

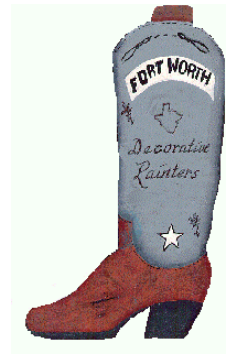


FWDP Newsletter

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From Your 2011 President – Carolyn Martchenke

Here we go I am delighted to enter another year as your Chapter President. Our theme this year is "Recycling in Art" ideas, projects, patterns, etc.

Christmas Party Was Fun

What a wonderful Christmas Party we had thanks to the vision and leadership of Cindi Creswell and her fabulous Committee members, some of whom provided the food for us at a nominal cost.

Tacky Wood

Bring an piece of wood to the January meeting. Bring it in a brown paper bag which will be numbered. Then, you draw a number and end up with the matching item. Bring it back painted at the May meeting for a Chinese Auction exchange.

Cindi Creswell, Outstanding Chapter Member

Congratulations, Cindiour "Outstanding Chapter Member" for your service to our Chapter. Not only does she have great ideas for painting projects, but Cindy has also been in charge of our Chapter Library and our Memory Box program for many years.

Raffle in February

We have postponed the Raffle drawing for the lovely box painted by Rosemary West. You can still purchase Raffle Tickets at the January and February meetings. Then we will have a drawing for the winner in February.

Beverly Wilson Items to Raffle

Beverly Wilson, a retired member of our Chapter, has donated four items. The Board voted to include them as Raffle items in four different months. Photos will be in the Newsletter and on our website www.fwdecorativepainters.com (Note: A good way to recycle..... by donating your projects.)

Painting Items for Prevent Blindness Texas

In appreciation to Prevent Blindness for the use of their conference room for many years, members are encouraged to donate an art item for the Silent Auction at their big fund-raiser on March 10th. You should consider the value to be about \$20 or more. Bring your donations to the January or February Chapter meetings.

New Meeting Room

For our January meeting we are going to be in a smaller room at the Botanic Garden. It is right across the hall from our normal meeting room.

Open Positions for Committee Chairs

On the last page of this Newsletter you will see the names of our Officers and Committee Chairs. We still need volunteers for the following:

Decorative Painting Month (Oct.) -- (Set up a display in an area Library.)

Historian / Scrapbook – Take pictures of Chapter meetings and activities. Put in an Album.

Publicity – Send Press Releases about Chapter meetings to local weekly newspapers.

State Fair – Encourage members to enter their projects in the Texas State Fair.

Telephone – Recruit a committee of phone members with urgent news.

If you are interested, contact me on my cell phone 817-504-4747 or by email cmartchenke@sbcglobal.net.

Looking forward to seeing you on January 24th. *Carolyn*

The Printer is Waiting for Our FWDP 2011 Directory

I hope most of you know by now that I have been requesting new pictures and any corrections to appear in the 2011 Directory. I appreciate all that have replied so quickly. This will make it possible for me to get the updated directory to the printer by the end of January and then distributed at the March meeting.

If I have not connected with you to confirm information or take a picture of you, please check at the sign-in desk with me to receive an "Update Form" to fill-in and a pleasant smile for the picture (if needed). Even if you have made changes since your reply to my emails, you can still make changes at the January meeting. This will be your last chance to make changes and additions. If you have a business that you would like listed in our directory, you can also provide that information on the Update Form at the sign-in desk.

There are a few changes in the handling of the directory sale this year. There is **No Charge!** **YEA!** Each member will receive at no cost one copy of the FWDP 2011 Directory. If you want a second copy of **JUST THE MEMBERS PICTURE WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION**, there will be a twenty-five cent (Yes, that is right - a \$0.25, a fraction of a dollar) charge for the printing of the pages of just the members. This second copy will take the place of a copy being emailed to you.

Again, I thank you for your cooperation in getting the directory to the printer on time.

If you have any question, email me at handley4272@wildblue.net or phone 817.244.4272.

Jan Handley

Sunshine - Connie Bartch

Please email or call me when you have news of any of our members in need of cards.

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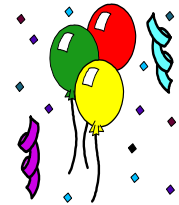
Beverly Wilson Special Raffle

We have been given four wonderful pieces that everyone will want! We have decided to have 4 raffles spaced out during the year. The first one will be in Feb. so be thinking about it!! The raffle tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. This will be our first ways and means project for the year.
Vera Hudnall



Happy Birthday!

January
19 – Linda Crawford
24 – Marita Richardson



~~~ Memory Boxes~~~

Ladies, I want to personally thank you for supporting the Memory Box program. We are going on 11 years of sharing our talent and time to comfort a wounded heart. I realize this has been a commitment of love and with a declining membership it has become a problem to get our quota of boxes to the hospitals. Please consider base coating a few boxes to help someone else paint. Every stroke helps. I'll be bringing some to the meetings. Again, if you can't find the time to get to one, but have one in your paint room you took home from the last meeting, bring it back. Thanks! Cindi Creswell

LIBRARY NEWS – Cindi Creswell

Last year we added some DVD's and CD's from Sandy Abuchon. The DVD techniques of Jamie Mills-Price on how to paint the Santa and Bear raffled off at the Christmas party too. I'll be submitting the book. I'll look for some ideas for the pin exchange also. Need ideas for spring? Want something to do through the cold winter? Come to my corner and look in my bag. Remember if you want something you haven't seen, let me know the Saturday BEFORE the meeting so I can locate the item. Thanks.



Door Prizes – Mary Helen Horne

Door Prizes

Everyone loves a door prize!!!!
If you received one in November please bring one to the January meeting. Anyone may bring a painting related door prize.



TACKY WOOD – Cindi Creswell

OK Ladies! It's that time of year to dig through your unfinished wood stash. If you wish to join us for Tacky Wood, find a piece of wood that's complete and clean. A humble material that was forgotten or had good intentions. (if you have the pattern you can enclose it). But, not necessary because your IMAGINATION is working to create a spectacular transformed finished piece when we exchange the first time at the January meeting. Remember, find that special complete, unfinished and clean piece(s) of wood, something you would want to receive. Place it in a foo-foo bag or just bring it in a brown paper bag to the meeting. At our May meeting bring your BEAUTIFUL transformed piece back in a foo-foo bag and we will have our Chinese exchange. That's when the fun begins. Who has the onion?



PROGRAMS

2011 is the year to recycle! Items around the house or old projects that need a new purpose, so with Cindi's help we have chosen programs that can be painted on items that you have at home, in the garage, or in the shed. Every lesson can be painted on more than one background and can be adapted to items that might be thrown away otherwise.

We are going to start off our 2011 programs with a beautiful poinsettia tile taught by Cindi Creswell. This is the same tile that you received in your goodie bag at the Christmas party. If you put four tiles together you get a big beautiful flower in full bloom. In keeping with our recycle theme, this can be done on a tile or the background of your choice. I think I am going to "reuse" a canvas left from a class that was so bad I will never finish the piece. This will be a much better use of the canvas.

Earlier I mentioned that we have programs picked for the year. What we don't have are teachers for all of the programs. I will have a list at the meeting and will be looking for leaders. Please give this some thought and sign up to lead a program this year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting. Dusti Dancer



Membership Report

As VP of Membership I'm excited to announce our Chapter is starting off 2011 with three new members, Teri Becker, Debra Reid and Linda Blythe. Welcome, Ladies. We ended 2010 by adding one new member, Jan Handley, and seven visitors.

As we build on our existing loyal members by adding new members we help make FWDP Chapter progressive and more creative. Let's not stop at forty-six members. We can fulfill one part of our Society's mission, stimulating interest and appreciation for decorative painting, when we encourage others to join in our appreciation of the art form.

I'd like to challenge EACH member this year to bring at least one visitor/new member to a 2011 chapter meeting or one of our weekend paint days at Prevent Blindness. At the end of the year, I will present to the member who brings the most visitors/new members a nice gift. Together we can build FWDP Chapter into a Chapter that fully epitomizes what our Society of Decorative Painters intended us to be.

For those who have not yet paid, remember chapter dues received after January 1st increase to \$25.00. Society of Decorative Painters 2011 Membership Applications will be available at the membership table for those who need them. Dues postmarked after December 1, 2010, will require an additional \$5.00 late fee. (This late fee does not apply to new members or those who did not renew in the past two years, 2009 and 2010). SDP Business Members, DecoArt and Royal & Langnickel, have generously offered to give a Decorative Painting New Member kit to every new 2011 SDP member.

SDP offers a Household Membership for those members sharing the same address as an Individual or Business Member. Household members do not receive Society publications, but all other benefits received with an Individual membership will apply.

Did you know there is a gift membership available, offering a savings of \$10.00? Please call SDP membership coordinator, Sony Sacks, to get complete details for the savings at (316) 269-9191 ext. 105 or email Sony sony@decorativepainter.org.

Fort Worth SDP Chapter Members will be asked to present their National SDP Membership Card upon renewal so that we can remain an affiliated chapter in good standing of our National Chapter. Also, I would like to mention our Decorative Painter magazine as well as SDP website, which has been redesigned with a great exciting new look and features. The website is user friendly and has more free projects. Equally exciting is the new SDP blog. Members can sign up through the SDP website.

It's going to be an exciting year!

See you soon,

Donna "Bear" Armstrong

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## **Spring Raffle**



Raffle tickets for the Rosemary West box will again be for sale at the January meeting. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 24 for \$20. Since my schedule and life got a little messed up this fall, the drawing date was postponed until after the new year. A new drawing date will be announced at the meeting. I will not be at the January meeting, but someone will be selling tickets in my place. Thanks for your patience. Beth Stodieck

Note of Appreciation:

To my painting family: Many, many thanks for all of the cards, emails, notes, Guardian Angel trinkets and prayers that you have sent to my family and me. We are, again, overwhelmed by your support and love. It was such a comfort to look up at the church and see you all there. You are so much more than friends. You are a part of my family and I love you all. The future seems so empty at odd moments but then we remind ourselves of all the blessing that we have to be thankful for and everything looks brighter. These last few weeks have shown us that. Laugh with us when we laugh, cry with us when we get teary and be patient with us as we all try to heal and define our new "normal". From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all. Beth Stodieck

### **YOU LEFT ME SPEECHLESS**



**Ladies, at the Christmas party you caught me off guard and left me speechless. I appreciate your vote for the "Star Award". I find painting along with everything else I do a challenge that helps me grow as an artist. And we are ALL artists. We all have talent and can learn from one another. Participating in this group gives me an outlet to express my passion for art and marrying painting with my love of gourds and clay. I regret there is not enough time to complete all my crazy ideas or plans but I'm grateful for the opportunity to share and learn something new. Thanks again for catching me by surprise, it helps to keep me grounded. Cindi Creswell**

### **Monthly Raffle**

Time to start a new year!! And a new raffle!! We don't have anyone signed up for January. You have all been very generous this past year. We made \$426 for the year. Thank you everyone! The ones that donated and of course the ones that bought tickets. Start the year off right and donate to the raffle! Thank you! Vera Hudnall



## **January Project – Cindi Creswell**

Supplies and paints you will need for the January tile project:

### **Supplies:**

White graphite paper

Tile - Rialito terra 4X4 ( at Lowes) will have some at meeting and cork back  
( 3 tiles and cork for \$3.00)

#6, or #8, or #12 flat or angle brush. A favorite you use with a good edge

Liner 10/0

**Paints** - I used American, if you don't have I'll have some available to use

napa red

black green

antique rose

black plum

hauser med green

hauser dark green

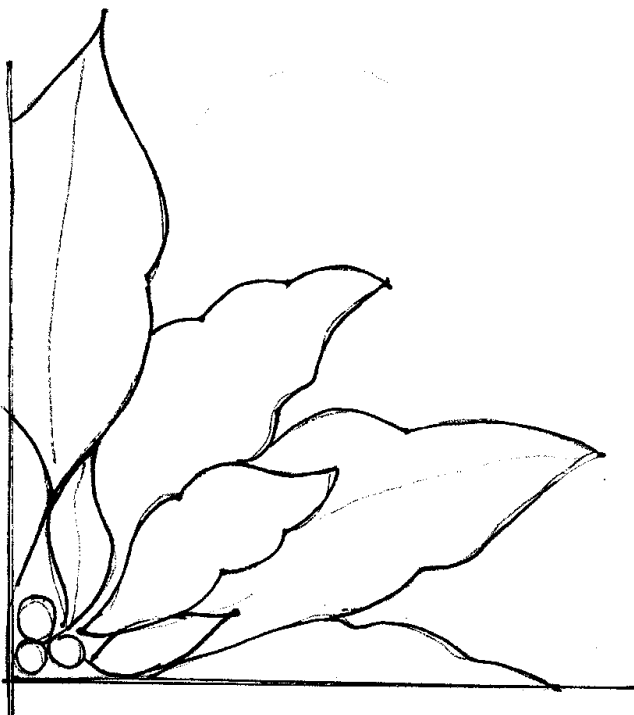
straw or similar yellow

gold - not dark or you won't see it.

dioxin purple (optional)

cranberry red (optional)

If ambitious, base coat tile with black green, (note: tile reacts to the weather, if cold may streak. or create holes from paint). First coat should be even and light, DRY then apply second coat, remember to get into the grooves. Refer to tile from Christmas party. Use pattern from newsletter, trace then apply to tile with white graphite paper. Add gold lines. (2) only on side and bottom . If you really want to be ahead of the pack, base coat petals in antique rose. You can bring other reds that you like. See you at the meeting.



## Hospitality 2011

When the Chapter was started in 1985 the members said: "at each meeting we want to paint, eat and have fun" but not necessarily in that order! Food is always important! A Decorated food table with member paintings is always nice too.

This year, Board members have taken a month to serve as hostess, provide drinks and decorations. At the January meeting members can sign up to help with table decorations and help hostess.

The past two years **we have encouraged everyone to bring food to share.** We have had a good selection - not just all desserts! That might be fun however!

The theme each month will have to do with the painting project or the season/holiday. This will give each member a chance to display their art - at each meeting if desired. Please come with a fold over place card with information about the piece with your name and perhaps the date painted.

The painting project is poinsettia coasters. If you have painted or received as a gift, a poinsettia on canvas, an ornament, tray or other surface, please bring for *Show and Tell* at the food table. Add a folded place card with information. Remember, we will be meeting in a new room which is smaller.

Thanks in advance, for signing up to hostess during the year.

Hospitality Chair, Yvonne Lowrie 817-923-2901 [yvonnelowrie@juno.com](mailto:yvonnelowrie@juno.com)



Even the young learn and are willing to help paint for our Memory Box project. Pictured are Donna Armstrong's grandkids.

### NOTE OF THANKS.....

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT. MY MOTHER HAS BEEN VERY SICK FOR A LONG TIME. IT WAS VERY SAD TO LOSE HER; DOESN'T MATTER WHAT TIME OF YEAR. ALL THE KINDNESS SHOWN OUR FAMILY HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP.

THE MANY SYMPATHY CARDS WAITING FOR ME FROM FWDP MEMBERS WHEN WE GOT HOME WAS A GREAT REMINDER OF HOW LUCKY ALL OF US ARE TO BE PART OF THIS GROUP!

SHARLENE



**What to bring:**

- ~ **Painting supplies & project paints**
- ~ **Snacks**
- ~ **Door Prizes**
- ~ **Tacky Wood**
- ~ **Money for Raffle**

**2011 Dates to Remember**

January 24th – Chapter Meeting  
 January 29<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting 10-noon

*Articles should be sent to:*

[newsletters@fwdecorativepainters.com](mailto:newsletters@fwdecorativepainters.com)

*Visit the Chapter Website:*

[www.fwdecorativepainters.com](http://www.fwdecorativepainters.com)

**2011 Board**

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

**Committees:**

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Yvonne Lowrie  
 Annual Fund Raiser – Beth Stodieck  
 Christmas Party – 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  
 Seminars – Vera Hudnall & Armida Guzman  
 Service Project Recipient – Prevent Blindness  
 Summer PaintIn – Cindi Creswell  
 State Fair – open  
 Sunshine – Connie Bartch  
 Table Attendants – Jeanette Johnson  
 Tole Month - open  
 Telephone – open  
 Website – Suzane Godley