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A Mother's Day tea in Pipestone had me 'on the road' again this past week.
It was another chance to visit with Mom, dress up a bit for a fancy party, and enjoy the mother/daughter relationship.
Entertainment was provided by Beth Erdmann of rural Balaton, who brought some of her collection of 300 dolls for a 'show and tell' program.
She had everything you could think of — from the popular cabbage patch dolls, to yarn dolls, to a corn husk doll, to an Elvis doll.
But the doll that struck me the most was her stacking doll. That got my attention right away.
My son gave me a gift of the Russian matryoshka dolls when he lived in Kentucky. A Russian store in his area carried them, and he just thought I would like it.

He was soooooo right.

My matryoshka is of a pretty girl surrounded by purple flowers. She has an angelic face with golden hair and pixie mouth, and the set has 20 dolls nestled inside each other.
The first doll is quite large, but the smallest little wooden maiden is smaller than a pinkie fingernail. But it is painted as nicely as the outside doll.

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