



# First State Mini Club NAME C-150

## First State Mini Club Newsletter March 2021

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

### PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

Hello Miniaturists!

I am going to repeat for us the 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 websites, (80 or more), but some are discontinued. I was looking at the R. Lee Taylor Miniatures Collection in the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester Virginia, but the link from the list doesn't let you in to view the collection directly. If you use [this link](https://themsv.pastperfectonline.com/webobject/ABD1A029-ABCE-4E24-AC94-637130760317) you will be able to access some of the gorgeous rooms and individual pieces:

<https://themsv.pastperfectonline.com/webobject/ABD1A029-ABCE-4E24-AC94-637130760317>



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My niece in Chicago sent me a link to a very interesting YouTube video of an architect constructing a cement model of a house. Thank you Haley, I'm sure my minis club members will enjoy seeing this.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsJXl\\_bQWUY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsJXl_bQWUY)

Co-president Angie Phillips

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94273343751?pwd=WWJBVGf3YjViU3RFajh0WFc2M2xqQT09>

Meeting ID: 942 7334 3751

Passcode: 661709

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We will have two new visitors this month, Carol Marshall and Hyma Pierce.

**Lois Weyer, Zoom Coordinator**

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August 29, 2021 - Wilmington, Delaware

The First State Mini Club plans on holding its 2021 Show and Sale on Sunday, August 29, from 10AM-4PM at the Crowne Plaza Wilmington North, 630 Naamans Road (off-I-95), Claymont, Delaware 19703. Quality vendors and artisans, free parking, tax-free, door prizes, exhibits, grab bags, and yard sale. Admission of \$5 for adults and \$2 for children, exact change requested. Masks and distancing may be required. Contact **Lois Weyer** at [firststateminiclub@gmail.com](mailto:firststateminiclub@gmail.com). 610-274-8558 (landline) or text to 610-368-4038. Access [www.firststateminiclub.org](http://www.firststateminiclub.org) for updates.

**FEBRUARY ZOOM MEETING MINUTES**

**7-8:20 pm, February 18, 2021**

**Attending members:** Co-President Angie Phillips, Past President Wanda Simons, Treasurer Lois Weyer, Jane Bailey, Joann Conaway, Angela Hunt, Sharon Nonn, Caroline Schwartz, and Heather Stirk.

**Catching up:**

On an icy, snowy night when none of us would have driven anywhere, the ZOOM link organized by Lois was provided by NAME, our national parent organization, and was especially appreciated. As we gathered and welcomed three new faces, conversation centered on COVID-19 vaccination and our personal experiences. Angie began our official meeting around 7:15.

Lois explained how FSMC has been operating our usual monthly projects since the beginning of the pandemic by having kits and instructions either made by members or commercial ones purchased by the club. Members who had received their Spring/Easter kits showed them, and newcomers who were already NAME members were invited to look at [www.cynthiahoweminiatures.com](http://www.cynthiahoweminiatures.com) website to choose a kit and Lois will order for them if they want to be members of the club. Lois also explained that the club is able to provide kits ranging in price from \$15 – 20 each, mainly because of a generous bequest we received in the past.

Lois provided an update for our hoped-for 2021 show saying that August 29 is being held for us at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and reported that the March 27, 2022 date is no longer available there, so she will try for April 2-3 weekend which is only one week later and still is before Palm Sunday and Easter. She explained that the August show is likely to be considerably smaller than in the past, with about 30 tables requested by dealers, rather than the 50 we are accustomed to, but many potential face-to-face customers are asking for a show and our garage sale.

First time ZOOMing with us were Jane Bailey, Joann Conaway and Angela Hunt. They introduced themselves and described their miniatures, interests and projects under way. Each is an accomplished miniaturist, and Angie requested photos and a bit of biographical information for our newsletter. An abbreviated version of their enthusiastic descriptions follows:

Angela Hunt – joined NAME recently, having just finished her doctorate in social sciences. She lives in North Wilmington, has an 11 room dollhouse her father built when she was in high school, and enjoys copying full scale things in miniature. She has her own Facebook page: [miniaturemanifestations](#). Everyone is invited to take a look.

Jane Bailey – has been doing miniatures since the early ‘80s, has a dollhouse that took 15 years to complete while stalled on electrification. Since retirement she has created a large hobby room and has at least 4 projects going: finishing her street of shops and a recreation of a famous TV series set. She lives in Glasgow.

Joann Conaway -- has been doing miniatures for 40 years including dollhouses for and with daughters and grandkids. The grandsons have a firehouse and barn, too. She has donated many dollhouses to worthy causes for their fundraising efforts, and calls miniatures “her therapy.” She lives in the Georgetown area and has been a NAME member for years.

Lois explained that since FSMC isn’t charging local dues at this time, the three can be members by giving their contact information to Lois and joining NAME if not already a member. Lois can arrange with the national office to connect them with FSMC membership.

Sharon Nonn showed a treasure trove of miniatures given her (dining room furniture by Stan Lewis, silver service and large wedding party with figures made by Carole Johnston, as well as the meticulous record keeping of miniatures purchases made by an elderly neighbor/friend who had been a curator at Winterthur. The cross-referencing and multiple ways to find item details were impressive.

Heather Stirk continues to homeschool her young children and has just finished re-doing a bathroom. She looks forward to doing the little laser-cut Easter kit from the club.

Submitted by Wanda Simons  
(Acting at Secretary Joan Hoyt’s request)



BIRTHDAYS for March:

Happy Birthday to Angie Phillips, Bonnie Kincaid and Caroline Schwartz.



## IN MEMORIAM

We lost Grace Hayford this month. For those who did not read the obituary posted on the funeral home website, here is the link:

<https://www.gebhartfuneralhomes.com/obituary/GraceElaineDuling-Hayford>

Diane offers a tribute to her friend:

Focus! Who will we forever think of when we hear that word? Words do have power - to bring back memories - to bring back thoughts of long time member and past president of FSMC, Grace Hayford, who passed away on February 22, 2021.

Besides miniatures, Grace had many more diverse interests - music, collecting cobalt blue glass, needlepoint, watching old movies well into the early morning hours, flower arranging and collecting New Castle ephemera, to name a few.

She was one busy lady. Her mind never rested. Did you know that Grace played the piano? She loved her numerous rescued dogs even if they did once chew the seats in her car when they figured they had waited long enough for her to return. Every cat she had owned throughout her life was named Buffy. The latest, Buffy III has now found a loving home.



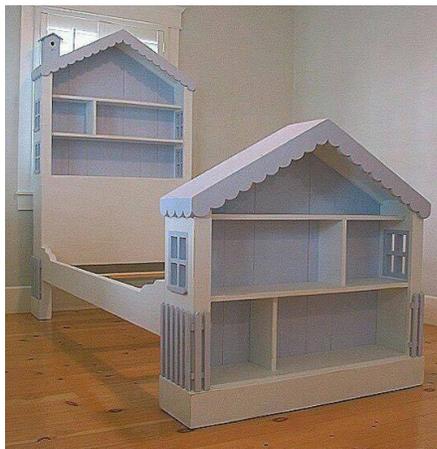
Grace was a driving force in any endeavor she was involved in. She will be missed.

**DianeAlice Scheuer, Sunshine Chair**



## OUR PROJECTS

Our new member Jane Bailey has sent some photos of her projects; the little girl's bed is from her Facebook group.



I'm sending you photos of my hair salon. It is a kit from Houseworks as part of "The Street of Shops". I had a lot of fun with this project. The nail polish bottles at the manicure station are made of beads and the stem of Q-tips which I learned by watching a YouTube video. Other ideas came from Pinterest. I was stumped by the dryer hoods and then a member of my miniature Facebook group suggested ping-pong balls. I cut one in half, painted it metallic silver and used straws for the air tubes. It worked!

I call the salon "The Clip & Sip" because it cuts hair and serves wine, which my real hair salon does, or did prior to COVID.

Jane Bailey



### BUY/SELL/SWAP/GIVEAWAY

Anyone who has supplies, kits or projects to get rid of or is looking for something, contact Lois, Angie or Joan before the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to get it put in the newsletter. Include your email and phone number with a picture or description.

Thanks everyone,

Angie

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Remember:

“Only Through Sharing Can We Really Enjoy Our Treasures”

**Happy Miniaturing!**