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President's Corner

Ladies, we are going to be seeing a lot of each other in the next two months. In March, we have the Ginger Edwards seminar, a paint-in at Karen Capshaw's for the Spring Fling boutique, and the Michigan Mixer. In April, we have the Spring Fling, the first seasonal floor cloth class, and Rondi's canvas bag paint-in at our General Meeting. That is a lot of painting in only two months! And that doesn't even count all the painting each of us will do on our own for the Spring Fling.

The February paint-in for the Spring Fling boutique was held at Connie Vasilnek's house, which is always a pleasure. Sandy Tyo led us in painting two really cute projects. It is a mystery to me how I can complete two projects in four hours and can't get one project done at home! I think that I need to hire Sandy Tyo to come to my house.

At the February General Meeting we colored Valentine Day cards with "I Love Village Painters....". It should come as no surprise that the words "Friends" and "Sharing" were frequently mentioned as what we value most about being a member of Village Painters. I submitted photos to SDP's Chapter Happenings. I don't know if they'll publish them in the Decorative Painter magazine, but they did say that the photos were "charming".

As I mentioned at the February General Meeting, I would like to address the following issues during the course of the year and implement changes as we come up with new ideas:

How can we have even more fun at meetings and events?

How can we better use our resources of time, talent, and money?

How can we increase our membership? Retain current members and attract new ones.

How can we increase the number of classes/seminars at more affordable prices?

Should we start a Village Painters youth group? How about a children/grandchildren group? We have already started to implement some changes, such as: Shortened the social period and business meeting so that we can start the activities earlier.

Scheduled four Saturday seasonal floor cloth painting classes at \$10 each which includes the surface. The November 5th class is free to those who pay their 2012 dues at the October, 2011 meeting.

Will replace paint-ins at the General Meetings with more demonstrations by various teachers and members who can provide painting tips and tricks.

Will partner with others outside our chapter to basecoat the Memory and Treasure Boxes.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions on these issues. We have so many talented, creative people to tap into. Our collective brain power is phenomenal! I'm sure that we'll come up with some wonderful ideas.

Have fun painting!

Diane Stiller

2011 The Village Painters' Board

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**** Calendar of Events ****

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

General Meeting - 6-7 pm social hour,
7 pm — business starts

In 2011 — April 7th, June 2nd, August 4th, October 6th

In 2012 — February 2nd

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

In 2011 — May 5th, September 1st, November 3rd

Special Events for 2010/11

March 12th & 13th, 2011 Ginger Edwards
March 26nd Michigan Mixer in Holt Michigan

April 9th, 2011 **Spring Fling -**
 If you'd like a table contact Gail Barton.



Painter's Pence Voucher

NAME _____

Reason for Pence _____

Date Completed _____

VP Corner - Upcoming Events

I have quite a few dates and reminders for you:

This year we will be painting four floor cloths. One for each season. These will all be on a Saturday on the following dates:

April 23rd - Spring - taught by Nancy Silver

May 21st - Summer - taught by Debra Houts

Sept. 24th - Fall - taught by Sally Thirjung

Nov. 5th - Winter - taught by Sherri Redd

All of these classes will be \$10.00 for each class and the surface will be provided for you. Each floor covering will be a 3'x 2' surface. The designs will be on display at the April meeting. All you will need to bring is your paint and painting supplies. Classes will run from 10 am to approx 3:30 pm. We will figure out food a little later.

On top of all this fun we have Rondi Burr doing painting on canvas bags after the meeting in April and Debra Houts doing an Arlene Linton candle plate in June.

Please note: I will need for you to sign up and pay the \$10.00 if you wish to partake in the May 21st floor cloth project. Anyone who can't make the meeting and is taking the floorcloth will have to make special arrangements to pick up there surface with me. If you want to do all four floor cloths the total cost to you could possibly be only \$30.00, BECAUSE if you pay your 2012 dues at the Oct. meeting, the Nov. 5th seminar day will be FREE.

What a fun painting year this will be.

Thanks,

Linda Christopher

Many Thanks ...

I would like to thank all of the people in Village Painters who were so thoughtful to send me a card on the event of my Mother's passing. It was so comforting to receive such kind messages.

Thanks,

Ruth Vernacchia

April Meeting

At the April meeting: Please sign up if you are going to be doing the June candle plate holder with Debra Houts. The candle plate will be on display at the April meeting and is also on the website. There is no cost, you do however, need to provide your own surface. Dave Sneary has offered to make the candle plate for you. If you are interested please contact him at 1-248-231-1789 for more information. Dave Sneary will be charging \$7.50 per candle plate. Members till need to contact him if they would like one.

Also at the April meeting: You will need to sign up and pay the \$10.00 if you are planning on taking the summer floorcloth on May 21st with Debra Houts.

Ruth Vernacchia and myself would like to host a Paint With Us on October 8th. We will be taking a vote from membership to see if you would be willing to support this. Please think about this, I really don't want to take much time away from Rondi at the meeting. If you are not attending the April meeting, would you please e-mail me at lindachristopher@hotmail.com if you would be willing to support this. We are going to be putting a sustained effort into increasing membership and we are open to any new ideas you might have.

Supplies need if you are painting the bag with Rondi, at the April General Meeting"
White nylon Fabric brushes, including: 1/4" Angle, #3 or #5 round and a liner
Very Important*****Textile Medium*****

Paints Needed: AMERICANA: Alizarin Crimson, Hauser Dark Green and Hauser Med. Green
DELTA: Bright Yellow, Pink Quartz, and White

Thank You, Linda Christopher



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following:

Birthdays for March:

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

Birthdays for April:

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

ALMOST SPRING FLING LUNCHEON TIME

General information concerning the Spring Fling Luncheon has been posted on our website www.villagepainters.net

Please remember that the doors to all festivities will open at 11:00 am this year. Lunch will still be served at 1 pm. Please remind your guests “no blue jeans!”

Luncheon Tickets:

The free basket raffle tickets will be on the tables with the names tags for distribution.

Name Tags and Silent Auction Procedure:

The name tag will display a **number** below the name which will be **used to bid on the Silent Auction pieces.**

A “Guaranteed Bid” of \$150 will secure any Silent Auction piece.

Cashiers will be located in the hall outside of the dining room. We will review all the Silent Auction bid sheets and call multiple winners in succession to simplify payment. Winning Silent Auction bidders will be dismissed at intervals to pay for their pieces and receive a paid receipt. **Nothing will be distributed until the entire process is completed.**

The 52 Card Raffle

The 52 Card Raffle piece this year is a small, antique table that has been painted by Prudy Vannier with her leaf study pattern in oils. Be sure to come prepared to buy a ticket early because we are sure that they will not last long!! It is an awesome piece!

Live Auction Piece

The live auction piece this year is a beautiful wine cabinet painted by Susan Rhodes and Debra Houts. Come prepared!

Baskets:

The baskets will be brought into the hallway leading to the main doors. Basket donors are asked to please wait by your basket to give it to the winning guest as these are called. Help will be available if needed.

Tables

Please contact Loretta Huebler to put somebody on the waiting list or to fill a spot at the very last minute. If you have a guest with special dietary needs, please advise Loretta. – Your check made payable to the Village Painter’s for the guests at your table is due at the April meeting.

Please remember to bring to the April meeting or to the Country Club on Friday:

- PRICED donations for the boutique; and
- Silent Auction pieces.

The Spring Fling volunteer list has already been emailed or mailed to you by now. **Please remember your time slot for working during the luncheon.** Please fill out the Spring Fling Pence Form which is on the website or will be available at the April meeting. Please submit the form to Sally Thirjung by May 1st or sooner.

Co-Chair: Gail Barton 734-671-5032 (gailbartonMI@hotmail.com)

Co-Chair: Sally Thirjung 734-983-0009 sthirjung@yahoo.com

Membership Application 2011

Mail application and cheque 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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2010 Final Income and Expense Report

Balance on 1/1/2011 \$14,847.30

Balance on 12/31/2010 \$13,649.25

Income

Transfer from 2009 Reserve	\$1,198.08
Other (Prudy)	479.00
Membership	1,200.00
Ways and Means	<u>873.34</u>
Total Income	\$3,750.42

Expenses

August Picnic	\$ 272.17
Christmas Party	835.06
Corporate Expenses	425.95
Education: 2010	156.61
2011	284.00
General Meeting	224.00
Historian	37.87
Hospitality	87.72
Library	294.24
Membership	100.16
Memory Boxes	79.80
Newsletter	371.00
Printing	27.14
Rent for General Meetings	300.00
Santa Workshop	100.00
Treasury Boxes	77.18
Web Site	<u>645.52</u>
Total Expenses	\$3,750.42

Society of Decorative Painters

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Individual Membership

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- / 20%-off Tier One A and Tier Two Core tuition at Traditions Online Art School.
- / Four full-color issues of *The Decorative Painter* magazine.
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- / Newsletters by email, including Chapter Happenings and Certification Happenings.
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- / Credit card option.
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- / Worldwide Certification Program.
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- / Car rental discounts from Hertz.
- / Networking with mentors and peers.

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SDP business members are a diverse group including artists, companies, designers, shop and studio owners, crafters, teachers, manufacturers, publishers, chain stores, and others seeking income from the decorative painting industry.

- / 20%-off Tier One A and Tier Two Core tuition at Traditions Online Art School.
- / Four full-color issues of *The Decorative Painter* magazine.
- / Preferred members' advertising rates.
- / Website links.
- / Exhibit at SDP's Annual Conference & Expo at a reduced rate.
- / Business Happenings e-zine with ideas, tips, and trends.
- / Merchant credit card service option.
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- / Website and knowledgeable staff.
- / Credit card option.
- / Teacher Development Program.
- / Car rental discounts from Hertz.
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- Black & white carbon paper, tracing paper and an 8" by 10" clear styrene sheet you can use to practice your brushstrokes.
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is
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Minutes of the General Meeting

February 3, 2011

President – Diane Stiller called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Diane:

Announced that she will be attending the SDP Annual Conference in May and asked the members to email her with any issues and/or concerns they wished her to take there

Passed out an updated Village Painters brochure and asked for comments

Formally confirmed that there will be no business conducted at the April meeting – just painting and brief updates

Announced that the General Meeting social hour is reduced to 45 minutes. Will try to reduce time spent on the business portion also by only calling on the committee Chairs that have asked to speak, so we can spend more time on the activities

Proposed a comprehensive survey of the members and asked for volunteers for the effort

Vice President – Linda Christopher spoke about the following:

There will be no more after-meeting painting projects beyond those scheduled with Rhondi Bur and Debra Houts. Instead there will be more demonstrations of various painting skills (ie. Air brushing)

More Saturday classes/seminars will be offered at more affordable prices. The four (4) floorcloth projects and their teachers were presented. They are:

Nancy Silver: Spring pansies, April 23

Debra Houts: Summer watermelon, May 21

Sally Thirjung: Autumn leaves, September 24

Sheri Redd: Winter snow scene, November 5

Treasure boxes were base coated for you by Sheri Redd's son, who is doing service hours toward his Confirmation

Secretary – Ruth Vernacchia - The minutes from the October 2010 General Meeting were approved and filed.

Treasurer – Kathy Fischer reported on the following:

Presented the year-end 2010 financial report. She reported that we only used about \$1,200 of the \$4,000 that we projected we would need from the prior year's reserves to help cover the 2010 budget projections, making it a good year.

Presented the financial report through January 31, 2011.

Presented the 2011 budget. Pat Butler made a motion to accept the budget as is, and all the votes were in favor.

2011 Education – There is 1 opening left for the Morning Glories project on Sunday of the Ginger Edwards seminar. Contact Diane Stiller to register. Diane will email the pattern and instructions as soon as she receives them from Ginger.

Laura Schumont announced the Pat Lentine Colored Pencil Seminar for October. More details to follow.

Membership – Loretta Huebler reports having 71 paid members with 3 new members. She welcomed new member, Carol Shirey.

Newsletter – Ruby Cler: No report.

Ways and Means –Sandy Tyo: No report.

Library – Sheri Redd asked for suggestions from members on which artists/DVDs/magazines to add to the collection.

Historian – Connie Vasilnek: No report.

Hospitality – Diana Winn: No report.

2011 Spring Fling – Gail Barton & Sally Thirjung: Sally reported the following:

The new opening time for the boutique, 52-card raffle, silent auction and table viewing is 11:00 am. Lunch is still at 1:00 pm.

There will be a free ticket for each guest on their table for the basket raffle. Additional tickets are 10 for \$10.

The baskets will be brought to the tables in the hall by the entrance to the banquet room. Basket donors, please note the placement of your baskets in the fireplace room and be ready to hand the basket to its winner.

You can bring your silent auction piece on the day of setup, or on Saturday morning. You must let Karen Schultz know the name and size of your piece so the proper signs can be prepared.

Please make sure your silent auction pieces are painted on all sides, including the back, and varnished. Please sign your name, this really adds to the value of the piece.

You will use the badge number on your name tag for bidding on the silent auction. Please note that the bidding increments MUST go up by \$2. If you really want a silent auction piece, bid \$150 and the item is yours.

If you win more than one silent auction piece, those items will be called together. You will be excused to go and pay the cashiers in the hall. Please return to your seat after paying. The silent auction pieces will be given out after all the winners are announced.

Loretta has the napkins tonight. Please tell her which color you want. You may also order napkins for the center of your table for accent. There are sheer runners available for a small fee. We will, however, have to order the napkins one week in advance when we give Crystal Gardens (luncheon caterers) our final count. Please advise Loretta of any dietary needs of your guests. The menu is: Chicken Siciliana with piccata sauce on the side, Far-falle pasta (bow ties) in alfredo sauce, salad, rolls, coffee/tea and homemade vanilla bean gelato with a little bit of caramel.

Hostesses, your names are due to Loretta Huebler by March 9, preferably by email. This is VERY important so that the name tags can be prepared. We understand that names may change, and maybe even at the last minute. Please put names on that waiting list if you have guests who would like to come.

Hostesses, your check payable to Village Painters is due to Loretta on our meeting date of April 7. If you cannot come for any reason, please make sure you get your check to Loretta by that date.

You may bring donations for the boutique to the meeting on April 7 or on Friday the day of setup. Please provide Sandy Tyo with an inventory and please price your donations if at all possible. Or, please put the item on the inventory and Sandy will add a price. If you are not going to be at setup, please give your item(s) to one of the hostesses to bring to the Country Club.

Please pick up any of your items that do not sell at the boutique if you wish. Otherwise, we will assume that they are the property of the Village Painters and use them for some other purpose – such as the next luncheon, the raffle, or the Michigan Mixer when it is our turn.

You can still volunteer to help out. See/email Sally or Gail.

Santa's Workshop – Looking for a Chair.

Christmas Party – Dianne Winn –reported that the Hawthorne Valley banquet facility is no longer in business. She is looking for another venue. She is also looking for volunteers to form a committee to organize and put on the party.

Community Service – Pat Butler: No report.

Memory Box Program – Karen Copeland: No report.

Treasure Boxes – Linda Christopher: No report.

Nominations – Susan Rhodes: No report.

Secret Pal – Laura Schumont: If your Secret Pal is not present to accept your gift, please take it home.

Sunshine – Carol Sneary: Louise Brown had a knee replacement. Carol will send card. Please call/email Carol if you have any Sunshine requests.

Audit – Sandy Freese: No report.

Old Business – None

New Business – Sheri Redd provided information about Facebook pages. After much discussion, it was decided that more discussion and education is needed. There were also some suggestions as to other ways of posting photos, such as Shutterfly, that we can explore.

Dawn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Debra Houts.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Vernacchia, Secretary

February 6, 2011

Condolences

Our sincere condolences go out to Sandy Freese

Sandy Freese's brother passed away Saturday March 5th at 8:30 a.m.

Vermeulen Funeral Home

Sandy Freese

2582 Muirfield Drive, Westland, MI 48186



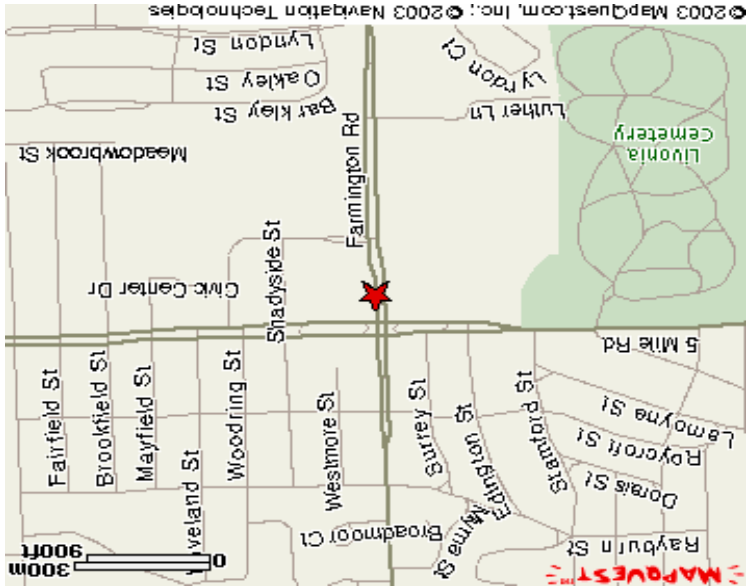
I Love Village Painters What better way to celebrate the month of Valentine's Day than to make Valentine cards expressing why we just love being a member of Village Painters. Here's a sample of what we did at the February General Meeting. Village Painters, Detroit, Michigan Feb 2011

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 alot of fun on the Bus. Registration is due by June 16, 2011.



Next General Meeting
 April 7th
 Livonia
 Livonia Center
 152 Farmington Rd.
 Livonia, MI 48150
 Meeting Room
 See you there!!

Next General Meeting
 April 7th



Ruby Cler - Editor

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"It is common sense to take a method and try it; if it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something. " ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1882-1945, 32nd US President