

FWDP Newsletter

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Fort Worth Decorative Painters

Celebrating 39 Years



Greetings and Happy Fall...

Welcome back everyone from our long HOT summer break. I know everyone is eager to get back into the swing of things now that the weather is finally getting cooler. Well, maybe it is not here yet but it's right around the corner.

Many of us are back from Palooza with new projects to paint and share. Can't wait to see what treasures others have found to paint, pencil, or create. Hopefully some will be submitted in November for next year's project roster. We need finished pieces to vote on so please be working on that. We need as many as we can get so we will have a lot to choose from.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Hugs, Peggy

2023 Board

Elected Officers

PRESIDENT – Peggy Thomas

VP Programs – President Elect – Louise Smith

Secretary – Jan Park

Treasurer – Sharlene King

Membership – Dora Jodoin

2023 Committee Chair

Christmas Party – Peggy Thomas, Jan Park, Sharlene King

Hospitality – Juanita Munoz

Newsletter – Nancy Genetti

Publicity/Website – Suzane Godley

Raffle – Stacey Castiglione

Saturday Specials – Dusti Dancer

Seminars – Nancy Genetti

Service Project -- Memory Boxes – Judy Wallis

Sunshine – Suzane Godley



2023 Elected Officers





Beth Wagner Seminar—At long last FWDP had an in-person seminar!!





September Project by Sharlene King Watercolor Christmas Lights Notecard

I will have a kit available for \$5 that includes paper, paint and stencil.

Supplies:

2 section water bowl
#5 or 6 round brush or similar
#2 liner/round or similar
Paper towels
Ruler
Pencil
Eraser

Optional if you have them:

Watercolor or colored pencils for drawing shapes
Small spray bottle of water



Paint colors we will use:

Hansa Yellow Light
Manganese Blue
Naphthol Red
Sepia
French Ultramarine
Crimson Lake
Indigo
Yellow Ochre
Bleed Proof White



7 Saturday Special with Dora



Anyone have photos of the Saturday Special in July when Linda taught the cardinals. If so, please send me some and I will put in the next newsletter, Thanks.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We still have lots of time to paint for the Christmas party on December 11!

Gifts of 5: Paint 5 of the same item for exchange. These can be a Christmas item or other theme; they just need to fit in a "lunch bag" sized bag.

Ornament exchange: Paint your choice of average size ornament with any Christmas theme to be hung on tree and exchanged

Silent auction: Painted items of all sizes; Christmas or everyday designs

3 centerpieces and auction items are ready for party day!

Painted name tags are ready to be personalized!

We will collect reservations for the party at the October and November meetings.

The party is always so much fun with great friends, food and painted gifts! Let us know if you have any questions.

Sharlene, Peggy, Jan, Louise

Sunshine - Suzane Godley

We had a month of sympathy and get well cards. So here is a list of birthdays to cheer us up:

September:

11 Sheryl J.
18 Judy W.
21 Connie A.
27 Beth S.

October:

9 - Lee Anne L.
16 - Linda M.
21 - Janis B.



HOSPITALITY

Thank you to the members who brought the yummy snacks for the May meeting.

September meeting, the following people have signed up to bring the snacks:

Non-Sweets: Jan Park and Judy Wallis

Sweets: Peggy and Sharlene

Please remember to bring your own drink.

See you at the meeting!



Members attending see Dora Jodoin's records

Call to Order 6:35pm

Secretary Motion to accept minutes to the prior meeting. Motion Sharlene King Second LaRue Hughes

Treasurer She Sharlene King's report. Seminar money has not been added to report at this time.

Membership No report

Programs September Linda McDonald will teach Crocks & Pumpkins 5 x 7. October Sharlene King will teach Lights on Notecard, November Dusti Dancer will teach Joy Santa on Craft Glass. November meeting bring a finished piece that you wish to teach for the 2024 meetings and Saturday Specials.

Monthly Raffle Thank you all for the raffle items. Peggy Thomas donated a wooden mailbox won by Janice Briggs, Dora Jodoin donated colored pencils and a finished piece won by Peggy Thomas, Juanita Munoz donated a light pad won by Janice Briggs, Dusti Dancer donated brushes in a pumpkin pot won by LaRue Hughes.

Service Project Judy reported that she has no boxes to deliver at this time.

Hospitality Thank you to Louise Smith, Judy Wallis, Peggy Thomas and Jan Park for the food.

Seminars 16 people have signed up for the seminar. Samples for the prep were brought by Nancy for review. Nancy has sent e-mail to Beth to find out what type of camera she uses and if she has questions to contact Sharlene King.

Nancy also reported that she had gotten dates that we can use the VFW in 2024 for a seminar with Paulette DiGesare. The date decided upon was April 6,7.

Saturday Specials July 8 will be our next Saturday Special. Cardinal taught by Linda McDonald. Prep instructions and sample at the meeting tonight. Starting time will be changed to 10:00. Stopping AT 5:00. This will also be the time for the Seminar.

Sunshine No Report

Publicity Website No Report

Christmas Party Sharlene reported that she has received 3 completed centerpieces and 2 auction items.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Park, Secretary

Raffle

Thank you to those who brought raffle items in May.

September Raffle Contributors:

Jan, Linda McDonald, Peggy, LaRue and Juanita.

Special thanks to all of them!

Juanita

In Memory of Jan
McCleery, a
founding member
of FWDP.



A Tribute to Jan from her special friend Beth

Bonnie Janette “Jan” McCleery 10/31/55 – 8/22/23

It's been a bewildering month, thinking about the possibility of finding and then the loss of my very best friend in the whole world. How was I lucky enough to end up in her life? How were any of us lucky enough to be blessed with her friendship? When Jan died, I had this discussion pop into my head out of nowhere and I firmly believe that God and I must have had this discussion while I slept one night 38+ years ago when I was an overwhelmed new mother of three, desperately searching for an outlet. I imagine the conversation went something like this:

While chatting one evening, God asked, “If you were going to design the very best possible friend you could ever imagine, what would you include?”

Caught off guard, it took me a minute to think about it. “I guess, first off, she'd have to be completely honest and loyal, reliable and present when I needed her.” “Well, that seems a good place to start,” replied God.

“She'd have to be adventurous, willing to try anything once with me, be creative so we could plan and scheme together and, be exceptionally, side splittingly funny. Laughter, after all, really is the best medicine, you know. I'd also want her to be tenacious and a hard worker so all of our plans would actually come about!” I continued, “I'd want her to be smarter than me so I could learn from her. I'd want her to think more of me than I do of myself so she would support me when I was down on myself.” God said, “That all sounds like a great idea to me.”

“Most importantly, I'd want her to be an example of what kind of person I needed to strive to be, the perfect role model. And of course, I'd want to be able to return all of that to her whenever she needed me,” I emphasized.

God looked at me lovingly and said, “I think you've created a real winner in that design! So be it!”

And then, in 1985, this real and perfect friend showed up in my life. I thank God for her every day. Jan was the best friend I could have possibly designed. As I sat at her packed funeral I wondered, how many hundreds of people consider Jan to be their best friend? I knew it wasn't just me.

How many hundreds of painters believe her to be the best and most encouraging art teacher they've ever had, whether she was actually teaching a class or just supporting us as we worked on a project next to each other? Jan never failed to see the best in whatever you were working on, was always willing to help if you were stuck on something and never failed to tell you how much she liked particular parts you had done well. Her creativity, talent and hard work never waned and were always generously shared.

How many nurses, patients and colleagues, thought she was the best nurse they'd ever known? NO ONE fell through the cracks or left with unanswered questions when you were under Jan's care. And God help you if you didn't know information it was your job to have or failed to do a job that was your responsibility! Her patients ALWAYS came first!

How many of us were lucky enough to travel with her and know that she'd already thought about and gotten answers to any questions or info we needed to have the perfect vacation? She would just point a finger and say, “Sign up here! It's all arranged!”

Jan and Phil were also the best role model any blended family there ever was. There was no “yours, mine and ours.” There was a FAMILY! Our kids. My sisters. My brother. Our mom and dad. No step-anything in this family. Just family. And whenever Jan was with one of her many grandies, she never failed to tell every one of them, “You know you're my favorite!” And they all believed her. So do I.

And talk about a role model? Jan was run over by a car as a small child, had a broken skull, survived brain surgery (she always joked that's why God made her so hard headed!) and then faced cancer THREE times and complications of treatment several times during those battles. She NEVER complained and tried never to explain. She insisted on positivity and showed the rest of us how to face life threatening hurdles with class, grace and strength. Most in her family never really knew how serious this last battle was until weeks before we lost her because she didn't want any of us to worry. She refused to dwell on the negative and insisted we ALL focus on the plan of attack. She never really believed she was going to lose until the very, very end.

We've told Jan for many years that she needed to write a book about her life titled "I'll Tell You What!" Not only would it have been hilarious and a best-seller, it would have been the ultimate instruction manual on how to live life to it's fullest, no matter what pops up.

I've said many times that when I finally meet my Creator, I'm going to ask for a special "Come to Jesus" discussion time because I've got lots of things that don't make sense as I walk through this life but I try not to question His will as I roam. One of those questions will be why, with all Jan had to share so generously, did she have to leave us so soon, at only 67 years old. But until then, I, and I hope all of you who knew her, will focus on how marvelously blessed we were to have had such an extraordinary woman waltz through our lives. And she truly did believe life was a dance so start moving' those feet!

Written with all my love,
Beth Stodieck





A Tribute to Jan from her special friend Dusti

The gift of Jan's friendship started over 40 years ago and I will treasure every moment of it. We met at Annette's shop "Tole Etc" and became fast friends and Jan decided I needed to learn to paint in acrylics. So, every Saturday night Nate and I would drive to Jan's in Forest Hill. Jan and I would paint and Nate and Bryan would play and Katy would watch Robocop until the wee hours of Sunday morning. We would leave before Phil (Jan's husband) came home from work. The only night we didn't get much done was the night she rented a new movie title "Dirty Dancing" we started out trying to paint but both ended up moving to the couch just to watch the movie. It is still my favorite movie to watch!

We could barely afford gas back then but we would save for "Tole Country" every year in Oklahoma. We would leave before the sun came up and make a day of the trade show, then stop at the Sizzler for a steak on the way home. Those were my early days of painting.

Jan was not a tech type personality! She was a note writer and a phone call person. If you went to see her there was a "thank you for coming" card in your mailbox the day after you got home. Her notes have gotten me through many a low time and now I know why I kept all of them.

Jan was the most encouraging and positive person I have ever known. She was a Granny extraordinaire (how many of you have taught your grandkids to spit watermelon seeds?)

A very talented painter in any media! She had a way with people we can all envy, and she never met a stranger, and she had a memory like an elephant! Jan will be missed more than even she could have imagined!

The world will be a little dimmer from now on, but the Heavens will shine brighter than ever before! I love you my friend! Dusti



Jan always had a smile on her face!



Jan's Urn

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Wow, hard to believe another painting year has past. How time flies. The new year for our organization is almost here. Time to begin planning for another fun year. Soon we will be selecting next years monthly projects and Saturday specials. Just as a reminder, we will be starting to collect 2024 dues in October. Goal is to have all dues collected by November's meeting to allow all to enjoy the festivities of our annual Christmas party in December. Remember we are still trying to grow our organization, so please continue to invite anyone you know that might be interested in painting with us with the potential to become a new member. Here's looking forward to a bright and fun painting year.

Thanks,
Dora

PR - Suzane Godley

Our Facebook page is starting to get more informative! If you hear of painting opportunities, please post them on the group page. We have several not in our Group that has been posting! Thank you!

We are down to only two newspapers to send notice about our meetings. If you know of a neighborhood newspaper, please send me the contact info and I will submit an article. Thank you!

Saturday Specials

We have had a good year filled with Meetings, Seminars, and Saturday Specials. We had three wonderful Specials this year thanks to our wonderful teachers Beth, Dora, and Linda. Thank you ladies for stepping up to teach!

Fall is rapidly approaching and we need to start thinking about next year's projects. This is your friendly reminder that November is the month to bring the projects you want for next year.

If you have a project that will take longer than three hours to complete then it could be considered for a Saturday Special. Please bring them to the November meeting.

I look forward to seeing what you bring for us.

Projects for 2023

I am excited to present our projects for this year. A big Thanks to everyone that presented items to teach in 2023. We had a large selection to choose from. I only wish we could pick more than eight. I am sure you will be pleased with this year's projects as there is something to be learned from each teacher.

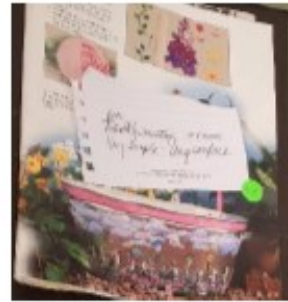
MONTHLY PROJECTS 2023



Cat and Pumpkin
Linda McDonald
January



Snowman
Louise Smith
February



Floral on Tin
Beth Stodieck
March



Dragonfly
Dora Jodoin
April



Harvest Blessing
Beth Stodieck
May



Pumpkins & Crock
Linda McDonald
September



Lights Notecard
Sharlene King
October



Joy Snowman
Dusti Dancer
November



Mari Hearts Snowman
Beth Stodieck
January 2023

Don't forget: We need to have a FINISHED PAINTED PIECE to present to the membership at the November meeting to vote on for 2024.

Memory Boxes—Judy Wallis

Harris Southwest Hospital is very excited to accept our memory boxes and thought everyone we showed them was wonderful.

Anyone who has completed memory boxes please bring to September meeting so they can be delivered to Harris Southwest.

Thank you. Judy

PROGRAMS: November meeting is when we vote on our projects for next year. Please bring a completed item you would like to share with our members. We need several to choose from because there are eight meetings that require a painting project that can be completed in 3 hours or less.. Items that require longer time will be voted on as Saturday Special events. If you have a piece you want to share but do not want to teach, you may ask someone else to teach it.

Thank you, Louise

PR - Suzane Godley

I reached out to the newspapers with our September program info, and Suburban Newspapers put our meeting in 3 of their issues this month. We appreciate that they do that from time to time. If you know of a newspaper we can submit an article, please let me know. Thank you.

October Project

FAMILY BLESSINGS

By Barbara Bunsey

Taught by Linda McDonald

SURFACE: 5 x 7 canvas or wooden surface of your choice

PALETTE: DECOART

Antique White, Bleached Sand, Burnt Orange, Burnt Sienna, Burnt Umber, Buttermilk, Charcoal Grey, Driftwood, Espresso, Georgia Clay, Light Avocado, Light Buttermilk, Neutral Grey, Orange Twist, Payne's Grey, Raw Sienna, Red Alert, Spiced Pumpkin, True Ochre

BRUSHES: liner or script liner, assorted flats, filberts and round.

Lg Dry Brush or Dome brush for edge scrubbed look.

Regular Acrylic Supplies

PREPARATION: Basecoat Antique White. Using a flat brush, slip/slap

Bleached Sand in the middle of the piece. Along the right, bottom, and partially up the left side, scrub Raw Sienna on the edges and onto surface some. We will do similar with the BU together in class.



To Check Out:

Facebook page for Artists: Artful Ties

Check out Zoom Classes at *Decorative painters academy*

[Mixing chart of DecoArt Retired colors](#).—go to Decoart.com—

under resources, color conversion charts

TWO NEW CONVENTIONS TO CHECK OUT FOR NEXT YEAR!!!

Portland, Oregon - April 24-27, 2024

They put on a short Expo this year to see if there was interest in a convention—a resounding Yes!

Chattanooga, TN—June 24-29, 2024

Painting World Magazine and Viking Woodcrafts have joined forces to bring a Painting Expo to Tennessee for us painters.



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! Especially need photos from Linda's cardinals class she taught at Saturday special.

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.

OKC Painting Palooza

Oklahoma City Painting Palooza
August 11-17, 2024

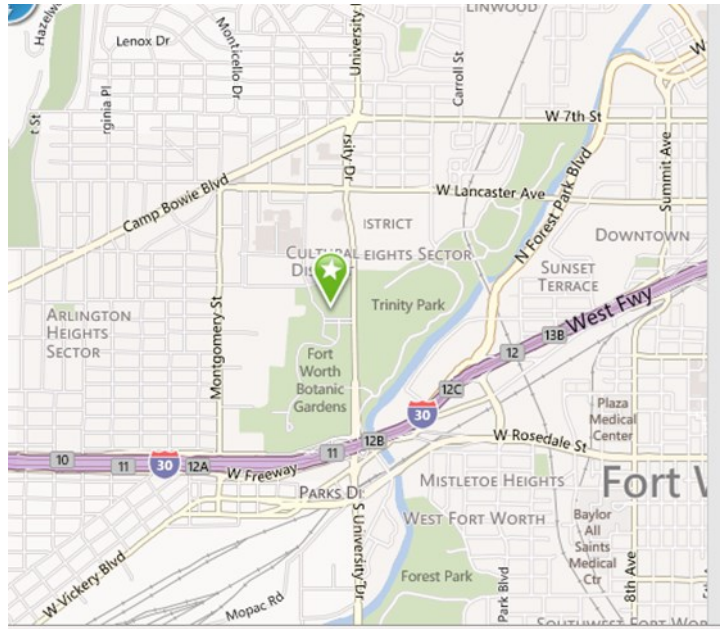
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FWDP Meets the Third Monday of February, March, April, May, September, October & November.

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

At the

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

2023 Dates to Remember

January 23 – Chapter Meeting
February 20 - Chapter Meeting
March 4—Saturday Special
March 20 – Chapter Meeting
April 18 – Chapter Meeting
May 6 - Saturday Special
May 17 – Chapter Meeting
July 8—Saturday Special
September 18 – Chapter Meeting
October 16 – Chapter Meeting
November 20 – Chapter Meeting
December 11 – Christmas Party

