



FWDP Newsletter

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From Your 2011 President -- *Carolyn Martchenke*

My goodness our long, hot, dry summer is almost over..... but not quite. We might have a few 100 degree plus days left. I hope everyone took advantage of having to stay inside, out of the heat, and did lots of painting.

Thanks to Cindi Creswell for our "Summer Paint-In" it was so much fun learning to paint on feathers.



At our September 19th meeting Donna Armstrong will teach us how to paint on little spoons and forks. You'll love her bears! Also at the meeting, we will have a "Wood 'n Book" sale to benefit the Chapter. Bring your items already priced.

"Tacky Wood" exchange will be in October, so you still have time to paint your wood.

If you painted at our Seminar in July with Mark Polomchak, everyone who painted both days completed four (4) watercolor paintings on canvas! Unfortunately, we did not have our minimum of 15 painters each day, so we ended up going over our budget.

Our Nominating Committee for 2012 Officers consists of Yvonne Lowrie, Dusty Dancer and Sharlene King. They will present a Slate of Officers in October and we will vote in November. If you would like to be an Officer, just contact one of these ladies.

Reminder: Our Chapter Dues are payable by December 1st. So plan on bringing your \$20 local dues in Sept., Oct. or Nov. Our national dues to SDP are also due by Dec. 1st. If you wait and pay after that date, a \$5 late fee is added. The SDP dues are now \$50 which is only \$4.16 per month..... What a bargain for the privilege of belonging to an "International" society of decorative painters. We need to support our own professional peer group. If we don't, it will disappear right before our eyes. And then, we will need to find our own Chapter liability insurance. It is so much more economical to have insurance for a national group than just one Chapter.

Here's hoping to see ya'll on Sept. 19th. Happy Painting!!!

FWDP supports and encourages our members to join the Society of Decorative Painters. Dues are \$50/year. Visit the website at: www.decorativepainters.org

Happy Birthday!!!

September

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

October

5 – Kitty Bookout
5 – Linda Chapman
16 – Linda McDonald
24 – Janet Hughes
31 – Jan McCleery



Monthly Raffle – Vera Hudnall

Remember when you signed up for a raffle last May? Can you believe it's September already?!? Many thanks to the members that signed up to bring a raffle in September:

Terri Becker
Cindi Creswell
LaRue Hughes
Debra Reed

Door Prizes – Mary Helen Horne

If you have won a door prize, please bring one to the September meeting. Everyone loves to get a surprise. It would be nice if all members brought a door prize or two during the year.

Library – Cindi Creswell

Well, we only have a few months til the end of the year and our budget. And there are SO many, many new books and video's out there! Speak now. Since Borders is having a sale I got a Colored Pencil book. Want to review it? See me at the meeting.



Memory Boxes – Cindi Creswell

I'm happy to report with the help of our newest members, Terry and Debra, we have most of the boxes base-coated. I saved a few out if you have other ideas to create. Now we need to embellish them with our talent. If you took a box over the break PLEASE return it, the hospital needs more. They are appreciative of our efforts. THANKS!

Cindi

PINS PINS PINS PINS

Yes, it's that time again. Since the heat has kept us indoors I hope you've been painting up a storm. Remember we have a pin exchange at THIS meeting. Don't forget. Think of the holidays coming up and ideas abound. DAZZLE us. Don't forget to bring it in a bag, fancy or not, something unique - one-of-a-kind. Join us and be surprised. Only one more to go this year. Next exchange in November.



Christmas Party Update – Cindi Creswell

Yes, elves at work and plans coming together. A Mardi Gras Christmas is approaching quickly. Have YOU started your ORNAMENT? Your GIFTS OF 5? No time to delay, remember a prize for the best people's choice. I'll have a sign-up sheet at the meeting to get an idea of a head count. No monies yet GET BUSY GIRLFRIENDS!

September Hospitality: Pam Martinez, Chair

Non Sweets: Jan Handley, Suzanne King, Barbara Moore and BJ Swierk
Sweets: Peggy Gililand, Vera Hudnall, Pam Martinez

Past ***Make It-Take It items*** may be displayed. Please pull some of your favorites. Past teachers, please bring what you taught.

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Yvonne Lowrie
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**Fort Worth Decorative Painters
Minutes of Chapter Meeting
May 23, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by President Carolyn Martchenke. She reported 12 members attended National Convention last week. Following items were discussed:

1. Minutes: Dusti Dancer moved, Suzane Godley 2nd, that April minutes be approved as printed in May newsletter. All in favor, none opposed.
2. Programs: Dusti reported tonight will be painting of memory boxes. She asked for suggestions for next year. LaRue can get cylinder app. 3" across, 6" tall for future projects. Tacky wood will return in September.
3. Membership: Suzane reported for Donna Armstrong we have 16 members present tonight.
4. Treasurer's report: Jeanette Johnson reported checking balance is \$7,333.63; money market balance is \$5,200.56; total \$12,534.19.
5. Newsletter: Suzane Godley reported next deadline is August 29 at board meeting.
6. Seminars: Vera reported there are 12 members signed up for the Mark Polomchak seminar scheduled for July 16 & 17. Seminar is now open to other chapters.
7. Christmas Party: Cindi stated another workday for painting will be scheduled soon. Books are here for centerpiece ideas.
8. Door Prizes: Mary Helen reported door prizes won tonight by Suzane Godley, Jeanette Johnson, Cindi Creswell and Armida Guzman.
9. Hospitality: Yvonne Lowrie thanked volunteers for the food & drinks brought tonight. September volunteer list will be in newsletter.
10. Memory Boxes: Cindi reported receiving thank you note from nurses for memory boxes..
11. Library: List is on website. Call Cindi before meeting for special request to be brought to meeting. Discussion regarding purchase of Marian Jackson books or videos.
12. Make-it Take-it: No report.
13. 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.
14. Monthly raffle: Vera reported books donated by Shirley Wieseman won by Debra Reid, dimensional paints & brushes donated by Yvonne won by Becky.
15. Ways & Means: Beverly Wilson Iris won by Mary Helen Horne.
16. State Fair: Carolyn reported for Sherida, chair, to look online for sign up. 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. Sign up sheet being passed around tonight. Prevent Blindness building being sold, so an alternative location will be used.
18. New Business: Show and Tell of convention items.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 for painting of memory boxes.

Respectfully submitted, Sharlene King, Recording Secretary

September is Make-it-take-it Month. Donna Armstrong will be demonstrating with us how she paints her Teddy Bears.

Each member will receive several 5 1/2 inch spoons as well as wooden forks.

Spoons will be prepped and base-coated, paint is provided for those wanting to paint the "Santa Bear" spoons.

Additional patterns, embellishments and photos will be included in the kit.

Please bring small stippler or scruffy brushes, Donna will bring a few scruffies for those who would like to 'borrow'.



PROGRAMS

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE, I HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL SUMMER. DONNA ARMSTRONG HAS A BEARY FUN PROJECT FOR OUR MAKE-IT TAKE-IT THIS MONTH. THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION ON IT IN HER ARTICLE, SO I WON'T STEAL HER THUNDER. IT WILL BE A FUN TIME FOR ALL, SO BRING YOUR BRUSHES AND PAINT AND JOIN THE FUN.

NOW FOR THE NOT SO FUN STUFF...I HAVE ASKED IN EVERY NEWSLETTER AND AT EVERY MEETING IF YOU WOULD VOLUNTEER TO LEAD US IN A PROGRAM, MAKE A SUGGESTION FOR A PROGRAM, OR EVEN MAKE A SUGGESTION FOR A TEACHER. SO FAR NO ONE HAS STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE FOR NEXT YEAR. IF IT WEREN'T FOR CINDI THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN SOME MONTHS THIS YEAR THAT THERE WASN'T A PROGRAM, SO ON THAT NOTE IF I DON'T HEAR FROM YOU THERE WON'T BE ANY PROGRAMS NEXT YEAR. WE CAN JUST BE A SOCIAL CLUB INSTEAD OF A PAINTING CHAPTER.

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE NEXT YEARS PROGRAMS LINED UP BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. THE PROGRAM CHAIR WORKS A YEAR AHEAD OF THE REST OF THE GROUP SO THE PERSON THAT IS THE CHAIR FOR 2012 WILL BE WORKING ON 2013.

THAT BEING SAID...IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA YOU WANT TRIED OR A PROJECT YOU WANT TAUGHT LET ME KNOW. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TEAM TEACH WITH SOMEONE LET ME KNOW. DO YOU WANT PROJECTS THAT ARE MORE ELABORATE AND TAKE TWO OR THREE MEETINGS TO COMPLETE? LET ME KNOW. WE NEED LEADERS AND NEW IDEAS OR WE WILL WITHER AND DRY UP. WILL YOU STEP UP TO THE PLATE?

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FWDP's Make-it-Take-it Workshop with Donna Armstrong

Donna Armstrong will be teaching a class to paint a "Santa Bear" on a 5 1/2" wood ice-cream spoon. The bear spoon will be base coated for you. For those who prefer to paint "Santa Faces" or other pattern you will need to bring Christmas color paints of your choice. These spoons will not be base coated.

SUGGESTED COLORS:

Black- eyes

Medium Flesh- & Shading Flesh or Burnt Sienna - face

White- beard

Neutral Grey- beard & mustache

Antique white- OR SNOW TEX used as fur on hat

Base: Santa Red **Shade:** Napa Red **Highlight:** Cad Red, touch of Firery Red, Light buttermilk

PROVIDED:

SPOONS & FORKS

Patterns, LOTS of photos and samples of Painted Spoons and Forks

Ribbon, pompoms, pin backs, magnets, glue, Varnish, sealer, SNOW-TEX for snow on hats, HOT Shots firery RED, Glamour Dust - red, green, blue, crystal, gold, silver etc..

Please choose one of the following groups of your desired "bear" colors with you to class.

Base coat (B), Shade (S), and Highlight (H) colors of your choice. For example, Sable Brown, Burnt Umber, and Antique White.

Deco Art Americana Paint

Black and White

SUGGESTIONS:

B: Sable Brown

S: Burnt Umber

H: Antique White

B: Honey Brown

S: Burnt Sienna

H: Light Mocha

B: Camel

S: Lt. Cinnamon or Raw Sienna

H: Lt. Buttermilk or Antique White

B: Khaki Tan

S: Burnt Umber

H: Lt. Mocha

B: Honey Brown

S: Burnt Umber

H: Toffee

BRUSHES:

Bring two stippler brushes- #2 and/or #4 (small)

A #2 and #4 Flat or Filbert

One Liner brush and basic painting supplies

Membership – Donna Armstrong

I'd like to report at our May chapter meeting (seems like SO long ago) there were 16 members present. This year was the first time for me I was honored to attend our SDP convention in Wichita. Very educational to meet new friends and hear what other Chapters are doing worldwide at the Chapter Gathering Breakfast. At the annual business meeting, I sat next to my Chapter friends from FWDP and Bluebonnet (wearing our Bluebonnet shirts) as we voted and discussed new amendments. Raising SDP dues for 2012 was discussed and passed. Making it that much more important to support our Chapters, and speak out. I realized my VOTE does count.

Don't forget about our 2011 "Membership Challenge" a nice gift awarded to the chapter member who brings in the most visitors this year, and another gift to the members who brings in the most new members. Membership gifts have been painted and donated by SDP Past President Nancy Genetti and Current SDP president Sue Bowers.

Thank you Nancy and Sue for your support to FWDP.



Sunshine – Connie Bartch

Jan has finished her radiation and all is well. She is feeling good and going strong once again! We are so happy to hear she is doing well.

Jeanette looked really well after beginning her treatments! We hope you continue on a healthy recovery road!

Yvonne sends this note:

Sure appreciate the cards, calls and visits from Chapter members. I have been in a bulky brace for six weeks (24/7) and it came off Sept. 4! I can now put my left foot on the floor (four weeks) with 50% weight bearing - meaning I can now stand on both feet and not have to balance myself on one foot - hopping with a walker. I spend most of my time in a wheelchair - so wide to accommodate the brace that I can't roll myself!. The first of October, I can start walking and hope I have enough strength to get the "hang" of it within a couple of weeks. I have been told maybe mid October I can go home. The food, staff, services, and therapy are very good here. I am painting (watercolor) a picture, using a loaned computer from Mary Helen Horne and enjoying friend's visits. Everyone has been so good to me. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers as I am mending well..



2011 Dates to Remember

September 19th – Make it Take it
 October 17th – Scarecrow on a Jar
 November 21st – Santa on a basket lid
 December 12th – Christmas Party

Articles should be sent to:

newsletters@fwdecorativepainters.com

Visit the Chapter Website:

www.fwdecorativepainters.com

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
 Parliamentarian/Bylaws – Yvonne Lowrie/Nancy Genetti
 Publicity – Suzane Godley
 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