



**First State Mini Club Newsletter**

**December 20, 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,

Back after a 10-day Danube River Cruise, I am getting the newsletter together eine bischen späte (a little late). Beautiful Christkindlmarkts were everywhere and full of lovely wooden ornaments, Bretzels (we know them as pretzels), Lebkuchen (gingerbread cookies) and more. Our club would recognize fellow travelers: Debbie Young, Jeff Packard, Dan and Ruth Stewart and organizer of the miniature cruise, Molly Cromwell. This will be her last Danube cruise, with the Rhine next year being her very last tour abroad. At 80, she will be retiring soon. At 8am in Delaware, it would be 2pm in Germany...now I'm waking up at odd hours.

Back to DE and local minis... We are still looking for ideas for the Houseparty Helper, "A Little Bit Country, Shabby or Chic." See Wanda at our meeting.

For next year's project, we want prototypes or pictures for discussion in February, so we can all buy items at our own show. Time to get thinking or dreaming!

See you at the meeting on the 20th. Have a good Holiday season everyone.

Marnie, Co- president with Angie

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday!! Enjoy your special day! And may you have Mini more!  
Rose Gambacorta Dec 17

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

Dec. --**Everyone brings refreshments for Christmas Party and our own drinks. We need a variety of little sandwiches, cookies, cake, etc.**

- 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







**Outreach**

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

We made a donation of many tiny trees and ornaments, 27 trees and 24 ornaments. This is outstanding! Thank you all for this help. 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 for tiny scenes, 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 items from our table. Thank you for your amazing help, Susan Ross, Christmas Tree Decorator Extraordinaire!



**Winterthur...A finished table with fallen petals**

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

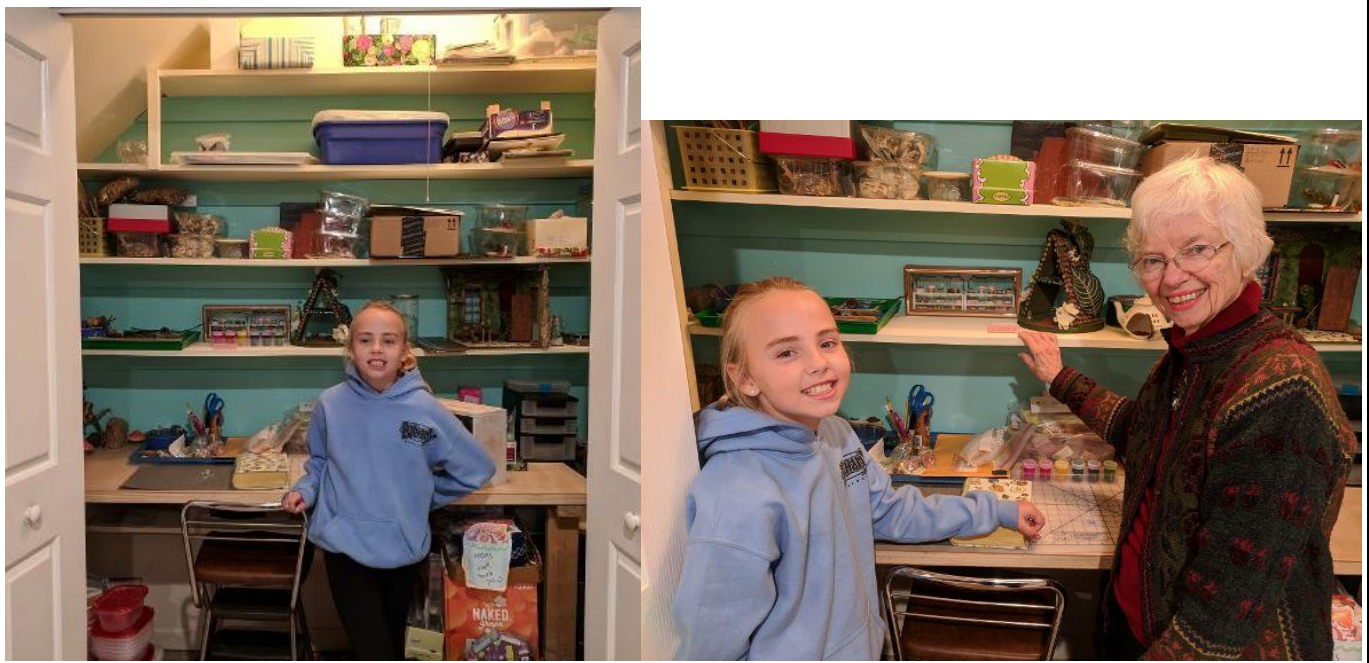
With the convention theme of "A Little Bit Country: Shabby or Chic," the club did express a preference for the Shabby side of the theme at the October meeting. Angie asks, "What about a way to include both shabby and chic as a pair of booths at a consignment shop? Everyone would be able to contribute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

Members who have ideas and items to contribute to the project, A Little Bit Country, should be sure to touch base at the December meeting with Wanda, who is chairing the project. And bring 2019 calendars so we can get together in the new year.

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, ASAP. Thanks!!

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FSMC's youngest member, Claire, shows off her special closet workspace to Wanda, her Grammie. The shelves also display her work and pieces given her including the door prize she received at NAME's 2017 national convention.



Happy Miniaturing!