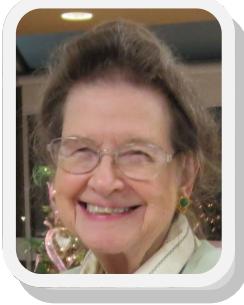


FWDP Newsletter



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**Fort Worth Decorative Painters is a Chapter
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Celebrating 30 Years**



Y's Lines: Yvonne Lowrie, President 2015

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The March meeting was attended by many members painting the Monarch butterfly. It was gratifying with all but one painting and most finishing their project. Connie Barch painted Artist Trading Cards (goggle it)! Some painted on Memory Boxes, the service project by members for hospitals where new born babies do not go home with their parents. The box may include the head/hand coverings, a lock of hair and the death certificate.

Beth Stodieck will teach the April meeting - hydrangeas on a striped design background. It should be fun and even reduced in size for a Memory Box. Plan early to get the background painted before the meeting.

The food at the March meeting was tasty and plentiful. Please e-mail the recipe to Nancy Genetti to be included in future newsletters. It is the food that may inspire members to attend meetings!! Be sure to sign up with Pam Martinez to share your favorite dish.

Thanks to Kim Payne and Dusti Dancer for getting the minutes of the meeting together.

Saturday, April 25, will be our first 2015, **Let's Paint Together Saturday**. Nancy Genetti will be teaching butterflies and flowers on fabric. These are pretty colors on fabric of your choice: dark shirt, apron, tote bag, etc. We will be meeting at a different church building so check this newsletter for details.

We have only two more meetings before our summer break! Plan to attend those meetings! It is such fun to meet with painting buddies!

Happy Painting! Yvonne

Meeting is April 20, 2015

6:00 Social 6:30 Meeting

FWDP supports the Society of Decorative Painters. Dues are \$50/year. You must be a member of SDP to belong to FWP.
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Sunshine—Larue Hughes

Kindness-----“Play it Forward”

*The Art of Greatness--
“It’s not found in fortune or fame
Or worldwide acclaim
that makes for true greatness,
you’ll find --
It’s the wonderful art
Of teaching the heart
To always be
Thoughtful and kind.”
Helen Steiner Rice*

Continue to reach out to Bette Jo Kenaston, Jan McCleery and Jeanette Johnson. Bette said she is doing better every day and hopes to be back with us one day. So glad to see Jeanette back with us at our March meeting. Bettye Stevens sister passed away. Linda Crawford had a mini stroke.

*We want to wish all of our ladies who have birthdays in April and May a very **Happy Birthday!***

LaRue Hughes
817 834-5048, cell 817-269-7049

Hospitality—Pam Martinez

Thank you for all the goodies last month. Everything was delicious.

This month our prize winning entries are:

Non-sweet - Carolyn, Connie, Dusti, Kim

Sweet - Jeanette, Judy, Juanita

See you there!

Pam

Membership—Mary Helen Horne Monthly Raffles—Sharlene King

We have 23 members paid for 2015. All dues are due now. Invite a friend or a former member who needs to return.

Thanks,
Mary Helen

Memory Boxes

Judy Wallis is our Memory Box chair. She has boxes available to be painted. Please take one or more home to paint. Remember many of our meeting workshops would work good on a memory box.

We had some great raffle items last month! Thanks Yvonne, Mary Helen, Juanita, Carolyn and Judy!

April raffle items will be donated by:
LaRue, Vickie, Peggy and Gayla

Sharlene



Items for Newsletter

If you bring a homemade food item to the meeting, please share it.....bring me a copy or send by email so I can put it in the newsletter.

Programs

April – 2015 Hydrangeas on Bride's Box By Beth Stodieck

I am so sorry I had to miss the March program but I had an opportunity to hear a seminar by the soldier on which the book and movie, Lone Survivor, were based as part of the Global Nursing Conference in Houston that same day and I just couldn't pass it up. I have a completely new understanding of the term "PTSD". I've talked to several folks about the meeting I've heard nothing but rave reviews of Yvonne's butterfly so it sounds like you had a wonderful time. I'm just really sorry I missed it because I LOVE butterflies! Many thanks to Yvonne.

This month we will work on my Hydrangea box. I taught this project in San Angelo recently and I can promise you there is no way we can do the whole thing in one evening. However, we can work on one of each element in the pattern (attached) and, after seeing the techniques I use, you can finish up at home. The idea is to learn an easy way to do these beautiful flowers so you can recreate them as needed. Feel free to cut up the pattern and do only portions of it but the project is designed around a white or very light background so please have at least that well dried before arriving. I have included instructions on how to apply the stripes if you'd like to do so before class. Having your pattern on will help us get started straight away. We will not have time to do the lace instructions listed in the pattern but maybe we can make that a Saturday Special sometime. Learning how to adapt a lace pattern to your piece. It's really fun when you figure out how easy it is to adapt a design.

As you may have noticed, our project schedule took an unscheduled detour when LaRue taught her last class and brought an adorable fantasy flower tote bag as another example of fabric painting. Everyone who saw it wanted to know when we could paint it so we moved her ornament to the fall and scheduled the tote bag for May. The sample was on denim but I'm sure any dark fabric surface would work. We'll have more info in the next newsletter and you can see the tote bag in the project photos later in this newsletter.

If you have any questions about the hydrangeas, please feel free to shoot me an email. I'll get back to you asap. Hope to see every single one of you painting for joy in April! Those hydrangeas can't help but bring a smile to your face! Beth

Let's Paint Together Saturday

APRIL 25TH, 2015

BUTTERFLIES AND FLOWERS
with
NANCY GENETTI

It is time for our first Saturday workshop and it will be a fun one! If you haven't signed up yet you have until the April chapter meeting to sign up and pay. Like last year it is \$20 for the day and that includes lunch. Just a reminder that the fees covers lunch, the building, and payment to the teacher. These are not a money making workshops. They are designed to create a relaxing atmosphere for members and non-members alike to paint, have fun, and get to know each other better. Since you do not have to be a member to attend these workshops, please invite a friend or family member that might enjoy painting with us or learning to paint. If you know a former member that might like to come please invite them. The price is the same even for non members.

I am looking forward to see what everyone will be painting on and to see the butterflies come alive on all of the projects.

Dusti
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**Saturday Special
Flutterbys and Flowers
with Nancy Genetti**

April 25

Grace United Methodist Church of Ft. Worth
Clover Lane, just west of downtown,
exit Montgomery St.
1 LONG block on Westbound service road.
Turn right at the stop sign. 1 block N of I-30
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**\$20, including lunch, payable IN ADVANCE ONLY
to Dusti Dancer**

Friends, Co-workers, Family, New painters

ALL Welcome!

**See Photos and supply information
in February Newsletter**

Butterfly Shirt by Sandy Aubuchon taught by Nancy Genetti

Surface: Original was a man's shirt (Wall Mart about \$13.00) woven fabric in color of choice. Originals done on black and royal blue, dark colors work best. This design doesn't lend itself to denim, but try it you might like it! Or you could paint on a ladies blouse, tote bag, apron, etc. It is much easier on a woven shirt rather than a T-shirt or sweatshirt. Wash and dry without the addition of fabric softener. Shirt looks more feminine shortened and hemmed. Iron freezer paper to reverse side of fabric or secure to a shirt board (I use plastic covered canvas boards). Bring a board to put between layers of shirt if you ironed freezer paper on the back. This will make it easier to paint.

Pattern is transferred with new white graphite transfer paper. I arranged the flowers and leaves as I painted them, transferring a few at a time. We can do this in class, unless want to design and place yours at home. My shirt was fairly full of painting when I decided to embellish it. You might keep that in mind, doing less painting and having more room to embellish.

Now for the fun! Bring all kinds of embellishments.....pretty buttons, butterflies, bee or flower shaped buttons, small doilies, pins, old jewelry, lace (I added wide lace to bottom of shirt), button and other trims from the fabric department etc. JoAnns and Hobby Lobby have a lot of trims, buttons, items in the scrapbooking section, etc. Antique buttons would be wonderful. Anything you can think of. We might want to all share and trade with each other. You might want straight pins and safety pins to plan your embellishment placement. Glitter anyone?

Deco Art So Soft Fabric paints are used: (Acrylics with fabric medium or other brands of fabric paint may be substituted - whatever you use, you need a fabric medium that goes with the particular paint)

Transparent Medium (must have for this technique)

Yellow Green

Island Blue

Dark Rose

Hauser Light Green

Avocado Green

White

True Blue

Renaissance Brown

Alizarin Crimson

The newer Deco Art So Soft Fine Glitter paint is fun to use

Dioxazine Purple

Antique Gold

Black

Bright Azalea

Bright Yellow

Sweet Melon

Crimson

Baby Pink

Lavender

Bright Pink



Bring soft brushes - white nylon on your regular acrylic brushes. If painting on heavy canvas, etc. you might want stiffer brushes.

The following size brushes were used: #6 flat, #8 filberts, 3/4" Angle, 5/0 liner, stipple brush

Bring brushes you are comfortable with

White Chalk pencil, sharpener

I usually cover the back side of my shirt with a plastic bag. I insert the shirt on the shirt board into the bag, tape around the edges then cut the bag out around the design; Protects from accidents.

Bring other general painting supplies - water bucket, palette, paper towels, etc.

Any questions please email (ngenetti@tx.rr.com) or call me 972-238-0373.

Treasurer's Report- Carolyn Martchenke

Birthdays

April Birthdays

Delfa Munoz 6th
Pamela Martinez 13th

May Birthdays

Sherida D'Ambra 10th
Armida Guzman 13th

March Meeting Photos



Yvonne teaches Monarch butterfly

Minutes—March 16, 2015

Call to order 6:30 by Y Lowrie

Program VP, Beth (absent) - Dusti filling in - Next months program is Hydrangeas, Beth said we will not finish but we will complete at least one or two of each element. Instructions will be in the newsletter and this is a pattern that can be broken down or changed to fit any surface. Three samples were displayed.

Membership VP, Mary Helen - Several people have not paid dues yet, March is the month to finish the directory.

Secretary, Nancy (absent) - Kim Payne taking minutes

Treasurer Carolyn/Sharlene - No news

Christmas Party, Connie A - 4 tables chosen may need extra table - volunteer for extra table if not needed could

be put in raffle or silent auction. Need someone to do silent auction.

Hospitality, Pam M. - Sending sign up sheets for April and May. Thank you to all who brought food.

Monthly Raffle, Sharlene - Need one more volunteer for April. Done!

Parliamentarian, Armida - No report

Let's Paint Together Saturday, Dusti - Still time to sign up for the April 25th Saturday to paint Butterflies and Flowers. The August 15th Saturday will be a design workshop on a suitcase of choice. Brought Beth's suitcase for display. Check garage sales and resale shops for cases, a weekend size case would be a great size for a first class. Still holding out for Jan to teach in November, will know more soon.

Sunshine, LaRue - Let her know if you know of anyone that is ill.

Website, Suzane - no report

Memory Boxes, Judy W. - I have boxes, some base coated, lots of squares and one round. Hospital says they can use some smaller boxes also.

30th Reunion - Open to floor for comments - no comments

Y Lowrie to Board - Mtg conflict, can we change to the following Tuesday the 31st? All agreed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05
Acting Secretary, Kim Payne

2015 Board

Elected Officers:

President:	Yvonne Lowrie
Vice/Program/Pres. Elect:	Beth Stodieck
Vice/Membership/Directory:	Mary Helen Horne
Secretary/Newsletter:	Nancy Genetti
Treasurer:	Carolyn Martchenko

Waiting on Photo

Committees:

Christmas Party:	Connie Alexander
Hospitality/Table Attendant:	Pam Martinez
Monthly Raffle:	Sharlene King
Website/Publicity:	Suzane Godley
Parliamentarian:	Armida Guzman
Saturday Paint-Ins/Seminar:	Dusti Dancers
Sunshine/Birthdays:	LuRue Hughes
Memory Boxes	Judy Wallis

2015 Officers



Happy Spring

Christmas Party—Connie Alexander

Are you working on your table centerpieces, favors, gifts of 5 and exchange ornament yet? Wouldn't it be nice to have everything done before summer comes so you can face Fall guilt free? There are lots of new patterns, books and ornament surfaces out. Check Della's and Cupboard websites for ornament sales. Della has had some good tin angel ornament sales this Spring.



I still need a volunteer to prepare a centerpiece and 6 favors for an additional table, just in case we have new or former members attending. If we don't have more than 24 people signing up for the party, then the centerpiece and favors can be used as auction items, but it is better to be prepared than up painting late in November. How about an arrangement of three or so "LaRue" wood block angels and maybe angel pins? Fast, easy and still impressive. Who is going to step forward?

Be an angel, volunteer and start on those angel projects.

Yellow Rose Seminar

Save the Date! Saturday October 10

Yellow Rose will have a one-day "Fun Raising Day" seminar. Nancy Genetti will be teaching a large flower on a stool. (Surface and flower color your choice.) More information and photo in the next newsletter.

Wildflowers Seminars

Wildflowers—Janice Miller (April 17-18)

Location: Tom Bean Methodist Church

Time: 9 - 4

Cost: \$35.00 per day

Sent money to Dee Dow: 7083 FM1753, Denison, TX 75021.

Ddow4279@sbcglobal.net

For more information contact Carol Reichelt 903-892-9592 rodcar1102@aol.com

Project 1 - Friday

Janice will provide solar screen with the pattern on for 8.50, must be ordered and paid for by Our March meeting (3/16/15). If using your own screen or another surface the size is 14x24.



Project 2 - Saturday
Original painted on beige shirt



Judy Westegaard (August 14-15)



Save the Date June 27 & 28

Laurie Speltz Seminar

All the final details are being worked out. Photos of projects will be at the April meeting and sign ups will begin. Come prepared to sign up, fee will be \$40 a day with an optional \$10 per day for lunch. After the April meeting the seminar will be open to other chapters and guests.

Photos are samples of Laurie's work, not necessarily ones we will be painting. Laurie has a wealth of knowledge, especially with the use of stencils, stamps, layered backgrounds, etc. You don't want to miss this one, it will be a change, to learn and play at the same time.



April Project Photos



Patterns being send as an attachment with the newsletter

April Project—Hydrangeas with Beth

HYDRANGEA BRIDE'S BOX

adapted from a Ros Stallcup book, Gran's Pantry, by Beth Stodieck

Please consider buying Ros' book, Gran's Pantry, for more detailed instructions for this and other projects. She provides unparalleled step by step instructions and designs for all of her flowers and fruits in all of her books. I have the whole series and use them regularly for reference. The designs, the instructions and the lady who provides them are all delightful!

PAINTS: All are DecoArt unless noted

Avocado	Blue Mist	Blue Violet	Cad Yellow	Dioxazine Purple
Evergreen	Olive Green	Payne's Grey	Raw Sienna	Titanium White
Victoria Blue	Warm White			

I wanted a bit of "bling" for this bride's box so I did my stripes and the edge of the lid in Folk Art Metallic Blue Pearl and then added tints of this to leaves to tie it all together. If you don't have or want this, Victoria Blue is the main blue in the hydrangeas so use this. Another interesting idea would be the Cad Yellow since the daisies have CY in the centers. This would be much bolder but could be very interesting.

Optional: Blending and Glazing Medium in the brand of your choice if you choose for doing glazed highlights, tints and squishy leaves.

BRUSHES: good quality except for scruffy

¾" scruffy round or angle bristle brush for tapping in foliage

Flat brushes, medium to large sizes, for ribbons and squishy leaves

Round or filberts – an assortment of medium to med large sizes for flower petals.

(I use rounds.)

Basecoat your surface with at least 2 coats of Titanium White and lightly sand after 2nd coat with brown paper. I am painting a sample on a rusty old tray. I cleaned it very well, twice, and rinsed it well. I baked it in a low temp oven for about an hour to make sure it was dry and used white spray primer before base coating. You do not need to do a lot of sanding when you use the primer coat, just make sure it is completely clean. My new favorite is RUSTOLEUM 2X PRIMER. I love the 2X gloss varnish, too. Available at WM and Home Depot.

Adjust the grid lines using the grid instructions, included, and paint them on your surface as you desire.

When transferring this pattern, enlarge or shrink as needed for your surface.

Transfer leaves and ribbons as shown.

Only transfer the DAISY CENTERS, NOT the petals. You will freehand them.

Only transfer VERY LIGHTLY the outlines of the hydrangeas, possibly even a bit smaller than the pattern lines. Your flowers may be a little bigger or smaller than my outlines and you do not want to have to fight leftover pattern lines.

WE WILL discuss how to do a lace border during class. Because we will be working on so many different surfaces, there is no way I can make one pattern that would work for all of us.

SPACING GRID LINES ON OVAL BOX

Beth Stodieck © 2014

STEP 1:

Trace the lid of your box and cut out the tracing. This does not need to be on tracing paper.

STEP 2:

Fold the oval (or your shape) in half, both vertically and horizontally, matching edges carefully so you have true center each way, and open back up.

STEP 3:

Fold one edge to the center mark on your sheet, matching center line to center line, and crease. Repeat with the other side.

STEP 4:

Fold bottom edge up to center line, matching center line to center line, and crease. Repeat with the top.

STEP 5: You now have V1, V2, H1, and H2.

EASY WAY TO MAKE STRIPES

STEP 6: Decide which side of these lines you want your grid to be on. You'd like to have a little corner of white showing in each corner as shown in the drawing.

STEP 7: Place a piece of tape the width of your stripe ON THE AREA YOU WANT YOUR STRIPE.

STEP 8: Place another strip of tape on each side of the first piece.

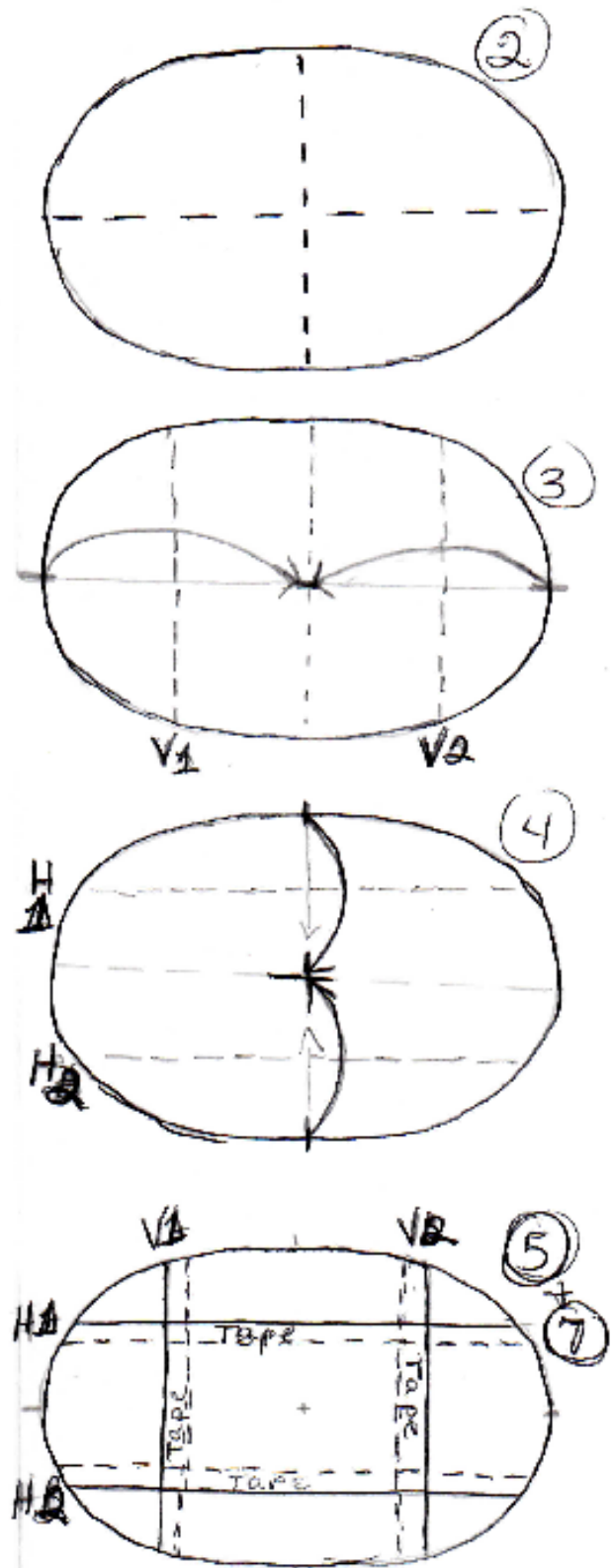
STEP 9: Remove the center piece of tape and firmly press down on the inside edges of remaining 2 tape pieces.

STEP 10: Let this stripe dry completely while you do the mirrored stripe on the other end of the box.

STEP 11: When these 2 stripes are dry, repeat on the other pair of stripes.

STEP 12: Gently touch up any areas where paint bled through under the tape.

STEP 13: Let dry completely and apply pattern as instructed.



SDP Corner

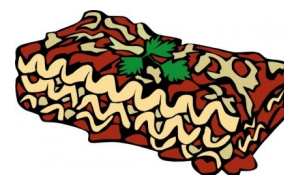


May 11-16: Join your fellow painters for the 43rd SDP International Conference & Expo at the **Pheasant Run Resort** in St. Charles, Illinois!



Recipe Corner

LASAGNA



- 8 oz. Lasagna noodles (9)
- 1 1/2 # ground beef
- 1 1/2 jar of spaghetti sauce (26 oz. jar) (I used the kind with garlic and basil)
- 1 egg beaten
- 3/4 # ricotta cheese
- 3 cups shredded part skim mozzarella cheese divided-
(2 1/4 c and 3/4 c for topping)
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 Tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese

Cook noodles according to package instructions.

In Dutch oven cook beef until no pink, drain. Remove from heat, stir in spaghetti sauce.

In a large bowl, combine egg, ricotta cheese, 2 1/4 c mozzarella cheese, parsley, salt, pepper.

Drain noodles, spread 1 cup meat sauce in greased 13x9 baking dish.

Layer with 3 noodles, then 1 cup ricotta mixture and 1 1/2 cup meat sauce.

Repeat layers twice. Top with parmesan cheese and remaining mozzarella cheese.

Cover and bake at 375° for 45 minutes. Uncover and cook 10 minutes longer, cool and cut.

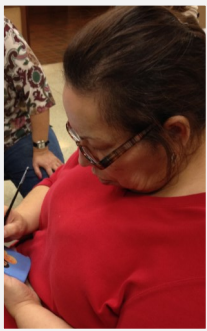
This can be doubled and put one dish in the freezer for later.

Enjoy,

LaRue Hughes

given to me by Libby Conant from BB

More March Meeting Photos



SCHARFF BRUSHES ORDER INFO

Since I had to miss the March meeting and I'm teaching the April meeting, I think we are going to have to schedule the Scharff brush order for the May meeting. This gives you just a little bit longer to save your pennies and order more brushes. The web address is <http://artbrush.com/shop/home.php>. Copy and paste this link and it will give you all the brushes they have available. An earlier newsletter listed the brushes I frequently use and order. Print out the included order form and bring it completed except for the totals to the May meeting and I will do the math and let you know what to write your check for before you leave that night. IF we don't have enough orders to meet the minimum, we will just not order this time. Beth

SCHARFF BRUSHES ORDER INFO

I have heard back from Scharff and they DO still offer the discount program for Chapters IF we have an order of \$300 retail (\$180 at discount price) or more. If 10 members order \$30 each retail (\$18 discount price), we would have enough for an order. I don't think we could do this often but maybe once or twice a year if there is enough demand. Your discount will be 40% off the retail price and everyone will be asked to add \$3 to your order to cover shipping.

NAME ↓	PHONE # ↓	EMAIL ADDRESS ↓

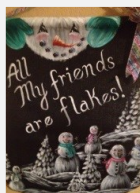
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2015 Meeting Projects

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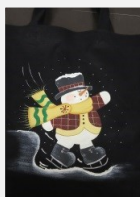
All My Friends Are Flakes
by Beth Stodieck



SURFACE: Solar window screening or large surface of your choice.

February 2015

Skating Snowman Tote Bag
by LaRue Hughes



SURFACE: Black tote bag or the surface of your choice.

March 2015

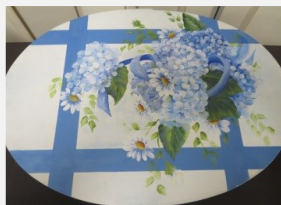
Acrylic Monarch Butterfly
by Yvonne Lowrie



SURFACE of your choice

April 2015

Hydrangea Box
by Beth Stodieck



SURFACE: large, round wooden or metal surface of your choice, large cheese box, metal tray, canvas, 14" or larger surface will work, base coated and stripes painted on before class

May 2015

Floral Tote Bag
By LaRue Hughes



SURFACE: Tote Bag or surface of choice

September 2015

MakeItTakeIt
IT'S A SURPRISE!

October 2015

Halloween Paving Brick
by Lori Woodbridge

SURFACE: scalloped edge, concrete, landscaping brick

November 2015

Lacework Ornament
by LaRue Hughes



SURFACE: Glass or plastic ornament, base coated in the color of your choice.
Sample is large puffed plastic disc.

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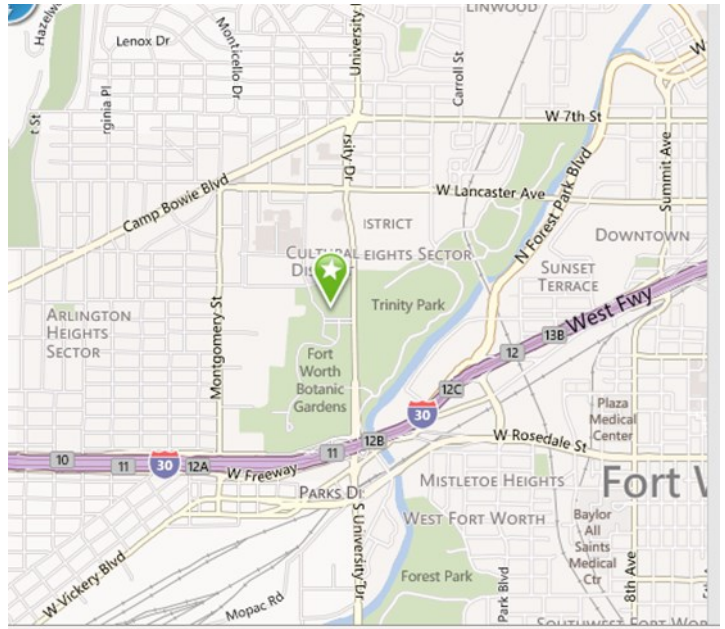
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Next Newsletter Deadline
April 28, 2015



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**

2015 Dates to Remember

April 20 - Chapter Meeting
6:00 social time, 6:30 pm Business Meeting
Project: Hydrangea Box with Beth

April 25—Paint With Us Saturday—
Butterfly & Floral shirt with embellishments
with Nancy

May 18 - Chapter Meeting
6:00 social time, 6:30 pm Business Meeting
Project: Tote Bag with LaRue

June 26 & 27 - Laurie Speltz Seminar

August 15- Paint With Us Saturday—
Design a Suitcase/Tote w/ Beth and Dusti

September 21- Chapter Meeting
6:00 social time, 6:30 pm Business Meeting
Project: Make It Take It

October 19- Chapter Meeting
6:00 social time, 6:30 pm Business Meeting
Project: Halloween Paving Brick with Lori Woodbridge

November 7 - Paint with Us Saturday—
Tentatively Sculpty Santas w/ Jan McCleery

November 16—Chapter Meeting
6:00 social time, 6:30 pm Business Meeting
Project: Ornament with LaRue

December 14—Christmas Party