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President's Corner

At the October General Meeting, members approved the slate of nominees for the 2012 Board positions. At that time the Vice President position remained unfilled. I am happy to report that Linda Christopher has volunteered to fill that position for the third year in a row. This is in addition to filling the Education Coordinator position next year, as well as, her Treasure Boxes Chair position. Thanks Linda for all of your hard work and dedication! We really appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

It has come to the Board's attention that the participation level in the Memory Boxes and Treasure Boxes programs has experienced a marked decline. There are basically five people supporting the Memory Boxes program and three people supporting the Treasure Boxes. In order to give these programs a significant boost, we will be scheduling painting sessions during the General Meetings. These two programs serve as the backbone of our community services activities. Please commit to set aside some time in your busy schedule to support these two wonderful programs. They give a lot of comfort and joy to the recipients of these boxes.

Fifty-six members renewed their memberships for 2012 at the October meeting and were eligible to participate, at no charge, in the Winter floor cloth class instructed by Sheri Redd. Sheri demonstrated some great painting techniques: how to use a sponge to float color, how to use the chisel edge of a brush to paint the pompom ball on the scarf; how to make the scarf look like knitted wool. And the very best – she showed us how to emboss stars and snowflakes on our piece using her embossing materials. Just when I thought I didn't need one more thing, she shows us this super fantastic technique. We were so impressed with this that Sheri is being scheduled to demonstrate it at one of the General Meetings.

If you have not renewed your membership yet, please send your membership renewal form to Loretta Huebler. You don't want to miss out on the wonderful activities that we have planned for next year.

Our 2011 year is coming to an end all too soon. What better way to cap off our painting year than with our Holiday Celebration at the Warren Valley Country Club on December 1. The theme is Simply Christmas. We will be collecting hats, scarves, and mittens to donate. If you haven't registered yet, please contact Dianne Winn right away this week! The cost is \$20 and guests are \$25. Please consider sharing the holiday season with your painting friends at this event.

2011

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

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

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

Special Events for 2011

Nov. 12 Spring Floor Cloth

Dec. 1 Christmas Party

Special Events for 2012

Jan. 21 Spring Center Piece Placemat - Doreen McLlain

Feb. 18 Summer Center Piece Placemat - Sheri Redd

March 3 Reward Seminar - Debra Houts

April 21 Ann Fogg Seminar

May 19-20 Janice Miller Seminar

Sept. 8 Fall Center Piece Placemat - Sally Thirjung

Sept. 21,22,23 Fall Retreat

Oct. 13 Paint with Us

Oct. 27,28 Lynn Andrews Seminar

Nov. 10 Winter Center Piece Placemat - Rondi Bur

Dec. 6 Christmas Party

VP Corner

We have some exciting general meetings in the planning. At the Feb. meeting we will be painting gorgeous and easy hearts on already base coated Memory Boxes. Please bring your regular painting supplies and your favorite colors to paints hearts. Thanks, At the April meeting Sheri Redd will be demonstrating and leading us in stenciling, stamping and embossing. We will be trying out these new techniques on all ready base coated Treasure Boxes. How Fun.

EDUCATION: Enclosed is the registration form for the Ann Fogg Seminar being held on Saturday April 21st. The pictures does not do the piece justice. It is gorgeous in person. Also, enclosed are the five suggested pieces being submitted by Janice Miller. She will be here May 19th and 20th. Look them over carefully, we will be choosing two.

Also, enclosed are the registration forms for the Spring Center Piece Place Mat on Saturday Jan 21st being led by Doreen McClain and the registration form for the Summer Center Piece Place Mat on Feb. 25th being led by Sheri Redd. It is a bad picture The Center will be a much lighter blue, with the fruit in the middle and a scalloped edge surrounding it all. The pictures will give you an 'idea' of how the finished piece will look. I will have both pieces at the Christmas Party. Please plan on signing up than. As in the past you will have the opportunity to order a lunch from subway for \$6.00. Please make sure if paying by check, the two checks are issued. The one for \$10.00 to the Village Painters and the one for \$6 made out to Subway.

As we did this year, if you pay your dues in Oct. the last Center Piece Place Mat class on Nov. 10th led by Rondi Bur will be FREE!

You can also find updated info on all of the above at www.villagepainters.net

PLEASE NOTE: Paint With Us led by Leslie Williams has been moved to Oct. 13th and the winter place mat to Nov. 10th.

We will also be having the desert raffle again this year at the Feb. meeting. As always, you will be able to use both pence and or cash or pence and cash together to get the highest bid on your desired raffle item. We have some wonderful pieces coming up.

Linda Christopher

Possible suggestions for Janice Miller Seminar for May 19th and 20th



Acrylic on a screen



Acrylic on Denim



Acrylic Owl



Oils



ONLY VOTE FOR 2!

Village Painters Welcomes

Spring Center Piece Place Mat with Doreen McClain

When: Saturday – January 21, 2012

Where: Livonia Senior Center

15218 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI. 48154

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$10 for members - \$15 for non members (surface is provided with class fee)

Visit www.villagepainters.net for updated info



Spring Center Piece Place Mat with Doreen McClain

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Total _____ Paid by _____

Please make checks out to Village Painters

Please give to or mail to: Linda Christopher - 42457 Parkhurst, Plymouth, MI 48170

734-420-2018 or lindachristopher@hotmail.com

Contact Linda Christopher if you would like to order lunch from Subway for \$6.00!

Village Painters Welcomes

Ann Fogg – Acrylic Seminar

When: Saturday - April 21, 2012

Where: Livonia Senior Center

15218 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI. 48154

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

Cost: \$15 for members \$30 for non-members

Visit www.villagepainters.net for updated info



Ann Fogg Seminar – Saturday - April 21, 2012

Name_____

Address_____ City_____ Zip_____

Phone_____ E-Mail_____

Total_____ Paid by_____

Please make checks out to Village Painters

Please give to or mail to: Linda Christopher

42457 Parkhurst - Plymouth, MI 48170

734-420-2018 or lindachristopher@hotmail.com

Village Painters Welcomes

Summer Center Piece Place Mat with Sheri Redd

When: Saturday – February 25, 2012

Where: Livonia Senior Center

15218 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI. 48154

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$10 for members - \$15 for non members (surface is provided with class fee)

Visit www.villagepainters.net for updated info



Summer Center Piece Place Mat with Sheri Redd

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Total _____ Paid by _____

Please make checks out to Village Painters

Please give to or mail to: Linda Christopher - 42457 Parkhurst, Plymouth, MI 48170

734-420-2018 or lindachristopher@hotmail.com

Contact Linda Christopher if you would like to order lunch from Subway for \$6.00!

Our Deepest Sympathy

Denise Roger's step mother just lost her battle with cancer yesterday. Please keep her and the family in prayer.

Memory and Treasure Boxes

Twenty Memory Boxes were delivered to Detroit Children's Hospital on Nov. 26 and twelve boxes went to Providence of Southfield on Nov. 27. That leaves only sixteen boxes left in storage.

Our supplies of both Memory and Treasure Boxes are very low and need to be replenished. Only a few members have been bringing in the painted boxes and we need to get more painters involved in these worthwhile community service programs. Thank you for putting PAINT BOXES on your "To Do List"!

We are planning some fun painting projects for the Feb. and April meetings to rebuild our supply of boxes. See you there!

Karen Copeland
Memory Box Chair

Linda Christopher
Treasure Box Chair

Hospitality

I would like to give a final "Thank You" to all the wonderful people who have supported me for the past five years by bringing their delicious snacks to the general meetings. My tenure as hospitality chairperson has been a fun and very rewarding time. Thanks a Ton!! Cathy Ujring



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following:

November

Sue Drobyshewski 1st
Kathy Riddle 3rd
Joan Bosse 17th
Sandy Tilt 18th
Maryann Muir 29th
Linda Morgan 19th
Susan Rhodes 27th
Cathy Uhring 30th

December

Gail Thompson 2nd
Nancy Spradlin 3rd
Karen Lavella 6th
Barb Reinholz 9th
Anita Barnes 19th

West Michigan Decorative Artists

is pleased to invite all Michigan chapter artists to the
2012 Michigan Mixer *"Flights of Fantasy"*.

This year the Mixer will be held on March 24, 2012
at the Comfort Inn in Plainwell
(midway between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids)

We have many wonderful activities planned and our classes will be featuring several nationally known decorative artists.

Please reserve the March 24th date in your calendars. We will be providing more details as they become finalized. You may also check our website for further developments.

www.hastingscountry.com/wmda2.html

Village Painters 2012 Rewards Seminar

Come join us and paint a Brenda Stewart spring design

taught by Debra Houts

When: Saturday, March 3, 2012

Where: Livonia Senior Center

Cost: 20 Pence

Surface available for \$24. or you may bring your own
pattern is for 6x6 surface

Time: 9am- 4 pm

Paints will be provided. Bring normal painting supplies.

Questions call Paula at 248-585-2238 or paulawog43@aol.com

2012 Rewards Seminar- March 3, 2012

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____E-Mail_____

Pence enclosed_____ Surface Fee: _____

Total enclosed:_____

Please Mail to: Paula Atkinson *Checks payable to: Village Painters*

2901 N. Wilson

Royal Oak, Mi 48073

Painted piece will be at Christmas Party or check website after Christmas party for photo.

Minutes of the General Meeting **October 6, 2011**

President – Diane Stiller called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

- Diane displayed the poster of the painted bras (painted for the August General Meeting picnic) and announced that she would be taking orders for the posters (\$10 for 11 x 17, \$5 for 8 ½ x 11). She read the letter of thanks from Karmanos for the donation of the painted bras.
- Congratulations to Denise Robert and Barb Reinholz, who won 3rd and 1st place respectively this year at Hoot's Art Show!
- The Board reviewed the results of the Survey taken at the June General Meeting and concluded that members did not want to change the day or the number of months that we meet for the General Meetings, but would like to have an opportunity to paint a project on the alternate months.
- We sold 100 fairy doors at the Victorian Festival in Northville for \$500. The booth cost \$125; so we netted \$375.

Vice President – Linda Christopher spoke about the following:

- 2012 Centerpiece Placemat paint-ins
 - o Spring (done in January) – taught by Doreen McLain
 - o Summer – Taught by Sheri Redd
 - o Fall – Taught by Sally Thirjung
 - o Winter – Taught by Rondi Bur
- March 3 the Reward Seminar will be taught by Debra Houts.
- April will feature Ann Fogg
- Fall Retreat is September 21-23
- October 27-28 instructor is Lynne Andrews
- In other news, Greenmead (248) 477-7575, is holding a Grandma's Attic Nov. 12, 2011 from 10-3:00pm. It will cost you \$10 to rent a table to sell your painted pieces.
- The Michigan Mixer is being held March 24, 2012 near Grand Rapids

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

Treasurer – Kathy Fischer: - No report

2011 Education Paula Atkinson is starting a committee for the 2012 Fall Retreat and is looking for volunteers. Laura Schumont: Pat Lentine seminar is coming up. Laura is ordering pencils for those who contacted her, and please sign up if you want to buy lunch.

Membership – Loretta Huebler: 56 Members renewed their membership tonight. Two new members signed up also. They are: Judy Turner and Barb Faulkner. The list is available to sign up for tables at 98th the 2013 Spring Fling. See Loretta.

Newsletter – Ruby Cler: The Monday after the Board Meeting is the deadline for the newsletter. If you send something for Ruby 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 Ruby and then resend your information.

Ways and Means –Sandy Tyo: Sandy is taking donations for the Christmas Party Pence Raffle.

Library – Sheri Redd and Joyce Kuzera: We bought a bunch of new materials for the Library at Hoot. Check it out!

Website – Sheri Redd: The website is updated. Sheri is working to add Tips and Tricks to it this month.

If you do not want your photo displayed on the website, write this intention on your membership renewal form.

Historian – Connie Vasilnek: No report.

Hospitality – Diana Winn: Thanks to all who donated food tonight!

Spring Fling – Karen Capshaw & Sally Thirjung: No report

Santa's Workshop.

Christmas Party – Dianne Winn: The Christmas Party is being held at Warren Valley. Thanks to all who volunteered to paint the favors! The membership voted to allow members to bring guests to this year's party, 30 to 0. Tickets for members will cost \$20. Tickets for non-members will cost \$25. Please get your party registration forms to Dianne no later than Nov. 15. Linda Christopher will make up special tickets that members and guests can buy for the Pence Raffle. We are collecting hats, scarves and mittens for a charity tree. Members and guests can bring a handmade gift to exchange.

Community Service – Pat Butler: No report.

Memory Box Program – Karen Copeland: 13 boxes came in tonight. 40 more are ready.

Treasure Boxes – Linda Christopher: No report.

Nominations – Susan Rhodes: An opening remains for the Vice President position. Board members must fill that position's responsibilities as they come up. Linda Morgan volunteered to fill the Nominations position. The following announcement was made three (3) times, "Any nominations from the floor?" Dawn Billiau made a motion to accept the slate as is. Ruby Cler seconded it. Motion passed

Secret Pal – Laura Schumont: No report.

Sunshine – Carol Sneary: No report.

Audit – Sandy Freese: No report.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Motion carried to end the meeting at 7:45

Ruby Cler put on a fascinating demonstration of air brushing after the meeting. Thanks for the beautiful images, Ruby!

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Vernacchia, Secretary

October 13, 2011

Welcome to New Members ...

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katriddle@verizon.net

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734-236-4725
judyturner1847@live.com

Barb Faulkner
21445 Griswold
South Lyon MI 48178
248 437-6988
barb5052@aol.com

WAYS & MEANS CHRISTMAS PARTY NEEDS YOU!!

Hi Ladies, Ways & Means will once again be having a pence raffle at our Christmas Party, which of course means we need donations! Your donation does need to be a painted piece, any surface, any theme. You may bring the item to Denise or Sandy at the party, but so we have an idea of how many items we will be raffling off and can prepare for the amount of tables we will be needing for setup we would like to know in advance if you plan on donating an item. Would you please send an email to Sandy Tyo at brushqueen414@yahoo.com if you plan on donating. Remember, you will receive 3 pence for each item donated (don't forget the reward seminar in March, you may need a few more pence to participate!)

Thank you in advance, we know there are many talented artists in our club!

Denise & Sandy

Membership Application 2011

Reminder for those who have not renewed your membership with the Village Painters for 2012.

Make your check payable to **The Village Painters** for \$15.00

Mail application and check to: Loretta Huebler

Questions? E-mail Loretta Huebler— lhuebler@wowway.com

X if this is a new address _____ Please type or print clearly:

Name _____

Last

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State

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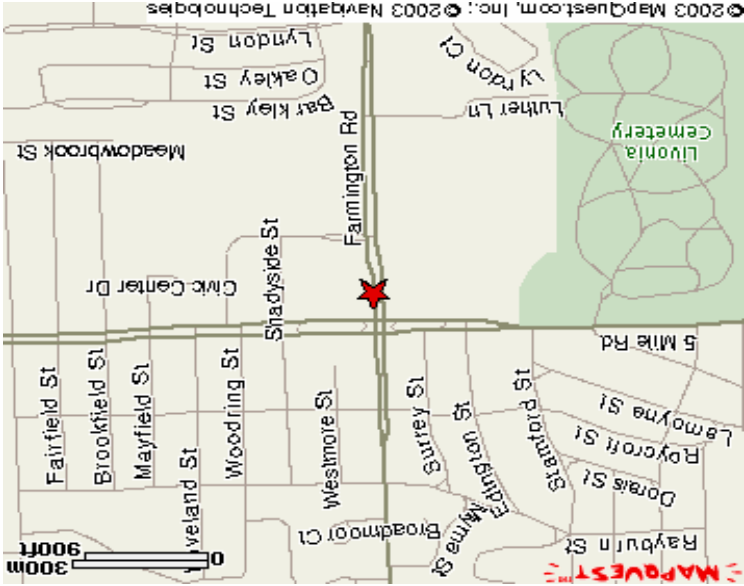
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SDP no. _____

Birthdate _____

Spring Fling

Tables are available for hosting for the the 2013 Spring Fling. Tables are oval and will seat 10 to 12 persons.



Next General Meeting
 December Christmas
 Party
 Warren Valley Golf Course
 2611 Warren
 Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
 Social 6:00pm
 Meeting 4pm.
 See you there!!

Next General Meeting December Christmas Party



Ruby Cler - Editor
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Good Luck is usually the result of Good Planning.