



# First State Mini Club NAME C-150

## First State Mini Club Newsletter April 2021

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

### PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

Hello Miniaturists!

Welcome Spring, at last! Welcome my second vaccination, so I can go horse shopping. Welcome nice weather, so I can get to work gardening. I confess that I have not worked on minis except in the most hit or miss way for a couple of weeks now. I have been outside weeding flowerbeds, digging up my compost heap and spreading it around, and trying to get the wisteria under control, (yeah, right, that'll happen!). The neighboring farmer just got truckloads of chicken manure delivered this morning to spread on his fields behind our property. Wow, the smells of spring!!

I revisited the listing of minis museums which I had posted in February's newsletter: The Ultimate List of Miniature Exhibits & Museums:

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

and chose this museum to feature for this month. It's called **The Mini Time Machine**



**Museum of Miniatures** in Tucson, Arizona and it is worth a look. There are pictures from several of their current exhibits and links to sixty articles in their own magazine that feature various artists, some of whose names even I recognized: <https://theminitemachine.org>

"The permanent collection at The Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures includes more than 500 dollhouses and roomboxes, with each one containing dozens if not hundreds of miniature objects."

They are in the process of putting all their collection into a computerized database, so we will be able to see everything online. We will have to check back with them to see when their full collections become accessible.

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Once again, my niece in Chicago found us a fascinating link to a video of a working 3D-printed miniature washing machine. Thanks again, Haley.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FcdksLDNU7o>

Co-president Angie Phillips



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hello everyone. I have scheduled our next FSMC zoom meeting for next Thursday. We have had two new members join since our last meeting, although one of them won't be able to meet with us on our usual time.

Please bring any show-and-tells and begin thinking about sending me your NAME dues (except not the people who just joined).

Talk to you soon.

Lois

Here is the link for our scheduled Zoom meeting for April 15th.

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

Time: April 15, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94706377563?pwd=SU44R0VHL1AyWUIRNzRTZWl6bVNOdz09>

Meeting ID: 947 0637 7563

Passcode: 895547

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Lois Weyer, Zoom Coordinator



### 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.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome three more new members to our club, Sara Chrisanthon, Gabrielle Marlow and Hyma Pierce. That brings our list of newcomers to six, with Angela Hunt, Jane Bailey, and Joann Conaway, who have joined us this last couple of months.



## MARCH ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

7-9 pm, March 17, 2021

**Attending members:** Co-Presidents Angie Phillips and Marnie King, Past President Wanda Simons, Treasurer Lois Weyer, Secretary Joan Hoyt, Angela Hunt, Sharon Nonn, Caroline Schwartz, Heather Stirk, Sandra Graper, and Leslie Shaffner.

**Visitors:** Carol Marshall and Hyma Pierce

### **Business Meeting:**

Lois updated us on the arrangements for the August 29, 2021 Show and Sale. She has sent reminders to the vendors and has been getting answers and/or contracts. We will probably have 30 tables sold, which is less than previous years. Lois stated that the club will probably lose money on the Show and Sale but with what we have in the club's bank account, this will be OK. We need to be conscious of all the vendors and customers that are depending on the miniature sale.

Lois is making the post cards to be sent to the printers. The email list we developed from the last show will be helpful in reminding potential attendees. Lois and Diane are expecting about 350 attendees, which will be below the DE State regulations of 50%. Lois is keeping an eye on the changes in regulations.

She also talked to Diane DeWalt about how to collect the money for entrance to the Show and Sale during the COVID restrictions. There will be a flat fee of \$5 to enter with no discount for having the postcard. We will also be asking for exact change to eliminate/diminish the need to handle money. Also, we will probably hand each attendee a bracelet to put on to show they have paid. Lois now has credit card and Pay Pal capabilities in case someone does not have exact change.

Sharon asked if the club could make/sell masks with the club logo on them. Marnie stated that we would need about 30-40 masks for the people involved in the sale. Sharon stated that she could make 100 masks and sell what the club does not use. We agreed to address the idea at a later meeting.

Wanda told the group that there will be no Make-and-Take area because of the COVID restrictions. Lois said she would make sure it was not on the post cards. Additionally, the display area will be for our club only, since we all have several things to display. This will make the displays easier to arrange during the restrictions.

Lois informed us that the New Castle Senior Center has refunded the money we paid for the use of the hall, since we had not returned in September. The money has been put back into our account.

Finally, Lois told us that April 3, 2022 is the date for our next Show and Sale. The hotel has confirmed the date.

### **New business:**

Wanda has finished a Cynthia Howe Cuckoo Clock kit. She said it is very delicate. Joan has been working on a village kit by Greenleaf. It has six buildings, and she has completed four. Leslie has completed the Cynthia Howe Santa. She used markers for the eyes instead of the kit's eyes, and they look much better than the kit's eyes. She is also working on another Cynthia Howe kit of Noah's Ark. This kit even includes the little animals. New member Hyma just finished a House of Miniatures grandfather clock. She is pleased with the results but had a problem with the chains and weights. Because Hyma has trouble driving at night she asked if she could get a ride to the meetings when they start up. She lives in Bear, between Routes 40 and 7. Angie said she can give her a ride. (**Secretary note:** is there anyone else that can give her a ride in case Angie cannot make a meeting, let Hyma know.) Sharon is working on an Easter scene.

Angie has been very busy. She is working on an Easter Egg with a display inside. She has trimmed the outside with lace and is now working on the nest inside the egg. The nest will hold a bird. Angie is also completing a room box for her niece. Inside the room box will be pictures of her niece and her niece's husband. She is completing the project with kits

purchased at our Yard Sale. And finally, Angie has completed a reading nook with a window over the cushion. It is made out of cherry wood.

Heather has finished her Shoe project. She thinks it came out very cute.

Wanda made a mini photo album, with black pages. She also finished her Cynthia Howe Nativity kit.

Angela has received her Cynthia Howe kit and is very excited to work on it. She is also reproducing her friend's carpenter shop as a surprise for him; it has to be done by April 1. She purchased a chalet building and wired it with fairy lights. She also reproduced the shop lights by bending aluminum around the lights. Angelia is making the table saw using a Dremel blade, and it all moves. She uses an online conversion app where you put in the actual dimensions and the app converts the figure to the scale you want. This way she can accurately reproduce the contents of the shop. The site for the app is

<http://www.scalemodelersworld.com/online-scale-converter-tool.html>

#### Yard Sale News:

Leslie asked Lois to set aside the bay window in the Yard sale. She and her sister, Mary Ellen Raun will come to pick them up. Lois agreed and mentioned there are more new items in the Yard Sale.

Secretary Joan Hoyt

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#### BIRTHDAYS for April:

Happy Birthday to Sharon Nonn.

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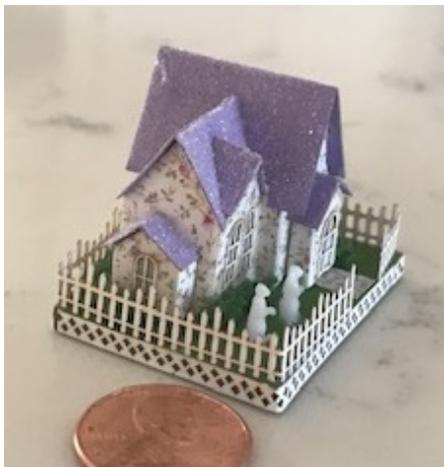
#### OUR PROJECTS

Angela Hunt showed a useful online scale conversion tool in our Zoom meeting. Here is the link to access it. There is a scale converter, a way to find the scale between 2 measurements and another to enlarge or reduce a plan to change the scale.

<http://www.scalemodelersworld.com/online-scale-converter-tool.html>

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Sharon Nonn let us see her Easter Bunny House from Cynthia Howe Miniatures: "I love this little house. The only problem was that the ears broke off the rabbits (I think they give 2 in case it happens- but both were broken)- and the ears were so tiny, I could not glue them. But it looks like their ears are down. Happy Easter!"





Angie shows the Easter Egg to everyone who could not attend our last Zoom meeting. She has two more birds and three bunnies to work on as well.

### 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](mailto:lweyer2@verizon.net) Angie, 707 290-2786, [aephllps@atlanticbb.net](mailto:aephllps@atlanticbb.net) or Joan, 302-379-1094, [joanhoyt@verizon.net](mailto:joanhoyt@verizon.net) 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

Remember:  
“Only Through Sharing Can We Really Enjoy Our Treasures”

**Happy Miniaturing!**