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President's Corner

Ladies, a gigantic round of applause for everyone who participated in the Spring Fling. This was the first year that I participated and it was a fantastic experience. It was a wonderland of creativity and beauty. Kudos to everyone who participated. You did us proud!

You may recall an email that I sent asking everyone to participate in a brainstorming meeting that would revolve around the issues that I would like to address this year. I want to thank Gail Barton, Karen Capshaw, Linda Christopher, Sandy Freese, Debra Houts, Shari Redd, and Diana Winn for choosing to spend three hours on a Saturday discussing these issues. The following individuals could not attend, but emailed me some great ideas: Susan Rhodes, Denise Rogers, Nancy Stanford, Karen Copeland, and Connie Vasilnek. This was a very productive meeting and we hope to implement many of the ideas in the future. Please attend the June meeting so that I can share these ideas with you.

At the May Board meeting, Kathy Fischer presented a financial report that gave us a framework to thoughtfully decide how much money we should reserve for future use and how much money was available for current spending. We will present this information to you at the June meeting. Incorporating some of the brainstorming ideas, we decided on the following: 1) that we would start lowering the price of the "Big Brush" seminars starting with the Pat Lentine seminar in October; and 2) that individuals could use pence for the Lydia Steeves seminar in September. It is our goal to have classes identified for 2012 by October. These will be predominantly taught by our own members or local instructors, but there are a few "Big Brushes" planned also. The Fall Event will also occur in 2012. Paula Atkinson is going to plan on how to best use her Education budget to lower prices.

Another brainstorming idea that was approved at the Board meeting was to give more recognition to our members who are "Teachers". We will do this by having a link to their website or email address on our website and by allowing them to bring their registration form and project schedule to our meetings. We'll have a special table set up for them to display the materials and perhaps even show samples of the projects. As President, I will also circulate their information to our members. The above will be done at no charge to them.

At the June meeting I am going to demonstrate how to paint clouds the Smokey Bear way. Please bring a 1 inch wide bristle fan brush. If you don't have one, don't go out and buy one. Bring something similar, like your widest rake or flat brush. This will take about 5 minutes. I'll bring paper and paint.

Diane Stiller

2011

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**** Calendar of Events ****

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

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

In 2011 — June 2nd, August 4th, October 6th
In 2012 — February 2nd

Board Meetings (to which everyone is welcome begin at 6:30 pm):
In 2011 — September 1st, November 3 rd

Special Events for 2010/11

May 21, 2011 Summer Floor Cloth w/Debra Houts
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
Dec. 1 Christmas Party

Education Calendar for 2012

Here is what we are working on for you dates and projects to follow:

- Reward Seminar with Debra Houts
- 4 Saturday paint ins -coordinated by Linda Christopher
- Ann Fogg - coordinated by Linda Christopher
- Lynn Andrews- coordinated by Paula Atkinson
- Stroke seminar w/ Ruby Cler & Debra Houts
- Paint With Us
- Fall Retreat

VP Corner - Upcoming Events

Reminders:

May 21st Summer Floor Cloth with Debra Houts, at the Livonia Senior Center from 10 to 3:30.

June Meeting:

Debra will demonstrate how to do the lace pattern on the candle plate. The room will be set up to paint along with Debra if you wish. We still have a few candle plates left for sale at \$7.00 each.

Also at the June meeting...I will have the surfaces, directions and pattern for the Autumn floor cloth with Sally Thirjung. You will need to sign up and pay the \$10.00 if interested.

Paint With Us is schedule for October 8th and Karen Capshaw will be leading the program. I hope to have registration forms at the June meeting.

THanks,
Linda Christopher

Help Wanted **2012 Board and Chairpersons**

The Nomination committee is gearing up and ready to hear from you!!!!

Some of the 2011 board members and chairpersons have already told us they would love to stay in their current position for 2012. However, there are many positions still vacant. So, hurry up and tell us which 2012 position you would like to run for. Do not wait for us to contact you! Instead, please call or email Susan at rich_sue@hotmail.com or 248-437-7019. *Remember, there are many former board members and chairpersons that will assist you and you will have lots of fun!.*

Your Nomination Committee: Susan Rhodes, Debra Houts and Dawn Billiau

Memory Boxes

Fifteen Memory Boxes were delivered for Providence of Southfield and ten more boxes went to Botsford Hospital in April. Both deliveries were very much appreciated.

I was asked to pass on this request to you. When painting the boxes with teddy bears, angels and animals, please remember to give them happy faces. The families are going through sad and dark times and happy upbeat characters and colors are more helpful. Thank you all for the beautiful work you do. It means a lot to the recipients.

Karen Copeland
Memory Box Chair



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

To the following:

March

Diana Winn 4th
Prudy Hogrefe 6th
Kathryn Williams 8th

April

Joyce Kuzera 1st
Janis Creswell 11th
Wendy Wellinganz 13th
Sandy Tyo 14th
Gail Koch 16th
Sally Thirjung 29th
Margaret Pedersen 30th

Lydia Steeves presents

Two one-day seminars, September 10 and 11, 2011

Publishes Pause for Painting books; Published in Decorative Painters Magazine and PaintWorks



To Shelley

When: Saturday, September 10, 2011

Where: Days Inn - Windsor

675 Goyeau Street

Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Surface and Acrylic Paints: You supply.
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Registration: Now through August 5, 2011

Cost: Village Painters member, \$40 per day

Non-member, \$55 per day

Consider bringing someone with you who might enjoy going to the casino and then join them after painting.

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable. A waiting list will be maintained. **You'll need a passport.**

Contact **Diane Stiller (313) 832-1058** or dianestiller@sbcglobal.net if you have questions or cannot attend.

Roker

Sunday, September 11, 2011

Within walking distance of Caesars Windsor Casino

Approx. 6 blocks; a 10 – 15 minute walk

Free shuttle to casino approx. every ½ hour

Friday and Saturday only.

Want to stay overnight at the Days Inn? Call: (519) 8411 or toll free (866) 454-6444

Special rate of \$79 plus taxes per night for single, double, triple, or quadruple occupancy (2 beds only)

Ask for: "Lydia Steeves seminar rate"

Lydia Steeves Seminar – September 10 and 11, 2011

Name _____

Amount _____

Address _____

To Shelley, Saturday, September 10 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Roker, Sunday, September 11 _____

Phone # _____

Total enclosed _____

Email _____

Make check payable to: Lydia Steeves

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 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*

Paula Atkinson

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Membership Application 2011

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

First

Spouse

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone (_____) _____ Business (_____) _____

E-mail _____

SDP no. _____ Birthdate _____

Welcome to New Members:

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The 2011 Spring Fling was Fabulous!!

As always, the Spring Fling was a wonderful, magical day. Thank you **so much** for all your hard work. It takes all of us working together so that the gift of your time and creativity makes God's gift of art so special.

The other "news of the day" is that I have decided to step down as Chair of the Spring Fling. It has been an honor and joy to lead the luncheon to be such a wonderful day! The luncheon has brought an added unity to our organization as well as being a showcase for our art form and a steady source of income for fun things!

Our new Spring Fling chair is Karen Capshaw. Because I have "stepped down," Karen has been appointed by our President, Diane Stiller. I am very pleased and I know that Karen will do a great job!! I am not "sailing into the sunset." I am just moving over for new energy!

Gail Barton

VILLAGE PAINTERS SPRING FLING LUNCHEON REPORT

APRIL 9, 2011

Income

Silent Auction	\$ 1,463.00
Basket Raffle	2,980.00
Boutique	1,638.00
52 Card Raffle	520.00
Live Auction	500.00
Luncheon Ticket Money (gross)	<u>4,400.00</u>

Gross Income \$ 11,501.00

Expenses*

Expenses	\$ 143.25
Reward	100.00
Grosse Ile Country Club (239 x 15)	<u>3,585.00</u>

Total Expenses \$ 3,828.25

PROFIT \$ 7,672.76

Donation paid to Charity - 251.00

NET FUNDS TO CLUB \$ 7,421.75

Statistics

239 Guests (22 tables; 59 members; 180 non-members)

1st Highest Silent Auction Bid to a Member: Leslie Williams - \$150

There were 3 Bids of \$150: Leslie Williams, Gale Copple, & Nancy Stanford

Highest number of tickets for basket: Gail Barton – 271

Farewell Luncheon

Jan Nyland is moving to California this summer. Our club and Heritage are having a farewell lunch for her at Antonio's on June 16, at 11:30. If you have not added your name to the list (30 to date), contact me and I will count you in and give you more information. Antonio's requires a guaranteed number, so please let me know right away. If you have not sent your money to me yet, please mail it or hand it to me at the June Meeting.

Karen Capshaw 734-397-2543 paintdrop@aol.com

44974 Rector Drive, Canton, MI 48188

Hoot 2011

H.D.A. is having a Bus going to HOOT on August 11, 2011. Leaving from Trenton Parks and Rec. in Trenton, Mi. at 6:15a.m. to arrive back around 10:00p.m. that evening. Cost is \$50.00 which covers Bus, Drivers Tip and Trade Floor Ticket and Booklet. You are responsible for your own Lunch and Dinner. We will stop for Dinner at Cracker Barrel in Findley, Ohio on our way home.

Contact person is Peggy Mack - paintapeg@sbcglobal.net or call 1-734-379-3934.

We have a lot of fun on the Bus. Registration is due by June 16, 2011.

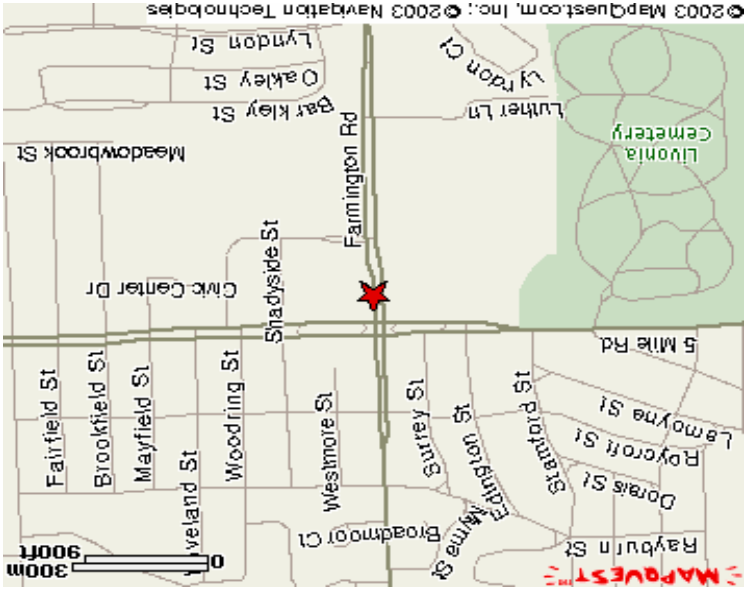
Painter's Pence Voucher

NAME _____

Reason for Pence _____

Date Completed _____

Next General Meeting
June 2nd, 2011
Livonia Senior Center
15218 Farmington Rd.
Livonia, MI
 Social period 6:00 pm
 Meeting 6:45 p.m.
 See you there!!



Next General Meeting June 2nd



Ruby Cler - Editor
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Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.