

# FWDP Newsletter

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## Fort Worth Decorative Painters Celebrating 39 Years



Dear Fellow Painters,

Thank you, Peggy, for teaching the delightful lighthouse ornament. This pattern can be done on so many types of surfaces. I painted two rocks to hide in public (signed [www.fwdecorativepainters.com](http://www.fwdecorativepainters.com)). This technique was actually relaxing.

Our seminar with Paulette DiGesare has room for more. It's not too late. You won't want to miss out on this great opportunity. Please see Nancy for sign up and pattern. April 6 and 7.

We will have open discussion at the March meeting on how we want to celebrate Christmas. Be thinking about meeting at a restaurant and changing up our gift exchanges. All ideas are welcome.

Your Painting friend, Louise

Chapter Meeting Mar 18, 2024  
6:00 pm Social time  
6:30 pm Meeting time

Board Meeting Apr 1, 2024  
6:45 pm Zoom  
7:00 pm Meeting

## 2024 Elected Officers

### Elected Officers

PRESIDENT – Louise Smith

VP Programs – President Elect – Dora Jodoin

Secretary – Peggy Thomas

Treasurer – Sharlene King

Membership – Juanita Munoz

### 2024 Committee Chair

Newsletter – Nancy Genetti

Saturday Specials – Dusti Dancer

Seminars – Nancy Genetti

Raffle – Janis Briggs

Service Project -- Memory Boxes – Jan Park

Sunshine – Peggy Thomas

Publicity/Website – Suzane Godley

Hospitality –

Christmas Party –



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FORT WORTH DECORATIVE PAINTERS  
SEMINAR WITH PAULETTE DIGESARE

April 6 & 7, 2024



Saturday



Sunday

Two day seminar—\$150.00 (including lunch)

Upon payment, Patterns and Prep Instructions will be given out.

Paint will be supplied

***New: Offering One Day (your choice) for \$100.00 (including lunch)***

Seminar will be at the VFW 3409 County Road 920, Crowley, Texas 76036

10:00—4:30 each day

For further information and to sign-up contact Nancy Genetti:

ngenetti@tx.rr.com 214-929-0530

***Juanita is in charge of food for the seminar. Please sign up to bring something or contribute to the main items.***

***She will have a sign up sheet at the meeting.***

## Programs:

Thank you Peggy for teaching us the Lighthouse at the February meeting. The project was fun and easy. Everyone's piece looked great.

This month, we have another fun project being taught by Linda McDonald. I know that we have all been looking forward to painting her unique snowman piece. Start gathering those paints, supplies, and your surface. If you have not already done so, start prepping your piece. Come prepared for the meeting ready to paint and learn. Linda always has something new to teach us.

In April, I will be teaching the Butterfly & Bee project. This project is done on Fabriano 140 lb Hot Pressed Watercolor Paper using a stencil and General's Kimberly Watercolor pencils. This is a fun and easy project with very little prep required. I will be selling a kit for this project at the March and April meeting that will contain all your pencils needed for this project, your instructions, your paper, a few miscellaneous supplies (s, and your stencil. Cost of kit will be \$13. You will need to bring your brushes, small water container, and a handheld pencil sharpener. Come prepared to have fun.

Dora

## February Meeting





Requests from Beth.

I'm looking for more of these shaped ornaments. Bare with Us used to carry them but their source dried up. If anyone has seen them advertised anywhere I'd appreciate a heads up.

Second, I'm looking to buy one of the plastic craft lathes that are used for marking eggs and ornaments. If you have one you would like to sell please contact me,

Thanks so much!

Beth



Hey my friends! Happy Spring!!! I chatted with Carolyn Martzchenke this week. She has moved to a new assisted living facility (she's not sure exactly where) and is trying to teach a bunch of the ladies how to paint. It sounds a little like she's trying to herd deaf chickens but they're having fun! LOL! I told her I'd run thru some of my stash and see if I could find some little surfaces that I could give her to use for classes. I know, with the exception of a few of our very newest painters, we all have things in our stashes that probably won't ever work for the projects we do at Chapter and other things for which we no longer have any idea why we have them. If you're interested in helping, pack them up and bring them in March. I'll be at the March meeting. I will be happy to take anything you'd like to donate and I'll figure out where she is and take the whole haul to her. I'm sure she will be customarily surprised as only Carolyn can be. What an easy way to bring a bunch of little older ladies some days of fun!

Beth

Yvonne Lowrie is in a memory care facility. She loves to get cards. If you would like to send her one, send it to Mary Helen and she will see that it gets to Yvonne.

Maru Helen Horne  
7707 Albany Lane'  
Arlington, TX 76002

# *March Project*

## **I'LL BE BACK AGAIN**

Design by Marlene Kreutz

Taught by Linda McDonald

### **SUPPLIES:**

Deco Art Americana: Blue Haven, Brilliant Red, Charcoal Grey, Cadmium Orange, Dove Grey, Fawn, Lamp Black, Lt Avocado, Neutral Grey, Napa Red, Plantation Pine, Snow White, Williamsburg Blue.

### **Mixes:**

Lt blue mix: Blue Haven + Snow White 1:1 ratio

Lt Red Mix: Cadmium Orange plus a touch of Snow White

Lt Green Mix: Lt Avocado plus a touch of Snow White

Surface: surface of your choice 8" x 9".

Creative Coach Stencils: Snowflake Borders BCS186

Winter Phrases BCS 289

Brushes: assorted flats, small angles, liner, scroller, 1/2" stencil,

Old scruffy brush for stippling snow.

### **PREP**

Seal first if painting on wood.

Basecoat with the light blue MIX. Apply a wash of Snow White to the foreground. Trace on the pattern.

With a large flat (#24) reinforce the top of the sky with a float. Of Williamsburg Blue, walking it down about 2".

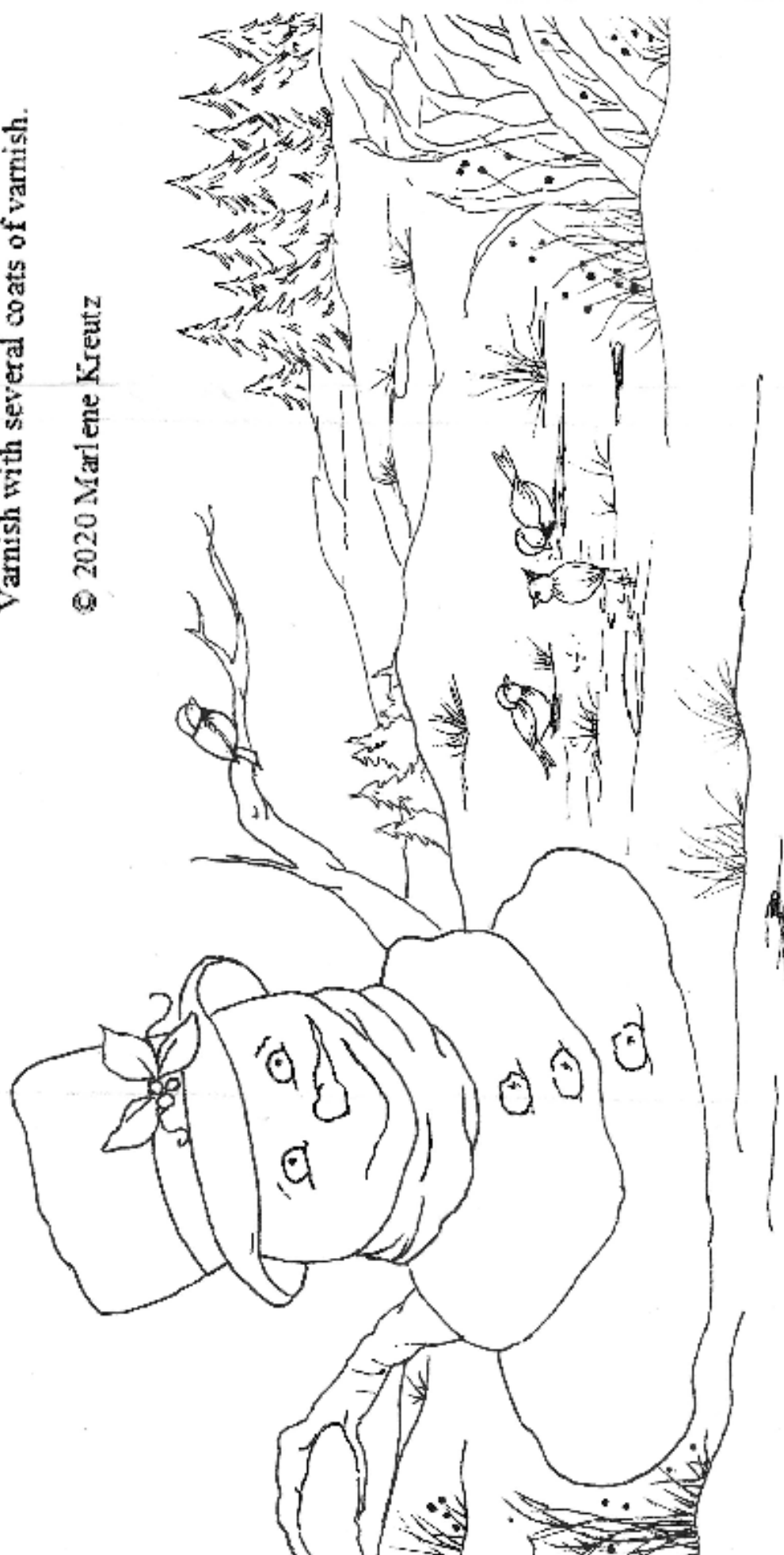
Basecoat the Snowman with Snow White.p



## FINISHING TOUCHES

Varnish with several coats of varnish.

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## MONTHLY PROJECTS 2024



Light House  
Peggy Thomas  
February



Snowman  
Linda McDonald  
March



Butterflies  
Dora Jodoin  
April



Santa  
Linda McDonald  
May



Holly on Pillow  
Peggy Thomas  
September



Be Happy  
Dora Jodoin  
October



Holly Dish  
Dusti Dancer  
November



Poinsettia and Candle ornament  
Peggy Thomas  
January 2025

## SATURDAY SPECIALS



Peggy Thomas



Linda McDonald

### RAFFLE ITEMS FOR MARCH ARE PROVIDED BY:

Connie Alexander, Dusti Dancer, Nancy Genetti and LaRue Hughes

Thank you to the contributors in February for bringing such wonderful items.

### HOSPITALITY FOR MARCH:

NON-SWEET: BETH STODIECK AND LOUISE SMITH

SWEET: SUE DAVIS AND LINDA MCDONALD

### *Saturday Specials*

Greetings ladies,

We have two Saturday Specials planned for this year. Anyone is welcome to join us on Saturdays, they do not have to be a member.

The first Special is on June 1st, 2024 with Linda teaching the pumpkins.

The second Special is on September 14th with Peggy teaching her Santa.

More to come as the dates get closer.....

Dusti  
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### ***PR/Website - Suzane Godley***

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## ***March Membership News***

Great painting project in February

There are no new members at this time.

Remember to spread the word on how much fun we have painting together so we can continue to grow our FWDP.

Junita

## Memory Boxes

The hospital still has memory boxes. So I am waiting to hear from them when they have a need. I will be contacting groups to give the bunny boxes to for Easter.

Happy Painting!

Jan

## Interesting items from Beth

This is soooooo cool.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C25JNJgxuzg/?igsh=OGs5aWdsa2dpZ3E5>

The **art of gold beating** is an ancient process that dates back to the era of the **ancient Egyptians**. In this fascinating technique, gold is meticulously **beaten down** to achieve a **leaf-like consistency**. Imagine skilled artisans delicately working with this precious metal, transforming it into something ethereal.

Re-

British Pathé, in their **1959 archive footage**, captures the mesmerizing process of gold beating. The video showcases the gradual transformation of gold into delicate sheets, akin to gossamer leaves. It's a testament to human craftsmanship and the enduring allure of gold.

[You can watch this captivating glimpse into the age-old art of gold beating on British Pathé's YouTube channel<sup>1</sup>](#). Prepare to be enchanted by the magic of gold as it yields to the patient rhythm of the hammer.

!Watch the Art of Gold Beating

Although most of us don't use watercolors regularly, this gal is amazing with lessons on how to use color combinations on shadows and highlights and color theory. I watch everything she does even if I have no intention of painting that particular piece. So much good info.

<https://youtube.com/shorts/YnWf9HTZuEY?si=cRPTop1oTKcGIFNB>

# “Butterfly A Flutter”



## Supplies:

### Generals Kimberly Watercolor Pencils:

- Black 715
- Brown 704
- Lemon Yellow 711
- Carmine 718
- Orange 708.
- Light Green 714
- Amethyst Grey 781 (optional)

--Butterfly & Bee Stencil from Hobby Lobby “Mini Butterflies” #LE9333

-Fabriano Studio Watercolor Hot Pressed Paper 140lb “8x10”

-Water & Water Basin

-Absorbant paper towels

-Small round or small angle brush

-“Jo Sonya’s Opal Dust

-#2 Pencil

-Hand held pencil sharpener

-Place Butterfly Stencil onto Fabriano paper and lightly trace with a #2 pencil. Place as many or as few butterflies & bees on paper as desired. “Note use pencil lightly to transfer butterflies &

bees; You don't want an indentation in paper with pencil or too dark of an outline to where pencil will show through your finished design or take away from the colors.

-Take Black 715 outline & color in antennas on all butterflies, head, body, and tips of wings. Fill in all circular patterns in butterflies. Also outline wings of bees, legs, heads, and alternating pattern on bee bodies. Keep a sharp point on the pencil when doing these sections to keep the area clean and fill in using small circular motions. See picture #1.

-Use your small round, angle, or liner brush & dip into clean water. You want the brush to have a little water/moisture. You are going to carefully wet all of the black markings making sure to stay inside the line areas. Let it dry completely. Once dry, if you want your black areas a little darker, you can go back over the area. ("Can use Prussian blue to darken some black areas to give a variation of color"). See picture #1

-Basecoat butterflies' wings and bees with Lemon Yellow 711 being careful not to get into the black sections. Make sure that pencil stays sharp. Work in circular small circles & fill in all middle areas of butterflies & bee bodies. Then use your small round, angle, or liner brush and tap into the water and smooth brush over all of yellow on butterflies and bees. Let dry completely before we add another color to give dimension. See picture #2.

-Shade areas of butterfly wings with Carmine 718. Add some more shading on wings here and there with Orange 708. Dip your brush in water and carefully in linear motion spread water to blend the two colors together on butterfly wings and being careful not to go into the black as to not smear your colors. Let dry. See picture #2.

-Shade some Light Green 714 here and there on the butterfly wing markings in some yellow and orange areas. Dip your brush into water and carefully blend colors. See picture #2.

-Use Amethyst Grey 781 and lightly shade inside of bee wings & add touches here and there on butterfly wings. Dip your brush in water and carefully blend.

-Take Brown 704 and use here and there to tone down the reds and oranges if needed. See picture #2.

-If needed take Black 715 and darken any area as needed. Dip your brush in water and blend black if needed. See picture #2.

-Let your entire piece dry completely. You want to make sure to avoid any smearing.

-Once dry, then spray your entire piece with Krylon Workable Fixative to seal pencil colors into the paper. Let dry completely.

-Take a brush and dip into a small puddle of Jo Sonya Opal Dust and put on areas like the wings or any area that you might want a little sparkle.

--Let dry completely.

--As this is watercolor, piece should be displayed framed under plexiglass or glass to prevent dust or any accidental smearing, etc.



Picture No. 1



Picture No. 2

## Fort Worth Decorative Painters Meeting

### February 19, 2024

The meeting of the Fort Worth Decorative Painters Board members was called to order at 6:36 pm at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas. Those in attendance were Louise Smith, Sharlene King, Jan Park, Dora Jodoin, Peggy Thomas, Linda McDonald, Juanita Munoz, Carolyn Martchenke, Connie Alexander, Shannon Miller, Sue Davis, Janis Briggs, LaRue Hughes and Nancy Genetti.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting by Jan Park and it was seconded by Dora Jodoin.

Treasurer: Sharlene King reported the balance of the checking account and that the proposed budget for 2024 was attached to the email with the newsletter. Nancy Genetti questioned the budget for the upcoming seminar since the prices for that weekend have doubled. Peggy Thomas made the motion to accept the proposed budget and Janis Briggs seconded the motion.

Programs: Dora Jodoin Tonight Peggy Thomas will teach a lighthouse scene by Debbie Forshey-Choma. In March, Linda McDonald will teach a melting snowman project.

Membership: Juanita Munoz. Juanita reported that we have 25 paid members and 2 unpaid at this time.

Monthly raffle: Janis Briggs. Sharlene King brought in a bag filled with an assortment of painting items which was won by Louise Smith. Nancy Genetti donated a painted Joy Bunny which was won by Juanita Munoz and Peggy Thomas contributed a scratch art book, muddled heart and mints which were won by Jan Park. The sign-up sheet will be circulated again as there are still spots to fill.

Service Projects: Jan Park. Southwest Harris Hospital does not need any more memory boxes right now.

Hospitality: Jan Park, LaRue Hughes and Janis Briggs brought the non-sweet items tonight and Peggy Thomas brought the cake.

Newsletter: Nancy Genetti.

Seminars: Nancy Genetti. Nancy reported that 17 have signed up for the seminar on April 6 and 7. Ask others you think might be interested in attending that weekend.

Saturday specials: Dusti Dancer. Louise Smith mentioned that we are awaiting verification from the VFW on available dates and will plan accordingly.



Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Thomas.

April 10. - Felicia Briggs

May 13 - Armida Guzman

May 15 - Louise Smith

## Beth Stodieck - health issues

## Becky Reed - Bad fall with two fractures near her eye

Nancy Genetti had a fall at a seminar. Waiting more images.

## Condolences

Former member Barbara Gerlach passed away this week.

## To Check Out:

Facebook page for Artists: Artful Ties

Check out Zoom Classes at *Decorative painters academy*



The company that produced The Decorative Painter, the magazine from The Society of Decorative Painters, and Miho Halsey, who many of you know from The Society of Decorative Painters, have been collaborating on a new magazine just for us decorative artists!

Go to [www.artistrytodaymag.com/subscribe](http://www.artistrytodaymag.com/subscribe) to subscribe.



It is so fun to have lots of photos in the newsletter and be able to look back on them. We also put in some very old pictures which are quite fun to see! I would like different members to take photos at the meetings, paint-ins etc. and send to me for the newsletter. It is great to have photos from different members to show different perspectives.



Oklahoma City Painting Palooza

Aug 10-17, 2024



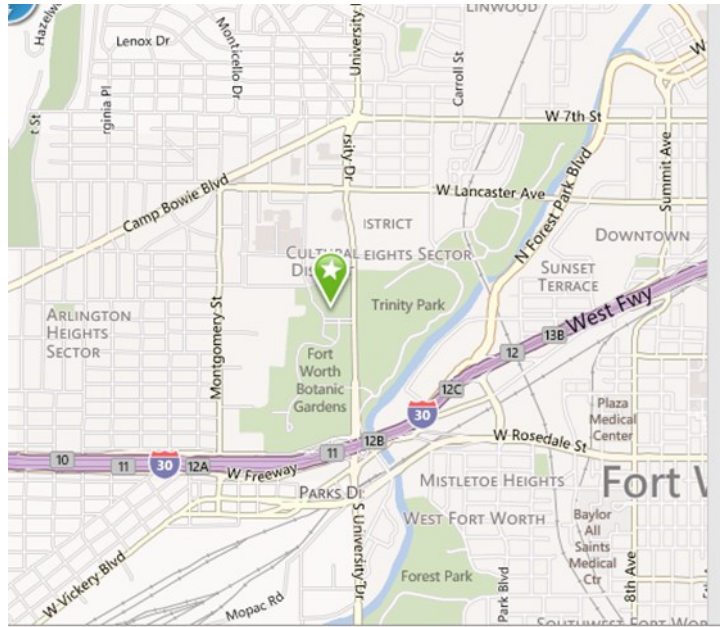
Bobbie Campbell will be here November 2 & 3.

## Fort Worth Decorative Painters

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Fort Worth Decorative Painters (FWDP)



**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**

### 2023 Dates to Remember

January 22 – Chapter Meeting

February 19 - Chapter Meeting

March 19 – Chapter Meeting

April 15 – Chapter Meeting

May 20 – Chapter Meeting

June—Saturday Special—Date to be announced

September 16 – Chapter Meeting

September—Saturday Special—Date to be announced

October 21 – Chapter Meeting

November 18 – Chapter Meeting

December 9 – Christmas Party