



## The Village Painters

An affiliated Chapter of the International Society of Decorative Painters

### Minutes of the General Meeting February 2, 2012

**President** – Diane Stiller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- Diane, along with Linda Christopher, will varnish the Memory boxes painted and turned in at today's meeting. Painters who do not complete their Memory box at today's meeting are requested to varnish the box (inside and out) themselves and turn in the finished boxes at the April General Meeting.
- Wooden gift tags are available to pick up and paint for the SDP Annual Convention banquet. Sheri Redd and Diane embossed the tags already, so painters only need to add color and background to them. Turn in the completed tags at the April General Meeting.
- The Village Painters brochure is complete and available as a recruiting tool. See Diane for details.
- Village Painters is compiling a library of patterns for the Memory Boxes. If you have patterns that lend themselves to this function, see Diane or Linda Christopher.
- If you have extra greeting cards that you will not use (for any/all occasions) please donate them to the Sunshine Committee. See Carol Sneary.
- Village Painters is working to lower the cost of seminars, even those for Big Brushes. However, we need to have enough members sign up for the seminars to make them cost effective. Please participate.
- Check out the website [artistsclub.com](http://artistsclub.com). Click on "freebies" and then "free patterns". There are about 40 free patterns. This is where tonight's memory box heart pattern came from.

**Vice President** – Linda Christopher spoke about the following:

- 2012 Centerpiece Placemat paint-ins. There is still room in the Summer Placemat paint-in. See Linda Christopher.
  - Spring (done in January) – taught by Doreen McLain
  - Summer – Taught by Sheri Redd February 18.
  - Fall – Taught by Sally Thirjung, September 8.
  - Winter – Taught by Rondi Bur October 13.
- **March 17** the Rewards Seminar will be taught by Debra Houts. **(This is a new date!)**
- **April 21** will feature Ann Fogg (Woodpecker). You can find the registration form on the website and mail it in or bring it to the April General Meeting. Prep instructions will be emailed to you.
- **May 19-20** Janice Miller (Owl one day, 4 seasons on a messenger bag the next day). Janice is supplying the fabric paint and the messenger bags will have the pattern on it. If you choose to paint on something other than the bag, you put the pattern on yourself. The owl will be painted on a Smart Stone. Details on where to find this are to come. Deadline to sign up is the April General Meeting.
- **September 21-23** is Fall Retreat, Hobo theme
- **October 27-28** instructor is Lynne Andrews
- **November 10** is Paint With Us! Instructed by Leslie Williams; project is a painted glass block in a stand, that lights up.
  
- The Michigan Mixer is being held March 24, 2012 in Plainwell near Grand Rapids

**Secretary** – Ruth Vernacchia - The minutes from the October 2011 General Meeting were approved and filed.

Linda Morgan made the motion to approve,  
Sheri Redd seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer – Kathy Fischer:**

- Distributed the 2012 Budget and led the Budget Review.

Karen Capshaw made the motion to approve the budget as shown.

Kathy Ulring seconded. Motion passed.

**2011 Education – Paula Atkinson:**

- Paula has held the first committee meeting for the Fall Retreat, selecting a Hobo theme. Will be painting on pillowcases. There will be 2 projects: Saturday – Twig footstools, Sunday – denim shirt. Instructors are Rhondi Bur and Ruby Cler.

**Membership – Loretta Huebler:**

- 2 guests visiting tonight.
- Loretta is taking pictures for the directory tonight.
- The list is available to sign up for tables for the 2013 Spring Fling. See Loretta.

**Newsletter – Sandy Freese: Not present. No report.**

- Monday after the Board Meeting is the deadline for the newsletter. If you send something for Sandy to include in the newsletter she will ALWAYS respond to your email. If you do not receive a response, she didn't get what you sent. If this happens to you, call Sandy and then resend your information.

**Ways and Means – Connie Vasilnek and Rhondi Bur:**

- There is a special raffle planned for the August General Meeting. You can buy tickets anytime before and up to the August meeting.

**Library – Sheri Redd and Joyce Kuzera:**

- There are magazines and paint/instructions packets on the tables for FREE.

**Website – Sheri Redd**

- The website crashed and is being rebuilt page by page. It is now back up and running and Sheri is working to get all content back in. If you notice anything that is not correct, please contact Sheri and let her know.

**Historian – Michele Handley: No report.**

**Hospitality – Maryann Muir and Diana Winn:**

- Thanks to all who donated food tonight! If you brought food, please fill out and submit the pence form to get your pence.

**Spring Fling – Karen Capshaw:**

- The Spring Fling will be held on April 13, 2013.
- Tables for 10-12 people are still available. See Loretta Huebler.
- There is a contest to create the Official Spring Fling design. The winner gets a free ticket to the Spring Fling and the design will be on everything from the program to the nametags. Any medium is acceptable, content must be original. Deadline for submissions is the April General Meeting.
- Sandy Tyo is holding a paint-in Saturday, May 5 (Cinco de Mayo) for the Spring Fling boutique at Connie Vasilnek's house. Lunch will be provided and you earn a pence. See Connie or Sandy for details.

**Christmas Party – Debra Houts and Susan Rhodes: No report.**

**Community Service – Pat Butler: Not present.**

- Rhondi Bur announced that Village Painters may have Spring AND Fall murals to paint for Community Service. Stay tuned for details.

**Memory Box Program** – Karen Copeland:

- Memory Boxes painted tonight by attending members.

**Treasure Boxes** – Linda Christopher:

- Stamped/embossed Treasure Boxes will be painted at the April General Meeting by attending members.

**Nominations** – Linda Morgan: No report.

**August Picnic** – Cathy Uhring:

Theme: Country Picnic

- Denim/Gingham attire
- Trunk sale
- There will be a prize for the best painted neckerchief

**Dessert Raffle**

Desserts with painted pieces were donated by:

- Sheri Redd
- Diana Winn
- Joyce Kuzera
- Diane Stiller

**Secret Pal** – Char DeBaske: No report.

**Sunshine** – Carol Sneary: No report.

**Audit** – Char Wenzel: No report.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** –

Motion carried to end the meeting at 7:15. Members stayed to paint Memory Boxes with a heart pattern.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Vernacchia, Secretary  
February 6, 2012