



FWDP Newsletter

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**Fort Worth Decorative Painters is a Chapter
of the Society of Decorative Painters
Celebrating 35 Years**



FWDP President Letter

So, has anyone flown to Rome, Paris, London this month? Me neither. Anyone been mostly sitting home wondering where their next drive-thru meal will come from? I thought you would say "Yes". I don't know which is worse, being young and impatient to get on with their lives, or being older, realizing time is precious, but anxious for the next year to be over so we can become "whole" again. (Best estimates are it will take that long, even with a vaccine, to bring numbers safely down.)

Your Board has been meeting via Zoom, and will again on October 19th. Log in information will be sent out later. Hopefully we can hold a Zoom General Meeting for all members on November 23rd. Look for log-in information in the November Newsletter.

I have mailed out western boot Christmas ornaments for the optional Christmas exchange. If you missed it, we will roll over all planned themes and the "official" 2020 ornament, and party, to 2021. But, to keep in touch, and to commemorate our lost year, I purchased ornaments in the shape of a boot. **Rules for the exchange are in the September Newsletter.** We will exchange, per rules in the Newsletter, and we will open the package you receive from another member at a **Zoom Christmas Party, December 14th at 7 p.m.** See Sharlene's article for more information each month. **READ THE EXCHANGE RULES.**

If you have not asked for an ornament, please do so soon while they are still available. You need to have it painted by November 1st. If you receive the ornament to paint, and later decide not to participate, **TELL ME** before November 1st so I don't draw a person to receive your ornament and you aren't sending one to them.

Each year I decorate my yard for every holiday, however my Halloween pieces are still in the box. With "life" cancelled, my heart hasn't been in it. Just when things seemed most bleak, I woke up one morning and my neighbors had erected a 15 foot pumpkin. Maybe I should go look for that box of decorations.

Stay well, let me know if you want an ornament and contact Peggy if you want to join her Zoom painting circle.

Connie



Virtual Christmas Party

Your calendar is already marked for our Christmas party on December 14 at 7pm. This year we will host a virtual party via Zoom. The board has met a couple of times using Zoom and it has worked well. You'll need Zoom on your computer or phone. (Computer is best because you can see more faces on your screen.) Reach out to a board member if you need help with set up.

We will host a chapter meeting on November 16. This will be our "official" 4th meeting of the year AND a test run before the party to work out any technology kinks. If you are "Zooming" for the first time, try a practice meeting with a friend or 2 before our meeting. It's a great way to get comfortable with your set up.

Connie has generously supplied an ornament for a special exchange at our party. She has already mailed the ornaments to those who requested one and will draw names soon. Painted ornaments will be mailed to names drawn and will be held for opening during the party. If you didn't request one, she still has a few that can be sent if you let her know this week.

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater the night of the party. Bring your favorite beverage - peppermint tea, hot chocolate or ???

Let's do a card exchange before the party. Look at your name in the directory; send a card to the person above and below your name. A hand painted card would be awesome, but a card from your stash would also be nice. Imagine how fun it would be to receive a card with a note from a fellow chapter member! Bring cards you receive to show at our virtual party.

More details to come later about the party!



Membership

1. Reminder that membership dues (\$20) for our chapter are due by December and can be sent to my home address which is listed in the directory. Thanks to members who have already sent their dues in and have renewed their national membership (Society of Decorative Painters membership).

2. There are many painting opportunities online by well known teachers in various mediums in the evenings, the weekends, and the mornings. There is literally something available for everyone. The best part given the time and events going on right now is that you can stay in the comfort of your home while still painting and staying connected. One such website is called Artful Webinars. They have two different offerings: the ornament of the month and regular artful webinars. You pay a small fee for programs you want to participate in, download instructions, prep your piece, sign on to link provided when it's your scheduled time, and paint with them live in the comfort of your own home. Awesome programs and teachers. Classes fill quickly. Website: www.cindyharrisonart.com. Join an art group on Facebook. There are many group offerings on Facebook like Artfully Connected, etc. to see what others are doing and/are offering online. There are a lot of free classes out there for members of these types of art groups; you just have to be a member and have the supplies to paint with. Other avenues to check out are your favorite teacher's websites and/or contact some of our chapter members to find online group painting opportunities as many are painting together via Zoom.

Until next time. Keep safe, stay connected, keep sharing, and keep painting.

Renette Dora Jodoin

Sunshine - Suzane Godley

I haven't been told of any illnesses or deaths. So hopefully everyone is staying well and safe.

October Birthdays:

9 Lee Anne Looney

16 Linda McDonald

21 Janice Briggs

31 Jan McCleery

November Birthdays:

12 Nancy Genetti

16 Peggy Thomas

22 Sallie Word



“Just a quick note to ask for prayers for all of our friends who are facing challenges. Some have shared, some keep it unspoken...Personal illness, family sickness, loss of a loved one, financial challenges, quarantine, hurricanes, tornados, deadly fires, record breaking heat, rolling blackouts...there just seems to be a rash of things wreaking havoc in our circle of friends. And please keep in mind, some of us may have hidden sorrow, or worry, or indecision or illness that we choose not to share. We all carry something. Prayers for all.”

Treasurer's Report—Sharlene King

Checking account balance is \$7,872.85.

Memory Boxes—Judy Wallis

Delivered 29 Memory Boxes to Cook Children's Hospital. They were so excited to receive them.

Keep painting those memory boxes.

Judy



2019 Board

Elected Officers:

President –	Connie Alexander
VP Programs –	Louise Smith
Treasurer –	Sharlene King
Secretary ---	Peggy Thomas
Membership --	Dora Jodoin

Committees:

Christmas Party:	Sheryl Jones
Hospitality/Table Attendant:	Jan Park
Monthly Raffle:	Armida Guzman
Newsletter	Nancy Genetti
Website/Publicity:	Suzane Godley
Parliamentarian:	Yvonne Lowrie
Saturday Specials	Dusti Dancer
Seminars	Nancy Genetti
Sunshine/Birthdays:	Suzane Godley
Memory Boxes	Judy Wallis





Society of Decorative Painters

SDP Museum

The SDP Foundation Crown Program offers a giving opportunity for our members and chapters. By participating in the Crown Program, you are supporting decorative art education, the SDP Museum, and the SDP Scholarship Program. Your donations will go to SDP's Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) and is tax-deductible.



Please consider being a Crown Jewel today.

Second SDP Retreat in Fredericksburg, Texas
January 26th-28th, 2021
Registration is now open

Winter Decorative Painter will be hitting mailboxes starting November 15th.

Members Only Education Library

Visit the NEW Educational Library TODAY

To access the library, log on to www.decorativepainters.org; hover your cursor over MEMBERSHIP (top menu bar); and click on Member Login to sign in. You must be logged in to gain access to the MEMBERS ONLY Library. No need to login if you want to peruse the PUBLIC or CERTIFICATION Libraries.

Do you have a tip, technique, project or idea to share? Videos of all skill levels, media, styles, business advice and theory are welcome. If you are interested in donating a video or seeing a particular type of video in the library, please email the office at sdp@decorativepainters.org or call (316) 269-9300.

Join us in welcoming our new Executive Director, Dana Steffee.



She comes to SDP with a great professional background and many years of experience. She is a team player with lots of en-

Dana's combined experiences as a leader, team builder, fundraiser in the non-profit realm along with loving life and art were all in preparation for the role as the Executive Director for the Society of Decorative Painters.

Dana comes to this new role with a passion for the mission of the society. With the guidance of the Board of Directors and the support of the SDP community, she is determined to grow the

It's Early renewal time.....Renew your SDP membership between now and October 31 and you will receive three free e-packets.

Check out Zoom Classes at
sdpvirtualartacademy.com

SDP New Address
Society of Decorative
Painters
7450 S Seneca St
Haysville, KS 67060

Join SDP: An Artful Connection on Facebook if you haven't already.

SDP posts lots of information on this Site



Postponed
Oklahoma City Painting Palooza
The Good Old 50's
May 1-8, 2021
Registration is open

Wildflowers Chapter 2020 Seminars—postponed to 2021

April 9-10—Jamie Mills Price

August 13-14—Maxine Thomas

Contact Carol Reichelt rodcar1102@aol.com to be put on waiting list



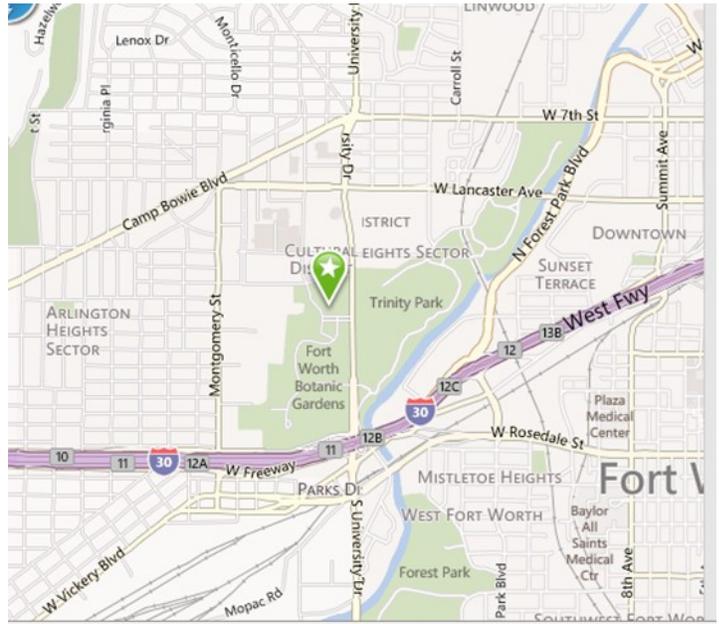
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FWDP Meets the Third Monday of February, March, April, May, September, October & November.

January Meeting 4th Monday and the Christmas Party 2nd Monday in December.

At the

**Botanical Gardens
3220 Botanic Garden Blvd.
Fort Worth, TX 76107**

2020 Dates to Remember—Postponed to 2021

January 6 Transitional Board meeting

January 27—Regular meeting, Board Meeting—Program: Sharlene—Gnome

February 17—Regular Meeting, Board Meeting—Program: Bluebird—LaRue/Louise

March 16—Regular Meeting, Board Meeting—Program: Oh Come Lets us adore him—Peggy

March 19-20—Lynne Andrews Seminar—**cancelled**

April 4—Saturday Special—Nancy—Art Tote or Apron—**postponed**

April 20—Regular Meeting, Board Meeting—Program: Nancy—Bees—**cancelled**

May 18—Regular Meeting, Board Meeting—Program: Sharlene – Red Truck—**Postponed**

June 6—Saturday Special—Dora—Glass Block Etch and Colored Pencils—**postponed**

July 25—Saturday Special—Nancy—Merry Christmas/Floral Tin oil can—**Postponed**

August 29 –Saturday Special- Dusti—Home Sweet Haunted Home

September 21—Regular Meeting, Board Meeting—Program: Beth—Bee Body Pins

October 12 (change of date) —Regular Meeting, Board Meeting—Program: Peggy—Ornament

November 16—Regular Meeting, Board Meeting—Program: Dusti—Snowman

December 14—Christmas Party—ZOOM Get together