



First State Mini Club Newsletter November 2021

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

PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

Hello Miniaturists!

Here is the latest from Wanda on Marnie:

"While we will miss her at our club meetings, Marnie has a large, airy apartment at Foulk Manor North, and now has familiar furniture from home and a number of pictures and artwork to be hung recently, so she is definitely getting settled into her assisted living space. Of course, after having a very independent life, it is quite a change for her. She speaks softly, but pretty fluently. She told me that she does not do email or use a computer, but she has joined an email conversation at least once.

I visited her on Oct. 26 and she hopes that others of you will want to go, too. Her sister is coming again in early November so she may be booked up then. The inflexible rule is that you must call the front desk 12 to 24 hours prior to a proposed visit to request a time, tell Marnie via her cellphone, and expect to wear the blue disposable face mask the receptionist will issue. One or two people can visit at a time for about an hour. She really would love to see you.

We talked about many things, including our amazing new members and how NAME leadership and programming has changed over the years and especially due to Covid."

To drop her a note,

Her address is: Marilyn "Marnie" King
Foulk Manor North, Apt. 1108
1212 Foulk Road, Wilmington, DE 19803
Her cellphone: 302-438-2967

Lois took this photo of our globes and domes during the October meeting before Wanda took them for delivery. We are so talented!!

Co-president Angie Phillips



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAME 50TH ANNIVERSARY PINS:



NAME is celebrating its Golden Anniversary with a special pin. Lois says the club can pay for them, so anyone who wants one should tell her either by phone or email or at the club meeting on the 18th. Deadline for orders is the 20th so please be prompt with your order. In addition, the pins will be available at the Portland House Party and the Convention in Indianapolis, but let's not wait. Order them through the club by the 20th.

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2021 FSMC Questionnaire Results Tabulated by Joan Hoyt 11/5/21

½ - 1/144" – 11

Several – 4

Blank – 1

Forms received: 15 signed, 3 unsigned = 18 total

How long have you been a member?

Less than a year – 4

2-10 years – 8

10-20 years - *

Less than 20 years – 5

Why did you join?

To learn more – 9

To get back into minis – 5

For friendship and to share with other mini people – 3

Is membership in the club what you expect?

Yes – 10

No – 2

Blank – 4

I do not come – 1

Not sure – 2

Why?

I want more, I want more make and take, I want more demos, I want to be more involved in charity projects.

If new, would you like a buddy?

Yes – 7

No – 2

Blank or NA – 10

What is your skill level?

Beginner – 12

Intermediate – 11

Advanced – 4

What is your preferred scale?

1" – 12

Are you willing to try other scales?

Yes – 10

No – 5

Blank – 3

Any reasons for "No"?

Eyesight and hand dexterity

What skills would you like to brush-up on?

Blank – 7

Everything – 1

Woodwork – 1

Electrical – 2

Not sure – 1

All things – 3

Clay – 2

Glues and their different uses – 1

Detail paint – 1

Hand crafting – 1

Wallpapering – 1

What project are you most proud of?

All – 1

Blank – 5

NA – 1

Hygiene before indoor plumbing

Renovation of Fantasy Island house

Copy of an historical brick hotel

A dollhouse for a daughter from an empty shell

WWII Cotswold house
Mary Tylor Moore apartment from scratch
German Christmas Market from scratch
1920's English Castle
1950's house renovation from a shell
Trash Talk Tea Party
Built a dollhouse from scratch

Not sure – 3

Doing a bathroom project?

Yes – 10

No – 2

Not sure – 7

Do you want a Holiday Party?

Yes – 12

No – 4

Gifts?

Yes – 8

No – 5

Food?

Yes – 12

No – 1

Blank – 4

Depends on weather and Covid

How about Catered?

Ideas to grow membership:

Share with assisted living groups

Start a group downstate, a satellite group

Talk to NAME re people in national but not local

Expand social media presence

Advertise at shows for local club

Try to attract older kids

Reconnect with former members, maybe meet during a day group

Put notices on bulletin boards at craft stores like Joanne's

Are you willing to hold office or an appointed position?

Yes – 7

No – 3

Blank – 2

Not now - 4

Not available for long term position

Maybe - 4

Cannot hold a position but would love to help

Enrichment Extras

Field trips – 8

Outside teachers – 5

Purchased kits – 8

Saturday workshops – 5

Service projects – 4

A handbook with club history – 1

Member bios – 1

All the above – 3

Blank – 3

Ideas: work with groups to discuss how

therapeutic it is to work with minis

How minis are a "safe" environment for many, especially kids

Display minis in senior living establishments

Work with Habitat For Humanity to provide dollhouses for families with kids

Skills you can share

Blank – 7

NA – 3

Clay – 1

Baskets – 2

Electric & light strips – 1

Glass bowls – 1

Inlaid floors – 1

Any easy project – 1

Rugmaking – 1

Connect more with NAME

Yes – 3

No – 4

NA/blank – 3

Plan to exhibit?

Yes – 12

No – 4

As a sidebar to our questionnaire results, Joan has compiled a list of skills people have offered to share:

clay	Caroline Schwartz
baskets	Angela Hunt
electric & light strips	Joan Hoyt
glass bowls	Joanne Conway can do it via Zoom
inlaid floors	Angie Phillips
any easy project	DianeAlice Scheuer, Jane Bailey

An extra treat for the November meeting: For your mini holiday gift-giving, there will be a quick gift wrapping and bow-making demonstration with silk ribbon and wired (both edges) ribbon, as well as kits and instructions for making them, to do in New Castle or at home. If you have special ways of making in-scale bows, do bring examples and share ideas or materials, too.

While questionnaire answers received after November 1 aren't in the original tabulations, the program committee welcomes further thoughts about monthly programs, the holiday party and other suggestions. Please bring them in writing to the meeting and leave with Jane or Wanda.

Philadelphia Miniaturia proved to be a great place for meeting people. This year, Deborah Contravo, our newest member, and Wanda finally met in person. Let's all welcome her at the November meeting!

Also, Roy Moore, president of NAME, our national organization, was staffing the NAME table, so Wanda could relay information to him about Marnie's new address and condition (pretty good right now, she is planning to visit her family in St. Louis for Thanksgiving!!). Wanda verified that she can fill the NAME Delaware State Rep position that Marnie has held for some years. NAME is very appreciative of her service in Delaware as well as for many national and regional events.

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BIRTHDAYS for November:

Happy Birthday to Diane DeWalt and Gabrielle Marlow.

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SUNSHINE

The husband of Alice DeVore (Fingertip Fantasies), Bill, has had a stroke and is also in need of our prayers. Many thanks.

DianeAlice Scheuer, Sunshine Chair

In addition, I need to point out that Joan Hoyt has been undergoing medical procedures on her back even as she has been tallying the results of our questionnaires and helping our new Program Chair, Jane Bailey, get up to speed with her new job. She deserves a round of applause.

Angie Phillips

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AGENDA

- A. Survey responses discussion
- B. Angie - Presentation of her handmade bathroom items
- C. Wanda - Gift wrapping demonstration
- D. December Holiday Party planning
- E. Finalize our 50th Anniversary Pin order. Lois will not be at the meeting so everyone who has not contacted her already tell Angie if you want one.

OUR PROJECTS

I am still working on my nephew's Christmas gift but since it uses the cigar boxes that Jane provided, I wanted to show her what I have got so far. He is building a murphy bed for his apartment so I am putting one inside this cigar box. He will wonder why I am sending him cigars since he doesn't smoke, but when he opens it up the bed unit will be attached to the lid and rise with it. After he sets up the flooring in its place, he will lower the bed to find his sister's favorite photo of their dad at Disneyland with Baloo the Bear from *The Jungle Book*. I am not yet satisfied with the legs that fold down on the end of the bed, they are a work still in progress. I just wanted to get these photos in the newsletter, since there is only one other photo in this issue.

Angie



BUY/SELL/SWAP/GIVEAWAY

DON'T FORGET: Anyone who has supplies, kits or projects to get rid of or is looking for something, please 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.

Thanks everyone,

Angie

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

Happy Miniaturing!