



First State Mini Club NAME C-150

First State Mini Club Newsletter December 18, 2025

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

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

We have yet another new member this month, Lavonda Mitchell. She drives for DART and is quite familiar with the Senior Center where we have our meetings. Welcome Lavonda!

We had a special guest at November's meeting, Ken Mammarella. Ken is a freelance journalist who is interested in doing an article on our club. He interviewed several members and took many photographs. This article is projected to come out sometime next year.

New member, Marie Kennel, has agreed to be our Outreach Chair. Marie is a retired kindergarten teacher and has many ideas on spreading the miniature message to the public.

I held the second Summit meeting this year on December 1. To refresh you, I offered an opportunity to the surrounding state club presidents to meet to discuss club activities, shared issues, etc. Seven club presidents agreed to join my Mini Summit and two more joined this month. So, now we have nine presidents representing 11 clubs. (Two presidents have two clubs each.) These "Summit Sisters" are all amazing women who are dedicated to their clubs and the miniature hobby. I'm learning a lot from them. Common challenges: "what to do about inactive members" and "how to recruit younger members". We're planning a group project that all the Summit clubs can participate in.

Our holiday party is this month. We'll have a potluck buffet, exchange gifts, and make some festive minis. This is our last in-person meeting until March.

Happy Holidays All!

Jane Bailey, President

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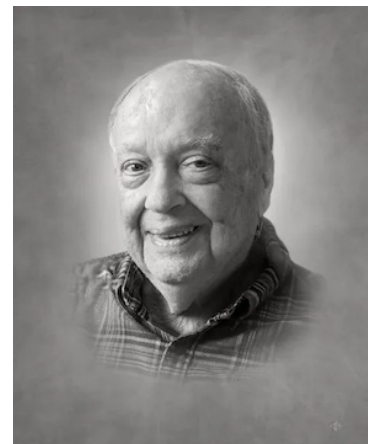
THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM ACCESS TO OUR DECEMBER MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY

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IN MEMORIAM

Wanda's husband, Nick, age 92, of Newark, DE, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, November 27, 2025. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Morris Simons; his son, E. Naudain "Dain" Simons IV; his daughter, Elizabeth Simons Gleason (Todd); and two grandchildren, Evan and Claire. Wanda is requesting that she may not be up for phone calls or emails at this time. She asks that one take a memory walk in Nick's honor, as the family is doing.

Condolence cards may be sent to Wanda Simons, 808 Baylor Drive, Newark, DE 19711. Our deepest sympathies go out to Wanda and her family. The full obituary is available on the Spicer-Mullikin website.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy December Birthday to Holly Kolodczak

Angie Phillips, Membership

OUR ACTIVITIES

Lois Weyer:

Girl Scout Troop 433 visited the Friends Home in Kennett Square to decorate the FSMC-donated dollhouse for Christmas/winter. There are snowballs everywhere, some snow people, and some holiday decorations.





Mary McCarthy:

I attended the Columbus Miniature Show in Ohio today, (November 15th), which was very well attended.

Their People's Choice exhibits had over 75 entries and they had a raffle section with probably 15 items (some large groupings of things like tools or kits) donated by club members. You bought tickets for \$1 or 6/\$5 and put them in whichever item you wanted to win. Winners were drawn at 3 and you had to be present to win- it was very fun and exciting when winners were called.

They also had door prizes and "Take and Make." It was a fun day.

They also served lots of food (because it was a church gymnasium with a cafeteria) and they had 2 excellent food trucks outside, so they make a lot of money from food.



Angie Phillips:

Does anyone else have the 3D self-portraits that we had made at our Show and Sale a year or so before Covid? I can't even remember the name of the hotel anymore, but it's not the Brandywine Plaza – you know, the one that we keep hoping will open in time for the spring show of 2026?

Anyway, that's how long my poor mini self has been sitting in The Closet of Future Projects, waiting to see daylight. I had originally intended to have my sister and niece have their portraits done also, so we could have a tea party together, but Covid shut down so many businesses, that that concept never got done.

The green marble was a cheese board that someone gave me, (as though I would ever take the time to lay out a nice presentation of cheeses on it! I hardly get the wrappers off before cheese gets eaten in this house). Everything else, except the scratch-built chair and pedestal table, were the accumulations of years of "I'll find a use for this someday".

Can anyone else show what they did with their mini selves? We could do a group display of them at the show if we ever get the chance.

SUNSHINE

As you know, not every day can be filled with sunshine. Some days the gray clouds appear, as they did on Thanksgiving. Wanda's husband, Nick, passed away that evening. Our sincere condolences. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Welcome to our new club member, Lavonda Mitchell.

And to those who will be going to Winterthur, have a great time!!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 18 - FSMC MEMBER IN-PERSON MEETING, NEW CASTLE SENIOR CENTER

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MEETINGS BY ZOOM

ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE - March 22, 2026, the Brandywine Plaza, 630 Naamans Road, Claymont, DE 19703



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