



First State Mini Club NAME C-150

First State Mini Club Newsletter October 2021

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

PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

Hello Miniaturists!

I apologize for getting the newsletter out several days behind schedule. Ernie and I went to Pittsburgh for a Steelers game, (his idea of Heaven), and we were away all weekend.

It was so good to be back in the Senior Center and get to see all of you again, even if we saw each other at the show in August. We had a better chance to talk and take care of some club business. Everyone got a chance to select some Christmas goodies to work on, and some cigar boxes that Jane brought for whatever they inspire us to use them for.

For those new members who don't already know, we have always donated mini decorations to be sold to raise funds for the Hospice. The in-person bazaar was cancelled last year due to Covid 19 but is back this year:

*** DELAWARE HOSPICE IS PLANNING AGAIN FOR A GALA FESTIVAL OF TREES

FSMC will participate in the festivities by donating items for sale in the Festival's gift shop. Thanks to a donation from new member Caroline Schwartz, at our last meeting, we offered clear plastic tree ornaments for club members to decorate. Mini trees suitable for dollhouses can be decorated, too. Any members with scale miniature trees or decorations to donate from their stash (any scale) are encouraged to bring finished items to the October club meeting.

As of August 18, plans for this year's Festival of Trees are for an event, November 19-21, at Brantwyn, on the grounds of the DuPont Country Club. The venue at 600 Rockland Road is a former DuPont family home currently used as a wedding venue/party space/banquet hall. F.O.T's 2019 event was held at Brantwyn where our ornaments were displayed on a small tree, and our decorated mini trees were also sold there.

There currently are no restrictions on the number of people attending, mask wearing, vaccination status, etc. If Covid resurgence becomes a problem, Hospice's backup plan is to "go virtual," as they did for 2020; it included a gift shop that raised funds for their programs.

Official setup will be Wed., November 17, noon - 7 and Thurs., November 18, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. However, club members' donations will be taken and set up by a team to be announced at our October meeting. If you cannot finish your ornament(s)/tree(s) by our October 21st in-person meeting, then please make arrangements to get them to the set-up team by their announced deadline. In the past, our donations have been tagged alike with the club logo on them.

The sponsoring group's online description says it is "...the leading licensed nonprofit community-based healthcare organization serving Delaware and Pennsylvania's Chester and Delaware counties." In

addition to services in patient's homes, DE Hospice also has a warm, home-like physical facility in Milford for those who need it. ***

I have been working on my Christmas domes and ornaments for the Delaware Hospice's Festival of Trees. I have several ready to bring in to our next meeting and I hope everyone else will have a contribution as well.

Those of us with email were made aware that Joan's email got hacked a couple of weeks ago. So please, be alert to any suspicious emails coming from any source.

Co-president Angie Phillips

•••

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE MEETING:

We are overdue for Board elections and although we began a discussion about voting, we didn't have enough of our new members present so we will be bringing up the issue again at our October meeting. We will be taking nominations and asking for volunteers.

Jane has volunteered to be our program chairperson and asks for contributions from the membership for activities to work on during our meetings. We are also looking into getting a tv that we can use to watch how-to videos, YouTube, etc. during our meetings. I understand that Bonnie is going to give us a Make and Take demonstration.

Joan will hand out copies of the previous meeting minutes to everyone at the October meeting, so we have not included them in this newsletter.

•••

SUNSHINE

I understand that Marnie is in Christiana Hospital. Joan has visited her and says of the Covid precautions that "The one person a day is a COVID restriction. You have to show your proof of vaccine and your driver's license, of course this is after a temp screening. Then the print out a visitor pass with your driver's license picture on it."

•••

BIRTHDAYS for October:

Happy Birthday to Jane Bailey and Lois Weyer.

•••

OUR PROJECTS

Wanda has been restoring a lighthouse built by Grace to donate to the Senior Center for their Annual Bazaar. Natalie Kaplan at the Senior Center said that the bazaar is scheduled for the third Saturday in October, which is October 16th, this weekend. There is to be a Tomboli table (never heard of such a thing-- looked it up and Merriam-Webster definition of singular word tombola is a special kind of raffle; most definitions are geographical).



Jane has a project to share with us:

"I'm calling it my "She Shed" to get past the censors, but it's really my "Diva Den". Most of these items were purchased at our August show. The lip sofa, nightie, stockings, mules, bra & thong and dress form are from show dealers. It was fun asking them if they had anything raunchy or risqué, and, of course, some did!

The case is from the yard sale. It has plexiglass on the 2 front walls and a lid. Photos shown are without and with these.

The dressing screen I made from three oblong wood pieces, painted, decorated and taped together for flexibility. The cat bed, black boa and leopard piece are cut from Dollar Store scrunchies. The white "shag" rug is a Dollar Store car Chamois cut in half.

Oops! Did I say finished?? I'm still searching for a non-working chandelier to purchase or perhaps make. YouTube, please help!!"



Wanda sent out an email with pictures of our new soon-to-be-member Deborah Kay's exhibit at the Newark Library:



“WOW!! Saw your display today as I took a book back to the library and must say it's very creative, spooky, and fun. I can only imagine how much fun you had planning it and executing it! Somehow you got a lot of rocks and gravel in there with your "heavy machinery," and I venture to guess that it's a first-time kind of display in those showcases.”

Wanda

Wanda also sends us some pictures of a bathroom she had created previously, just to inspire us in our new bathroom project; and she has offered to do a demonstration of fabric draping if we are interested. I say “Yes!”, because this is just gorgeous.



I have also been working most of the summer and into the fall making miniatures as gifts for my family. I displayed "Dorothy's Living Room" at the show, destined for my Wizard of Oz fan. There's a pinball machine customized for my nephew, something "dainty and pink" for one niece and a bookcase full of my other niece's



favorite authors. The Marie Antoinette doll started out as a Hallmark Christmas ornament of Cinderella who just happened to be the exact right size to fit

the piano, which is not to any standard scale that I could figure out.

Yet to come is a Murphy bed for the nephew who wants to build a full sized one for his apartment. I can't think what to make for a computer-oriented nephew. Any suggestions?

Angie



BUY/SELL/SWAP/GIVEAWAY

Anyone who has supplies, kits or projects to get rid of or is looking for something, contact

Lois, 610-368-4038, lweyer2@verizon.net

Angie, 707 290-2786, aephllps@atlanticbb.net

or Joan, 302-379-1094, joanhoyt@verizon.net

before the 10th of each month to get it put in the newsletter. Include your email and phone number with a picture or description.

Angie has some maple veneer and vinyl flooring left over from a house project and can cut it to 3-4 page size sheets if wanted.

Thanks everyone,

Angie

Remember: "Only Through Sharing Can We Really Enjoy Our Treasures"

Happy Miniaturing!