



# VILLAGE NEWS AND VIEWS

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## President's Corner

Ladies, if you didn't attend the August picnic, you missed a great party. The theme was painted bras in a luau setting. 55 members/guests attended and 28 painted bras were donated. Diana Winn won first prize for her two parrotlets, a pattern by Peggy Harris. Sheri Redd won second prize with her own originally designed flamingos. Linda Christopher won third place with her own originally designed martini glasses, complete with olives and battery-operated lights! A big thank you to Michelle Handley for making all of the centerpieces. Loretta Huebler was brave enough to do some serious body shaking and won the booby prize in the hula dancing contest. Maryanne Muir won for best dressed. Ways and Means held their big annual raffle. Cathy Uhring won the Maureen McNaughton painting. Sally Thirjung won the DVD player with the Patricia Rawlinson DVD. One of our guests from the Trenton Garden Club won the ott light. Also a big thank you to Nancy Stanford, Connie Vasilnek, Kathy Williams, and Peggy Mack who painted the terra cotta flower pots for a fun raffle. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the delicious spread of food.

The painted bras will be donated to the Karmanos Cancer Center for use in a fundraiser. I showed them off at a meeting that I had there and people were really impressed with how creative and beautiful the bras were. They are thinking of a way to display them to share with others. In addition, I was so impressed with the effort that people put into these beautiful works of art that I took a photo of each one and created a poster. If you would like a colored copy of this 11x14 poster, I will be taking orders for them at the October meeting. The cost will be \$10.

Decorative painting is celebrated during October. Please consider signing up for the Paint With Us class instructed by Karen Capshaw. We have 52 people signed up so far. It's shaping up to be a really fun day. We would like to have a display of our painted projects to inspire all the attendees. Please consider bringing some of your painted items to the class. And don't forget to sign up for the Pat Lentine colored pencil classes. Registration forms for both of the above classes are on our website.

Did you get your notice about the SDP dues for 2012? Yes, it's that time of year. Time to renew our memberships in both SDP and Village Painters. Linda Christopher has arranged a great reward for those who renew their membership at the October meeting. You will be able to attend the winter-themed floor cloth seminar instructed by Sheri Redd at no charge. Every single one of you is an important member of Village Painters. You are its voice and its heart. Please renew your membership and continue to be a member of this painting family.

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**2011**

### The Village Painters' Board

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1st place—Diana Winn

2nd place— Sheri Redd

3rd place— Linda Christopher

Center Piece

I saw many familiar faces at the HOOT convention. Did you spend lots of money on more brushes and surfaces? Why is it that we never seem to have enough of those? Did you check out their painted bras, especially the one with the Owl – “Save the Hooters”? How about the sunny side up eggs? We have bragging rights to report from the HOOT 2011 art show! Denise Robert won third prize on the tiger she submitted in the animal category. Barbara Reinholz won first place in the people portrait category. Barb’s sister, Joyce Bennett, who lives in Tennessee, won second place in that category. And get this: Barb won first place and best of show in 2009. In 2010, Joyce won first place, and Barb won second place. These two sisters are having a lot of fun competing against each other and are the shining stars in this particular category. Congratulations to all! We are proud of your accomplishments.

Please plan on attending the Victorian Festival located in downtown Northville: Saturday, September 17, Noon – 6pm. Sunday, September 18, 11am – 4 pm. Our booth number is TS6, left of the Toll Brothers stage. We will have a Learn to Paint for children and adults and will be painting fairy doors.

And last but not least, there is homework due at the October meeting. Remember the green sheet that I passed out at the June meeting asking for your tips and tricks related to Surface Finishing/Sealing? Yesss, that green sheet. Go find it and fill it out. Remember the Tips and Tricks section on our website will only be as good as we make it.

Keep painting!

Diane Stiller



# **\*\* Calendar of Events \*\***

**\*\*General and Board Meetings are held at the Livonia Senior Centre in Livonia \*\***

**General Meeting** - 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm social period  
6:45 pm — business starts

In 2011 — October 6th

In 2012 — February 2, April 5, June 7, August 2, Oct. 4,

**Board Meetings** (to which everyone is welcome begin at 6:30 pm):

In 2011 — November 3 rd

In 2012 — Jan. 5, March 8, May 3, Sept. 6, Nov. 1

## **Special Events for 2011**

Sept. 10 & 11 Lydia Steeves Coordinated by Diane Stiller

Sept. 24 Fall Floor Cloth w/ Sally Thijung

Oct. 8 Paint With Us w/ Karen Capshaw

Oct.22 & 23 Pat Lentine Coordinated by Laura Schumont

Nov. 5 Winter Floor Cloth w/ Sheri Redd

Nov. 12 Spring Floor Cloth

Dec. 1 Christmas Party

## **Special Events for 2012**

Jan. 21 Center Piece Placemat - Spring

Feb. 18 Center Piece Placemat - Summer

March 3 Reward Seminar

April 21 Ann Fogg Seminar

Sept. 8 Center Piece Placemat - Fall

Sept. 21,22,23 Fall Retreat

Oct. 13 Center Piece Placemat - Winter

Oct. 27,28 Lynn Andrews Seminar

Nov. 10 Paint with Us

Dec. 6 Christmas Party

Also in the works is a seminar with Janice Miller, around May or June.

## ***VP Corner***

I am delighted that Paint with Us, with Karen Capshaw is going to be so successful. There are still spots open if you would like to attend. The registration form and list of supplies, that members are responsible for, are on the web site. Ruth and I will have a few extra supplies, so if there is something you need, please don't hesitate to contact us. [lindachristopher@hotmail.com](mailto:lindachristopher@hotmail.com) or [rvemacchia@comcast.net](mailto:rvemacchia@comcast.net)

Because October is national Decorative Painting Month, we are looking for members to display some of their favorite pieces at the Oct. 8th Seminar. Please bring something to show off. There will be many potential new painters there.

### **FLOOR CLOTH CLASS**

Remember, if you pay your dues at the October meeting, the winter floorcloth class, with Sheri Redd will be free. Sheri will have the prep instructions and patterns for you at that meeting.

### **Center Piece Place mats**

You will be able to sign up for the Jan. 21 and Feb.19 classes at the October meeting. All classes will be \$10.00 and that includes the surface. I can not guarantee the sample pieces will be done, but I will have pictures for you to look at. I will also set up a table at the Christmas party and the February general meeting for sign-ups.

It is shaping up to be an exciting and productive year. Let's have fun ...

Thanks,  
Linda Christopher

# September 1, 2011 Financial Report

Year to Date Income: \$15,663.82

Year to Date Expenses: \$15,031.95

Checking Account Balance as of 9/1/2011: \$14,281.12

CD \$10,000.00

Submitted by Kathy Fischer

## ***2012 Board Nominations***

We are pleased to present the following nomination slate:

### **Board Nominee**

President *Diane Stiller*

VP *open*

Secretary *Ruth Vernnachia*

Treasurer *Kathy Fischer*

### **Elected Chairs**

Newsletter *Sandy Freese*

Ways/Means *Connie Vasilnek*  
& *Rondi Bur*

Membership *Loretta Huebler*

Ed. Coordinator *Linda Christopher*

### **Standing Chairs**

Library *Sheri Redd*

& *Joyce Kuzera*

Historian *Michelle Handley*

### **Special Chairs Nominee**

Sunshine *Carol Sneary*

Memory Boxes *Karen Copeland*

Treasure Boxes *Linda Christopher*

Website *Sheri Redd*

Secret Pal *Char DeBaske*

Santa's Workshop\* *Open*

August Picnic *Cathy Uhring*  
& *Diana Winn*

Christmas Party *Debra Houts*

& *Susan Rhodes*

Spring Fling *Karen Capshaw*

Audit *Char Wenzel*

Hospitality *Maryann Muir*

& *Diana Winn*

Community Service *Pat Butler*

Paint With Us! *Linda Christopher*

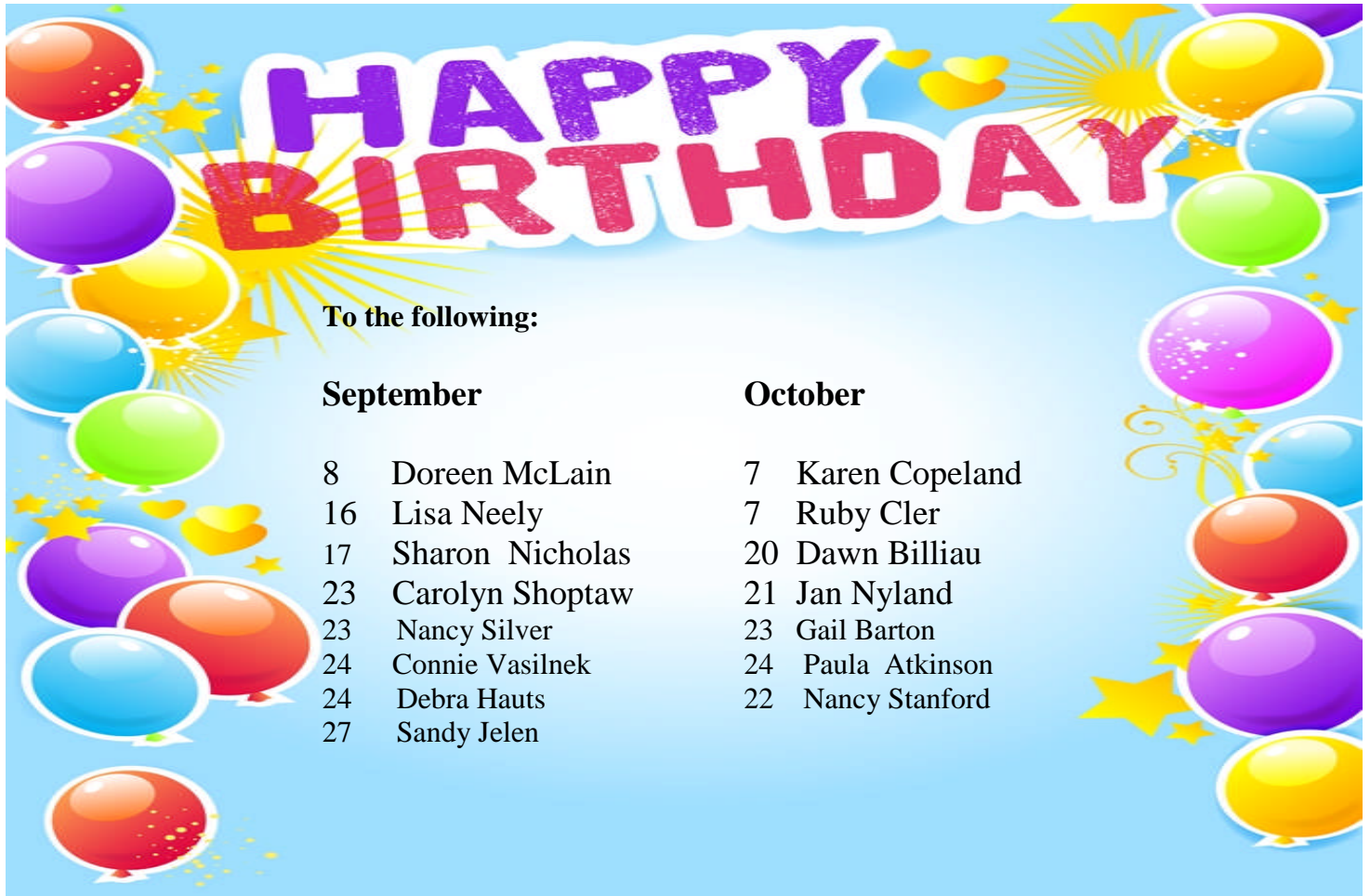
& *Ruth Vernnachia*

Nominating *open*

By-laws, Standing Rules

and Guidelines *Gail Barton*

\* Santa's Workshop includes Christmas Charity and Learn to Paint.



## *Ways and Means*

We hope everyone has enjoyed the summertime heat and have been safe during our many storms. Before we know it, the Christmas Party will be just around the corner. Ways & Means will once again be having our "**Christmas Pence Raffle**", which means we are in need of your lovely donations. So, while you are staying inside cooling off or just enjoying the upcoming fall weather please consider painting an item or two for the raffle. Your donation(s) may be brought to the October General Meeting or the November Board Meeting.

Your donation(s) will be greatly appreciated.

Denise Robert & Sandy Tyo

# Village Painters Welcomes

## Pat Lentine

When: October 22 & 23, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m.----- 4:00 p.m.

Where: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, Mi

Cost: \$ 25 for Members per day  
\$45 for Non-Members  
per day

Registration Deadline: August 4, 2011

Visit [www.villagepainters.net](http://www.villagepainters.net) for update info.



Saturday



Sunday

### Pat Lentin Seminar October 22 & 23, 2011

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

Members: \$25 Non Members: \$45 Total enclosed\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to: *Village Painters* and send to

Paula Atkinson, 2901 N. Wilson Royal Oak, Mi 48073

248-585-2238

VILLAGE PAINTERS is Proud and Pleased to Present:

2011 "PAINT WITH US" SEMINAR



**WHEN:** Saturday, October 8th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **COST:** \$10 (Includes surface, supplies, and a wonderful lunch, provided)

For information regarding the supplies members will need to provide for the guests, please go to the 'VillagePainters.net' web site for details. Please click on the 'seminars' link to get you to the right information.

**WHERE:** Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Roads, Livonia, MI

Members are encouraged to bring a new painter to the seminar.

Lunch will be a pot-luck. Members bring a LARGE dish to pass, either salad or main dish. Dessert will be provided by Village Painters.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS SEPTEMBER 1st, 2011**

Please mail your check (\$10 per member and each guest) with the names of your guests.

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Mail registration form and check to: Ruth Vernacchia

(or bring to August 2011 meeting) 965 Novi St.

Northville, MI 48167

Any questions, please contact Linda Christopher at [lindachristopher@hotmail.com](mailto:lindachristopher@hotmail.com) -

734-420-2018, or Ruth Vernacchia at [rvernacchia@comcast.net](mailto:rvernacchia@comcast.net) - 248-348-4251

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"Paint With Us" Seminar -- Saturday, October 8, 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Names of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to VILLAGE PAINTERS (\$10 per member and per guest)

# Membership Application 2011

Mail application and check to: Loretta Huebler

Questions? E-mail Loretta Huebler— [lhuebler@wowway.com](mailto:lhuebler@wowway.com)

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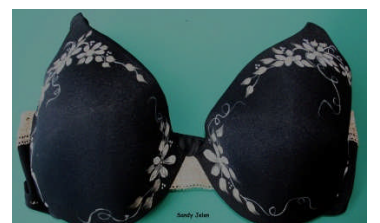
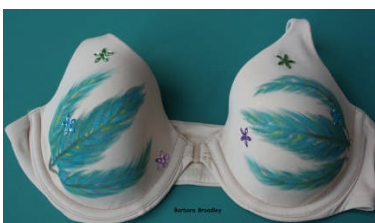
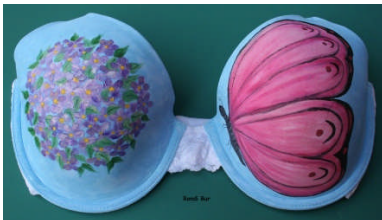
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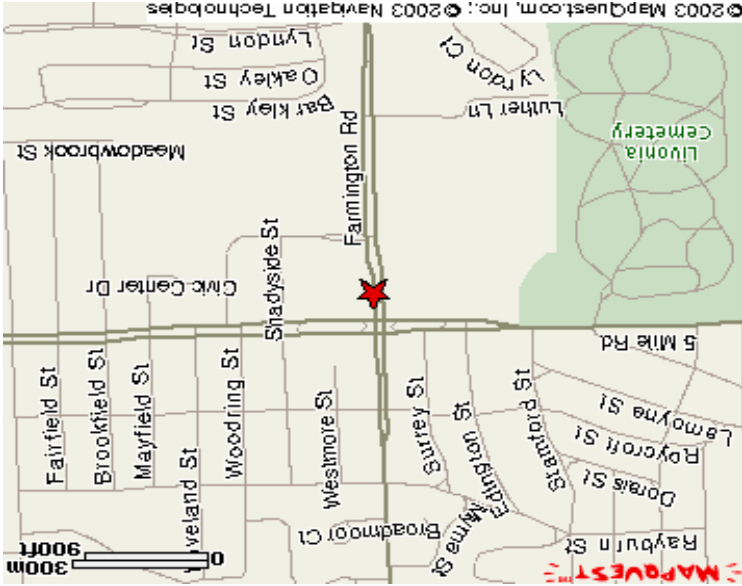
## *Hospitality*

**Help!** We only have one volunteer to bring snacks to the October meeting. Sure could use more. After a summer of picnics and BBQs, we're sure some of you have new recipes to share!

Thanks, Cathy and Diana

# VILLAGE PAINTERS - PAINTED BRAS - AUGUST 2011





Next General Meeting  
 October 6th 2001  
 Livonia Senior Center  
 152 Farmington Rd.  
 Livonia, MI  
 Social 6:00pm  
 Meeting 4pm  
 See you there!!

Next General Meeting @ October 6th



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*Integrity is not a commodity. It's the most rare and precious of personal attributes. It is the core of a person's reputation.*