



## First State Mini Club Newsletter June 2021

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

### PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

Hello Miniaturists!

Right up until I opened this Word file this morning, I had no idea what I was going to put in my letter. Lucky for me, Pinterest has been sending me pictures about Marie Antoinette costumes, (because I am wanting to dress a doll), and one picture linked me to The Victoria and Albert Museum in the U.K. On the off chance that they might have some miniatures, I checked their website and, yes, they do. There are several dollhouses with varying numbers of photos for us to take a look at. There are others that don't have photos posted yet, but there is plenty to see for now. The link is:

<https://collections.vam.ac.uk/search/?q=dollhouses&page=1>



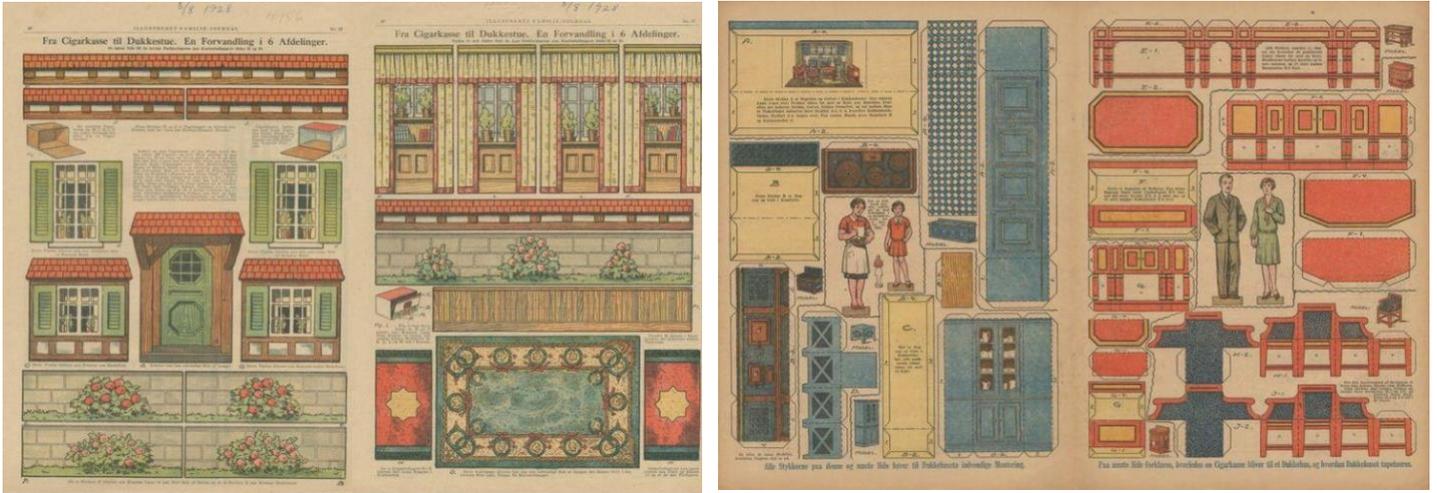
At left is Whiteladies House, built in 1935 with 14 pictures posted on the website.



At right is Bettiscombe, built around 1870, found in an antique shop and sold to Betty Pinney, an artist and designer, who furnished it as a recreation of her own childhood in the early 20th century. There are a whopping 76 photos on the website for us to look at and enjoy.

Interestingly, there are two examples of German or Dutch paper cutouts from 1928 and 1929 respectively, for converting a room box out of a cigar box. The pages include cut-and-fold furniture, interior and exterior wall coverings and several dolls; adults, children and a cook.

I have an urge to copy these pages if I can, and print them out and assemble them, they are so interesting.



Co-president Angie Phillips



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

I want to let everyone know that I have received all our membership cards. I will bring them to our show in August and hand them out there or I can mail them to anyone who wants theirs immediately.

**Angie Phillips, Membership Chair**



Yes, we are continuing to have Zoom meetings during our summer break. Those of us who have participated have really appreciated keeping in touch and wish more of our members would join in. Just click on this link and you will be able to download Zoom for free so please join us.



Here is the link for our scheduled Zoom meeting for June 17th.

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

Time: June 17th, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91512452534?pwd=dTYxOHFlaWhQUg9pcWlvNEs1aG9Sdz09>

Meeting ID: 915 1245 2534

Passcode: 993612

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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**



## May ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

7-9 pm May 20 ,2021

**Attending members:** Angie Phillips, Lois Weyer, Joan Hoyt, Wanda Simons, Angela Hunt, Sarah Chrisanthon, Jane Bailey, Diana DeWalt, Caroline Schwartz, Heather Stirk, Leslie Shaffner.

### Old Business:

Lois said that the post cards for our Show and Sale are ready. She will mail them out in July. Does anyone want some of the post cards so they can leave them at various places (i.e., libraries, senior centers...)? One of the vendors, Stacy Bartkowski, has offered to help prep and staple programs.

Lois said that Diane Scheuer has offered a lot of strip wood and trim as a giveaway. They are left over from various projects. You will need to pick it up at Diane's house. Give her a call if you are interested.

Angie asked that since there has been no action in the swap/trade/giveaway section of the Newsletter, should we continue it? The consensus was to continue the section.

Wanda inquires if we all received the email from Debbie Kostyk, Grace Hayford's estate manager? It seemed that we all did. Grace has left instructions for the proceeds of any sales to go to Good Will, the NC Fire Department, the SPCA and FSMC. Grace's estate has a large collection of high-quality things. Diane Scheuer suggested to Debbie that she put the items on Facebook with a note that proceeds will go to charity. For those who did not know, Grace died of COVID earlier this year.

Lois has sold the Fantasy Dollhouse (which was part of Grace's Estate). Angela had helped her sell it.

### Treasure's Report:

Lois has sent \$850 to NAME for 17 club members. We have a total of 25 NAME members in our club. Also, we have 33 tables sold for our August Show. While we usually have 50 tables sold, we are not looking to sell more for this show. That way we can spread people out. For this show, we are going to allow our club members to come in Saturday night, 7-9, to purchase items from the Yard Sale and Grace's estate items. Vendors will also be able to come, since they normally cannot shop during the show.

Angela asked what jobs do our members have at the show? Since we do not have a signup sheet at our meeting, below is a list of the jobs. Please let Lois know if you can do one of the jobs, and if there are any jobs wanting, Lois will begin calling members to help fill them.

- Collect money
- Collect door prizes from vendors
- Help vendors set up, they come in at 6 am if not the night before
- Saturday, at 3 pm, help move tables and needed
- Members come in early on about 8:30 (show starts at 10 am)
- Saturday pm, set up display area
- Security for the display room and sales floor Sunday
- Runners for the vendors to collect lunch orders and deliver food

Angela asked if we could use something like Sign-Up Genie to help with the list. Lois said she can do this.

Angie will talk to Marnie to see how she can help with the set-up for the displays and how to make the signs for the displays, etc. Also, Wanda mentioned she has the signs for the highway and hotel drive.

Connie is doing the Grab Bags for the show, so if you have any small accessories or items to contribute, please let her know.

Sara said that her husband can come help and can bring a cart or dolly. We wholeheartedly accepted, since many of the vendors are elderly and need help bring in their items.

Jane asked if we are having a face-to-face meeting before the Show. Lois said she is not sure if it is needed, we will see in July. We will continue doing Zoom meetings in June and July.

Joan is bringing the donuts for the dealers and members on Sunday morning.

**New business:**

Leslie finished her Cynthia Howe kit and it looks great. She also made the CH Noah's Ark kit and says it is beautiful.

Sarah asked if we ever contacted the press about our Show. We have in the past worked with the News Journal, in fact, Wanda said that is how she heard about our club many years ago.

Leslie asked if the Westminster, MD Show was going on this year, and was anyone interested in going? Wanda is going to contact the regional coordinator for information.

Wanda said that usually the members pick a theme for the next show's displays at our member meetings. We are asking all members to send to Angie 1 or 2 ideas to post in the newsletter for consideration.

Lois mentioned that at the Show's Yard Sale, we members can sell our own things. Talk to Diane Scheuer if you are interested.

**Secretary Joan Hoyt**



**BIRTHDAYS for June:**

Happy Birthday to Joan Hoyt, Mary Ellen Raun and Caroline Schwartz.



**OUR PROJECTS:**

Lois sent pictures of the house she has been working on fixing up.

"I have now completed the renovation of the large wooden dollhouse that I had been "gifted" and have now offered for sale on Craig's List, eBay, and local Facebook pages. I'm asking for \$300, but will consider less. The money will go to a local food bank. Here are some pictures of it after I got the lighting working."



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I started working on those dollhouse cutouts yesterday. I had to tweak the color and resolution before printing and there is no way to improve resolution so they are a bit out of focus, but still kinda fun. I should have some results to show for our Zoom meeting.

Angie

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### 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. Angie has some maple veneer 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!**