



First State Mini Club NAME C-150

First State Mini Club Newsletter July 17, 2025

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

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Well, it's HOT, HOT, HOT these days. That is, when it isn't raining. The good news is that I don't have to water my outside flowers as much. The bad news is that the weeds are growing like, well, weeds. Fall is my absolute favorite season and I cannot wait until it gets here! Not only do we get an extra hour in the day, but our club will have in-person monthly meetings again. We'll also be creating and donating mini-items to sell for Delaware Hospice at their annual holiday fundraiser. Our first Mini Retreat will be held in October and then Philadelphia Miniaturia is in early November. December is our holiday party, then we're back to Zoom meetings for the winter months.

Speaking of Zoom meetings, the board decided to cancel summer meetings, but still provide a Zoom link for those who wish to hop on and chat virtually with other club members. Last Thursday was the first of these social meetings. We had a severe thunderstorm that night and much of the region was without power. Fortunately, we weren't affected here in Glasgow, but others were. So, the Zoom social ended up being just Wanda and me and we had a nice two-hour chat. The July 17 Zoom link is posted under the newsletter heading.

The Mini Summit club presidents decided at our first May 14 meeting that we would meet on a quarterly basis. So, our next meeting will be in September. I decided to touch base with these ladies in between our "formal" meetings. I reached out this week to see what projects they were currently doing and what suggestions they have for a name for our group. (I'll let you know when we decide). One of these presidents mentioned that she told her members about this alliance and what the makeup of the other clubs were. Her comment, *"Our Club was happy to learn about the Mini Summit and comforted by how our Clubs are mostly similar in size and have similar challenges and joys."*

Quick Show update: I guess being a new Show Chair I may have jumped the gun and started soliciting vendors a couple of months early. Be that as it may, we currently have 16 vendors committed and 18 out of the 50 tables available left to sell. All the committed vendors are ones who have participated in our shows before. I will begin to solicit new vendors in the coming months.

Lastly, we will be traveling to [Karen's Dollhouse Shop](#) in Clinton, New Jersey on the 26th of this month. Karen is a loyal supporter of our shows and I hear her shop is something to behold.

My classmates wrote in my yearbook in 1969, *"Always Stay As Cool As You Are!"* I'm trying my best not to disappoint them... LOL! Stay cool my mini friends!!

Jane Bailey, President

JULY ZOOM LINK

This Zoom link is for social purposes only. There is no formal meeting until September.

Topic: FSMC-Jane Bailey

Time: Jul 17, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89940530962?pwd=7p7AJ7bfQRJpYya3f9aEbwpPak6YGV.1>

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BIRTHDAYS

Happy July Birthday to Joann and Angela.

Angie Phillips, Membership

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OUR ACTIVITIES

Lois Weyer:



Here is the completed external portion of the Duracraft Bayberry Cottage I mentioned in the last newsletter.

I will try to sell the Bayberry Cottage at our Yard Sale, if I haven't sold it beforehand. I'm not sure I'll carry it there though. Last year I sold one with just pictures.

It isn't finished yet. The inside needs more work because there are gaps that need to be filled before papering and flooring. I should be done in a couple of weeks, though.

The interior before



and after.



Angie Phillips:

I warned everyone that if they don't send me articles for the newsletter, I am going to bore you all to death with my own projects. So, here is the latest on my Italian inspired Gold Room. I haven't been working on my minis for a while during construction of our new sunroom and deck, but a conversation with Lois got me back to work on it.



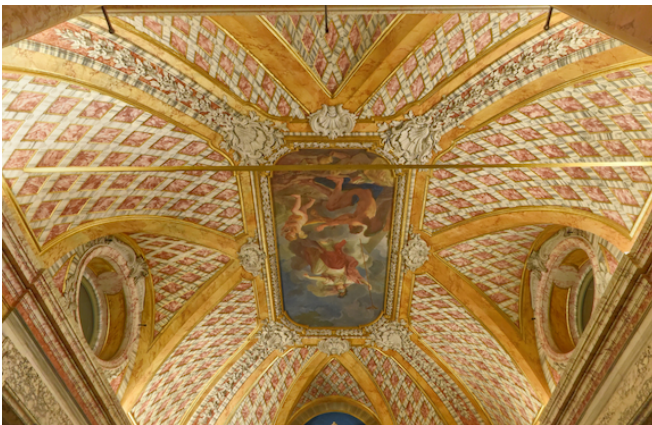
I completed the two chairs from Castle Crafts in the center of the room yesterday and finally figured out how to make the sofa, which will be in a startling purple damask, (if I can carry it off), for a contrast to the otherwise golden everything else.



I still have a lot to do on the exterior and I want to put a ceiling on this one. I found photos of a ceiling in the Vatican Museums that I plan to adapt for it. I like the latticework motif but I don't intend to put in a central painting. I would like to put in a chandelier if I can figure out the wiring.

This image came from the Vatican Museums website. If anyone would like to take a look at the sort of places where I get my inspiration, here is the link:

<https://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.html>



I also have some goodies for the Christmas shoppe for the Delaware Hospice: a piggy bank, some dinosaur toys and ugly dolls that are going to undergo a massive makeover.



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FAMILY NEWS

Joan has had some of the discs in her neck fused. (Last time it was her lower back.) She's in a neck brace that she says looks like a Medieval contraption that has to be periodically tightened. The surgeon went in through her throat to get to her vertebrae. As a result, she can only eat baby food. She can't bend her head to text or type. Today is the first day she was even able to speak on the phone. She asks for prayers. We send Joan our prayers and get well wishes as she recovers from spinal surgery. **Jane**

* A card has been sent to Joan.

DianeAlice Scheuer, Family News Chair

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THE EXCHANGE

Does anyone have anything they want to ask about, where to find something, trade something, just give away something to another member? If you have something to post, we'll put it in the newsletter but for privacy, all contact info is in our phone list that is sent out regularly.

Angie Phillips, Newsletter Editor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last month, Cyndi had the idea to submit a monthly article about one (or more) of the People's Choice submissions from the prior year's show with photos and a brief description of the project, similar to a social media post. Has anyone thought further about doing this? I like the idea very much since I always am asking for content. Let Cyndi know if you would like help writing your article.

Angie Phillips, Newsletter Editor

The date for our visit to Karen's shop is JULY 26!!!!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 17 - FSMC MEMBER
ZOOM MEETING
AUGUST 21 – FSMC MEMBER
ZOOM MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18 – FSMC
MEMBER IN-PERSON
MEETING, NEW CASTLE
SENIOR CENTER
SEPTEMBER 20 – OUR
INDOOR YARD SALE,
CLAYMONT COMMUNITY
CENTER
OCTOBER 4 – FREDERICK
SHOW
OCTOBER 5 – FSMC
RETREAT, DOVER
NOVEMBER 7-9 –
MINIATURA, CHERRY
HILL, NJ
NOVEMBER 15 - DELAWARE HOSPICE
FESTIVAL OF TREES, WILMINGTON
NOVEMBER 20 - FSMC MEMBER IN-PERSON MEETING, NEW CASTLE SENIOR CENTER
DECEMBER 18 - FSMC MEMBER IN-PERSON MEETING, NEW CASTLE SENIOR CENTER

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