



# FWDP Newsletter

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From Your President – Carolyn Martchenke

## **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

What a wonderful 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception!!!. It was so much fun to see many members whom we have not seen in many years. We celebrated 25 years of creativity, plus many, many years of individual art in the past!

Thank you so very much to Yvonne Lowrie and her Committee members. She had more fun than anyone.....because she heard from lots of former members who were unable to attend our party. Thanks to everyone who came out on a 100 degree day to celebrate with us and lend a hand in some way.

Everything was just perfect.....the table-top displays.....the “antique” items from the 1988 Convention in Dallas..... Yvonne’s “sparkly” outfit!

## **Rosemary West’s Donation**

Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will see a photo of the “cool” box painted by our dear friend, Rosemary West. She painted it in a Seminar taught by Jo Sonia Jansen.

We are using Rosemary’s “box” for our Fall fundraiser. Raffle Tickets will be on sale in Sept., Oct., and Nov. for the usual price of \$1.00 per ticket.....or 6 for \$5.00. If each of our members sold just \$20 worth of tickets we would reap over \$800 for our Chapter!!! The winning raffle ticket will be pulled at our Christmas Party.

## **Santa Service Project**

At our September meeting we will be painting mini Santas on spoons for our Service Project. Hopefully, everyone will paint 3 Santas and then a 4<sup>th</sup> one for themselves.

## **Pablo Picasso**

Last year Donna Altwein shared with us a quote from Pablo Picasso –

“Art washes away from the Soul,  
The dust of everyday Life.”

And, doesn’t Art also wipe out the cobwebs in our minds too?

### **Door Prizes – Mary Helen Horne**

The board is going to kick off the fall by bringing door prizes for the September meeting. The winners of the door prizes will need to bring a painting related door prize to the October meeting.



## Library

Want to know a secret? Half Price Books (at least the Ridgmar one) has an occasional slew of painting books- cheap and useful. Most in great condition. Look in the magazine area, craft and art section, or the bargain section in the back. Should you feel compelled to rid yourself of clutter we'll accept your donated books. I won't say no.... Check our Christmas projects or memory box collection on-line at [fwdecorativepainter.org](http://fwdecorativepainter.org) or come to the table in the back for a limited sample.

If you need something from the library list contact me NO LATER than the Saturday before a meeting, or make arrangements. So, I'm running like a faucet that can't stop dripping, yet....where are those pliers? Thanks.....Cindi Creswell

## Memory Boxes

The Cook's Children nurses have come through again and offered their hands and hearts to basecoat more boxes. I'll have these available at the meetings. Remember your talent and time go a long way to fill a void in a families heart.

Please bring back the boxes you took in May...FINISHED OR NOT. I know we all have the best intentions - but life gets in the way. I know! No questions asked. Thanks,  
Cindi

## Christmas Party

GEEZ – did you feel a cool breeze? I knew something was up when I could feel it through my hot flashes. And you know what's coming up quickly. Our Christmas party! EGADS, it'll be here before you know it. So dust off the cobwebs in your paint area and get painting your gifts of 5 and ornament. NOW!! The ornament surface is your choice, theme related or not, DAZZLE US with your talent. Our Christmas committee is still working hard to bring you fantastic painted treasures to use for the holidays to come. Be on the lookout for glimpses of our surprises. We'd like to start a head count, no monies yet, just to see if we have enough to go around or a late night mad dash to the finish. I'll have a sign in sheet at the meeting.

Thanks, Cindi (head elf)



## Historian – Connie Barch

We had a wonderful gathering for our 25th Anniversary and many pictures were taken. If you were able to take pictures, please send them to me (or give them to me at the Sept meeting) for our scrapbook. I would like to do several pages with anniversary memorabilia! Thank you!

## ***Make it Take it***



Welcome back everyone, it is time to get back in the swing of painting. To start our fall off we will have our annual Make-it Take-it program. Kitty Bookout and Carolyn Martchenke will lead us in a fun Santa project. Bring your brushes and your favorite Santa colors and join the fun!

In October we will paint elves with Connie Barch and Beth will teach framed ornaments in November.

I hope everyone is looking forward to this fall as much as I am and I will see each of you at the September meeting.

Dusti Dancer  
817-696-9292

## **Sunshine – Barbara Clark**

Wanda Findley, a former member and mother in law of Debbie Findley is home with hospice (when needed). Keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Betty Stevens is not feeling well and having tests run. A card and prayers would be appreciated. LaRue Hughes is doing better after her recent hospital visit. She appreciates all the cards and prayers that you send on her behalf. If you have news of members, please contact me. Thank you!.

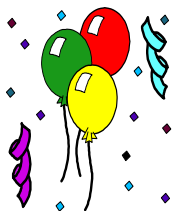
## **We're in the news!!!**

Photos from the Anniversary Party were in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. You can view the photos at this link:

<http://click.star-telegram.com/file.php?id=13679>

## **Happy Birthday!**

September  
11 – Suzanne King  
18 – Judy Wallis  
21 – Connie Alexander  
21 – Barbara Clark  
27 – Beth Stodieck



## **Raffle**

We have Sharlene King, Donna Armstrong, Juanita Munoz and Cindi Creswell signed up to bring raffle items for September. Thanks to all who buy tickets and to all who donate items. It is a fun way to make our budget! Vera



## **Memberships – Donna Armstrong**

Just a reminder 2010 Chapter dues will be accepted at the September, October and November Chapter meetings. I will also have SDP membership applications available if you need one. These are available online at the SDP website, and can be paid via credit card.

**Corrections to the Directory:  
Yvonne Lowrie 817-923-2901  
Dusti Dancer (new email)  
[thedust@charter.net](mailto:thedust@charter.net)**



## **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Yvonne Lowrie**

Twenty Five hip, hip, hoorays from the Founding Members and Past Presidents who helped make the Celebration on August 15<sup>th</sup> a great success!!!. A big “THANK YOU” for many others that made it possible.

The Table Top Art Show was a great success spotlighting nineteen members with their painted works. Also many brought items for display to show 25 years of Chapter programs, seminars, raffles, “Gifts of Five”, Tacky Wood, State Fair Winnings, Convention ’88 memorabilia and early or first decorative painters. Fifteen people donated 29 Auction items which brought in over \$1,100.

Sandra Perry took the 25 yearly rosters and compiled a list of 315 people who have been members with at least 9 deaths. The past Presidents and others googled or made phone calls to locate as many as possible. Nancy Genetti mailed 230 invitations with 14 returned. About 75 people responded by phone or email with less than 60 in attendance which is about a quarter of those members located. Seeing so many from years ago was a treat.

Connie Bartch put together a CD/DVD of photos from past scrapbooks. It is available for \$4 including postage. Contact: [yvonnelowrie@juno.com](mailto:yvonnelowrie@juno.com) or 817-923-2901. Photographs and a video of the event are being included. Those who made photographs and are willing to share for the use to use on the web page/DVD please upload to [newsletter@fwdecorativepainters.com](mailto:newsletter@fwdecorativepainters.com). Ottis Horne, husband of member Mary Helen, made both stills and video of the Celebration which will be added to the DVD. His willingness to add music and make photos/video available is such an opportunity to remember the 25 years of the Fort Worth Decorative Painters. Thanks to so many who worked so hard as well as to those who attended.

## Summer Paint In



**Beth Stodieck was the talented teacher for the Summer Paint In with her delightful Santa Face. Lots of beautiful Santa faces were made this day. And a chance to finish them or do another one the following week! What a treat! Thanks so much Beth!**

**Reminder:** Seminar with Sandy Aubuchon – September 17, 18, and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Contact Armida Guzman or Vera Hudnall for details.

**Fort Worth Decorative Painters**  
**May 17, 2010**  
**Chapter Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Carolyn Martchenke.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Jeanette Johnson. Checking balance is \$5,673.67. Savings balance is \$5,194.18. Total of both accounts is \$10,867.85

**Secretary's Report** - In Kitty Bookout's absence, Carolyn Martchenke announced there were no minutes from the April meeting to approve.

**Memberships** - Donna Armstrong reported we have 17 members present, 1 guest - Dana Reed daughter of Twila Reed, and grand daughter of Marita Richardson.

**Programs** - Dusti Dancer reported we would be painting memory boxes tonight. Since there are only 4 members present for Tacky Wood, they may hold off until September, or could let those 4 exchange tonight and others exchange in September.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** report was given by Yvonne Lowrie. She has 19 people participating in the table top art show and still room for more. Silent Auction, she only has 3 signed up and would like more. Date of the celebration is Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Fundraiser** - Carolyn Martchenke encouraged members to paint pieces of jewelry for the chest that will be raffled off in the fall.

**Christmas Party** - Cindy Creswell reports that the Committee is making progress.

**Historian** - Connie Bartch has the 2006 scrapbook on display tonight for members to browse.

**Seminar** with Sandy Aubuchon is September 17, 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>. \$35 per day, no charge for Friday night if you sign up for the other two days. Hours are Friday 5-9, Saturday 9-4 and Sunday 9-4.

**Summer Paint In** - Dusti Dancer reported that the Paint In will be on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Prevent Blindness. Santa's face will be painted on a denim shirt, pillow case, tote bag or surface of your choice. Preferably denim. She showed a picture of the project.

**State Fair** - Bring items to the July Paint in so they can be taken to the Fair with the group. You will need to go online and register and pay the fee. If you prefer you can take your piece over, but needs to be at the fair no later than end of July. Their website is [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com) for more info.

**Sunshine** - Mary Helen Horne is having knee surgery tomorrow. LaRue Hughes is having lung surgery tomorrow. Judy Brisco's husband recently passed, as did Vera Hudnall's daughter. Both unexpected. Pam Martinez is recovering from her knee replacement.

**Raffle** pieces were won by Jan Handley, Donna Armstrong and Cindi Creswell. The donors were thanked for bringing the pieces.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Suzane Godley

## Fall Raffle



Raffle tickets will be sold in September, October and November for the fall raffle item donated by Rosemary West. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Each member is asked to take a ticket book and sell tickets, or purchase the book themselves for \$20. The drawing will be at the Christmas Party.

### 2010 Dates to Remember

September 20<sup>th</sup> – Make It Take It - Chapter Meeting  
September 27<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting  
October 18<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting  
October 25<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting  
November 15<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting  
November 29<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting  
December 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party

*Next newsletter deadline will be at the Board Meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>.*

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

### 2010 Board

**President – Carolyn Martchenke**

**VP Programs – Dusti Dancer**

**VP Membership – Suzanne King & Donna Armstrong**

**Secretary – Kitty Bookout**

**Treasurer – Jeanette Johnson**

#### **Committees:**

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Yvonne Lowrie

Annual Fund Raiser – Beth Stodieck

Christmas Party – Cindi Creswell

Door Prizes – Mary Helen Horne

Historian – Connie Bartch

Hospitality – open

Library – Cindy Creswell

Memory Boxes – Cindi Creswell

Make it – Take it – Carolyn Martchenke

Member Directory – Sharlene King

Monthly Raffle – Vera Hudnall

Newsletter Editor – Suzane Godley

Parliamentarian – Yvonne Lowrie

Seminars – Vera Hudnall & Armida Guzman

Service Project – Kitty Bookout

Summer PaintIn – Beth Stodieck

State Fair – Sharlene King

Sunshine – Barbara Clark

Table Attendants – Jeanette Johnson

Tole Month - open

Telephone – Mary Ann Rice

Website & Publicity – Suzane Godley