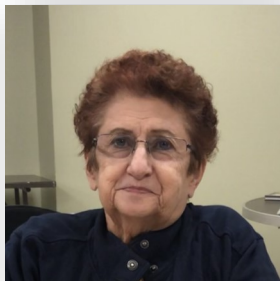


FWDP Newsletter

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**Fort Worth Decorative Painters is a Chapter
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Celebrating 35 Years**



FWDP President Letter

This is my second attempt to write this, thanks to my imperfect e-mail carrier. After literally days of dealing with them, including noonish to around 9 p.m. last night, (dogs awaiting supper were not happy) my ability to send and receive mail has returned. Unfortunately, not the copy I had e-mailed to Nancy. So, if I forget something you need information on, or you were expecting me to e-mail you about something and you didn't hear from me this week, contact me.

First off, we will have a **ZOOM November General Meeting**. I am obviously not computer literate so you may want to chat with Peggy, Nancy or Sharlene before the meeting time to walk you through the process. Peggy will host the meeting **on November 16th, with sign-on to start at 6:15 since it requires her to "let you in" to the meeting and it gets distracting once the meeting, which officially starts at 6:30, begins.** ZOOM Meeting codes, hopefully, are elsewhere in this Newsletter and ideally will be re-sent just before the 16th. If you are late that evening, sign-in anyway. We don't want you to miss anything.

Louise Smith has graciously designed an easy Fall project for us to do after the business meeting. It requires only watercolor paper and paint you already have. It is perfect for Thanksgiving, and it will allow you to chat once she gives the instructions. The "witching hour" will be 9:00 p.m., when the link will end.

There will also be a **ZOOM Christmas Party on December 14th**. Zoom link information will arrive later, hopefully a reminder will go out the weekend before. If possible, we will use the same format, (sign-in at 6:15, party starts at 6:30) but do check your e-mail for time changes and links. You will remember that many of us will be painting "official" boot ornaments, (the only one to be exchanged) and will be sending them to the person my youngest dachshund chose for you. She realized about half-way through her task, (sticking her nose in a bowl to choose numbers) that there was no kibble in the bottom. Getting her to finish her job was less than fun.

Anyway, those who received a boot to paint will have the names of both who they are painting for, and the name of who is painting an ornament for them. It is a good idea to let everyone know when you mail your ornament so they can be looking for it in the mail. Ideally you will enclose a Christmas card, (preferably painted-but not required), with your package.

Please do not open your package until the ZOOM Christmas Party so everyone can watch you open it and the card. So, get busy painting, bake some cookies, set out the mug for cocoa and join in on December 14th, whether you painted a boot or not. Christmas sweaters encouraged.

Stay well and include FWDP members in your list of things to be thankful for this year. Happy Thanksgiving,

Connie

ZOOM Meeting November 16

The sign in numbers for the scheduled meeting are:

750 871 4534

Passcode is: 053875

I have scheduled the time at 6:15 (we can start getting people in a little earlier than the 6:30 start me).

I set the end time at 9:00 to give us plenty of time.

You will receive another reminder prior to the meeting with directions how to attend the meeting.

Our Project for the month: *Thankful for Family*

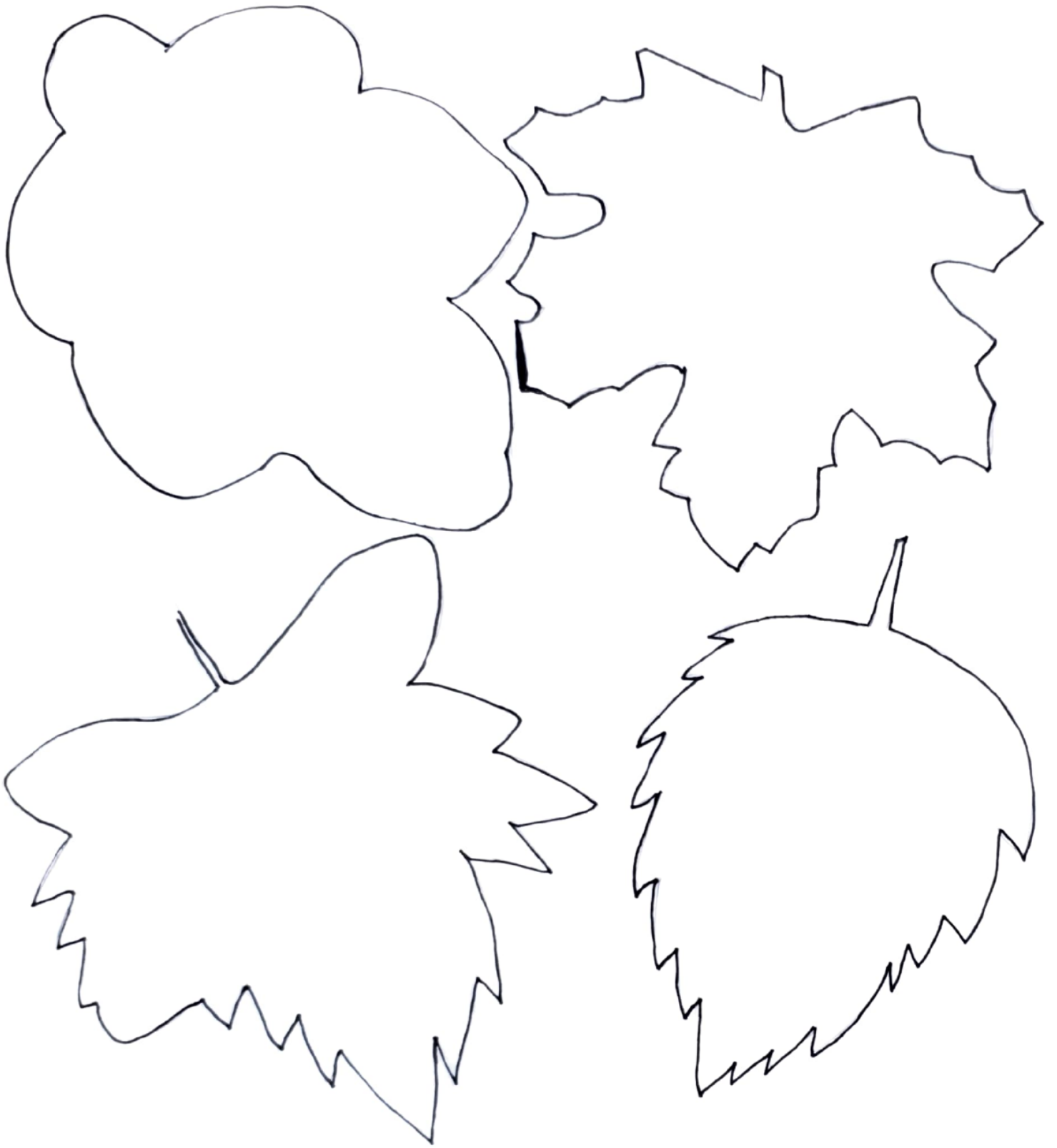
Louise Smith

Fall is wonderful time of year. The days are cooler and the leaves are changing color. So much beauty surrounds us with great inspiration. There is a lot to be thankful for. The Thanksgiving gathering is a great celebration of family. It is also an opportunity for us to display our art. Last year I came across an old magazine article I saved. It was making fall leaves and putting people's name on them. The article used them as place cards on the dinner table. I decided to make a garland of leaves to hang across my bookshelves. I wanted everyone to be recognized and hopefully feel a little special. The leaves were painted with thinned acrylic paint on watercolor paper. When dry, I cut them out and punched a hole at the stem end. They were tied with colorful threads to a long string of green yarn. My daughter and I did this simple project in just a few hours.

Americana colors: Cad Yellow, Cad Red, Bright Orange, leaf green, Raw Sienna (you can use any colors you desire). Water bucket, several paper towels for blotting, a liner brush and a large brush (#12 to 3/4"). You can use a flat, round or filbert.

Instructions: Lightly draw a leaf with pencil or transfer the pattern provided. Don't worry if your tracing lines are dark, you will be cutting out the leaf. Dip the large brush in clear water. Blot excess water on a paper towel. Dampen the entire leaf. This will help the colors flow. Pick up a small amount of thinned paint with the wet brush. You may even double load the brush. Wash out the brush and blot when changing colors. Using the liner brush add stem and vein lines with Raw Sienna. Have fun mixing different colors in different areas. When dry, cut out the leaf. Punch a hole for hanging. Names were added with a permanent marker.







Virtual Christmas Party December 14 at 7pm

We will celebrate using Zoom. A link will be emailed a week before the party. It will be sent to the email where you receive your monthly newsletter.

Connie mailed the ornaments to those who requested one and emailed names for the exchange. Ornaments will be opened during the party. This exchange is a fun tradition!

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater the night of the party. Bring your favorite beverage. Want a special dessert that night? Below are a couple of 1 serving recipes. I've tested both and they were quick and easy.

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.

Microwave Chocolate Pudding in a Mug

Ingredients

3 tablespoons bittersweet chocolate chips (I used extra dark)	1/8 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cornstarch	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
	1/2 cups milk

Instructions

- In a large microwavable mug, mix in the chocolate and cornstarch
- Pour in the salt, vanilla and milk and stir
- Microwave for 1 minutes, then whisk with a fork
- Microwave for another 30 seconds and whisk again. Continue microwaving for short intervals of 10 - 30 seconds until it is nice and thick.
- Serve warm with optional walnuts or whipped cream on top



Chocolate Peanut Butter Mug Cake

Ingredients

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1/4 cup all-purpose flour• 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder• 2 tablespoons sugar• 1/4 teaspoon baking powder | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1/4 cup milk at room temperature• 2 tablespoons butter melted and cooled• 1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract• 1 tablespoon creamy peanut butter (optional)• 1 tablespoon mini chocolate chips (optional) |
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Instructions

1. In a small bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa powder, sugar, and baking powder until thoroughly, completely combined with no streaks of flour or cocoa powder remaining. Blend in milk, butter, and vanilla until batter is smooth. Pour batter into a 14-ounce (or larger) microwave-safe mug with straight sides. (You can spray the mug with non-stick cooking spray before adding the batter, and then carefully overturn the cake onto a plate once baked.)
2. Combine peanut butter and chocolate chips and dollop into the center of the mug, gently pressing down until even with the top of the batter.
3. Microwave on high for 1 minute. Allow to cool for a couple of minutes before serving.



Programs: Linda McDonald will teach our January 2021 program. The surface for this adorable snowman is a 6" X 6" stretched canvas. It will be so good to be able to meet in person. Linda is a wonderful painter and teacher. This will be a great start to a great year.



Sunshine - Suzane Godley

No word on sickness or deaths in our Chapter of friends. That is definitely a good thing. I hope everyone is staying well!

If you have a minute, send a fellow member a birthday greeting. Birthday's coming up:

November

12 - Nancy Genetti

16 - Peggy Thomas

22 - Sallie Word

December

11 - Pam Hargrove

31 - LaRue Hughes

Here's a couple of Zoom tips from Sharlene:

Right click on your picture during a Zoom meeting. You can change the name displayed. Good for when it shows your device name rather than your name.

To see all attendees on your monitor, look in the upper right corner for "Gallery".

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October ZOOM Board Meeting

Treasurer's Report—Sharlene King

Checking balance is \$7,920.92

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



2020 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





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. (Did not know if you were wanting to list it out as it gets put on web. Fine either way). 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/or 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

A little inspiration and humor for these trying tunes.

Best quote for 2020:

"This is not the year to get everything you want. This is the year to appreciate everything you have." 🙏

Philosophy Of Life



WELCOME
TO THE AGE WHERE
YOUR SECRETS ARE SAFE
WITH YOUR FRIENDS...
THEY CAN'T REMEMBER
THEM EITHER.



FINKSTEOM

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN SOMEONE'S LIFE, YOU
DON'T HAVE TO BE BRILLIANT,
RICH, BEAUTIFUL, OR PERFECT.
YOU JUST HAVE TO CARE



YOU ARE A WORK OF
ART.
NOT EVERYONE WILL
UNDERSTAND YOU,
BUT THE ONES WHO DO
WILL NEVER
FORGET
ABOUT YOU.

"It's never
too late to
be who you
might have
been."

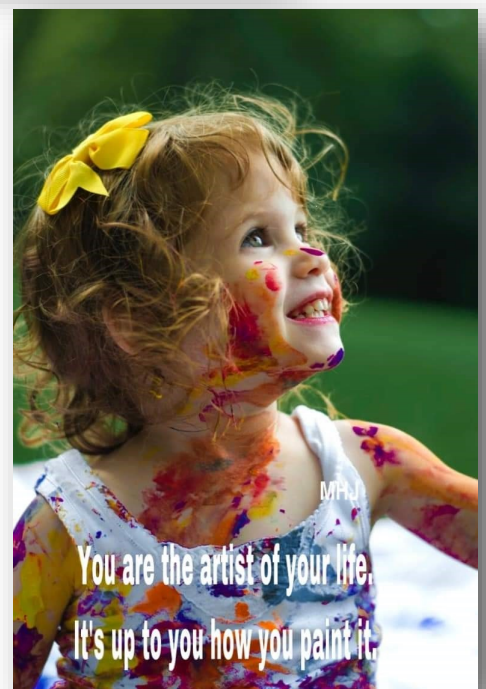
George Eliot

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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

Has been changed to a Virtual Retreat

More info to come from SDP

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

**Check out Zoom Classes at
*sdpvirtualartacademy.com***

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

SDP posts lots of information on this Site

**SDP New Address
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Painters
7450 S Seneca St
Haysville, KS 67060**



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



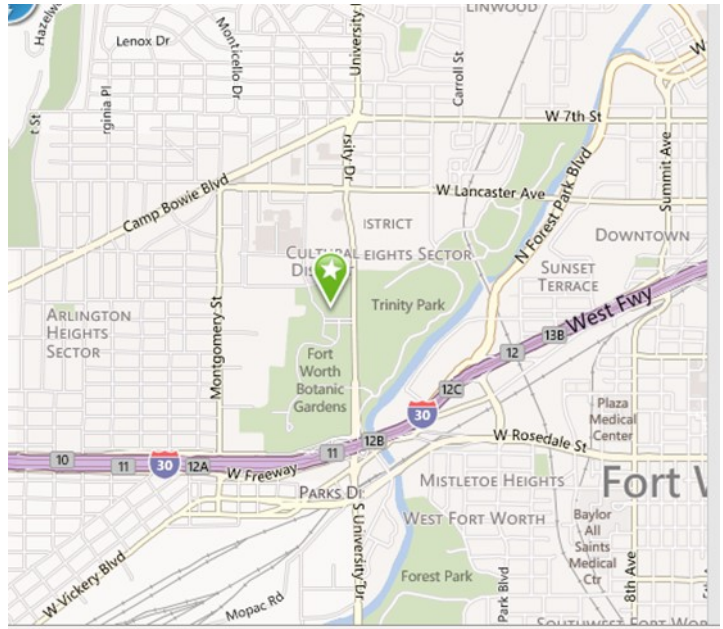
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FWDP Meets the Third Monday of February, March, April, May, September, October & November.

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—**canceled**

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

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

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—**ZOOM**—Regular Meeting, —Program: Louise—fall

December 14—**ZOOM**—Christmas Party—Boot ornament exchange