



# FWDP Newsletter

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## From Your 2011 President -- *Carolyn Martchenke*

As I write this article on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, it is in the 40's again. Brrrr!!! Well, since the calendar says it is already Spring ..... maybe warm, and hot, weather cannot be very far away. Dusti taught us to paint daisies and strawberries on flower pots at the April meeting. Thank you, Dusti !

Have you ever painted on a *feather*? Well, Cindy is going to show us how at our Summer Paint-In. The date will be announced later this month. Cindy will have turkey feathers to sell to us for a nominal fee.



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.

**Raffle.** Oops. I forgot to bring the lovely iris painting by Beverly Wilson to the April Meeting .....so I will bring it to the May meeting for sure.

Please remember that our meeting this month is on **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We moved the meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday since so many of our Chapter members are going to the SDP International Conference in Wichita, Kansas, May 16-21.

**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 (GSAA)**.

We are looking for lots of Alumnae. We have organized the 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**

P.S. If you experience dejavu and it seems like you read this article last month .....you did. In keeping with our theme this year, "Recycling in Art," I just updated last month's article with new info.

## Happy Birthday!!!

### May

- 10 – Sherida D’Ambra
- 13 – Armida Guzman
- 17 – Rosalie McLeod
- 25 – BJ Swierk

### June

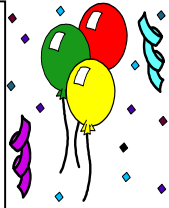
- 3 – Cindi Creswell
- 20 – Connie Barch
- 24 – Suzane Godley
- 29 – Vera Hudnall

### July

- 8 – Joan Nichols
- 14 – Judy Briscoe
- 18 – Barbara Moore
- 19 – Carolyn Martchenke
- 21 – Jan Handley
- 27 – Mary Helen Horne

### August

- 8 – Linda Blythe
- 19 – Bette Kenaston
- 19 – Sharlene King
- 23 – Dusti Dancer
- 24 – Peggy Gilliland
- 28 – Donna Altwein
- 28 – Juanita Munoz



### Sunshine - Connie Barch

Sunshine cards were sent to Jan McCleery and Jeanette Johnson. We wish them well. Also thank you to Jeanette for donating special cards for us. Please let me know of any of our members in need of sunshine cards. Thank you.

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### Memberships – Donna Armstrong

Just 2 more weeks and a Bunch of us head to SDP Conference in Wichita Kansas!! I'm really excited and looking forward to the Chapters/Members breakfast Gathering. We'll be sharing what's happening in our home chapters as well as learning how to grow and motivate our members. During our April Chapter meeting we had 25 members present and WELCOME to new member Rosalie McLeod.

It's hard to believe it's already May and were nearly half way through our Chapter meeting calendar for the year, please keep in mind our chapter membership challenge...there will be a gift awarded to the chapter member who brings the most visitors this year, and another to the member who brings in the most new members. The membership gift awards will be painted and donated by our SDP President Nancy Genetti and SDP President-Elect Sue Bowers. HOW cool is that? Thank You Nancy and Sue!

### Memory Boxes – Cindi Creswell

May is Memory Box painting month and I hope everyone will at least basecoat a couple for the year. I purchased 60 more boxes from Michael's and they were great about giving us 30% off. Keep in mind your talent is appreciated but a simple pattern is fine. Some of our new member's have jumped in to help. Let's continue supporting this valuable service project for the community. A heart-felt THANK YOU for all the support and talent that comes from everyone.

### **PINS!! PINS!! PINS!!**

We are gaining more interest in our pin exchange. Yes, it may be slow but the excitement is building. Remember the next exchange will be at the September meeting. Join in the fun! No contracts or commitments. Just bring a pin that expresses your passion for painting. Any questions? Contact Cindi Creswell.

**Christmas Party – Cindi Creswell**

Well, we haven't hit the hot weather yet, so while you're still in the winter mood how 'bout finishing that special ornament or at least one of your five gifts. We're pretty busy this year and I'll be looking for a venue to paint for the summer. If this blows your mind to think about Christmas this far ahead. Dream of the POSSIBILITIES!

Head Elf

***Door Prizes – Mary Helen Horne***

Juanita Munoz, Suzane Godley, and Pam Martinez won a door prize at our meeting in April. They should try to bring a door prize for the May meeting. We would love to have some extra prizes, so please bring one if you can.

**Library – Cindi Creswell**

Remember to check with me at a meeting or send a holler if something interests you to paint or have a class on. I have the library bag with me at the meetings too.

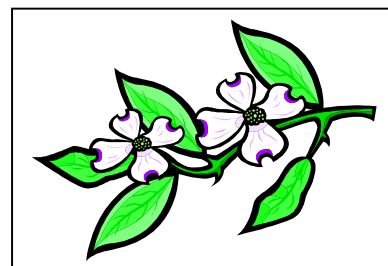
I made an announcement at our April meeting to check out Miriam Jackson online. Her Ebooks include colored pencils, oils and acrylics, great stuff. Let me know the Saturday before the meeting if you have a request.

**TACKY WOOD – Cindi Creswell**

Get ready ladies for the tacky wood exchange. We have been waiting 5 whole months to see what incredible transformations you have created. OH! no tacky wood, just look in your wood stash and dig up a UFO (which you're halfway there) or be creative! Use tin or glass to dazzle us. A vote on the best one gets a surprise. DAZZLE US!

**May Painting Project – Cindi Creswell**

Before we end our half-way mark of the year we traditionally use May to paint Memory Boxes. I'll have patterns and paint so please add you talent to this service project. Bring some big brushes to base-coat, if you still have a box from long ago bring it back, no questions asked. The hospital appreciates whatever we can give them. I realize this has been an ongoing project for over 10 years. You can not imagine the gift you give to these parents. I have many hospitals and other units in the hospitals that are begging to be part of our program. Our member numbers have dropped and time is such a fleeting commodity. Lend a hand won't you?



Raffle – Thank you to Marc Wisley, Jan Handley and Donna Armstrong for the April raffle pieces. They were great. Thanks to Jan and Donna who have donated several times this year. We only have Jeanette Johnson ,who just had surgery, signed up for May. If you have not donated in a while maybe this is the time. This is our last meeting until Sept, so let's go out with a bang!! Thanks ,Vera



**HOSPITALITY – Yvonne Lowrie, Chair**

**Suzane Godley and Sharlene King** are in charge of hospitality for May providing both sweet and non-sweet tea. The theme is Tacky Wood: Do you have a small item you received in the past for display?

**Non-Sweet:**

**Dusti Dancer**

**Carolyn Martchenke**

**Barbara Moore**

**BJ Swierk.**

**Sweet:**

**Terry Becker**

**LaRue Hughes**

**Jeanette Johnson**

*Anyone may feel free to bring food. Thanks to those who did so in April.*

**May Program**

Our May program is **MEMORY BOXES!** Cindy will have boxes to be base coated and painted, so if you don't feel up to painting designs on the boxes please come and basecoat for us. Base coating is greatly appreciated, because it makes it faster and easier for the boxes to be finished. There will be patterns and ideas available, but if you have patterns and ideas of your own please bring them to share if you don't mind. We can always use new ideas. This will be a great night for sharing ideas.

We will also be exchanging our finished **TACKY WOOD** pieces. ( I had better get BUSY!) If you did not get a piece of Tacky Wood and would like to participate in the exchange just do a little digging in your wood closet and find a piece that you can work with (or call me or Cindy, we have plenty.) Put your finished piece in a bag or wrap it to make it look pretty and we will have an auction exchange before we start painting.

We will need teachers for the 2012 programs. PLEASE do some soul searching and think about leading the group in something new. I would like to see some more involved programs next year that might be taught over a two or three month period. We need to keep members engaged and learning new things, be it a **new** medium or a better or different way to use an old one. If you have ideas or would like to teach or help, please call me or send me an email.

Dusti - [thedust@charter.net](mailto:thedust@charter.net) -817-696-9292

**Summer Paint In** - Ok Ladies...If Prevent Blindness is still unsold by August we can meet there to paint. The project will be 2 feathers. The first one is to get you used to the surface and discuss the subject matter. The hawk is simple and few painting challenges. The tiger eyes are little more complex, but with the feathers background color to help blend in the subject matter I believe a beginner can accomplish this. There will be a small material charge of \$5.00. I'll bring the paint too so that's not an issue. I'll prepare the feathers and pattern. You'll bring painting supplies and saral. If you can't find it I'll have some. At the May meeting I'll circulate a sign up sheet, so I can see how many are interested, or will attend. I'll confirm the date and time at the meeting. A reminder will be sent out during the summer. Contact me if you have any questions. Cindi Creswell

**Fort Worth Decorative Painters  
Minutes of Chapter Meeting  
April 18, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Carolyn Martchenke. Following items were discussed:

1. Pin exchange was conducted by Cindi Creswell just prior to meeting being called to order. There were 6 participants. Next exchange in September.
2. Minutes: Dusti Dancer moved, Sharlene 2<sup>nd</sup>, that March minutes be approved as printed in April newsletter. All in favor, none opposed.
3. Programs: Dusti reported she will teach tonight's project, strawberries and daisies. May will be the return of tacky wood and painting of memory boxes.
4. Membership: Donna Armstrong stated we have 25 members present tonight with one new member. A drawing was held for those who brought their SDP membership card. Prizes won by Debra Reid and Mary Helen Horne.
5. Treasurer's report: Dust reported for Jeanette Johnson that checking balance is \$7,336.63; money market balance is \$5,200.62; total \$12,537.25. Sharlene moved, Bette Kenaston 2<sup>nd</sup> that budget printed in February newsletter be approved as written. All in favor, none opposed.
6. Newsletter: Suzane Godley reported deadline is next Monday at board meeting.
7. Seminars: Vera reported there are openings for the Mark Polomchak seminar scheduled for July 16 & 17. Seminar is now open to other chapters.
8. Christmas Party: Cindi stated another weekend event for planning and painting will be scheduled soon.
9. Door Prizes: Mary Helen reported door prizes won tonight by Suzane Godley, Juanita Munoz and Pam Martinez.
10. Hospitality: Yvonne Lowrie reported theme of the month is strawberries and daisies. Connie Bartch is the hostess tonight. Thanks for the goodies brought tonight. May volunteer list will be in newsletter.
11. Memory Boxes: Cindi reported 2 cases of boxes ordered from Michaels have arrived just in time for our painting during May chapter meeting. Basecoating and decorative painting are both appreciated.
12. Library: List is on website. Call Cindi before meeting for special request to be brought to meeting. Discussion regard Marian Jackson – look her work up for possible interest in ordering books or videos.
13. Make-it Take-it: Donna Armstrong reported samples are on display.
14. Service Project: Carolyn stated that when Make-it Take-it is painted in September, members will be asked to paint an extra set to be donated to Meals on Wheels.
15. Monthly raffle: Vera reported cherry clipboard, notebook, etc. painted by Donna was won by Bette, Jan Handley's painted napkin rings were won by Debra Reid and LaRue won a basket of books and wood donated by Marc Wisley. Beverly Wilson iris item will be raffled in May.
16. State Fair: Carolyn reported that Sherida, chair, will announce theme and deadlines when available. Members can also check online. Carolyn also stated that seniors pay no entry fee.
17. Summer Paint In: Cindi will teach an animal eye project on a feather. Date to be announced later, will probably be in August.
18. Sunshine: Connie Bartch stated Jeanette is ill. A card was passed for all to sign.
19. Ways & Means: Suzane Godley is taking additional orders for a magnetic name tag, cost is \$6. Chapter boot pins are available for \$5.
20. Historian/Scrapbook: Connie brought the 2007 and 2010 scrapbooks for members to enjoy during meeting.
21. New Business:
  - Show and Tell of watercolor project several members painted together.
  - Carolyn reminded members that the May meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, not the 3<sup>rd</sup> to avoid scheduling conflict with SDP convention.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 for daisy and strawberry project taught by Dusti Dancer.

Respectfully submitted, Sharlene King, Recording Secretary



## 2011 Dates to Remember

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Chapter Meeting (new date)  
July 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> Mark Polomchak Seminar  
August – Summer Paint In

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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

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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

Happy Mother's Day!

