



# FWDP Newsletter

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## From Your President – Carolyn Martchenke

My goodness ..... Our 2010 year, and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of painting is almost over. It's been a glorious year .... made special by all of our awesome Chapter members!

Be sure to save the date for our **Christmas Party on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Cindi Creswell and her committee are planning a party full of fun, fellowship and food.

A special "Thank you" to **Connie Bartch** for teaching the adorable Halloween Elf at our October meeting.

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 and Sandra Perry.

Our **Nominating Committee**, consisting of Jeanette Johnson, Sharlene King and Barbara Clark will be contacting prospective officers for next year. We will vote at the next meeting. Also, be thinking about chairing a Chapter Committee in 2011.

The "**Santa Spools**" that we painted at the September meeting are soooo cute. Hopefully, you have completed the ones you took home. Bring them to our November meeting. We will be giving them to **Meals on Wheels** for distribution to some of their clients.

Two "**Paint for Fun**" gatherings will be held in November ..... on the 6<sup>th</sup> and also on the 20<sup>th</sup> ..... from 10 to 3 at the Prevent Blindness Office. You can work on your own projects, Memory Boxes, gifts of 5 for Christmas, or whatever.

A few of our members have been painting the "**Freedom Cards**" for our Nation's soldiers. Thanks to Jan Handley and Jeanette Johnson for completing theirs. Others painting the cards are Beth, Jan McC, Dusti, Kitty and Yvonne. And, maybe a couple of others who did not sign up. Please bring them to the November meeting.

A **Dues Reminder** ..... Everyone's national dues to SDP are due by December 1<sup>st</sup> (\$40). After Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, they add a \$5 late fee. Pay your local dues of \$20 to Donna Armstrong at the November meeting. No business will be conducted at our Christmas Party.

For many years we have been fortunate to use the large room at the **Prevent Blindness** office at no charge (electricity, water, wear & tear). In exchange, our agreement has been to provide paper goods. It is a wonderful facility and we could never find something similar 'at no cost.' In the beginning, we were very faithful at remembering to bring toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex and other items. Now, we seem to have a hard time remembering to bring these items.

Your Board has decided that we should donate something to Prevent Blindness in exchange for the use of their wonderful building. At our Board Meeting on October 25, your Board voted to donate \$150 to Prevent Blindness. Your Board is also considering a usage fee that will be built-in to Seminars held there. Or maybe we will periodically purchase large cases of paper goods. I am meeting soon with Kathi Fowler, the Executive Director of Prevent Blindness, to discuss what she would like as compensation. Imagine how many times we flush the toilet at a 2 ½ day Seminar.!

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

*Carolyn*

## Nominating Committee

Your nominating committee has begun preparing a slate of elected officers for your consideration. We aren't finished, but here's who we have so far:

President - Carolyn Martchenke  
VP Elect – To be announced  
VP Programs – Dusti Dancer  
Memberships – Donna Armstrong  
Treasurer - Jeanette Johnson  
Secretary - To be announced

If you are interested in either of the open positions, please let us know. It is very fulfilling to serve on the board and is a wonderful opportunity to be involved and get to know your fellow painters better.

The slate of proposed officers will be announced at the November chapter meeting and a vote will be held. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, but permission of the nominee must be obtained before doing so.

Barbara Clark, Jeanette Johnson, Sharlene King



## Library

Come over to my bag and search through the books, DVD's, CD's and videos to find ideas for projects and favorite artists. Look online for a familiar artist, maybe an idea for your gifts of 5 or your ornament. Remember it's your choice.

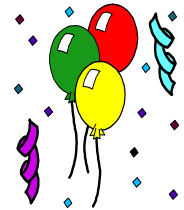
Books can be checked out at no charge. We require a \$25 refundable personal check to borrow the DVD's, CD's and video's. Let me know if you need me to bring a request, the weekend BEFORE the meeting so I can locate the material 817-244-1035  
Thanks.....Cindi Creswell

## Paint Day - Armida Guzman

Don't forget the Paint Day we have scheduled on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Prevent Blindness. We will start about 10:00 until about 3 or so. Bring whatever you'd like to paint on. Memory boxes will be available to paint as well! Hope you can join us!

## Happy Birthday!

November  
12 – Nancy Genetti  
24 – Mary Ann Rice  
27 – Donna Armstrong



## Memory Boxes

I am always collecting boxes finished or unfinished. Please bring yours to the November meeting. The hospital needs more as soon as possible. The nurse's at Cook's send their thank you's for our support too. Since November is our last meeting of the year I wish to **thank everyone** who has supported and continues to support our service project. We have been going 10 years strong sharing our talent and hearts.  
Cindi Creswell

## Raffle – Vera Hudnall

Thank you to Connie Barch, Donna Armstrong, Mary Helen Horne, Peggy Gilliland, and Jan Handley for the great raffle pieces for October. We made \$109!!!

We only have Juanita Munoz and Kitty Bookout signed up for November. Please, if you have a goodie....bring it!!!  
Thank you so much!



### **Historian – Connie Barch**

Thank you to those of you who have sent me pictures for the scrapbook. Please keep it in mind whenever you take pictures or see anything in the newspaper that you'd like included in your scrapbook for this year.

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

*Thanks to everyone that brought a door prize in October.*

*We ask the winners to bring one for the November meeting.*

*Winners were Barbara Clark, Beth Stodieck, Suzanne King, and Judy Briscoe.*



### **Sunshine – Barbara Clark**

Bettye Stevens is at home now but more tests are being scheduled. Wanda Findley has good days and bad and not doing well.

### **Volunteer Wanted**

Please consider signing up to be the Editor of the newsletter in 2011. Keeping members informed of upcoming events is a very important job. Contact Carolyn Martchenke if you'd like to fill this position.



## **Fall Raffle**



Raffle tickets will be sold in 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 held at the Christmas Party. Contact Beth Stodieck for tickets.

## **Membership – Suzanne King**

Membership will continue to accept your 2011 chapter dues at the membership table during the November meeting. If you prefer, you can send them in the mail to Donna Armstrong. Please also provide a copy of your SDP membership card for 2011 so that we can accurately report our membership to SDP. (Remember, membership to SDP is required for anyone wanting to be a member of our local chapter.)

I want to express my appreciation to Donna Armstrong for taking care of everything when I've been unable to. Special thanks and "bear hugs" to Donna for all her hard work with Membership this year!

Suzanne King  
Membership

## **Attention!!! Attention!!! - Christmas Party Info – Cindi Creswell**

We have less than a month plus days before our Christmas Party!! R U Ready? Yikes!! I still have my gifts of 5 and an ornament to do!! Where has all the time gone?? But WAIT, you are saved!!! Another paint day is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>!! Yeah! A time to do your UFO's or Christmas stuff or maybe basecoat a memory box. What you want to work on. Remember!!! Your ticket is \$5 for fun, food and surprises, yup, dinner is included!! What a deal. Need to know the menu?

*Breast of Turkey and Spiral Ham*

*Corn Casserole*

*Salad with dressing*

*Stir Fry Green Beans*

*Mashed Potatoes and Gravy*

*Cheese Bread, Fruit Tray*

*Cake for dessert*

At our last meeting I sent around the sign up sheet and will be taking monies at the November meeting. You can also send me your check. NO monies at the door. I'll be running around like a check with his head off, so don't snooze. I've made a few changes to the line up. When you bring your gifts of 5 to the sign in table we will give you a wrist band to play. Make sure ALL your gifts are in separate bags and you have 5 painted gifts. You can't play otherwise. I'll explain again at the meeting. Bring an ornament of your choice. We will vote on a people's choice and have a prize. So dazzle us with your painting skills!! Contact me with questions

either at [cidnboo@attn.net](mailto:cidnboo@attn.net) or 817-244-0135. Mail your \$5 check to me at: 3663 Brookland Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76116



## **Programs – Dusti Dancer**

“Great pumpkin thanks” go to Connie Bartch for teaching the candy corn constructing Halloween elf. She is a cutie and full of color. I can't wait to finish mine. Thank you Connie!

This month we will paint picture frame ornaments with Beth Stodieck. I painted some of these last year and they are a lot of fun and can be used as an ornament or standing like a regular picture. Beth will have holiday patterns to choose from, but you will want to paint seasonal and just plain fun pictures to go in these frames and change them out depending on the season.

Just a reminder.... If you would like to teach in 2011 please give me a call or send me an email at [thedust@charter.net](mailto:thedust@charter.net). I will see you at the meeting.

## **November Project**

In November we will be painting small, framed, acrylic, Christmas "canvases" that can be used free standing as little decorator touches around the house or as ornaments with the addition of ribbons. These are very simple little patterns that were adapted from a painting magazine last winter and they turned out really well with very little effort. Doing several at the meeting should not be a problem.

I will be providing a kit that will include 4 frames and 4 pieces of watercolor paper, line drawings for patterns and instructions. The kits will be \$6 and I will have 25 available, first come, first served. You are welcome to photograph the pieces that night. I am working to see if we can get color copies of all pieces.

You will need your regular acrylic painting supplies along with a firm backer board (for projects this small, a clipboard works well) and masking tape. These are small projects so bring an assortment of small brushes. You will also need basic Christmas colors including lights, mediums and darks, or you can mix color to make value changes. You may want to use traditional colors, darker, muted colors or you can go wild and make them 1960's bright and wild colors. Whatever makes you happy. Bring a white, a black, a medium brown and an off white/cream/buttermilk for toning and finishing touches. I will bring a good supply of paint to share if you forget something or get re-inspired after you arrive. If you want them to be ornaments, bring small ribbon that will go with your color scheme and I'll show you an easy way to make bow hangers.

Plan to come have a fun, stress-free evening to get you headed for the holidays! Email if you have questions. Beth [colormebeth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:colormebeth@sbcglobal.net)



*Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!*

## October 2010 Chapter Meeting Photos

Teacher: Connie Barch



*Thanks for a great project, Connie!!!*



### **2010 Dates to Remember**

November 15<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting  
November 29<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting  
December 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party – RSVP and pay your \$5 to Cindi Creswell before the party!

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

*Visit the Chapter Website:*

[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 Barch

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