



First State Mini Club Newsletter February 2021

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PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

Hello Miniaturists!

I keep looking for new websites for us to explore and have used up everything I am familiar with. I Googled dollhouse museums and came up with a useful website calling itself The Ultimate List of Miniature Exhibits & Museums:

<https://toy.photography/2019/02/27/the-ultimate-list-of-miniature-exhibits-museums-50-u-s-locations/>

It has a number of good websites, (80+), more than I wanted to explore while writing this newsletter but I found a couple with good videos that I will present in this issue.

First is the Great American Dollhouse Museum in Danville, Kentucky. Watch the four minute welcome video and then explore the website; it has several other videos to see.

<http://thedollhousemuseum.com>



Was it last year that Marnie had talked about the forensic science roomboxes on display in Baltimore? For those of us who missed the chance to see them in person, we can look at some of them on their website:

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/the-nutshell-studies-of-unexplained-death-baltimore-maryland>



Now how could I not post this photo?

Wanda posted a link for a Facebook Livestream Event about the tiniest book ever printed, and you can still watch by clicking on this link:

<https://fb.me/e/3eXJbqkXP>

I copied the following description from Wikipedia:

"Teeny Ted from Turnip Town" (2007), published by Robert Chaplin, is certified by *Guinness World Records* as the world's smallest reproduction of a printed book. The book was produced in the Nano Imaging Laboratory in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, with the assistance of SFU scientists Li Yang and Karen Kavanagh.

The book's size is 0.07 mm x 0.10 mm. The letters are carved into 30 microtablets on a polished piece of single crystalline silicon, using a focused-gallium-ion beam with a minimum diameter of 7 nanometers (this was compared to the head of a pin at 2 mm across). The book has its own ISBN, 978-1-894897-17-4.

The story was written by Malcolm Douglas Chaplin and is "a fable about Teeny Ted's victory in the turnip contest at the annual county fair."

The book has been published in a limited edition of 100 copies by the laboratory and requires a scanning electron microscope to read the text. However, here's a link to a good article about it:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2757725/The-world-s-smallest-book-produced-15-000-fits-width-human-HAIR.html>

Co-president Angie Phillips



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here is the link for our scheduled Zoom meeting for February.

Topic: First State Mini Club-Lois Weyer 7-9 pm

Time: February 18, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94562080057?pwd=Z3R4RDMvRkRjOHElVGU5cFNvUnpTdz09>

Meeting ID: 945 6208 0057

Passcode: 576051

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Lois Weyer, Zoom Coordinator



JANUARY ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

7-9 pm, January 21, 2021

Attending members: Co-Presidents Angie Phillips and Marnie King; Past President Wanda Simons; Treasurer Lois Weyer; Secretary Joan Hoyt; Heather Stirk and Sandra Graper.

Catching up:

Wanda, Angie and Joan have not been working on miniatures lately.

Lois had asked us last month about the house she was restoring. She had removed the rug in the living room and washed it. It seemed that it had shrunk in the process. After checking with some contacts on-line, Lois was able to stretch the carpet so now it fits the room. The staircase had to be repaired (a few balustrades and posts were missing) and the finished piece was beautiful. Next Lois will replace the wallpaper in the hall. Unfortunately, the walls were papered before they (the walls) were put into place and wood strips were put into the corners to cover the opening.

Wanda has been going through her collections and giving miniature to her family over the last year. She is trying to pare down her collection.

Angie has been having a problem with her package deliveries. It seems that sometimes they are delivered not to her house, but to one of her barns or even to a neighbor's barns. We got a laugh about hunting for packages in her neighborhood. Angie is waiting for a new computer to be delivered and is starting to ask the neighbors to check for it. It seems that on the delivery system GPS, her barn is listed as the residence.

New Business:

Regarding our club Show and Sale, Lois has talked to the hotel to see if August 29, 2021 is available, and it is. She changed our reservation from March 31, 2021 to August 29, 2021.

While we are not sure if the August date will work with the Covid situation, we decided that we will re-address the date in May/June. Seventeen vendors have agreed to the August 29th date.

The 2022 show has not been reserved yet. We agreed that either March 27th or April 3rd, 2022 will be good dates. Lois will contact the hotel to see if either of those dates are available.

Diane Scheuer is getting new items put onto the Virtual Yard Sale page.

Lois is going to check out several sites for new kits we can order for the club, such as Ginger Landon Seigel. Lois has come back to us with the Cynthia Howe site as a good one to pick from. Each member is asked to pick a kit from the site costing about \$10-20 each and let Lois know the item number, name and cost.

Joan is serving on a NAME committee to look at the Blue Ribbon Award. Since many of the items on the Blue Ribbon Form could not be completed due to the stay at home orders in many states, Marnie suggested that the number of points needed for the award be reduced for the year. This way many clubs would have a chance to get the award. Joan is taking her comments back to the committee.

It was suggested we put a section into our newsletter for buy/sell/swap/giveaways. This would include supplies, kits or projects.

Next Meeting:

Next Zoom meeting will be February 18, 2021. The program for the meeting will be to make a kit or component of a project.

Secretary Joan Hoyt

I just want to let everyone know that while I was out walking with my neighbor, we stopped a delivery truck and asked the driver "if he had my computer?" He asked me where 274 was and sure enough, he had my computer! He took it to the house while I watched, and Ernie was there to receive it. I am hoping for Geek Squad to come do a complete install and transfer for me this Friday.

Angie, Newsletter Editor



BIRTHDAYS for February:

Happy Birthday to Marnie King, Ruth Levin and Connie Gorman.



SUNSHINE

The sun is shining today. Things are looking up. And then we get the weather report – more snow! That's not too bad, as it gives us a chance to finish a mini project. Truth be told, I'm getting tired of working on minis – think I'll paint my 'real' kitchen.

I spoke with Billie this past Monday and she is doing very well after her bout with the virus. I also talked with Grace last Friday. She tires easily and doesn't indulge in long conversations. What?? Grace?? On Sunday, I dropped off some mini mags, as she had nothing to read. She is at Christiana Hospital E-4, Tel. 302- 733-1000.

As a reminder, please let me know if you know of someone who needs a 'get well', 'thinking of you', or just a 'sunshine' card.

dipsodee@verizon.net or leave a message at 302-764-1627.

Stay safe.

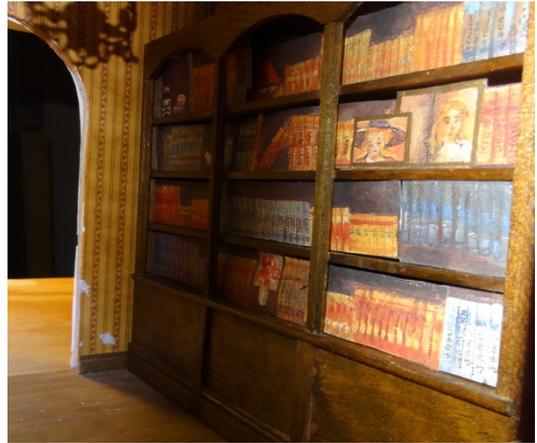
DianeAlice Scheuer, Sunshine Chair



OUR PROJECTS

Lois is continuing the rehab on her current dollhouse project.

“The custom dollhouse I'm currently repairing has a small "library" room at the front. In lieu of trying to make 100 or so small books to fill the empty bookcase, I opted to buy the bookcase wallpaper that Diane had in her yard sale, and I cut and pasted sections of books for the case. It was difficult to do as the paper curled and had to be reinforced and stuck in between the shelves and columns. I'm not entirely happy with it, but will leave it for now. Anyway, I was wondering if any of you would like to have the other 4 sheets of bookcase wallpaper, as I don't need them. I can mail a sheet or two out when I mail the Cynthia Howe projects that came in yesterday.”



I want to announce that we have a new member joining our club: Angela Hunt, who is already a member of NAME and now wants to join us! She has promised me pictures of some of her projects soon. Welcome Angela.

We have also heard from two other ladies, Jane Bailey and Joanne Conway, who have been in contact with Lois and me, interested but not signed up just yet.

We have invited them all to our next zoom meeting and look forward to getting to know them.

Jane has sent me a couple of photos of projects she is working on. Her laundry room is absolutely fabulous.



I just want to say that I am back to making minis. At the time of the zoom meeting, I was working on a painting for my niece of her dog that they had recently put down after a long sad bout with bone cancer.

Now I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of my bunnies from Cynthia Howe that Lois ordered for us. I had a plan for them that fell through, but I have a backup plan. I hope to be able to show it off at our zoom meeting.



In our last zoom meeting, we discussed having a buy/sell/swap/giveaway section in our newsletter. This would include supplies, kits or projects, just like the wallpaper Lois mentioned in her article. Anyone who has something to get rid of or is looking for something, contact Lois, Angie or Joan before the 10th of each month to get it put in the newsletter. Include your email and phone number with a picture or description and we'll see how much interest this feature generates in the next few months.

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

Happy Miniaturing!