

# Del Val Decorative Painters June 2019-2020 Newsletter

**Next Meeting:** June 8th, 2019 at the Cat's Tongue, Columbus, NJ  
Social Time: 9:00-9:30 a.m.  
Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

## **Message from the President:**

We are about half way through the year and before you know it Christmas will be here. I do remember wishing for future times to come and my mother saying, "*You are wishing your life away*" and I never realized that until I got older, but this year is flying by.

Thanks to Judi Russo for teaching the pink and blue birthday cards. This project was different from the painting projects we usually do. We did give Judi some stress working on the cards but in the end all the cards came out great and we had fun.

This month we welcome our guest artist, Gwen Stillwell who will be teaching the Zentangle project of a Christmas bell. The project will be done on an 8 x 10 project piece. You can reduce the size if you want so you can make a Christmas card. Gwen says that it would be too tedious to work on a smaller piece. Members who signed up for the project are asked to bring in either a breakfast or lunch item as the project will probably take about four hours. Our June meeting will be short to allow time to work on the piece. Gwen estimates the piece could take four hours to complete.

The heart ornaments that were distributed at prior meetings are due in this month. If you designed any of the heart ornaments that we will be doing for our Outreach project, please bring them to this meeting. Paula will provide more information on this project.

Nancy will be taking orders for brushes. We usually take orders three times during the year. The next opportunity for brush purchases will probably take place at the September meeting. This is a great time to take advantage of the prices we get from Scharff. Go on the Del Val website and select "*OTHER LINKS*" from the top of the first page when you sign in. Click on "*View our Catalogue*" from the left of the page and scroll down to find the brushes you are interested in purchasing. Make a list of the brushes (including the identifying information) for Nancy to give to her at the meeting.

For those members scheduled to teach through the rest of the calendar year, you are reminded to get a picture ready for the newsletter so members can view your project.

## **General Meeting Minutes**

May 11, 2019

A general meeting of DelVal Decorative Painters was held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Cat's Tongue in Columbus, NJ. President Cathy Zelinski, Vice-President Paula Kocmalski, Treasurer Joanne Kirby, Membership Chair Carol Kafer, Ways and Means Chairs Barbara Moore and Mary Barone, and Newsletter Editor Mary Jo Capone were present. The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m.

Cathy began by explaining that the Board met in April to clarify the Chapter policy of paying Del Val volunteer teachers and teacher assistants. Currently teachers who are DelVal members are paid \$25 and if they have an assistant, the assistant is paid \$10. This fee is in addition to the teacher being reimbursed for any supplies needed for the project they teach. Cathy felt that DelVal member teachers should not be paid a fee-but should be reimbursed for any fees associated with the project being taught such as pictures and photo copies of directions/patterns. The policy of paying DelVal member teachers was put in place to encourage more members to volunteer to teach or show how to do a project. A discussion was held and the policy will remain in place for the remainder of the year. Additional discussion will take place at the June meeting followed by a vote on whether to continue the policy next year.

DelVal member teachers who have an assistant working with them on their project were asked to have one person be the contact for their project in order to avoid confusion. Also, if there is a conflict with the date of their project or any other issues-please contact Paula. She is the Chairperson in charge of our monthly projects. Paula asked that DelVal member teachers have their project picture, pattern and instructions ready to hand out a month in advance. If there is a fee for supplies/surfaces the DelVal member teacher should be prepared to take names at the meeting prior to the month they are teaching. Paula will prepare a form for those teachers if they would like.

A big THANK YOU to Paula for all of the copies she has been making for our chapter!

The Board would also like DelVal member teachers to submit a picture of their project and details of any fee for the project so it can be incorporated into the newsletter. Pictures may be sent to Cathy and she will forward the information to Heather so it can be posted on the website.

A signup sheet for the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and project with Gwen Stillwell was passed around to the group. We need to give Gwen a headcount so she will know how many kits to bring for the Zentangle project. In addition, members were asked to sign up to bring either a breakfast or lunch food to the meeting. Joanne collected the \$5 kit fee from members who signed up.

Paula gave an update on our Outreach project. Members who wanted took home the heart surface at the April meeting. The surface was also available at today's meeting. The heart can be painted with any design the member chooses. The hearts will either be ornaments or key chains and will be donated to a charity to be decided upon. All hearts with the pattern and instructions used to paint them are due at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Members will vote on the designs that will then be painted after our August meeting. The painters of the winning designs do NOT have to teach the project.

Paula also reminded members that our June project is a Zentangle bell design being taught by certified Zentangle instructor Gwen Stillwell. The signup sheet was being passed around to the group. Barbara will be teaching a project at the July meeting. Nancy is teaching in August. She showed the group a sheep painted on a wooden block which she designed and will be the August project. If any teacher needs black and white copies made for their projects, give them to Paula at least a month in advance of the month you are scheduled to teach.

Carol had membership list available for those who had not received a copy yet.

Members participated in Show n Tell of projects they have completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Following the meeting members made birthday cards with Judi.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Capone for Secretary Cindy Nagle in her absence.

### **2019 Calendar**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Bell Zentangle Seminar with Gwen Stillwell**

**Cost: \$5** for a kit that includes the surface, a pen, stump and chocolate

**\*Outreach Hearts need to be returned**

**\*\*Brush orders are being taken-next order will not be until September**

**July 13<sup>th</sup>: Project with Barbara Moore**

**August 10<sup>th</sup>: Sheep Block with Nancy Gilbert**

**August 10<sup>th</sup>: Outreach Project TBA will be done AFTER the meeting and paint in**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>: Straw-hat Scarecrow with Mary Jo Capone**

**\*\*\*Note the date change\*\*\*\***

**October 19<sup>th</sup>: Project TBA with Meg Drag**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>: Annual Del Val Auction**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>: Annual Christmas Party**

#### **Nametags:**

Members are asked to wear their nametags during meetings. Please return your nametag to the box at the end of the meeting. If you did not paint a nametag, extras are available.

#### **Brushes:**

Nancy places a Scharff brush order in **TBD**. Members are reminded that we receive a 50% discount on the brushes when we order through Scharff and the chapter. The chapter also receives a percentage of the sale. Orders are placed three times a year to save on shipping fees. The catalog and order form are on the website. *Checks made out to Del Val Decorative Painters are preferred.*

#### **Newsletter:**

All newsletter items must be submitted via e-mail to Mary Jo Capone at [mjcapone@yahoo.com](mailto:mjcapone@yahoo.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month in order to be placed in the upcoming newsletter.

#### **FYI:**

**Summer Sign Ups at the Cats Tongue:**

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

**Tole Time Decorative Painters**

Ornament Day: Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> *\*note the date change\** more info to follow