



## First State Mini Club Newsletter January 2022

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

### PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

Hello Miniaturists!

It's a new year, a fresh beginning, a collection of resolutions to live up to, (or lose along the way).

I meant to include this photo of the Gingerbread White House that Sharon Nonn emailed to us all. I went a little further and found a number of sites about Gingerbread houses and holiday decorations at the White House now and in the past.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/holidays-2021/>

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Wanda found this link for us to a site that has several dollhouse articles for viewing that will inspire and encourage us:

<https://mailchi.mp/themagazineantiques/we-111221?e=1c06aa6875>





The several articles are mentioned in *The Magazine Antiques*. The Venetian Palazzo was featured in last month's newsletter.

The Stettheimer Dollhouse is the next one in the article and that article has a link for a couple of YouTube video tours and some still

photos to look at.

<https://www.mcny.org/exhibition/stettheimer-dollhouse-0>.

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Has anyone seen these pictures from Pinterest about an idea for our book nook? The link is

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/48906345944285331/>

There are a lot of ideas at this link that will inspire those of us (me) who have not gotten near to starting on the Nook. I especially like the mirror set at an angle at the back of the box to make the scene look larger. This link is to a company that makes these laser cut kits for making this street scene and others, if anyone wants to use them. I haven't decided what to do with mine so I am exploring the possibilities.

**Co-president Angie Phillips**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future meeting programs:

January (Zoom) Joan / tile flooring

February (Zoom) Wanda / bathroom rug

March (in-person) Angela / Easter basket

April SHOW!

Merry miniaturizing!

**Program Coordinator Jane Bailey**

I just want to alert you all to what's happening with Marnie. She was escorted to St. Louis by her sister and husband on the 20th and expected to stay 10 days. They got there after a 5 hour delay. It must have been tiring for everyone. I think she had a good Christmas with family, including grand-nephews and -nieces. The news from one of Marnie's nieces a few days later said she has her ups and downs---no definition of that.



This morning the news is that she will stay in St. Louis with family where she is living at her sister's and is under Hospice care, and of course, sadly will not recover as treatment for the cancer was stopped some time ago -- ineffective. She has been mostly watching the family's children doing their thing and occasionally taking walks.

She can't use her phone for calls or texts, and speaking "is a struggle" and her eyesight is declining but as of yesterday can see photos, so can be shown them texted to Tracy, the niece who handles her mail. They will show/read messages to her ... so if anyone wants to send any wishes/card/text, whatever, here's the address. They also could hand a phone to her if anyone wants to call; would read Marnie a text to Tracy.

Tracy Pagel

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**State Representative Wanda Simons**

### **Our scheduled Zoom meeting for January will be:**

Time: Jan 20, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83325442861?pwd=Wm5FeVZYnRsSEhVdlhtMmJuaWxmZz09>

Meeting ID: 833 2544 2861

Passcode: 739093

One tap mobile

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+13017158592,,83325442861# US (Washington DC)

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **December 16, 2021 7-9pm**

We had a party. It was fun. The food was good. The gift exchange was a success.

#### **BIRTHDAYS for January:**

Happy Birthday to Marion Hogan, Debbie Kostyk, and DianeAlice Scheuer.

## OUR PROJECTS

The current issue of the Gazette contains our article on Girl Scout programs, and our offer to sell badges to other clubs. We had bought out the inventory of the Chesapeake Bay Council's Miniaturist badges when they discontinued selling them. So far, three clubs have requested badges. In addition, we will be using some of them ourselves at troop workshops that are planned for February and March. If anyone would like to participate in any troop workshops in the Kennett Square/New Garden/Unionville area, please contact Lois. We will be making camp scenes with 1st-2nd graders.



Two more discarded dollhouses have been renovated and sold in December, and the club is now about \$230 wealthier. Both sold on eBay, and one had to be shipped to Texas. A third



house, a Greenleaf "Jefferson", is currently in progress. It should be done before our show. Here are before and after pictures. It was missing the door and some shutters, and I thought the brick-red/brown color scheme was dreary, so I changed it.

**Treasurer Lois Weyer**



## BUY/SELL/SWAP/GIVEAWAY

**DON'T FORGET:** Anyone who has supplies, kits or projects to get rid of or is looking for something, please 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!**