



# FWDP Newsletter

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## From Your 2011 President -- Carolyn Martchenke

As I write this note, it has been in the 40's all day. Brrrr!!! Well, since the calendar says it is already Spring, warm, and hot, weather cannot be very far away..... especially since Cindi taught us how to paint sunflowers on a tote bag at our March meeting. Thank you, Cindi.

It is not too late to sign up for our **Watercolor Seminar** with Mark Polomchak on July 16 & 17. Register now with Armida Guzman at [a.guzman@tcu.edu](mailto:a.guzman@tcu.edu) or call her at 817-229-7129.



You will be pleased to know that the painted items donated by several of our Chapter members raised \$310 at the recent Prevent Blindness Dinner and Silent Auction. Thank you to Vera Hudnall, LaRue Hughes, Yvonne Lowrie, Dusti Dancer, Armida Guzman and Jeanette Johnson. Please forgive me if I have left your name off this list.

**Raffle winners.** At the March meeting..... Shirley Wiesman's name was drawn as the winner of the lovely box painted by Rosemary West. And, guess who somehow won the occasional table painted by Beverly Wilson.....me..... what a surprise!

We will have another item painted by Beverly Wilson at the April Meeting.....a lovely painting of irises.

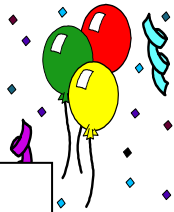
Please mark your calendar for **Monday, May 23**. Our meeting in May will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday since so many of our Chapter members are going to the SDP International Conference in Wichita, Kansas.

**Once a Girl Scout.....Always a Girl Scout!!!** Were you a Girl Scout in your youth.....or even a Troop Leader? Well, the Girl Scouts of the USA will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 12<sup>th</sup> of next year. Yvonne Lowrie, Mary Helen Horne, Suzane Godley, Sharlene King and I are all members of the **Girl Scouts Alumnae Association**, and we are looking for lots of Alumnae. We have an organized GSAA.....without any Dues! We would love to have you join us. We have a get-together usually every month.....from a Tea on Thinking Day.....to canoeing in Benbrook Lake ..... to lunch on Saturdays at various restaurants. We have lots of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship. Just look at the last page of this Newsletter and send one of us an email, and we will send you a membership form. Remember, No Dues!

Happy Painting!

Carolyn

Happy Birthday!!!



April

13 – Pam Martinez

May

10 – Sherida D’Ambra

13 – Armida Guzman

25 – BJ Swierk

Fork and Spoon painted by LaRue Hughes. Just another cute idea for the September Make it Take it project!!! Endless possibilities!

Donna Armstrong



~~~~ Memory Boxes ~~~~

I just put in another order for some boxes from Michael's. They seem to be the only one that will give us a good deal. I have some prepped and ready to paint a design on. So pick up a few and share your talent for a great cause. Many thanks!! Cindi

**PINS!!!!**

As quickly as April is approaching we will exchange pins again. I'd say for the first time in February we did pretty good. Lots of talent in the group so let us see what you can do. Your 'best-est' work out of something you enjoy. Don't forget to put it in a fo-fo bag or brown bag.. Surprise and dazzle everyone. So join in the fun. No commitments. Next exchange after April won't be until September.

**Sunshine - Connie Bartch**

A sympathy card was sent to Sharlene King on the recent death of her mother in law. Please continue to let me know when there is a need for cards to be sent. Thank you!

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***Door Prizes – Mary Helen Horne***

Jan Handley, Mary Helen Horne, Suzanne King, Shirley Weisman and Linda McDonald won a door prize at our meeting in March. They should try to bring a door prize for the April meeting. We would love to have some extra prizes, so please bring one if you can.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE**

**GEEZ, NOT OUT OF THE COLD YET DEARY. GET AN EARLY START ON YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY ORNAMENT OR GIFTS OF FIVE. PACE YOURSELVES LADIES. GET YOUR PAINTING DONE WHILE THE WEATHER IS STILL FEELING....A LITTLE LIKE CHRISTMAS. ALSO...DOES ANYONE HAVE TULLE? BRIGHT COLORS? LET ME KNOW. PLEASE! SEND ME AN EMAIL OR LET ME KNOW AT THE NEXT MEETING. THANKS! CINDI CRESWELL**

***Monthly Raffle – Vera Hudnall***

*Thank you to Cindi Creswell, Dusti Dancer, Peggy Gilliland and LaRue Hughes for the March raffle items. They were fun. For April we only have Marc Wrisley and Jan Handley. So think about bringing a goodie!! Thanks again!*

**Memberships – Donna Armstrong**

At our March meeting we had 26 members present and one visitor, Rosalie McLeod. Welcome Rosalie we hope to see you again in April! By now you should have received in the mail your new 2011 SDP membership card and quarterly SDP Magazine "The Decorative Painter". It is also available to view on line at <http://www.decorativepainters.org/>. Please bring your new SDP card to the April meeting, for a prize drawing.

**New Member. Please add to your directory.**

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**Library** – Cindi Creswell

I have the new book and DVD from Gray Greene in, so get in line to check it out. I'll be checking on new titles from your requests. If you find anything interesting, let me know. Want a book, DVD, CD from the library? Catch me before the Monday meeting. Don't wait til Sunday I may not find or have a chance to look at my email.

**TACKY WOOD** – Cindi Creswell

Did you forget? Have you thought of a wonderful new life to breathe into your raw and naked wood? Come on....GET PAINTING...May is just around the corner and we want to see so we can oooh and AAAHHHH.. BUT! You don't have a piece of wood you say? WELL, not to fear. Unearth a homely piece from your stash or ask Dusti or Cindi to bring you one. Let your talent shine!!!!

**Raffle** - Rosemary West's pretty box was won by Shirley Wiesman and the table painted donated by Beverly Wilson was won by Carolyn Martchenke.

We will have a Beverly Wilson piece in April for the raffle. All raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

## **HOSPITALITY – Yvonne Lowrie**

**Connie Barch** is in charge of Hospitality for April. The theme will be STRAWBERRIES. Only sweet and unsweet tea will be provided - no soda. These members have signed up to bring food:

NONSWEET: Dusti Dancer, Mary Helen Horne, Sharlene King, Marc Wrisley

SWEET: Linda Chapman, Suzane Godley, Pam Martinez

Thanks to all who provided food in March. One Special of the night was by Terry Becker: Sopapilla Cheesecake. A similar recipe is also in the FWDP 2005 Cookbook.

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| 2 - 8oz Cream Cheese               | 1 - stick Butter         |
| 2 - dairy case cans Crescent Rolls | 1 - tsp vanilla favoring |
| 1 1/2 - cups of sugar              | 1 - tsp ground cinnamon  |

- 1) Soften cream cheese and blend in 1 cup sugar and 1 tsp. vanilla, mix well.
- 2) Spread 1 can crescent rolls in an oblong baking dish - glass or metal - 9X13. Gently mash the dough so there are no holes.
- 3) Spread cream cheese mixture over the crescent rolls.
- 4) Spread 1 can crescent rolls over the top of cream cheese mixture. Again, mash or pinch so there are no holes.
- 5) Melt 1 stick butter.
- 6) Mix together 1/2 cup sugar and 1 tsp Cinnamon.
- 6) Pour a little butter all over the top, then sprinkle on the cinnamon mixture. Alternate this procedure all over the top until all butter and cinnamon are gone.
- 7) Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes -- It is best served warm. Make a double batch using a 11X15 pan/dish.

## **Easy Chicken Tetrazzini** – from the Kitchen of LaRue Hughes (recipe requested by several members)

1 Chicken  
2 10.5 oz cans cream of chicken soup  
1/2 can evaporated milk (5 oz)  
2 cups shredded cheese (reserve 1 cup to sprinkle on top)  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup chopped celery  
1 12 oz pk. spaghetti  
1 stick margarine

Cover chicken with water-add a little salt and cook until chicken is tender. Remove chicken (SAVE THAT BROTH)

Bone and chop chicken. Cook spaghetti (broken into 3rd's in the chicken broth) I added 1 chicken bullion cube to the broth for extra flavor.

Saute onion and celery in margarine until tender. Combine chicken soup, 1 cup of cheese, onion, celery and milk. Heat until cheese is melted. Add chicken and spaghetti. Mix well, salt and pepper to taste. Add shredded cheese to top if desired.

Put into casserole and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

## April Program

This month's program was adapted from Shara Reiner's "Springtime Trio" published in the June 2010 edition of Quick and Easy Painting. The original piece is a wooden candle holder. In keeping with our reuse and recycle theme, I painted on flower pots and saucers that can be used as candle holders or candy dishes and Cindi painted on jars that can be candle holders or just decorative pieces. These are fun to paint and can be as simple or as ornate as you want them to be.

Next month (May) we will be painting on memory boxes or the surface of your choice with Cindi. We will also be exchanging our rejuvenated tacky wood. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Dusti Dancer ([thedust@charter.net](mailto:thedust@charter.net))  
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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR DAISES AND STRAWBERRIES – APRIL PROJECT

Base coat your piece with a dark background color, I used Black on one and Midnight on another. A very dark green would also work well. Put your pattern on any way you like. I cut mine into pieces and put the daisies where I wanted them and then filled in with strawberries, dot flowers, linework and stars.

Base the daisy petals with an off white like Lt Buttermilk, leaving a little of you background showing through to help act as shading.

Base the strawberries with a muted red like Country Red, we will shade with Deep Burgandy.

Base the leaves with a medium green.

The rest we will do at the meeting. Don't go out and buy paint, I will share. Carolyn also donated some that we can use. Bring your regular painting supplies and something to use for a palette and you will be good to go! This will be fun and stress free. I promise. If you have any questions shoot me an email or give me a call. Dusti



# Quick & Easy Painting

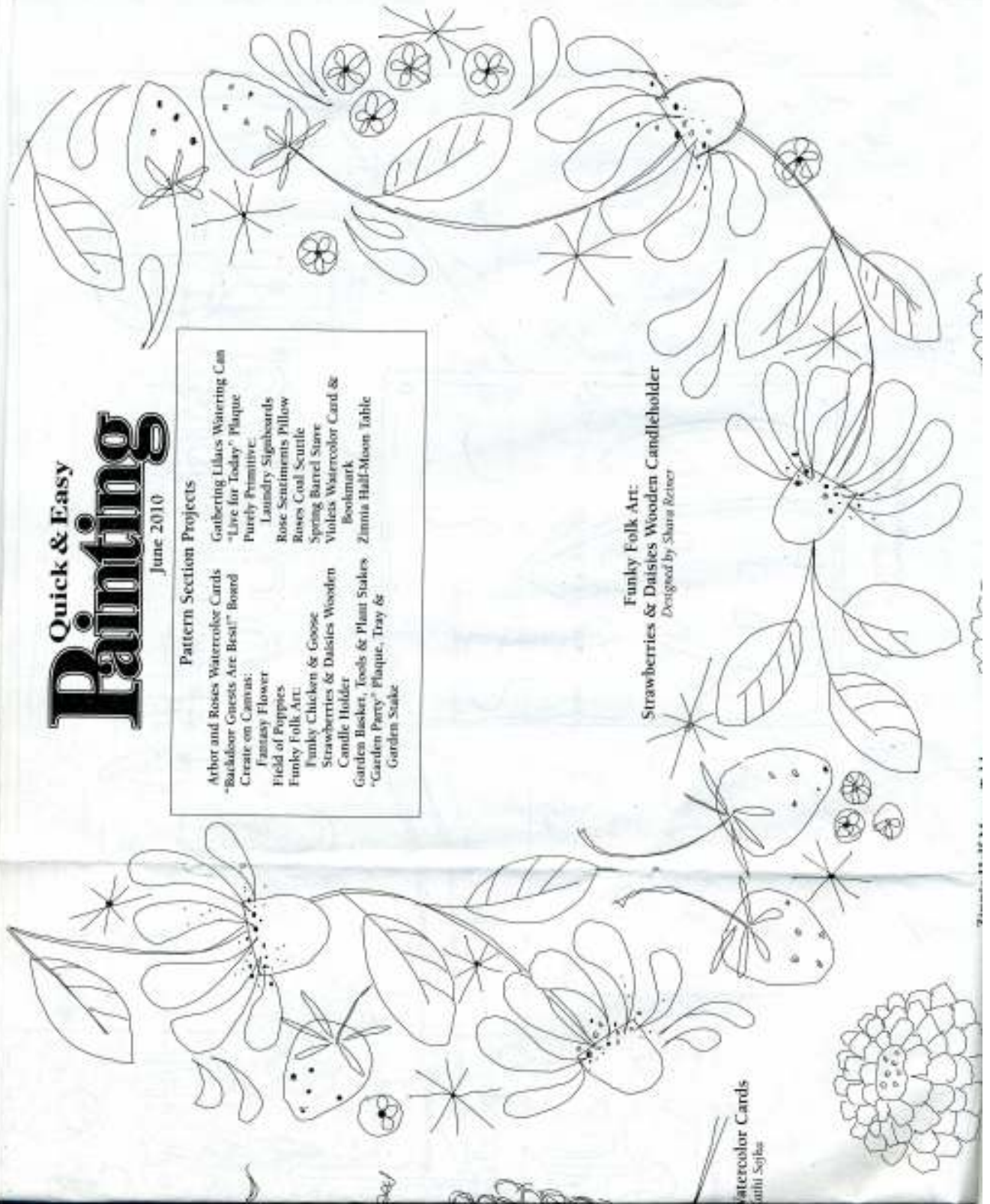
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## Pattern Section Projects

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| Arbor and Roses Watercolor Cards    | Gathering Lilacs Watering Can |
| "Backdoor Guests Are Best!" Board   | "Live for Today" Plaque       |
| Create on Canvas:                   | Purely Primitive:             |
| Fantasy Flower                      | Laundry Signboards            |
| Field of Poppies                    | Rose Sentiments Pillow        |
| Funky Folk Art:                     | Roses Coal Scrutle            |
| Funky Chickens & Goose              | Spring Barrel Stave           |
| Strawberries & Daisies Wooden       | Violet Watercolor Card &      |
| Candle Holder                       | Bookmark                      |
| Garden Basket, Tools & Plant Stakes | Zinnia Half-Moon Table        |
| "Garden Perry" Plaque, Tray &       |                               |
| Garden Stake                        |                               |

Funky Folk Art:  
Strawberries & Daisies Wooden Candleholder  
*Designed by Shara Reizer*

Watercolor Cards  
*Antli Sojha*



Fort Worth Decorative Painters – Chapter Meeting

March 21, 2011

The March meeting of the Fort Worth Decorative Painters, held at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center, was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by president Carolyn Martchenke. Carolyn asked for reports from Officers and Committee Members.

VP Programs – Dusti Dancer announced that we would be painting sunflowers on canvas tonight taught by Cindi Creswell. The pattern for the April project is also available tonight, and Dusti Dancer will be the teacher.

VP Membership – Donna Armstrong announced that we had one guest this evening; Rosalie McLeod.

Secretary – Carolyn indicated that Suzane Godley was taking minutes in Sharlene King's absence. Pam Martinez made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the February meeting. Seconded. All approved.

Treasurer – Jeanette Johnson reported there is \$7,287.72 in checking; and \$5,200.18 in savings.

Newsletter/Publicity – Carolyn reported on and held up the article that appeared in the Benbrook News, Suburban Newspapers and other outlying publications informing readers about the March meeting.

Seminars – Armida Guzman reminded everyone of the seminar on July 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> with Mark Polomchak. A palette will be available for a nominal fee. Chapter is subsidizing part of the cost of the seminar.

Christmas Party – Cindi Creswell said plans are coming along. This year there will be the usual ornament exchange, the auction, a mystery box, and a prize for the best costume.

Directory – Jan Handley has extra copies if you are a board member and did not get yours last month.

Door prizes – Mary Helen Horne drew names. Winners are Jan Handley, Mary Helen Horne, Suzanne King, Linda McDonald, Shirley Wiesman.

Hospitality – Yvonne Lowrie thanked everyone for bringing food and decorations.

Library/Memory Boxes – Cindi Creswell asked everyone to let her know if there are any books/DVD's you are interested in. She has funding available to purchase items this year.

Make It Take It – Donna Armstrong showed samples of painted forks/spoons that will be painted in September.

Parliamentarian/Bylaws – Carolyn indicated that the Bylaw Committee met recently and will have suggestions soon.

Service Project – Carolyn thanked those that participated by painting pieces for the Prevent Blindness auction.

State Fair – Sherida D'Ambra said that she'd like the members to be painting pieces to submit. More information will be announced when it becomes available.

Summer Paint-In – Cindi Creswell working on a date. Will let us know next month.

Sunshine – Connie Bartch reported that a sympathy card was sent to Sharlene King for the recent death of her Mother in Law. Jan McCleery starts radiation this week and a card will be sent to her.

Website – Carolyn mentioned that pictures or articles can be sent to Suzane Godley for the website.

Rosemary West Fundraiser – the box was won by Shirley Wiesman.

Table painted and donated by Beverly Wilson was won by Carolyn Martchenke.

Montly Raffle – Tote donated by Peggy Gilliland was won by Suzane Godley; Pot of Goodies donated by Cindi Creswell and Dusti Dancer was won by Vera Hudnall; Flowers & Blooms Book donated by LaRue Hughes was won by Donna Armstrong.

Next Meeting will be on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. Next Board meeting will be on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at Ol South Pancake House on University Drive near I30.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Suzane Godley for Sharlene King, Secretary



# Do you Facebook?

The Fort Worth Decorative Painters is on Facebook. Send a "friend request" to join, and you can receive periodic updates and view project photos before you get your newsletter!

Chapter nametags.....the order was placed for the nametags. If you ordered one, I will deliver at the April meeting. If you didn't get your order placed and still want a nametag, let me know. I have a form for you to complete. The tag has a magnetic

back, so it doesn't damage your clothes. Price is \$6 including tax. See Suzane to view the tag, pay your money and place an order.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2011 Dates to Remember</b></p> <p>April 18<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting<br/> April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Board Meeting<br/> May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Chapter Meeting (new date)</p> | <p><i>Articles should be sent to:</i><br/> <a href="mailto:newsletters@fwdecorativepainters.com">newsletters@fwdecorativepainters.com</a></p> <p><i>Visit the Chapter Website:</i><br/> <a href="http://www.fwdecorativepainters.com">www.fwdecorativepainters.com</a></p> |
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| <p><b><u>2011 Board</u></b></p> <p><b>President – Carolyn Martchenko</b><br/> <b>President Elect – Armida Guzman</b><br/> <b>VP Programs – Dusti Dancer</b><br/> <b>VP Membership – Donna Armstrong</b><br/> <b>Secretary – Sharlene King</b><br/> <b>Treasurer – Jeanette Johnson</b></p>                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Committees:</b><br/> Annual Fund Raiser – Beth Stodieck<br/> Christmas Party – Cindi Creswell<br/> Decorative Painting Month - open<br/> Door Prizes – Mary Helen Horne<br/> Historian – open<br/> Hospitality – Yvonne Lowrie<br/> Library – Cindi Creswell<br/> Memory Boxes – Cindi Creswell<br/> Make it – Take it – Donna Armstrong<br/> Member Directory – Jan Handley<br/> Monthly Raffle – Vera Hudnall</p> | <p>Newsletter Editor – Suzane Godley<br/> Parliamentarian/Bylaws – Yvonne Lowrie/Nancy Genetti<br/> Publicity – Suzane Godley<br/> Seminars – Vera Hudnall &amp; Armida Guzman<br/> Service Project Recipient – Prevent Blindness<br/> State Fair – Sherida D’Ambra<br/> Summer Paint In – Cindi Creswell<br/> Sunshine – Connie Bartch<br/> Telephone – Sherida D’Ambra<br/> Website – Suzane Godley</p> |