



## *First State Mini Club Newsletter April 16, 2026* *New Castle Senior Center, 400 South Street, New Castle, DE 19720*

### *President's Comments*

Well, another great show is in the vault! A huge thank you to the vendors who came and adapted to our new location and to our members who worked to execute the event perfectly. An overwhelming majority of the vendors, members and attendees were pleased with the new venue. We are already making plans for next year's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1977 chartering of The First State Mini Club.

So, now we proceed on to our next project. We will be participating in "A Day in Old New Castle" by displaying our miniature creations at the New Castle Public Library. The New Castle council is coordinating this multi-activity event on May 16. Below is a quote from their Facebook page.

*"What's so special about A Day in Old New Castle? The First State Mini Club will present charming miniature exhibits inspired by historical themes such as Victorian homes and Early American scenes. These detailed displays capture the architecture, furnishings, and atmosphere of past eras in miniature form. Visitors of all ages will enjoy exploring these tiny worlds, on display from 10 AM to 4 PM at the New Castle Library."*

Our March meeting had our election of officers of the Board. The current officers were reelected to serve another term. They are: President, Jane Bailey; Vice President, Angie Phillips; Secretary, Bonnie Patrick; and Treasurer, Lois Weyer.

Plans are also in the works for our Fall Retreat during NAME month. Stay tuned as details are finalized.

**Jane Bailey, President**



### *Birthdays*

Happy April Birthday to Gwen Demby, Marie Kennel, Jill Kyle-Keith, Sharon Nonn and Lynne Poindexter.

**Angie Phillips, Membership**



### *Our Activities*

#### **Mary McCarthy:**

Our 2026 show was a great success! Our club pitched in as a team and worked together in so many ways to produce a fabulous event. The vendors were busy, the shoppers found treasures and the exhibit room with its many stunning displays was a place for discovery and fun.

In the People's Choice contest, an Honorable Mention went to DianeAlice for "Well Done; Anyone?", 3rd Place was a tie between Bonnie's "Outdoor Beach" and Diana's "Secret Garden", 2nd Place went to Cyndi for her "Secret Garden", and in 1st was Mary for her "Chesapeake Bay Camping & Crabs".



Here are some photos of our exhibits from our very successful 2026 show:









*For the next Festival of Trees:*

Jane found these very cute little gingerbread birdhouses and we thought they would be fun for those of the club who like to donate to the Newark Hospice's annual fundraiser in November.



I got them from *Michael's* in lots of 12 each for the two on the right and middle and a lot of 8 of the one on the left. They are about 4-5 inches tall.

I am still working on some teacups that I showed in last month's newsletter and of course, if anyone wants to do one of those, or anything else you prefer, please feel free to do so.

**Angie**

APRIL MEETING IN PERSON 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm at the New Castle Senior Center  
MAY – A Day in Old Newcastle May 16<sup>th</sup>, our displays will be at the New Castle Public Library



### *FSMC Officers*

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