



First State Mini Club Newsletter---September 2016

September 2016 MEETING DATE is Thursday, September 15, at 7 PM
at the New Castle Senior Center, 400 South Street, New Castle DE 19720

Welcome back! Hope your summer was relaxing and that everyone is ready to gear up for makin' minis!

President's Message

Willingness to try new or different approaches describes FSMC this year. We're innovating with a choice of two yearly projects (or do them both if you'd like). Also, the show committee is working on the possibility of holding several classes the day before our show! Last year we tried president-of-the-month for our leadership and that worked fine for meetings, but there is behind the scenes work to be done so we're going back to co-presidents for 2016. Do know that the board appreciates everyone who volunteered to chair a meeting or two last year. You kept us going and now we're also willing to change back to where we will share duties. We know you'll chime in with ideas and help when you can. And we thank those who provided monthly projects and/or taught us new skills last year and are especially appreciative of those involved in bringing the room/courtyard-with-steps and tiny house projects to life.

Also, as the club that spearheaded the youth category for national NAME membership, it's appropriate to have a club youth member in 2016, for the first time in many years. Because of distance, she won't be attending meetings but will display her project at our show, which she loves. With our young newbie, we will be having five members who live in the E-1 Region – four in Maryland and one in Virginia! This M-1 club covers a lot of territory, so to speak -- in December, we'll also be in southeastern Pennsylvania, providing a Girl Scout event.

As part of our ongoing outreach, we'll be providing Christmas ornaments and decorated mini trees to benefit Delaware Hospice, and it will be fun to see the furniture being made this summer by club members who have been working on a Houseparty Helper -- a clown/circus theme child's bedroom -- for the 2017 NAME national Convention.

And we're a Blue Ribbon Club again! We're delighted that this summer Marnie King brought back a 2016 Blue Ribbon certificate and the ribbon from the NAME Convention in Seattle for the club's many instances of service to miniatures. Many of us are involved in multiple organizations yet find time to share with FSMC. "Only through sharing can we really enjoy our treasures."

Wanda Simons and Connie Gorman, Co-presidents

Hospitality for the year: Connie Gorman

- September—Lois Weyer, Diane Scheuer, Angie Phillips, Rose Gambacorta
- October—Connie Gorman, Marnie King, Wanda Simons
- November—Pat Deverell, Diane DeWalt, Marion Hogan, Joan Hoyt
- December—all bring, sign up
- January—Bonnie Kincaid, Susan Ross, Ruth Levin, Debbie Kostyk
- February—Grace Hayford, George Hoffman, Lucile Hoffman, Katheryn Mayberry
- March—Mary Ellen Raun, Leslie Shaffner, Kitch Sproat, Connie Gorman
- April—Lois Weyer, Rose Gambacorta, Diane Scheuer, Joan Hoyt
- May—all bring, sign up

CALENDAR of Mini Events coming up...ask around...there may be carpools going.
Also check M-1 and E-1 Newsletter, available at NAME website.

- **September 16-18, 2016** - NAME SmallScales Regional, "Gals, Gangsters & Gatsby" Greenville, SC
- November 4-6, **Philadelphia Miniaturia** at Cheery Hill Crowne Plaza.
- **Dec 3** -- FSMC provides a Girl Scout program in Kennett Square, repeating the draped table and Mothers' day cookies and flowers. Lois Weyer is getting scouts registered. Please come to help. Last time, about 5 years ago, it included a talk about scale, use of tools, make draped table from 2 fabrics/Styrofoam cup, Fimo cookies on plate, paper punched flowers. Ideas for this time is to make a rag basket with strips of colorful fabric over wire and maybe Fimo fruit. Ideas??
- **Dec 17...E-1 Holiday Party at Bullock's Restaurant in Westminster...we are invited if we register by Nov 1!**
- **March 26, 2017...FSMC Show**
- **March 23-26, 2017** – Houseparty in Sacramento, CA, "ABC's of Miniatures" A NAME Regional in 1" + 1/4"
- **July 27-30, 2017** – NAME National Convention in the Mid-Atlantic – "Come to the Circus!" Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA. Please plan to come. Marnie is on the committee in Operations starting July 22nd (Pre Convention). This is as close as National gets to Delaware!...120 miles away. See Marnie for more.
- **October 2017** – Scranton Houseparty, "Legends of Sleepy Hollow" see NAME website...ask Wanda, who is on the committee
- **Spring 2018** – Louisville, KY Regional Houseparty, "Jockeys and Juleps"
- **July 2018** – NAME National Convention, "Sweet Tea & Sunshine - a Southern Celebration" - Embassy Suites, Charleston SC
- **September 2018** – Honolulu, HI Houseparty, "My Hawaiian Souvenirs" ...**may be cancelled due to hotel costs and flights costs.**
- **November 15-18, 2018** – Online Houseparty, "Around the World in 8 Days"

2016-7 FSMC Monthly Programs---

September 15, 2016

- Return the circus furniture you made this summer to Bonnie Kincaid and Susan Ross.
- Receive your membership cards from Angie Phillips
- Pick up kits for our yearly project...Tiny House (from Rose Gambacorta in Marnie's absence) or Foyer (from Angie Phillips) . Plan openings for next month cuttings.

- Pick up a 3" clear ornament with 2" opening to decorate for the Delaware Hospice which needs to be returned at the October meeting---(sign up from Rose Gambacorta for Marnie). Hospice will sell off of a 3' tree on a table they provide). Also tiny doll house trees if any one has supplies available.
- A Sharing Discussion: How to make vines (bring leaf punches, green painted paper, Woodland Scenics web and foam...green wire for stems.).

October 20, 2016

- Return finished Ornaments or small decorated trees for Hospice to Marnie.
- Project: Learn how to cut gatorboard, use power saws (Diane Scheuer, Angie Phillips, Marnie King)
- Make a sample using Creative Paper Clay for walls, stone and brick flooring, steps, patios...Lois Weyer and Leslie Shaffner (who will have Rik Pierce's secrets and display)
- Show 'n Tell...bring any project that has paper clay for roofing material, flooring, stone, brick OR other methods to share
- Plan Girl Scout event for Dec 3

November 17, 2016

- Project: Granite and Marbleizing...Marnie will provide primed wood suitable for a table top/bench top or your tiny house counter and columns (from cake decorating)...will have the real stone to work from with blues, peaches, greens, grays and golds.... They will be primed in cream (for light granite and marble) and black (for Verde Antique or Nordic Ice, which looks like blue butterflies on black, or dark gray granite). Marnie will share Blulette Maloney's faux techniques.

December 15, 2016

- Party !
- Program...: piping white icing on cookies, cakes, gingerbread or for icicles. Cakes in all scales with circle and heart punches, foam sheets, nail art components...just wait! Your little people will party, too! Marnie will share Carl Bronsdon's techniques and ideas from the spring NJ Club Day.
- Show n Tell—bring desserts with piping in all scales

January, 2017

- Address post cards for show
- Program: TBA

February, 2017

- Totebag items for NAME 2017 in Arlington..."Come to the Circus". We have some circus posters based on the US stamps to frame with red flat toothpicks. We will cut and glue them to the card photos and bag them. We also will make canes with tiny monkeys on them...to hang at a vendors booth. If you have brown, tan, black or white pipe cleaners and 1/8" red ribbon for hats and bows to contribute, it would be appreciated! Marnie

We are accepting ideas for the rest of the year. Door prizes to make, help with the Houseparty Helper...

2017 Yearly Project and Show 'n' Tell

Foyer by Angie Phillips will be present for all to see...she shared it at our board meeting and it is fabulous....completely made from scratch. She made the patio from egg cartons, the black window grille from quilling and paint, carved both doors, and made the plant by painting

pine cones. Just wait to see it! The kit is 10" x 10" x 10" and can extend out from the basic box about 6" as needed (vines, flower boxes, flags, fountains...Go crazy)

Her door she scratch built; the window grill is quilling!



Tiny House prototypes are by Bonnie Kincaid and Diane Scheuer. The kit will include the floorboard in 1" scale, 18" long x 8" wide in the kit, with wheel wells cut. You may make it shorter but not wider than 8.5". Window boxes can be removable. The footprint of your 1" display should stay under 28" square (for our show table planning). The roof can be removed but make the whole solid scene under 10 ½" high (the permanent base). For our show, consider raising your roof with 4 skewers (in your kit). A side may be hinged open or removed for viewing and the allowed table space of 28" should permit this. Additional sections can pull out or fold down from your structure...check out RV and mobile homes! Ideas are listed at www.HGTV.com/TinyHouseBigLiving Diane, please bring back your wheels!

Other supplies....Tiny House and Foyer builders.....be ready for the free drawing at September meeting.. Lowest number drawn will pick first from many "kits" (all different).....supplies include banisters, windows, railings, shingles in 1" and ½" scale and mixed types (fish scale, hex, notched corners...) and more! Drawing continues 'til all is gone.

Bring any of your stuff to share too. Lois will have some free stuff and Dianealice will have wallpaper for \$.50 a sheet.

FSMC Outing to see a REAL Tiny House Wanda's ex-daughter-in-law's house

Joan Hoyt said:

The tiny house was very compact, but it had a lot of storage places. It was smaller than I imagined and it did not have a kitchen or bathroom. It probably could be towed with a large car or small truck, like a camper. It did open my eyes at the opportunities for multi-use components for my tiny house.

NAME update (letter to Presidents):

Our club has been awarded the Blue Ribbon Club for 6 years straight. (President sends in form every year). Clubs nationwide have remained about the same number. For 2015, NAME has received 114% income, spent 104% and had a profit of \$25,000. The Gazette will have the past 5 years put on line soon but only to members for the last 2 years. The tortoise and hare race earned over \$9,000, with about 187 bought for each category. No winners were from DE....too bad.

FACEBOOK

Deb Kostyk

Please send me pictures of our mini world to put on Facebook. Check out our page!

BIRTHDAYS for the fall:

August: Lois Weyer...Aug 31
September: Pat Deverell...Sept 10
 Wanda Simons....Sept 10
 Gale Euchner....Sept 28

Happy Birthday!!
Enjoy your special day!
And Many Mini more!

SUNSHINE

DianeAlice Scheuer

Just doesn't seem right calling this the 'sunshine' column this month.

On July 8th, Debbie Kostyk's brother, Russell Verticelli, lost his long battle with liver cancer. Our thoughts and sympathy are with you Debbie.

Then on August 9th, we read where Dolores Marie Richardson passed away in Florida. "Dory" was a past president of First State Mini Club 8/94 thru 5/96. Sympathies also to her daughter, Debbie Fink, also a past member of FSMC.

George Hoffman has had a challenging summer with "his ticker." We wish him and Lucile well!

And on the 'up'side: Angie Phillips husband, Ernie, is doing well after spending five days in the hospital suffering with a bacterial infection.

OUTREACH

Marnie King

Iron Hill Museum The museum has its new building up and running. Plans will develop the old museum building, for the anthropology of the area after it is restored. There will be about 6 miniature scenes depicting the eras, downsizing, repairing and creating them for portability and use in classrooms as well as at the museum. They have several Native American scenes, a black smith shop, and PaleoIndians attacking a mastodon...all needing refurbishment. Still to be made are a smelting building, Revolutionary camp cooking fire, and children playing on 20s-50s playground (swing, teeter-totter, marbles...). Anyone want to help with the minis? Great way to have miniatures seen! See Marnie.

New Sweden Centre held "SpringFest," with Kalmar Nyckel Foundation and other Swedish groups, April 17, 2017 on a glorious sunny warm Sunday. We will repeat this, hoping to expand it on April 30, 2017. Events and vendors blended history and hands-on activities, tours of the Kalmar Nyckel ship and new museum, food, and our group! We will have a free FSMC table while seeing other groups from historical cites...If you would like to know about our tri-state area's history, please come to it and even help at our table. Thank you to Bonnie Kincaid, George and Lucile Hoffman. And Wanda Simons, helping in previous years.

Girl Scouts See under Calendar for Dec 3 event. From a draped table of previous years, we might consider adding a rag basket and fruit instead of cookies.

Directions for a 1" rag basket. You take quilting cotton scraps in coordinated colors in patterns, one light tone, one medium and one dark, each about 3/4" x 4 to 5". You need about 10" of wire, about 28 gauge. You put tacky on the first 2" of a fabric strip (light or medium tone) and wrap the fabric diagonally over the wire. Some glue will seep through and you want that. Add glue to remaining strip and finish wrapping with only about a 1/4" overlap; repeat with the light fabric and then remaining fabric strip. Don't let it dry until you finish this basket. Find a form such as a lipstick tube or a medicine bottle for a bigger fruit basket. Cover form with foil, with bottom smoothly covered. Start making a tight coil with the covered wire to be the bottom of the basket. Force it into a coil and when it is the size of the bottom of the form, start wrapping evenly up the side of the container, about 3/4" or so. Don't leave any gaps. When you have about 3/4" up the side of the form, stop at the final 2" end. This will be turned to make the handle, which you will slip inside of the basket soon. You slide the basket off the form and force the layers to stick together. You can use the foil to help hold the layers together while it dries. Add glue if necessary between layers and hold it so the layers stay together. Get the handle inside and glue. Remove foil carefully. Voila! Great Colonial accessory in a mini kitchen for flowers, by an easy chair filled with balls of yarn, mail, fruit, toys...

Circus Bedroom for NAME 2017...chaired by Bonnie and Susan...Kits to make furniture need to be made and returned ASAP. Please look for toys or other circus items for a child's room, 1" scale. Since the committee is from Westminster MD for the Alexandria convention, we want to contribute. Here is Lois Weyer's muscleman clothes rack and elephant table!



Dear Clubs & individuals,

Philadelphia Miniaturia is hosting a special exhibit which is sponsored by Philadelphia Miniaturia and Miniature Collector magazine. Together we cordially invite individuals and clubs to exhibit their room boxes, covered vignettes and dollhouses at the annual Philadelphia Miniaturia Show and Sale. Each exhibitor will receive one complimentary admission to Philadelphia Miniaturia for either Saturday or Sunday.

Show attendees will select winners via People's Choice ballots in two categories: group exhibit as well as individual exhibit. The winning exhibitors will receive ribbons from Miniature Collector magazine. Please bring your display to Crystal Ballroom 2 & 3, on the first floor, directly opposite the main Ballroom, on Friday night, **November 4th** between 4:00 and 7:00 PM. This is the only time your exhibit will be accepted, since the exhibit will open on Saturday morning. If your display is electrified, please bring your own transformer and extension cords. Please bring a box to be used as a riser for your display and fabric to cover the box.

You will need to pick up your exhibit on Sunday between 3 and 4 PM. Please register at this link http://www.philadelphiaminiaturia.com/special_exhibit_form.html

Thank you, Ron Smith Exhibit Coordinator

Attention FSMC---We have done this in the past and I will be glad to do set up Friday and coordinate Sunday pick up. How about we enter our Exhibit NAME Day Windows from last year? Let me know and we could start collecting them at the October meeting. Exhibit other things too. Marnie

FSMC Show 2017---

For the first time, we will be having classes! We have reserved the Charleston Room for 9 to 5 on Saturday for 2 classes or half-day classes.

We are **considering** the following. Nothing is confirmed so keep it **in the club!**

- 1) Sue Ann Ketchum of MD has a day class for \$130 that is making the food to place on a 1" bakers rack (Fimo breads, cakes, cookies). She has designed and had laser cut a beautiful black baker's rack. Great techniques and good evaluation this class at Indy summer of 2015.
- 2) Sue Ann Thwaite has a pond scene using a geode for a half day class. Prices TBA.

If you want to suggest a teacher/class, contact Lois ASAP.

Set up for the show

We also will have to pay the hotel an additional \$500 to guarantee to get into the Ballroom on Saturday Night. The board feels that we should pay this to keep set up less crazy. We will increase the table rent \$5/table and have firm admission at both doors to assure income to cover the above expenses and that the rental of rooms from the hotel have increased.....

Officers of FSMC:	*=Voting Board Positions	
*Presidents	Wanda Simons and Connie Gorman	Publicity: Wanda Simons (mini mags); Marnie King (M-1 /E-1 clubs NAME and Newsletters); Lois Weyer (News Journal, regional posts); Deb Kostyk (Town talk, etc)
*Past President	Wanda Simons/Connie Gorman	*Hospitality: Rose Gambacorta and Connie Gorman; Angie Phillips beverages
*VP/Membership (2017)	Angie Phillips	*Program Coordinator: _____
*Secretary (2017):	Marnie King	Program (Yearly) Marnie and Angie
*Treasurer (2016):	Lois Weyer	Program (Monthly): _____ (Board)
*Show Chair:	Lois Weyer	Webmaster: (we have a contract with her for Webmaster but she is not a member) Deb Mackie
Show Hotel Liaison:	Lois Weyer	*Newsletter: Marnie King
Show Dealers and Classes	Lois Weyer	*Outreach: Marnie King
Show Exhibits:	Marnie King	Nametags: Connie Gorman
Show Club Table; *Estate/sales:	Diane Scheuer	Sunshine: Diane Scheuer
Show Grab Bags:	Rose Gambacorta & Connie Gorman	Club Property Storage: Connie Gorman
NAME DE State Rep	Marnie King	Phone List: Marnie King

See you at the meeting! Send me photos and information to share in this newsletter! Marnie