon and become familiar with many techniques, tools and fun facts about working with pottery clay. You will get to see, very close up, some of the unique and elegant works by Lynette. Learn special tips about sculpting porcelain miniatures, decorating them, and firing them in a kiln. Get to know Lynette and all she puts into creating her marvelous miniatures. As a token of this special day, each guest will receive a 1" scale gift handmade by Lynette for this event.

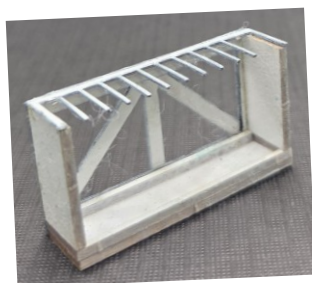


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1a NAME:
The Surfer's Shack
1/4" \$15



1b NAME:
Surfboard Rack
or 2 Deck Chairs
1/4" \$10



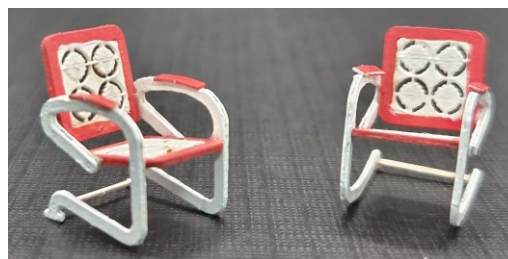
NAME:
1c: 1" Surfboard
(1) \$15 1d: 1/2"
Surfboards
(Set of 3) \$10
1e: 1/4"
Surfboards
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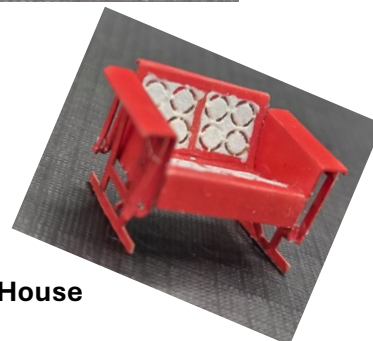
2 Ginger Anderson:
1/4 " Bar-B-Que Grill OR
Picnic Table \$5



3 Kim Carlson:
1" Tabletop
Terrarium \$15



Dia Crissey-Baum:
4a: 1/4 " Bunk House Bunk Bed or Bunk House
Table & 2 Chairs \$10
4b: 1/4 " Outdoor Furniture or 2 "Metal" Chairs \$10





Roundtables



Kari Crawford:

5a: 1" Picnic Basket w/wine bottle \$10

5a: 1/2" Picnic Basket w/wine bottle \$5

5a: 1/4" Picnic Basket w/wine bottle \$5

5b: 1" Americana Chest \$15

5b: 1/2" Americana Chest \$10

5b: 1/4" Americana Chest \$10



Bob Francis:

6a: 1/4" (2) Surfboard Chairs & Matching

Cocktail Table \$5

6b: 1/4" (2) Tiki Lounge Chairs & Matching Side

Table \$5

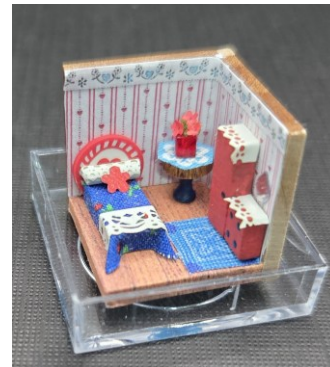


7 Donna Jacques:
1" Prospect Pete \$15



8 Joanne Kelsall:

1" Decorative Tray w/Books & Flowers \$10



9 Sue Ann Ketchum:
1/144" Bedroom Scene \$10



Alician Pearce:
10a: 1/4" Malibu Girl's Room
OR Furnishings \$15
10b: 1/4" Hippie Roombox
OR
Hippie Room Furnishings
\$15

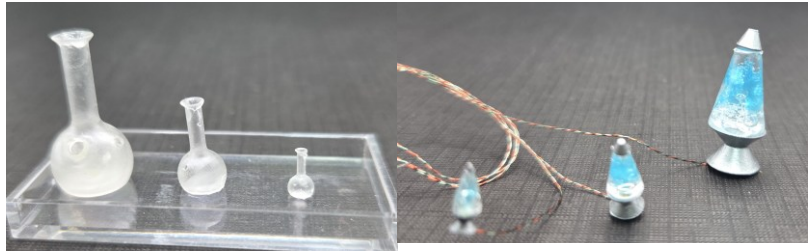




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12 Nancy Schmidt:
1" Four Drawer Cabinet \$10



Janet Smith:
13a: 1" Lava Lamp w/ LED Light \$15

13b: ½" OR ¼" Lava Lamp w/ LED light \$10

13c: 1", ½" OR ¼" Bong \$5



15 Terry Unnold:
1" Forget Me Nots \$10

Mike & Alison Thomas:

14a: 1", ½" OR

¼" Adirondack Chair & Stool \$5

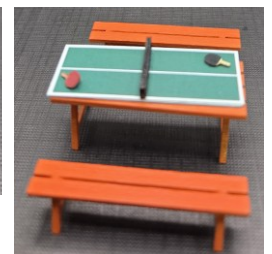
14b: ¼" Great British Beach Hut \$15



Amy White:

16a: 1" Seaside Centerpiece \$5

16b: 1" Agate Hightop Table & 2 Bar Stools \$15

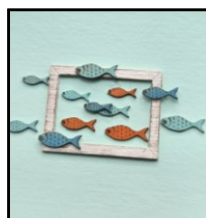


Debbie Young:

17a : ¼" Wave Day Bed \$10

17b: Surfboard Coffee Table \$5

**17c: Surfboard Bar & (2) Stools
OR Pink Pong Picnic Table
(& 2 Benches) \$5**



18 Jeff Packard:

¼" Fish Wall Art OR Fish Table \$5



Turn an inexpensive plastic tree into a miniature to be proud of.



From this



To This



Step 1: Use a hobby knife to scrape away the plastic seam lines (flash) along the trunk, then lightly sand the entire tree to remove the shiny factory finish.

Step 2: Brush on a mix of brown paint and baking soda or fine sand for an organic, gritty texture.

Step 3: Basecoat the trunk in a weathered grayish-brown and the fronds in muted olive greens. Brush on a thin, dark brown acrylic wash so it settles into the grooves to create instant depth and shadows.

Step 4: Lightly flick a nearly dry brush with light tan (for the trunk) and yellowish-green (for the fronds) across the raised edges to simulate bright sunlight catching the details.

Step 5: Glue tiny, crinkled strips of brown coffee filter or shredded twine just below the green canopy to mimic the drooping, dead fronds common on desert palms.

Step 6: Coat the entire tree with a flat matte sealer (like Testors Dullcote) to permanently kill the plastic shine and lock in your work.



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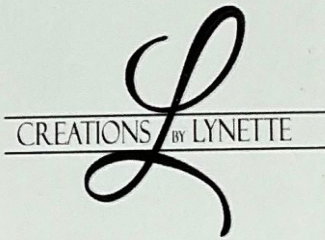




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