



First State Mini Club Newsletter August 2021

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

PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

Hello Miniaturists!

I just want to remind everyone that you need to get your exhibit info to me for signage before the show. So far, I have only four. In case you have forgotten, we have the kitchen project from last year, the nursery rhyme from this year and the book with a bow window project that we worked on way back when we were having in-person club meetings. Remember those? The in-person club meetings, that is, as well as the projects.

I asked for votes as to which project we want to exhibit for our People's Choice Award and so far all the (few) votes I have received have been for the Kitchen. If I don't hear a lot differently by the Zoom meeting on the 19th, it's going to be the Kitchen. I will start printing up the title cards for them after that.

We need to decide on a theme for our next year's project. I sat down today and went through all the emails Lois and I have received and so far the tally runs as follows:

15 people listed a First Choice:

- 3 - Winter Scenes
- 1 - Four Seasonal Domes
- 3 - 1950's theme
- 6 - Bathroom
- 1 - Music Room
- 1 - Bird-Related

11 people listed a Second Choice:

- 4 - Winter Scenes
- 2 - Seasonal Domes
- 2 - Bathrooms
- 1 - Music
- 1 - Bird Related
- 1 - Animals in Costumes

If we add together the Firsts and Seconds then there are 8 total votes for a Bathroom and 7 for a Winter Scene. As of Tuesday August 10 at 2:30 the Bathroom is winning.

I will allow phone in votes from our non-email members, **call me at 707 290-2786**, until our Zoom meeting on the 19th when I will submit a final tally.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM INFO

Kim Ash is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: First State Mini Club-Lois Weyer

Time: Aug 19, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87354623629?pwd=OFhLclhEekh6dm5CQ0VklU09nV1YzUT09>

Meeting ID: 873 5462 3629

Passcode: 053796

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Lois Weyer, Zoom Coordinator

Once Again ...

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. 610-274-8558 (landline) or text to 610-368-4038. Access www.firststateminiclub.org for updates.



JULY ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

7-9 pm July 15, 2021

Attending members: Angie Phillips, Lois Weyer, Wanda Simons, Jane Bailey, Diana DeWalt, Heather Stirk, Angela Hunt, Caroline Schwartz, Leslie Shaffner, Gabrielle Marlow, and Sharon Nonn. Sarah Chrisanthon tried to log in but was unable to.

July 2021 Show Report:

Three more vendors have contacted us recently, Judith Schwartz of Iklectic Collectibles, Sandy McHenry, and a new one from central PA, Carolyn Strain. Taylor Jade (Janet Liguori) had to cancel due to a family obligation. That brings us to 38 tables in the ballroom. And, to clarify last month's note, it was Yvonne Ayora of Granny's Little Things who died suddenly at the end of May. I have not yet tried to contact her husband Jose about whether he would want to sell Yvonne's inventory, as it seems too soon. They have prepaid for 3 tables though.

Connie has grab bags already packed from last year's canceled show. She will start to accumulate things for our April, 2022 show now.

Grace has always prepared “goodie bags” for our vendors, with candy, gum, small water bottles, pen-and-paper, and perhaps tape. Mary Ellen and Leslie have volunteered to take care of this.

Old Business:

Our September in-person club meeting is planned for the fourth Thursday to allow for the Yom Kippur holiday. We will be paying by the month for the Senior Center this year. The price has gone up to \$100 per meeting instead of \$75. We will be allowed to skip January and February, if we choose.

The club shirts have mostly been distributed, by a tree of club members. Two were mailed.

Some small trees and mini decorations for our holiday projects have been acquired from a “Buy Nothing” Facebook group. We can distribute those, along with any other similar things, at the September meeting. Caroline will be bringing the globes and domes to the show in August to distribute to members. Since we will have extra space this year, I think we will have a club table in the ballroom for our own things, possibly with the grab bags. I will order a group of additional small trees.

Meeting minutes:

Lois asked if she should buy out the stock of Girl Scout badges from the Girl Scout Chesapeake Bay shop in Newark because the Council was discontinuing the badge. The badges would cost 60 cents each, and there are 318 of them. We would use them for future programs and to share with other mini clubs. Wanda seconded Lois’ motion, and everyone voted to approve.

Angie agreed to compile a list of any suggestions that have been made so far for a yearly project theme. Some ideas have already been made, and a request will be sent out to solicit any additional ones. The list would be circulated in early August for voting, so that people could shop for items they will need while at the show.

Lois Weyer for Secretary Joan Hoyt



BIRTHDAYS for August:

Happy Birthday to Lois Weyer and Jane Bailey.



SUNSHINE

Joan Hoyt has suffered an attack of Bell’s Palsy due to a sinus infection. This causes swelling and nerve damage and can take several months to recover from.

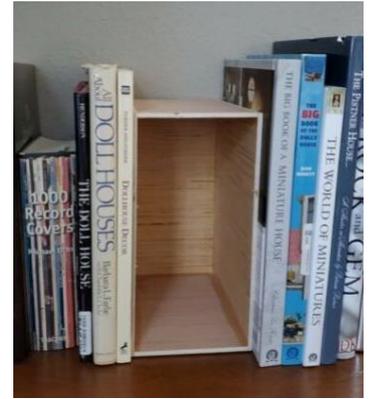
Joann Conaway has been in the hospital with diverticulitis and will be having hip surgery in September. Everyone, let’s hold Joan and Joann in the light, as my Quaker sister says.

OUR PROJECTS:

Lois had recently sent out an email about purchasing BOOK NOOK kits as a project to work on during our in-person meetings. There has been some confusion about this. They were meant to be separate from our voted-on annual project, more like the book with a bow window that we did.



“We don't have to put our annual project into a Book Nook unless we want to (I can't imagine a bathroom in a Book Nook). We can simply buy Book Nooks, and everyone can do whatever they like with them. They may or may not be the annual project. We can talk about this more when we meet, but I'm thinking that we can do both an annual project, in the normal 14- 20 high, 10-16 inch wide setting (or whatever . . . I don't know what the previous dimensions were) and a Book Nook. I think that it



would be fun to show Book Nooks at the April Show, in addition to the usual projects. And, we don't all have to do a larger project. I have not done a kitchen or a fairy tale or a Borrowers myself and no-one has shot me. So far, I am receiving lots of requests for Book Nooks, and I plan on buying them for everyone.”

Treasurer Lois Weyer

Lois submitted this article to the Chester County Press and it is supposed to be published this week.

MINIATURIST CLUB HELPS OUT

The First State Mini Club (FSMC) has been sharing the love of miniatures for 45 years, and there has been a recent resurgence of interest in this hobby due to Covid-19 restrictions. The creation of a beautiful house or scene has given people a new way to imagine an alternate reality of one's own design.



FSMC members come from Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. This group of hobbyists and artisans have been presenting Girl Scout badge workshops, providing library displays, donating mini trees to a hospice holiday sale, and renovating vintage dollhouses for sale for charities. Most recently, they took a derelict house that had been donated by Rose Nolen-Walston, renovated and rewired it, and donated the money from its sale to the Kennett Area Community Service for its food bank.

The FSMC meets monthly in New Castle, Delaware to share ideas, create projects, and learn techniques.

Anyone interested in miniatures is invited to join us at a meeting and/or visit our annual Show and Sale event scheduled for August 29 at the Crowne Plaza North in Claymont. See our website for more information.

www.firststateminiclub.org.



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 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.

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!