



**First State Mini Club Newsletter**

**November 15, 2018; Meeting is Thursday at 7-9 PM**

**New Castle Senior Center, 400 South Street, New Castle DE 19720**

**President's Message**

Angie Phillips and Marnie King, co-presidents

Hello, Everyone,

I hope you all had a fun and entertaining Hallowe'en. It's not a big holiday for me, since I don't get any trick or treaters on my deadend country road, you know, the road that goes to the cemetery?

For our coming meeting, we will be working on our book boxes again. We cut out the windows last month and soon, we will be working on making the bay window to fit in the openings, so don't forget to bring your books with you. Marnie will demonstrate ways to cover the outside of the book to look like stone using the pebbly grey cardboard from egg cartons.

How is everyone coming on your Tea Party project? You will need at least two participants or it's not a party, right? They can be people or dolls and toys or animals or all of them together. Remember, all you overachievers, that we have requested that you only submit one entry at our show in April.

We are still looking for ideas for the Houseparty Helper, "A Little Bit Country, Shabby or Chic." We also need to start thinking of ideas for next year's project so we can all buy items at our own show. We want prototypes or pictures for discussion in February.

The NAME October Clubhouse newsletter had some very interesting ideas for getting young people interested in miniatures. I have been thinking for some time that we might look into making a connection with students at U of Delaware, since it is so close by. We have Lois to connect us to the Girl Scouts. We should try to attract young people who are less dependent on their parents and more capable of joining and fully participating in our club. Maybe we should talk to the art instructors and possibly invite them to one of our meetings. What do you think?

Anyway, see you at the meeting on the 15th. If not, have a good Thanksgiving, everyone.

Angie,  
Co- president with Marnie

**BIRTHDAYS** : Happy Birthday!! Enjoy your special day! And may you have Mini more!

Diana DeWalt Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

Rose Gambacorta Dec 17

**HOSPITALITY** Bring your own drink/cup/bottle! Connie

**November**--- (If you cannot attend, please let Connie know)

- Nov. --Pat Deverall, Diana DeWalt, Marion Hogan
- Dec. --Everyone brings refreshments for Christmas Party and drinks. Watch for a sign up!
- Jan. --Susan Ross, Bonnie Kincaid, Sandra Graper and Grace Hayford
- Feb. --Connie Gorman, Karen Kaminski, Mary Ellen Raun and Leslie Shaffner
- Mar. --Lois Weyer, Wanda Simons, Marnie King and Joan Hoyt
- Apr. --Angie Phillips, Ruth Levin, Bonnie Kincaid and Susan Ross
- May--Everyone brings refreshments and drinks

**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 (miniatures.org).

- **October 3-Jan 30—Mini Misfits of Damascus Club Exhibit**, Wed and Sat 12-4...Damascus MD History Society Museum, 9701 Main St, Damascus MD.
- **March 31, 2019, FSMC Show—Sunday, 10-4** at the **Crowne Plaza in Claymont. A CHANGE in location with much reduced fees.**
- **April 13, 2019, Mini Yard Sale** in Westminster MD, 23 N. Court St, Westminster MD, 10-3. To sell, register in January up to April 5...with Sue Ketchum.
- **May 15-19 is NAME Online Houseparty, "Around the World in 8 Days"...**register opens January 4. \$62 registration (and NEW: \$30 registration option without souvenirs)
- **May 19, 2019, Sunday, 10-3:30 Lancaster Farm and Heritage Center Mini Show**, 1383 Arcadia Rd, Lancaster PA 17601
- **July 18-21, 2019 NAME Convention: Nashville TN "A Little Bit of Country—Shabby or Chic."** Operations includes Marnie...Who is going?
- **Aug 11, 2019 Lehigh Valley Mini Club Show**, 10-4, Holiday Inn, Exit 49A off I-78 onto Rt. 100 South. 773 Adrienne Dr, Breinigsville PA 18031. Info: Jo Roseberry 570-213-3016 or [jolen@ptd.net](mailto:jolen@ptd.net)
- **September 26-29, 2019 NAME Small scale Regional in Pittsburgh, "All around the Neighborhood,"** chair is Ann Pennypacker, Operations chair is Marnie. Souvenirs are great!
- **July 23-26, 2020 NAME Convention: Indianapolis, IN...**theme to be announced

**Program for November**...bring back your book box! Didn't get one Marnie has more and will bring. We will have egg cartons to teach how to make stone or brick. We can cut and glue at the meeting and paint at home. I recommend this technique for the foundation of the façade. If you use it for floors, it can be damaged when you remove waxed-down furniture. There will be a demo of dry brushing and samples.

Bring sharp paper scissors, medium to large size!

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**\*\* SUNSHINE\*\*** Only good news to impart: **Diane Scheuer**

Hope you enjoyed seeing our surprise 'guest'. Rose enjoyed her short visit and promised she might be coming again.

## Outreach

### Scout program near Landenberg.....Lois Weyer

Eighty girls in grades K-3 earned the "Miniaturist" Brownie badge on Saturday, October 27. This badge was developed by the FSMC and is sold by the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council. The October workshop was part of an annual Brownie badge-earning event that involves 200-300 participants from troops as far away as Philadelphia. The stations are run by older girl scouts. In our case, Marisol Herrera, Monse Lopez, and Katy Morales, led by Lois Weyer, helped the younger girls construct a camp scene with a fire, bedroll, log, and woodland greenery. One little girl was overheard saying that it was the best activity of the day. The participants also looked through mini magazines, examined some roombox displays, and went home with one of our postcards.



Philadelphia Miniaturia...last week, our club exhibits were by Grace Hayford, Bonnie Kincaid, Marnie King, Diane Scheuer and Wanda Simons... Here are photos of Another World's (NJ Club) exhibit, "Travel the World." Here is Rosemarie Mullineaux who created the Titanic travel theme. There were about 8 and all were well done.



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Houseparty Helper for Nashville (July 2019) ..... Wanda Simons chairing Cttee: Connie Gorman, Grace Hayford, Bonnie Kincaid, Marnie King, Angie Phillips

With the convention theme of "A Little Bit Country: Shabby or Chic," the club did express a preference for the Shabby side of the theme at the October meeting. Angie asks, "What about a way to include both shabby and chic as a pair of booths at a consignment shop? Everyone would be able to contribute something."

Please look at your stashes and determine what you might be able to donate to the project and let Wanda know, either generally or specifically, before the November 15 club meeting. Thanks!!

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Trees and Ornaments for the DE Hospice.....Marnie King

We have a donation of many tiny trees and ornaments. This is outstanding! Thank you all for this help. They go to the event right before our meeting. I have obtained 20 more ornaments that fit together in halves for next year so we will continue this project so this means that we are still on the hunt for tiny items for our annual contribution. Michaels did not have the holiday buttons that worked so well so if you see any out there, grab 'em for next year! The Hospice volunteer group looks forward to our donation and I have seen the glee with which buyers choose their item from our table. Thank you for your help, Susan Ross, Christmas Tree Decorator Extraordinaire!

No time to put in photos! Will do next month for Christmas!

Happy Miniaturing!