



issue no.3 Wednesday May 5, 2010

NUTS ABOUT ELAINE CANNON

Location: Exploring the World Gallery

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

