Nuts about Elaine Cannon

Nuts from hickory trees are hard, tough
Undaunted Elaine Cannon carved these nuts into heads and hands
Treasures, these “Little Hickory” figures
So popular that they became collector’s items in the 1930s and 40s

Another approach- dolls with heads formed from a grain of wheat
Bodies of thread-wrapped wire with Swiss silk costumes
Oh so amazing!
Under glass domes, so elegant, so sweet, sold by Marshall Fields in the 1950s
Truly dainty dolls

Eventually these figures needed homes
Little domes, room boxes and shadowboxes
An antique shop, grandmother’s bedroom, a castle garden
Inviting spaces for the figures to dwell
Notice the Batavia, Illinois newspaper in grandma’s room
Elaine was from this Midwestern town

Cannon’s career spanned forty years
An early member of NAME*
NAME awarded her the Academy of Honor
Narcissa Ward Thorne was her close friend
One amazing miniaturist
Never to be forgotten

*NAME: National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts