



FWDP Newsletter

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Fort Worth Decorative Painters

Celebrating 39 Years



Well here it is 2023 already and we begin a new era at FWDP since we are no longer a part of the Society of Decorative Painters. Although it may be sad for some, let us hope we can forge our own successes on our own.

We have a whole slate of fun projects to paint this year, and I am looking forward to new challenges as well as learning new techniques. I would like everyone to think of tips and suggestions they have learned that were helpful to them. Things they have discovered that will encourage older painters and teach new painters so we can all learn new skills.

Happy Painting!!

2023 Board

Elected Officers

PRESIDENT – Peggy Thomas

VP Programs – President Elect – Louise Smith

Secretary – Jan Park

Treasurer – Sharlene King

Membership – Dora Jodoin



2022 Committee Chair

Christmas Party – Peggy Thomas, Jan Park, Louise Smith

Hospitality – Jan Park

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

Adaptation and redesign by Beth Stodieck

From: Make a Splash by Teri Stillwaugh, Let's Paint Magazine, Volume 28

For FWDP March 2023 Chapter project

There is no publication date on this magazine but my best guess is that this is from 1999. It is done with DecoArt No-Prep Metal Paint which is no longer available so this adaptation is really pure guesswork! There's not even a color chart for this paint that I can find so in my mind that means we're all free to do as we like. The colors listed below are just my best guesses for swaps of the metal paint but whatever colors you want to pull will be just fine! I'm also happy to share colors in class.

Since the company that made the surface is no longer around, I have had to guess that the bucket they used was at least 9-10" tall but I've reduced my birdhouses and fence to fit a much shorter wooden box. My box also has 4 sides instead of just the one on the pattern so I've wrapped birdhouses all around the box in random order. Birdhouses on the pattern are labeled A thru E in the instructions but the pattern in the magazine only shows 4 birdhouses. I freehanded a long, skinny, bullet shaped house to be house E.

Because we are having to do so much guessing for this project I'm considering this a lesson in design rather than a strict painting lesson. Other than the roses, there's nothing in this project you haven't done before so use this as an experiment in design for choosing your own way to apply the pattern and for choosing colors. Remember your color theory and you can't go wrong! If you need to make changes in color plans at the meeting I'm sure everyone will be happy to share paints. Do not stress over paint!

Before you get to the meeting you need to prep your piece as follows: (colors listed are all DecoArt Acrylics) (Feel free to adapt colors for whatever elements of the design that you like.) Even with all of this prep work we probably won't finish the piece in class. (See prep photos enclosed in this newsletter)

Paint background FAWN leaving a rim around the top.

Paint upper rim BUBBLEGUM PINK. When dry, lightly wash surface with just a tad of water and sponge WILD BERRY over the pink. I did this and really couldn't deal with the garish pink so I basecoated my rim in BLUE HARBOR. I considered sponging clouds like those on the project on this blue but decided I liked the plain color. Any color we are using in the flowers will look great as the rim so choose as you like.

Lightly dampen the lower half of the piece and sponge irregular garden shrubs with LEAF GREEN. When this is dry, lightly sponge OLIVE GREEN over the dark green to make shadows and highlights. Optional: a darker green can be sponged in the deepest corner areas. Do not stress. Most of this will be covered with fences and flowers.

Randomly and lightly sponge BLUE HARBOR sky on the upper third of the piece, not all over. Make this soft and irregular. See photo. When this is dry, lightly dampen the area over the blue sky area and sponge SNOW WHITE clouds randomly over the blue, making highlights and shadows. As you sponge each individual cloud, when finished, lightly brush horizontally across the bottom of the cloud to create cloud base or floor.

Put your pattern on, spreading it out or adding as needed. Change this any way you like to fit the piece.

Use a SNOW WHITE wash to put in fence posts and a single coat of BURNT SIENNA to put in the birdhouse poles. Float a wash of BURNT SIENNA on the leftish side of fence posts.

Use a chalk pencil to lightly and randomly

trace in the larger round flowers which will become roses and asterisk shape stars that will become daisies.

I will have a demo of birdhouses set up at the meeting so you can start basecoating them in during the business meeting.



FOR CLASS:

Small round or flat brushes, #4 flat or angle for side loads

Very small Stipple brush for flowers (here's where you can use your frayed round brushes)

You must have a small (#1-2) round with very good point for this project. Do not try to use worn, frayed round brushes for this. It will be nothing but frustration for you. There is lots of very small linework in this design. A very small flat, #1-2 could also be used for roses.

Permanent marker, extra fine. I recommend Micron pens. You will not need this in class but will use

it for linework later.

Chalk pencil, optional

Stylus or your favorite tool for dotting

PAINT: Again, remember, you are welcome to choose your own colors for this project!

Deco Art acrylics I used:

Black and Snow White Fawn

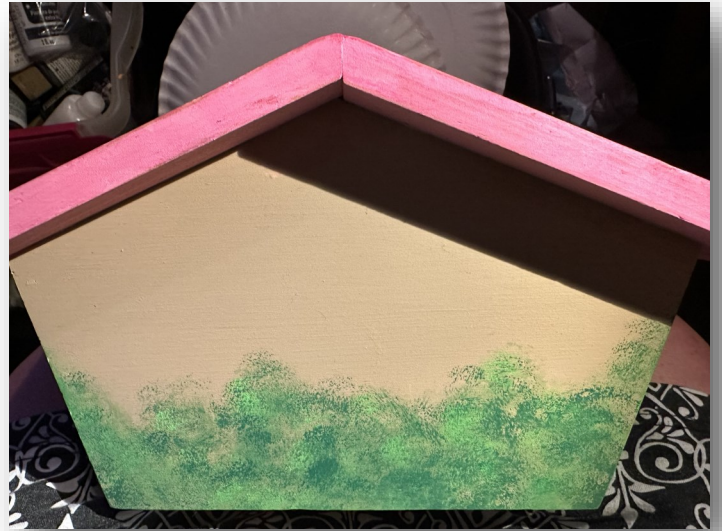
Bubblegum Pink (or other very light pink), Wild Berry

Leaf Green, Olive Green, Avocado (another darker green is optional)

Blue Harbor, Bright Blue, Midnight Blue,

Tangelo Orange, Burnt Sienna, Cad Yellow or another bright yellow, Marigold

Optional: a true red of your choice



Cabbage Roll Stew – adaptation by Beth Stodieck

Ingredients

2 # ground beef
 1# ground sausage or ground pork
 2 medium onions, diced
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 3 TBSP tomato paste
 1 tsp crushed red pepper flakes, optional, or to taste
 1 28 ounce diced tomatoes
 1 quart beef broth
 5+ cups V8 juice, plus more optional, as needed for consistency
 1 cup water, plus more optional, as needed for consistency
 1 cup raw long grain rice
 1 large head cabbage, cored, quartered, 1" dice
 1 generous tsp smoked paprika
 1 generous tsp dried thyme, crushed in palms before adding
 2 TBSP Worcestershire Sauce
 2 large bay leaves
 2 TBSP beef bullion (Knorr brand in Mexican food aisle)
 Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste (salt changes depending on sausage or ground pork)

Sauté ground beef and pork in large stock pot until browned, adding onion and garlic as browning begins but keep stirring to prevent garlic burning. You can drain fat if desired but meat fats provide important flavor in this stew. I leave it in.

Stir in tomato paste and red pepper flakes for about 3-4 minutes to let them bloom before adding liquids – diced tomatoes with juice, broth, V8 and water. Stir well.

Add rice and chopped cabbage, stirring well.

Add paprika, thyme, Worcestershire sauce, bay leaves, bullion powder and generous ground pepper, stirring well.

Simmer slowly over medium low heat, stirring regularly to prevent rice burning and sticking to the bottom. After about 30 minutes, reduce to low heat and let stew simmer another 30 minutes to 1 ½ hours until cabbage reaches desired doneness, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Add more V8 or water to desired thickness. Taste for salt and adjust to taste.

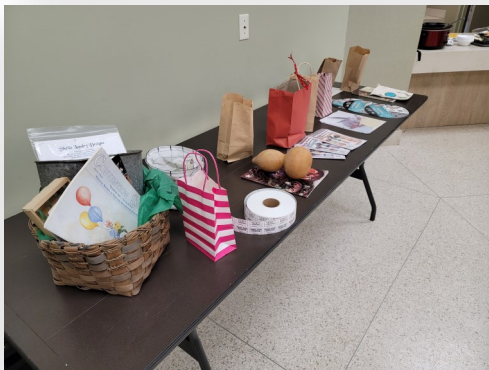


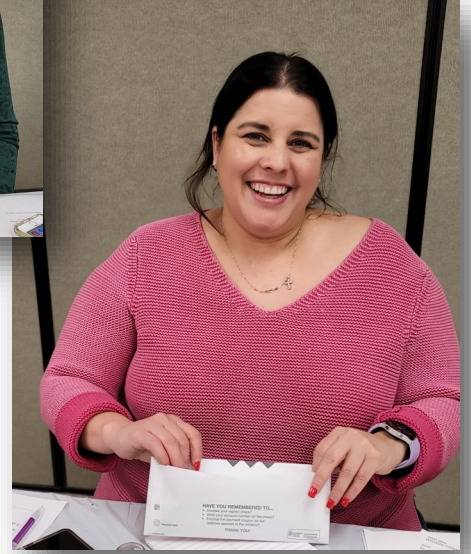
March 4th was Yvonne Lowrie's Birthday. Judy and Louise visited her to give Birthday wishes. Yvonne was painting on a St. Patrick piece inspired by a greeting card. We had a wonderful time.

6 February Meeting



Louise teaches snowman





Sunshine - Suzane Godley

March Birthdays

1 - Aisha Gilson

4 - Yvonne Lowrie

April Birthdays

26 - Stacey Castigliome

HOSPITALITY

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

March Meeting, the following people have signed up to bring the snacks:

Non-Sweets: Beth and Peggy

Sweets: Louise, Aisha and Judy

Please remember to bring your own drink.

See you at the meeting!

Juanita



Thank you to those who brought raffle items in February.

March Raffle Contributors:

Juanita, Louise, Peggy and La Rue

Special thanks to all of them!

Stacey

The raffle brought in \$72.00

FWDP Minutes February 20, 2023

Members – 14 members attending, 1 guest Felicia

Call to Order: 6:37pm

Secretary: Motion to accept minutes to the prior meeting. Motion by Sharlene King, Second by Connie Alexander. Minutes approved.

Treasurer: Sharlene King reported balances of accounts. Proposed budget presented. Motion to approve by Jan Park, Second by Dusti Dancer. Budget approved.

Membership: Discussion about increasing membership. Suggested to contact members that had previously joined, please let Dora know about names and e-mail addresses.

Programs: Tonight, Louise Smith will teach red scarf snowman. Next meeting Beth Stodieck will teach the Floral Tin. April Dora Jodoin will teach the Dragonfly, more info about project and supplies at the March meeting.

Monthly Raffle: sign-up sheet will be passed to fill in months that had only 1 person.

Service Project: Jan Park reported about contact with Shelby Shumate nurse at Cook NICU. She had also contacted her Child Life Specialist and given us guideline for the memory boxes.

Soft, pastel or muted colors (no super bright colors please)

Simple art work:

Flowers, Animals (Teddy Bears), Baby blocks, rattles, etc., Hearts, Sail boats

Less decoration is more impactful

*Avoid any reference to angels.

After discussion it was determined that Beth Stodieck will contact other hospitals and report. We will hold on any further decision for Cook.

Hospitality: Thank you to Dust Dancer, Beth Stodieck, Juanita Munoz, and Nancy Genetti for the treats for tonight. The sign-up sheet will be sent around for those to fill in the empty spots.

Newsletter: Deadline will be after board meeting. The Prep instructions for upcoming projects need to be submitted to newsletter 2 months prior to project so members can obtain supplies as needed.

Seminars: Nancy Genetti presented the project sheets from Beth Wagner. Proposed dates for seminar June 3 & 4. Cost projections 15 participants \$150, 20 participants \$110.

Saturday Specials: March 4 Beth Stodieck will teach Poinsettia on fabric shirt/tote. May 6 Dora Jodoin will teach Dragonfly on Board.

Sunshine: No report

Publicity Website: No report

Christmas Party: Will have information at next meeting.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:15pm by Janice Briggs, Second by Dusti Dancer.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Let's continue to grow our membership now that we are no longer required to be a part of a national organization. \$20 Membership for FWDP now gets twice as much fun. We have a lot of great monthly projects and Saturday specials planned. Grab your neighbor, friend, and/or family member and bring them to a meeting and introduce them to the great fun they could be having. We have had 2-3 new visitors that were brought in by members from the last meeting/Saturday special that after attending, are plan to join. If you have any current contact information on former members, please contact them and let them know of the changes of them no longer being required to be a part of a national membership due to it being disbanded and that we are also doing meetings via zoom so members who can not drive, now can still be an active part of FWDP. If you have this information, but would like someone to reach out to them, please me know.

Dora

**Remember we will vote on bylaws at the March meeting.
Please look them over. They were sent with the newsletter
last month.**

Saturday Specials

Beth S. lead our first Saturday Special on the 4th. She taught a poinsettia and leaves on fabric. We had a group of 12 including Beth. I was a fun and relaxed day. There were lots of different surfaces being painted on, Some with acrylics and some with SoSoft fabric paint. There were some that had never painted on fabric, including our two visitors. From what I have heard our visitors finished their projects!! Thank you Beth for teaching above and beyond.

Our next Saturday Special is May 6th 2023. Dora will be teaching her Dragon Fly using the new metallic paints from JoSonia. These colors are absolutely beautiful Dora will have more information for us soon, but my understanding is that this is a NO PREP class!! Mark your calendars!

Join us for a day of painting with good friends, and enjoying good food, and learning new things!

Dusti

Kit sales for April's Dragonfly Monthly Meeting and May 6 Saturday special will start to be taken at March's meeting. There is no prep work for either. Kit fee for April monthly meeting is \$12 and kit fee for May 6 Saturday special is \$15. Kit fee for both includes paint, dragonfly kit, and incidentals. May's Saturday Special will include the April kit and will include the additional surface that is needed for the background. You will need a kit for each if you are doing both the April and May 6 Saturday special. For those planning to do it via zoom, please contact me via email or call me before March's meeting so we can find an a way to get a kit to you for April's meeting as kits for those attending in person will be brought to April's meeting. Due to my work schedule, If you decide to call me and it's before 5pm, please leave me a voice mail and I will return your call. Additional supplies you might need are listed in the instructions. I will have some things like the glue etc, that we can share if you are attending in person. If anyone has extra jewelry pliers or small needle nose pliers, jewel grabbers or tweezers please bring them to the meeting.

Dragonfly Frenzy



Supplies:

Water Basin	Paper Towels	Tweezers/Jewel pickup tool
Aleene's Original Clear Gel Tacky Glue		Jewelry pliers/small needle nose pliers
Krylon Triple Thick Crystal Clear Glaze		Sharpie Ultrafine Permanent Marker
Small tipped Stella's/end of small paintbrush end		

The packet for this project will be sent separately from the newsletter. If planning on painting either project, please print it out. All supplies needed to complete the project will be in the kit with the exception of the few items listed above.

At long last FWDP is having an in-person seminar!!

BETH WAGNER

Will be here on June 3 and 4 (Saturday and Sunday)



Saturday—Winter Bouquet



Sunday—Fleur de Trois

Two day seminar—\$150.00 (including lunch)

Paint will be furnished by Deco Art

Will get our own surfaces—more information about this soon

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

9—4:30 each day

Advice from Beth:

Always be open to new ideas. We are always learning from and are influenced by teachers we learn from. Always be a student and be willing to learn. And be open to new products, and techniques.


Painted hearts exchange for a little Valentines Day Fun
at the February meeting!



I'M NOT A
craft hoarder.
I'M THE
CURATOR OF
AN EXTENSIVE PRIVATE
craft supply
COLLECTION.

FDC factory
direct craft

Life is just like painting.
Draw the lines with
hope. Erase the
Errors with tolerance.
Dip the brush
with lots of
patience.
And color it
with love.



Abuse No More

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.

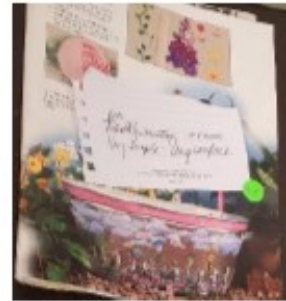
MONTHLY PROJECTS 2023



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

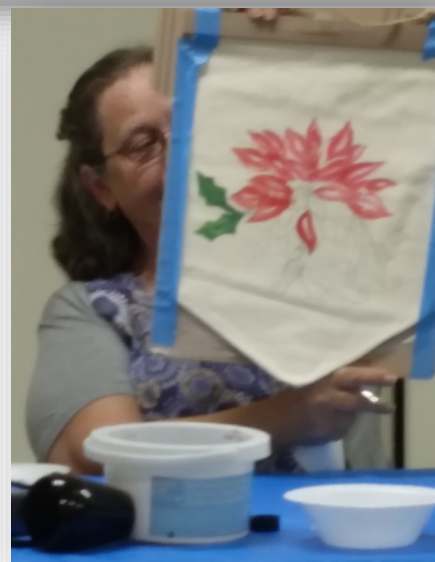


Joy Snowman
Dusti Dancer
November



Mari Hearts Snowman
Beth Stodieck
January 2023

¹⁴ March Saturday Special—Poinsettias on fabric taught by Beth Stodeick





Memory Boxes—Judy Wallis

Memory Box program on hold for a time until we get clarification from the hospital.



A few more pictures
from March Saturday
Special



PROGRAMS:

March 20th – Beth is teaching a floral on tin.

April 17th – Dora will teach her dragonfly. Everything you need will come in a kit for \$12.00.

May 15th – Beth will do a fall piece called Harvest Blessing.

It's time to be on the lookout for projects for 2024. If you have or see a piece you think would be a good meeting project, but do not want to teach it, I am sure someone will be glad to help out. We need to have a finished painted piece to present to the membership at the November meeting. Also, any suggestions for medium or subject, please contact me.

Thank you, Louise

To Check Out:

Facebook page for Artists: Artful Ties

Check out Zoom Classes at *Decorative painters academy*

Sent in from Dusti—From Painting palooza 50th theme



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

Oct 21-28, 2023

Registration open



Wildflowers Chapter will host a seminar with Lisbeth Stull
April 14 & 15 2023.

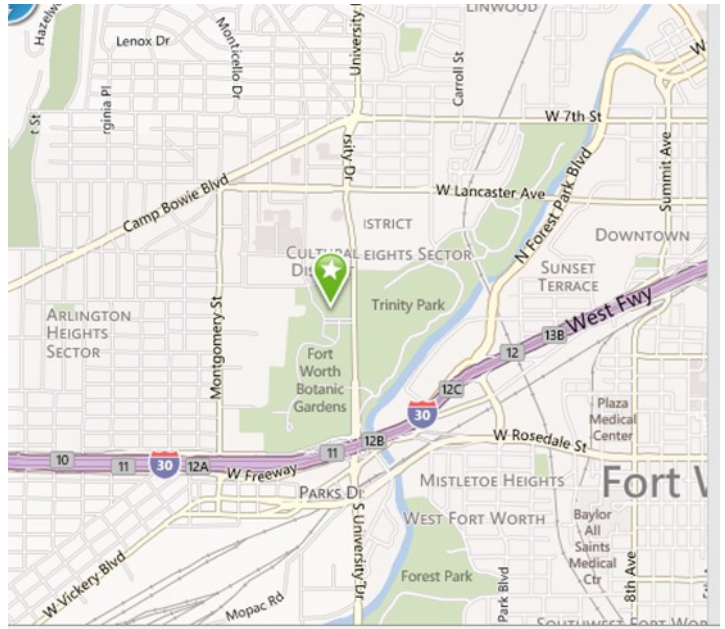
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FWDP Meets the Third Monday of February, March, April, May, September, October & November.

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

September 18 – Chapter Meeting

October 16 – Chapter Meeting

November 20 – Chapter Meeting

December 11 – Christmas Party