



FWDP Newsletter

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From Your 2011 President -- *Carolyn Martchenke*

My goodness our 2011 year of painting is almost over. It's been a glorious year made special by all of our awesome Chapter members!

I am pleased to report that our Chapter is as strong as ever..... we have dedicated members..... added new members this year..... have money in the bank..... and are proud to be a Chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters!

We were pleased to welcome three guests at our October Meeting **Jana Reynolds** and **Jane Mayberry** from the Bluebonnet and Yellow Rose Chapters. Nancy Genetti brought them over to visit our Chapter. Jan Handley brought a friend of hers**Norma Carrell**.



Be sure to save the date for our **Christmas Party on Monday, December 12th**. **Cindi Creswell** and her committee are planning a "Mardi Gras" party full of fun, fellowship and food. And, be planning what Mardi Gras costume you will wear..... even if it is only a mask and a boa. The **deadline for reservations is December 1st**.

A special Thank You to **Cindi** for teaching the adorable Halloween designs at our October meeting. And, another thank you to **Donna Armstrong** for the really cute mini-spoons and forks she taught us in September. We will be donating them to Meals on Wheels.

It is time to nominate someone for the **Outstanding Chapter Member**. The award is for a member who has gone "above and beyond" in our Chapter. We will take nominations at the November meeting, tally the votes and announce the Winner at our Christmas Party. If you will not be at the November meeting, just send me an email with your nomination. Past winners are: **Yvonne Lowrie, Beth Stodieck, myself, Suzane Godley, Sandra Perry and Cindi Creswell**.

Our **Nominating Committee**, consisting of **Sharlene King, Yvonne Lowrie** and **Dusti Dancer** have completed their slate of officers for 2012. See Yvonne's article for the slate she will present. We will vote at the next meeting. Also, be thinking about chairing a Chapter Committee in 2012. **Armida Guzman** will appreciate your support as she becomes our President in January.

A Dues Reminder Everyone's national dues to SDP are due by December 1st (\$50). After Dec. 1st, you add a \$5 late fee. Be sure to pay your local dues of \$20 at the November meeting. No business will be conducted at our Christmas Party.

A special thank-you to everyone for your support in my second year as your President !!!

Carolyn

FWDP supports and encourages our members to join the Society of Decorative Painters. Dues are \$50/year. Visit the website at: www.decorativepainters.org

November Project – taught by Dusti Dancer & Cindi Creswell

IT'S A SURPRISE TBA

Bring your regular painting supplies, with graphite paper and thin tipped marker. We'll supply the rest. We would appreciate a \$1.00 fee to cover expenses. Come see what we have planned!



Programs

Thank you Cindi for a fun and creative Halloween project. The haunted houses were fun to paint, no straight lines! I am looking forward to finishing my can and filling it with candy! It is such a happy piece.

Due to some medical issues we will not be painting the dancing brushes as planned this month. I still want to do them, because I think they will be fun and I like painting with all the fun colors. Maybe next year....hint, hint Sherida. (hope you feel better soon.) Cindi has the wheels turning to come up with a project for us, so bring a dollar for supplies and your brushes and Cindi and I will have everything else you need at the meeting. It will be a travel light night, just your bodies, your brushes, and a smile.

I am still looking for program leaders and suggestions for next year. Right now it is looking like we will have at least four UFO (unfinished objects) nights if we don't have program leaders. It is up to you. Let me know if you have program ideas or would like to lead. Is there something new you would like to learn? You know how to find me. Let me know.

Dusti
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Birthdays:

November

6 – Linda Shawhan
12 – Nancy Genetti
27 – Donna Armstrong

December

18 - Jody Pate
29 – Terry Becker
31 – LaRue Hughes

Committee Reports:

NOMINATIONS FOR 2012 OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for election at the November 21, 2011 meeting:

President: Armida Guzman
VP Programs/President Elect: Dusti Dancer
VP Membership: Beth Stodieck
Secretary: Nancy Genetti
Treasurer: Sharlene King

Other nominations may be made from the floor the night of election with prior consent of the nominee. A majority vote is required. The elected officers shall be installed in December to take office in January 2012. Respectfully submitted: *Yvonne Lowrie, chair; Dusti Dancer; Sharlene King*

HOSPITALITY

Cindi Creswell, Dusti Dancer and Juanita Munoz are food and drink hostesses for November. Anyone wishing to bring sweet or non sweet food or drink may do so.

A Special Thanks to all who have served as hostesses and/or brought food during the year. It takes every member cooperating with each other to make the year successful.

~ *Yvonne Lowrie*, Hospitality Chair
817-923-2901

SUNSHINE

Am happy to report that Armida, Vera, LaRue, Gerry and Sherida are all in various stages of their healing process! Wishing them well. Thank you for everyone's help in giving me information this year and please continue to do so through December when after that I'll be turning the Sunshine responsibility over to a new member.

~ *Connie Bartch*

DOOR PRIZES

October door prizes were given to Vera Hudnall, Peggy Gilliland, Debra Reid, and Cindi Creswell. Please try to bring a door prize to the November meeting. We love door prizes so if anyone else would like to bring one we all would love it.

~ *Mary Helen Horne*

PINS PINS PINS

Well Ladies, this is the last pin exchange for the year. I hope you enjoyed seeing all the great pieces. We have such talented people, even our new members can play. Remember a pin out of anything you have a passion for...is fun to share.

LAST CHANCE!

~ *Cindi Creswell*

LIBRARY

Books are due!!!! Please bring to the November meeting so I can take inventory and accountability. I'll be calling to make arrangements for those that have overdue items for pickup.

~ *Cindi Creswell*



More Committee Reports:

MEMORY BOXES

The Cook's Hospital nurses say "THANK YOU" for the boxes. They need them so desperately but understand that our members are busy and we are fewer than before. BUT I'm asking for your unfinished boxes to finish!!!! What a deal no guilt. I know you'll get to it, BUT NEED THEM NOW!

~ Cindi Creswell

CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE

Ladies! Head Elf here, I hope you've been painting up a storm. Gifts of 5 and your ornament. DOOR PRIZES through the night. Best OF..... too. Why not go all out and bring your boas and masks? I plan on dressing up. It's a surprise matey!!!! I plan a blow out so join the fun. Music, food and your mates. What else could you ask for? Let me know if you're coming or not. I have 27 on the signup sheet. We're missing a few. **DEADLINE for monies \$7.00 DEC.1** Join us DEC. 12 at the Botanic Gardens, for a PARTY. Music, food and laughter with your mates. Be THERE!

~ Cindi Creswell

TOLE MONTH

Don't forget to see our display at the Southwest Regional Library on Hulen. Theme **FALL ITEMS**. This is an opportunity for the Chapter to share with the community what we are all about.

~ Cindi Crewell



MONTHLY RAFFLE

Thank you to Dusti Dancer, Jeanette Johnson and Bette Kenaston for the raffle pieces for October. Also thank you to Donna Armstrong for the tote bag. I loved them all!

I have Janet Hughes and Jan Handley signed up for November. I also have a wonderful surprise donation from our wonderful new member Terry Becker – better be here...you won't want to miss out!

~ Vera Hudnall

Tip of the Day:

If you have an old paint bucket that needs cleaning and have tried everything to get it looking new again.....here's something that may work! It's called Dawn Power Dissolver. Spray the water bucket (or other item to be cleaned). Let it sit overnight, then wipe clean! Removed old paint etc.

~ Tip courtesy of Nancy Genetti

**Fort Worth Decorative Painters
Minutes of Chapter Meeting
October 17, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Carolyn Martchenke. She welcomed Norma Carol, guest of Jan Handley, and Janna Reynolds and Jane Maberry, guests of Nancy Genetti. Cindi announced what to start base coating for tonight's project. Following items were discussed:

1. Minutes: Beth moved, Dusti 2nd, that September minutes be approved as printed in October newsletter. All in favor, none opposed.
2. Programs: Dusti reported Cindi will teach Halloween project tonight. Sherida will teach dancing brushes in November. Need teachers for next year.
3. Membership: No report. Mary Helen announced 19 present tonight + 3 guests. Carolyn announced local dues are due 12-1 and may be paid to Jeanette. National dues are \$50 and are also due 12-1.
4. Treasurer's report: Jeanette Johnson reported checking balance is \$5,750.24; money market balance is \$5,202.57; total \$10,952.81.
5. Nominating Committee: Sharlene reported for Yvonne, chair, proposed slate for 2012: President - Armida, President-Elect - Dusti, Membership - Beth, Treasurer - Sharlene, Secretary - To be announced (One person checking calendar to see if they can commit, if not, an alternate is willing to accept. Proposed slate will be printed in November newsletter and voted on at the November meeting.
6. Newsletter: No report.
7. Christmas Party: Cindi reported party is December 12.
8. Door Prizes: Mary Helen reported door prizes won tonight by Vera, Peggy, Debra Reid, Cindi.
9. Hospitality: No report.
10. Memory Boxes: Cindi announced boxes are available to paint. Connie recently painted some.
11. Library: No report.
12. Service Project: No report.
13. Monthly raffle: Vera reported Snowman jar painted by Dusti won by Jeanette, Rose book donated by Jeanette won by Juanita, Tin Bucket painted by Bette won by Vera.
14. Decorative Painting Month: Cindi announced items were due tonight for November display at the library. None were turned in. If anyone wants to participate, please bring to board meeting next week.
15. Sunshine: Connie Bartch announced cards were sent to Armida (broken ankle), Sherida (bad fall injured both knees) and Yvonne (hip replacement).
16. Pin Exchange: Cindi announced last exchange of the year is next month.
17. New Business:
Wood sale tonight of items donated by Pat Wayman.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 for painting with Cindi.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharlene King,
Recording Secretary

NAME: _____ Daytime Phone () _____

Place a *star* (*) by the committees that you are most interested in, and a (+) by all others in which you are interested.

- ___ **Newsletter Editor** – Attends all Chapter and Board meetings, takes accurate notes at these meetings, collects monthly articles from all appropriate officers and chairmen, writes, edits, prints, folds and mails monthly newsletters, provides a recent newsletter to all guests, sends out newsletters to prospective members, maintains an accurate address label list on all members, provides mailing labels to other Committee Chairmen who may need them, keeps copies of all newsletters for Chapter archive, provides extra copies of newsletters to Historian and Membership VP.
- ___ **Christmas Party Chair** – With the help of a committee of her choosing, determines the theme, plans activities, coordinates decorations and ornaments, solicits raffle items/auction items as needed, plans dinner, sells dinner, raffle tickets and ornaments, attends Board meetings as necessary to keep Board informed of plans, provides a monthly article to Newsletter Chairman as needed to keep Membership informed of plans.
- ___ **Computer Mistress** – Maintains the Chapter Website with pictures of projects, patterns for coming projects, pictures from Chapter activities, links to other painting related websites and displaying business cards from member owned businesses.
- ___ **Door Prizes** – Accepts door prizes from members at Chapter meetings, handles raffles at Chapter meetings, provides a newsletter article monthly with info about who won door prizes at last meeting, reminders to all members to bring back door prizes after winning.
- ___ **Historian** – Takes pictures at all Chapter events/events attended by members or solicits photos from other members of those events, using pictures, newsletters, mementos, etc, makes an annual scrapbook that accurately preserves memories from all Chapter activities.
- ___ **Hospitality** – Solicit volunteers to be hostesses for each meeting, provide utensils and other supplies at each meeting, circulate sign up lists for members to sign up to bring hospitality to meetings, provide an article for newsletter monthly that lists people responsible for bringing food/decorations to next meeting and theme.
- ___ **Library** – Stores Chapter library, brings a selection of books and videos to each Chapter meeting, maintains a list of books/videos checked out to Chapter members, provides newsletter articles as needed, purchases new items for library as requested by members.
- ___ **Make-It-Take-It** – Choose a project, present it to the Board for approval, buy supplies, determine cost to members, bring supplies to September meeting/sell supplies, teach or arrange for teacher to teach the project at the September meeting.
- ___ **Memory Boxes** – Buys boxes for members to paint, encourages members to paint boxes as needed, keeps a record of boxes checked out to members for painting, maintains communication with hospitals who use our Memory Boxes.
- ___ **Parliamentarian** – Attend all Board and Chapter meetings, be knowledgeable about and provide guidance for procedural questions using the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
- ___ **Publicity** – In the manner that you determine is best, advertise our Chapter to others in the community, serve as a contact person for people interested in coming to visit us for a meeting.
- ___ **Seminars** – Along with a co-chairman, contact teachers of your choosing/Chapter request about details involved in bringing those teachers to our Chapter including potential project samples/photos to be presented to the Board, teaching fees, hotel reservations, set up classroom, arrange meals for teacher, transport teacher to and from classroom, member sign up and collection of seminar fees, distribution of patterns/surfaces to paid students. Duties such as teacher transport and meals with teacher may be delegated to other members if necessary. *(We would like this to become a two year job commitment. This year we will be looking for a Chairman who will serve for one year, continuing the efforts of our Chairs from 2006, and a Co-Chair who will serve for two years, helping the Chair with seminars in 2007 while scheduling seminars for 2008. The 2008 incoming Co-Chair will then begin working on events for 2009 while the Chair.)*
- ___ **Service Project** – Select a service project for members to work on during the year. Plan and coordinate our efforts with the employees of the benefiting organization. (Cancer Care Services enjoyed our last project so much that they have asked us to return and do another painting project in their new kids room. Very simple project. Beth has details.)
- ___ **Summer Paint-In** – With the help of a committee of her choosing, chooses a date, arranges a meeting place, chooses a project, buys supplies or provides members with a list of items to bring, arranges for lunch plans of her choice, provides nametags/favors if she and her committee decide to do so.
- ___ **Sunshine** - Collect info from members about member illness, losses, successes, milestones, etc. and provide a newsletter article including all of this info to the Newsletter Editor monthly.
- ___ **Table Attendants** – Arrive early to the Chapter meeting. Bring table cloths and help cover tables. Collect tablecloths at the end of each meeting and store them until needed again. Arrange for Seminar Chairs to get tablecloths if needed.
- ___ **Telephone** – Organize a Committee who can quickly call/email all members with urgent info that needs to be given out before a meeting or Board meeting can be held.
- ___ **Tole Month** – Arrange with local libraries and/or other facilities in the community to display our painted items during October, Tole Month.
- ___ **Ways and Means/Monthly** – Arrange for volunteers to provide 4 or more items to be raffled at our monthly meetings. Arrange other activities for raising funds at Chapter meetings if you so desire. Sell raffle tickets and turn in money to Treasurer. Provide a monthly article listing winners from last month, donors from last month and donors for the coming month.



2011 Dates to Remember

November 21st – Chapter Meeting
December 12th – Christmas Party

Articles should be sent to:

newsletters@fwdecorativepainters.com

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2011 Board

President – Carolyn Martchenke
President Elect – Armida Guzman
VP Programs – Dusti Dancer
VP Membership – Donna Armstrong
Secretary – Sharlene King
Treasurer – Jeanette Johnson

Committees:

Annual Fund Raiser – Beth Stodieck
Christmas Party – Cindi Creswell
Decorative Painting Month - open
Door Prizes – Mary Helen Horne
Historian – open
Hospitality – Yvonne Lowrie
Library – Cindi Creswell
Memory Boxes – Cindi Creswell
Make it – Take it – Donna Armstrong
Member Directory – Jan Handley
Monthly Raffle – Vera Hudnall

Newsletter Editor – Suzane Godley
Parliamentarian/Bylaws – Yvonne Lowrie/Nancy Genetti
Publicity – Suzane Godley
Seminars – Vera Hudnall & Armida Guzman
Service Project Recipient – Prevent Blindness
State Fair – Sherida D’Ambra
Summer Paint In – Cindi Creswell
Sunshine – Connie Bartch
Telephone – Sherida D’Ambra
Website – Suzane Godley

