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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is staying warm and safe in this cold. A great big thank you to Linda Morgan and Sheri Redd for organizing the wonderful Holiday dinner at Warren Valley. Everything about the evening was great fun. Food was scrumptious, and the cupcakes delicious. Both the centerpieces and the favors given away for prizes were adorable. A good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who donated painted pieces to the pence auction. Large selections of unwrapped toys were donated for needy children in our metro area. All in all I call it a great success.

The year 2014 is already shaping up to be an exciting year filled full of fun activities. We have a full schedule of activities planned. Have your calendars ready when looking at Education.

At the Feb. meeting Joan Mueller will present the 2014 budget for membership approval. Also at this meeting I will be presenting the By-Laws and Standing Rules that Gail Barton has worked tirelessly on for membership approval. Please take a minute to read all the proposed changes to the Guidelines and Pence sheets to familiarize yourself for discussion. We will also be holding a Memory Box paint-in and the boxes will be base coated and simple patterns and paint will be provided. Please bring all your regular painting supplies.

We will also have the updated 2014 Village Painters brochure available and discuss how to best distribute them to help increase membership.

The first Spring Fling Boutique Paint-in is Saturday, January 18. This event is free and has lots of perks and the first Learn to Paint is Sunday Jan 19. We need your support on both to be successful.

Have A Safe Happy and Healthy New Year!

Linda



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Mark your calendars for our next Spring Fling!

Date April 11, 2015
Place Crystal Gardens Banquet Center
16703 Fort Street, Southgate

*Tables are available for more hostesses.
More information will be given soon.
If you have any questions contact me.
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Spring Fling Committee for 2015

Chairperson	Karen Capshaw
Liaison GICC/Crystal Gardens	Gail Barton
Tables	Loretta Huebler
Boutique	Michelle Handley & Linda Morgan
Silent Auction	Pat Butler
Basket Raffle	Paula Atkinson
MC	Sally Thirjung
Luncheon Treasurer	Susan Rhodes
Volunteer Chair	Karen Capshaw
Raffle Ticket Chair	Susan Rhodes
Pence Chair	Sally Thirjung
Printing Facilitator	Linda Morgan

From the VP Veep -

Let's start the year by helping others. Our first after-meeting activity will be painting Memory Boxes. This will allow socializing while doing what we love to do, so bring your general painting supplies to the February meeting and Michelle will provide background painted boxes, patterns, and paint.

I am hoping to add some fun activities, partly to encourage interaction with members who perhaps haven't really had conversation with each other, and to make our new members more comfortable. – Linda Morgan



****General Meetings are held at the Livonia Senior Center in Livonia ****

General Meetings

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm social period
6:45 pm — business starts
2014—Feb 6, Apr 3, June 5, Aug 7, Oct 2,
Christmas Party Dec 4

Minutes from the last General meeting can be found on the website.

Board Meetings Plymouth Library 6:30 pm

Calendar of Events

2014

Jan 18 Spring Fling Boutique Paint In
Jan 19 LTP Flowers on a Clipboard,
Linda Christopher
Feb 15 Sherry Eid –Gray Cat Color Pencil
Mar 15 Leslie Williams-Spring Pussywillows
Apr 12 MI Mixer hosted by Great Lakes
May 3 Nancy Silver-Floor Cloth
May 4 LTP Daisy & Bear on terracotta pot,
Sheri Redd
May 12-17 SDP San Diego
June 21-22 Debra Houts
Aug 11-16 HOOT
Aug 23-24 Lydia Steeves
Sep 19-21 Sherry Nelson
Oct 11 Leslie Williams –Beary Christmas
Oct 12 LTP Fall Harvest on Mason Jar,
Rondi Bur
Oct 17-19 Fall Retreat
Nov 9 LTP Birthday Cupcake on a Charger,
Linda Christopher

Future Events—Save the date!

June 6,7 2015—Jamie Mills-Price

Registration forms can be found on the website or at the General Meetings.

Happy New Year Village Painters! There have been many updates to the web site like schedules, board member list, pictures, etc. There are hundreds of links in this website, and sometimes it can make me go bonkers! So if you see something that doesn't look right, or something doesn't open...please don't hesitate to call me, text me, e-mail me with any corrections that need to be made!

Facebook - I have put together a Facebook (FB) page for the Village Painters. Truly, not everybody goes to the website on a regular basis. A lot of us members do go on FB regularly. Many of our members are on FB and do like to share stories, pictures, jokes! I am viewing this FB page as a multi-functional tool. 1) This is just another way to help promote our organization for what we do, and who we are. 2) Since there are quite a few VP members on FB, this will be a helpful tool for reminders of upcoming seminars and events. 3) This is an easier way to let all my friends know about the 'Learn to Paint' seminars. Maybe some of them might come and try their hand at painting.

There is so much we do and share together. We should share our good fortune with others who may have the same passions as we do!

Right now, I have posted pictures from the Arlene Linton Seminar, the Maureen McNaughton seminar, and pictures of some of the upcoming seminars. If you are so inclined to be part of the FB VP community, look me up in FB, (Sheri Redd) and shoot me a friend request. This FB page is created under my personal FB page. Within the first hour of posting the VP site, 12 people out of about 20, accepted the friend request, liked the page, and had only positive things to say about what was posted. That is very encouraging to me. If you are not a friend, you won't be able to view the VP FB page. I don't open my FB page to anybody and everybody, but it is open to all of you who want to be part of the VP FB page. Hope to see you there!

Hope you all are staying warm and cozy!

Sheri Redd (Webmaster)



MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

I am still taking membership applications. If you have not renewed you can find the form at the web-site. Pictures **will be** taken at the February meeting for this year's directory. Stop by the membership desk if you are a new member or if you do not like your current picture.

Loretta



Hospitality Sez...

"Happy New Year Village Painters!

**I'll have the coffee on for
the February meeting**

and if you care to share

a treat or snack,

all are welcome!

Diana Winn



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!



January:

Teresa Palmer	5th
Judith Turner	8th
Barbara Paquette	10th
Donna Roskamp	14th
Denise Rogers	17th
Jeannine Laderach	18th
Kathleen Fischer	19th
Ruth Vernacchia	22nd
Rondi Bur	29th
Nancy Forbes	31st

February:

Leslie Williams	5th
Betsy Queen	10th
Pam Hypnar	15th
Diane Stiller	19th

March:

Diana Winn	4th
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	Amount
INCOME	
Christmas Party	\$ 1,380.00
Education: Paint with Us	\$ 1,125.00
Education 2013	\$ 6,449.60
Membership	\$ 1,218.00
Other (Reward Seminar 2012)	\$ 60.00
Spring Fling 2013	\$ 11,990.00
Ways and Means	\$ 1,006.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 23,228.60
August Picnic	\$ 280.20
Bank Charge	\$ 19.98
Christmas Party	\$ 2,136.57
Community Service	\$ 488.85
Corporation Expenses	\$ 589.54
Donation to SDP	\$ 500.00
Education: Learn to Paint	\$ 12.51
Education: Paint with Us	\$ 524.00
Education 2013	\$ 9,618.99
Education 2014	\$ 800.00
General Meeting	\$ 75.24
Historian	\$ 201.09
Hospitality	\$ 17.85
Library	\$ 260.79
Membership	\$ 63.97
Memory Boxes	\$ 139.96
Newsletter	\$ 301.10
Pence	\$ 17.83
Publicity	\$ 42.40
Rent - General Meetings	\$ 300.00
Spring Fling Expenses	\$ 4,836.98
Spring Fling 2015	\$ 116.20
Sunshine Fund	\$ 18.40
Treasure Boxes	\$ 54.06
Treasurer	\$ 27.60
Ways and Means	\$ 191.61
Website	\$ 130.39
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 21,766.11
Difference	\$ 1,462.49

Checkbook Balances	
Checkbook Balance on 1/1/13	\$ 9,152.01
Checkbook Balance on 12/31/13	\$ 10,614.50
	\$ 1,462.49
Village Painter Financial Health	
Checkbook Balance on 12/31/13	\$ 10,614.50
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 10,200.00
	\$ 20,814.50

Creativity is not the finding of a thing, but the making something out of it after it is found.

James Russell Lowell



Paint with Us!



Sunny Sunflower Still Life designed and taught by Prudy Vannier



Some Raffle Items

Show & Tell – Early Pieces Painted by Members



Diane Stiller: t-shirt Summer 2004; portrait June 2013



Karen Copeland



Linda Christopher



Loretta Huebler



Michelle Handley



Denise Rogers

The following documents are enclosed for discussion and vote at the February meeting. The Guidelines concerning the education positions are also enclosed for your consideration. Please note that although the language is different, it contains all the information in our last Guidelines as well as language for what we called the Education Coordinator. The Seminar Hostess position was created to reduce the responsibilities to the education chair. Additional detailed information will be maintained in written job descriptions.

Adopted by vote of membership as recorded

In Chapter Minutes of April 20, 1995,

Amended February 13, 1997

Amended June 7, 2001

Amended April 3, 2008

Amended 2014

BYLAWS OF THE VILLAGE PAINTERS

CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE PAINTERS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this non-profit organization shall be The Village Painters, a Chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters and referred to herein as SDP or the SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Chapter shall be, in common with that of SDP, to stimulate interest in and appreciation for the art of tole and decorative painting.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in this Chapter is open only to persons who are in good standing of SDP, and who, in accepting membership, thereby agree to be bound in all things not contrary to law, these By-Laws and those of SDP.
2. Members of SDP may visit this Chapter. Non-member guests are welcome to visit not more than one meeting annually.

ARTICLE IV. DUES

1. Membership dues shall be determined only by vote of the membership.
2. Membership dues shall be paid annually on a calendar year basis. Dues for the upcoming calendar year are payable by the October General Chapter meeting and delinquent December 31. New membership privileges are effective as of the date that the applicable dues are paid in full with the exception of voting or running for office which shall begin January 1.
3. Amount of dues shall be as stated in the Standing Rules.
4. Non-payment of SDP and/or Chapter dues shall result in withdrawal of membership.
5. Dues shall be considered delinquent as of December 31 and the privileges of membership withdrawn until dues are paid in full.
6. Payment of delinquent dues provides re-instatement of privileges, except holding an office if held at the time of withdrawal.

7. New members joining and paying pro-rated dues for the current year shall be entitled to full membership privileges, upon proof of SDP membership and receipt of said dues.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings of this Chapter shall be held as stated in the Standing Rules.
2. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to change dates of the meetings and set places and times for meetings provided sufficient notice is given to members.
3. **A quorum of the Chapter shall consist of not less than one-fifth of the membership.**
4. The privilege of holding office, making motions, debating and voting shall be limited to members in good standing for the current calendar year.
5. Neither voting by mail or proxy is permitted.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE –WITH VOTING PRIVILEGES

1. The **elected Officers** of this Chapter shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. The term of office shall be one year except Education which shall be a two year term. No officer may hold the same office for more than two consecutive full terms unless ratified by vote of the general membership.
3. Duties of Officers shall be as follows:
 - a. The President shall preside at meetings of the Chapter and Board of Directors; shall be a member ex-officio of all committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee; shall be an alternate signator on the bank account with the Treasurer; and perform such other duties as usually pertain to that office. At Board Meetings, the President shall serve with voice and vote. The President is responsible for all required reports and correspondence which are sent to SDP.
 - b. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President, shall assist the President, shall serve as the Coordinator of Programs for General Chapter meetings and shall procure all meeting locations with the approval of the Board of Directors.
 - c. The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings of the Chapter and of the Board of Directors. These Minutes shall be kept permanently in books which are the property of the Chapter, and shall be a complete and clear record of activities. The Secretary shall provide a copy of the Minutes of each meeting to each board member. General Meeting Minutes should be posted in the newsletter for review.
 - d. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Chapter; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; *REMOVE: shall provide a receipt for all funds received WE DON'T USE RECEIPTS ANYMORE*; shall pay all bills within budget; *REMOVE shall present all bills over budget to the Board of Directors for approval (COVERED BY FOLLOWING SENTENCE)*; and shall present a statement of account at every meeting of the Chapter and Board of Directors. The Treasurer will make a complete report at the end of the calendar year, which may be used for the audit that is to be completed prior to the February General Chapter meeting. The Treasurer shall provide a copy of the report to the President to be sent to SDP with the annual report. *The Treasurer will also keep an accounting of the pence that are issued and used for seminars and raffles.*

ARTICLE VII – ELECTED CHAIRPERSONS –WITH VOTING PRIVILEGES

The **Elected Chairpersons** shall be two (2) Education (one for the current year and one for the following year), Membership, Newsletter Editor, Ways and Means, Librarian, Historian, Hospitality, Fall Event or Retreat, Spring Fling and Michigan Mixer (when applicable).

ARTICLE VIII. APPOINTED CHAIRPERSONS AND PARLIAMENTARIAN –

NO VOTING PRIVILEGES

1. Chairpersons of the Chapter may be appointed for duties as deemed necessary by the President with approval of the Board of Directors to carry out the business of the Chapter.
2. The term of office shall be one year. No Appointed Chairperson may hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms unless ratified by vote of the general membership.
3. The President may appoint a Parliamentarian who shall attend both Board and General Chapter meetings, but shall not be a voting member of the Board.
4. The Past President serves in the assisting role of Past President without vote and may chair a committee.

ARTICLE IX. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee, Elected Chairpersons, Appointed Chairpersons, Parliamentarian if applicable and the immediate past President.
2. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:
 - a. To transact necessary business in the intervals between General Chapter meetings and such as may be referred to it by the Chapter.
 - b. To approve the plans of work of the Appointed Chairpersons.
 - c. To approve the proposed budget and submit it to the Chapter for membership approval.
 - d. To review all unbudgeted expenses and if necessary make recommendations to the Chapter regarding payment.
3. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall normally be held prior to the regular General Chapter meetings. **A majority of the elected Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.** The immediate past President may attend Board meetings with voice but without vote. She shall not be counted in the quorum. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President and shall be called by the President upon written request of two members of the Board.
4. **Voting by Electronic Means:** The Board of Directors may vote by FAX, telephone conference, or other electronic means when deemed necessary.
5. **Conference Telephone Meeting:** The Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone call when deemed necessary.
6. Should the position of an Elected Chairperson fail to be filled at the time that the Board of Directors is voted into office, the President may appoint a member to fill the position with vote if appropriate. The number of Appointed Chairpersons may not exceed the number of Elected Chairpersons of the Board.

ARTICLE X. FINANCES

1. The Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Treasurer, shall designate all financial institutions which shall be the depository of Chapter funds. Signature cards shall be signed by the President, the Treasurer *and a designated Village Painter member in good standing.*
2. To insure that the accounting procedures are accurate, consistent and current, audits shall be conducted as established by the Guidelines of the Village Painters, or as requested. A year-end audit of the Treasurer's records shall be performed by an Audit Committee designated by the Board of Directors and completed prior to the February General Chapter meeting.
3. All checks or share drafts shall be signed by the Treasurer, *the President or the designated member.*

ARTICLE XI. APPOINTED CHAIRPERSONS

1. Committees without vote may be created as needed to promote the objectives and interests of the Chapter. Chairpersons may be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. Each member may serve for one year and may serve for not more than two consecutive full terms in the same *position unless ratified by vote of the general membership.*
- 2.. The duties of the Appointed Chairperson shall be discharged when their final report is accepted or adopted *and a Financial Report is published in the newsletter.*
3. No Committee work or monies expended shall be undertaken without approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

1. Nominations shall be made in the Fall for the upcoming year.
 - a. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of not less than three nor more than five members. The Nominating Committee shall commence recruitment six months in advance of the election meeting.
 - b. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of at least one candidate for each office or chair with the approval of each candidate and submit it to the members two weeks prior to the election by newsletter or special mailing. Only one Education Chair position is elected each year.
 - c. There shall be provision for nominations from the floor for each position during the election provided that prior consent of the nominee has been obtained. If the nominee is not present, written consent must be presented at the time of nomination.
2. Elections shall take place at the October General Chapter meeting.
 - a. The Board of Directors shall take office January 1 and hold office until December 31 or until a successor is duly named.
 - b. A majority vote of the members present at the meeting is required for election, the membership having been given prior notice as stated above in 1 (b). If there is more than one candidate for office, voting shall be by written ballot.
3. A member of the Nominating Committee may become a candidate for office without resigning from the committee.
4. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President for the unexpired term. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by appointment by the President with approval of the Board of Directors.
5. An Elected (*remove Elected*) Officer or Chairperson can be removed from office by recommendation of the Board of Directors and a majority vote of the membership if the Officer or Chairperson is unable to fulfill the responsibilities of their office. Prior to being brought to the membership for a vote of removal, the Officer or Chairperson should be invited to meet with the Board and given an opportunity to rectify the situation. If this fails, the membership can be notified of the pending action.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

1. Proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the President for review by the Board of Directors.
2. 2. These By-Laws may be altered or changed by a two-thirds vote of the members at a meeting at which a quorum (1/5 of the general membership) is present, providing that two weeks notice has been given prior to the meeting at which the voting takes place.
3. If a quorum has not been present at two successive meetings, these By-Laws can be changed upon written ballot of the members, provided that a majority of the members return the written ballots.

ARTICLE XIV. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Chapter, all liabilities and obligations of the Chapter shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision made therefor. Any remaining funds in the treasury at the time of dissolution shall be given to the Society of Decorative Painters or to the Decorative Arts Collection, Inc. as determined by a majority of the remaining members.

BARTON 2008 VP By-Laws Board, 12/20/13, 2nd draft 12/21/13



STANDING RULES OF VILLAGE PAINTERS

SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE PAINTERS

1. Membership dues shall be \$15 per year and shall be payable to correspond with payment of dues of the Society. After July of any year, the dues will be ½ of the yearly dues for the balance of the current year for new members only.
2. The financial records of this Chapter shall be kept on a calendar year basis, from January 1 through December 31.
3. Business meetings of the Chapter (also referred to as General Meetings) shall be held not less than four (4) times annually. Normally the Chapter meets the months of February, April, June, August, October and December.
4. A grant may be presented annually to the President to cover the registration fee for the Convention and for the Leadership Conference for the purpose of representing the Chapter at the Leadership Conference and the Annual Meeting of the Society. If the President is unable to attend, the grant may be offered to another officer. The officer receiving this grant shall attend the Leadership Conference, the Annual Meeting, and those functions which will benefit the Chapter. The attendee shall be expected to provide a report to the Chapter. Any other officers attending the Leadership Conference shall be reimbursed the registration fee for the Leadership Conference.
5. These Standing Rules may be amended by a majority of the voters at any general meeting wherein there is a quorum and notice of the proposed changes have been published in the Newsletter prior to the taking of the vote.
6. With the prior approval of the Board of Directors, the Education Chairperson *or Seminar Coordinator* shall have the authority to:
 - a. invite or cancel teachers for all seminars;
 - b. be responsible for location and publication of all seminars; and
 - c. be responsible for all reservations, rooms and transportation for seminar teachers.

The first year of the two year term is to plan the program for the second year while assisting the second-year chair. The second year is to complete all planned seminars and train the first-year chair.

7. The Ways and Means shall be in charge of the raffles at the general REMOVE general meetings
8. Non-resident members of the Society may visit the Chapter not more than once each year without payment of dues to the Chapter.
9. Non-resident guests may visit the Chapter not more than once each year without payment of dues to both the Society and the Chapter.

GUIDELINES RELATING TO EDUCATION POSITIONS

Under positions with a vote:

1. EDUCATION

EDUCATION CHAIR(S): *The Education Chair position has a two-year term.*

A. Education Co-Chair

The first year of the term, as Education Co-Chair, is spent as follows:

*Assist the Education Chair for the current year's program when needed;
Under the guidance of the Education Chair, ensure that seminars for the following year are scheduled;
Serve primarily as the Seminar Coordinator for seminars in the following year or arrange for other members to serve in that capacity and oversee them;
Attend Board meetings to report on the status of seminars for the following year and to obtain Board approval to invite, sign contracts, and cancel with teachers;
Find alternative location to hold seminars if LSC is not available.*

B. Education Chair

The second year of the term, as Education Chair, is spent as follows:

- 1. Mentor the Education Co-Chair as to the responsibilities of the position and of the Seminar Coordinator;*
- 2. Ensure that seminars for the current year are progressing as planned;*
- 3. Serve primarily as the Seminar Coordinator for seminars in the current year or arrange for other members to serve in that capacity and oversee them;*
- 4. Attend Board meetings to report on the status of the current year's seminars and to obtain Board approval to invite, sign contracts, and cancel with teachers.;*
- 5. Store and maintain the inventory of education supplies for use at the current year's seminars;*
- 6. Coordinate with the LSC Liaison to obtain dates from the LSC for the following year's seminars.*

C. Seminar Coordinator – No Pence; No Vote

This position is intended to be filled primarily by the Education Chair and Education Co-Chair positions. However, in the event that the above Chairs choose not to be a Seminar Coordinator, then this position can also be filled by other members who want to become more involved in the arrangement of a single or multiple seminars. The Seminar Coordinator may attend the seminar free of charge. If there are two Seminar Coordinators, only one seminar cost will be free of charge. She will be responsible, however, for any costs for the pattern and surface. The Seminar Coordinator will have the following responsibilities as they relate ONLY to the specific seminar for which she is designated:

- 1. Reports to the Education Chair for the current year's seminars or the Education Co-Chair for the following year's seminars.*
- 2. If desired, the Seminar Coordinator may attend the Board meeting at which the seminar will be presented for Board approval;*
- 3. Arrange all aspects of the seminar to completion. Coordinate with the Education Chair or Education Co-Chair on dates, location of the seminar, registration fee to be charged, Board approvals, and education supplies;*
- 4. Be responsible for, including but not limited to, the reservations, accommodations, meals and transportation of the teacher;*
- 5. Provide the Newsletter Chair and the Web Master with a photo and a registration form for inclusion in the newsletter and the web site.*
- 6. Prepare for the next Board meeting and publish a Seminar Financial Report in the first newsletter after the seminar. The Report is posted on the website.*

D. General Education Policies

- 1. All communication with the Livonia Senior Center MUST be coordinated thru the LSC Liaison;**
- 2. Whenever possible, pictures of proposed projects may be submitted to the general membership for popular vote to aid in the selection of the projects;**
- 3. All seminar fees are non-refundable;**
- 4. All fees will be refunded if a seminar is canceled.**

Under positions without vote:

18. SEMINAR HOSTESS – No Pence

Maintain inventory. Goods to be purchased from Seminar Hostess Budget.

Organize lunch and food donations. If lunch is purchased, funds will not be run through the Village Painter's treasury.

Organize donation/lunch table.

Maintain beverages, ie coffee, tea, ice for pop.

Clean up area with assistance from attendees.

Prepare list of donors for pence chairperson. Pence will not be given for potlucks.

Prepare or provide name tags for attendees.

Holiday Party 2013 Table Centerpieces – Glass Blocks





Pence

Painter's Pence are the "perks" given to members who help with our Chapter's many activities. Pence, which are worth \$1 each, can only be used towards the class fees and/or the rewards seminar or raffles designed for pence and the Fall Retreat, excluding the cost of the surface. Pence cannot be used for General Meeting programs as that money goes directly to the teacher that evening.

WAYS TO EARN PAINTER'S PNCE

1. Bring a visitor to a Village Painter General Meeting – 1 (only one member is eligible to claim pence)
2. Enlist a new Village Painter member – 1 (only one member is eligible to claim pence)
3. Become a Village Painter member – 2 (one-time only Welcome Gift)
4. Perfect attendance at all Village Painter General Meetings, during one calendar year – 3 (Be sure to sign the Village Painter General Meeting sign-in sheet)
5. Serve on the Village Painters Board of Directors, an elected Executive Committee position (which consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) for a calendar year – 10
6. Serve on the Village Painters Board of Directors, an elected Chairperson position (which consists of Education - *Chair and Co-Chair*), Membership, Newsletter, Ways & Means, Library, Historian, & Hospitality) for a calendar year – 5
7. Serve as a Village Painter Appointed Chairperson – (Audit, Christmas Party, Community Service, Picnic, Tole Month, By-Laws, Nominations, Secret Pals, Paint with Us, Sunshine, Publicity, *Pence*, Memory Box, *Treasure Box*, *Learn to Paint*, *Livonia Senior Center Liaison*, DAC Liaison and President Emeritus) -3
8. Serve on a Village Painter Committee – 1
9. Serve as the Village Painter Webmaster – 30
10. Attend the Leadership Conference at the SDP International Convention – 3
11. Give a demonstration or teach at a Village Painter General Meeting or Chapter Paint-In– 3
12. Host a Village Painter Chapter Paint-In at your home. – 2
13. Attend Village Painter Paint-In, including those for Memory or Treasure Boxes; *no additional pence when box is handed in.* – 1
14. Bring an item for Village Painter General Meeting Show and Tell – 1 (only 1 pence per evening regardless of # of items brought)
15. Paint Memory or Treasure Box – 1 (1 pence for each box)
16. Donate 1 video; or 2 books; or 3 packets, with a copyright of this year or last year *at the discretion of the librarian(s)*, to the Village Painters library – 1
17. Bring refreshments to any Village Painter Chapter meeting or seminar, excluding the August Picnic or any function/seminar when we all bring a "dish to share" for lunch – 1 (only 1 per event regardless of # of items brought)
18. Set up AND take down at a Village Painter General Meeting or *seminar unless services are provided by chairperson or seminar coordinator* – 1
19. Contribute time, money or materials for any Village Painter Community Service Project including such Programs as the Adopt a Family, etc. – 1
20. Paint at a Village Painter Community Project such as a mural or wall at a location such as a school or hospi-

Education – Diane Stiller



The Maureen McNaughton seminar was another stellar event and a great way to end the year. Since this was Maureen's last seminar in the United States we had a Show & Tell table filled with projects painted by our members using Maureen's patterns. I also ordered an edible photo of Friday's project. A big thanks to Dawn Billiau who provided the cake and decorated the top with the photo. Check out the photos of the projects and the cake in this newsletter. We raffled off eleven of Maureen's patterns. The winners were: Friday: Betsy Queen, Peggy Mack, Linda Morgan, Margaret Pedersen; Saturday: Betsy Queen, Laura Schumont, Denise Rogers; Sunday: Betsy Queen twice, Laura Schumont, Karen Lavella. Yes, Betsy was "Queen" of the raffle with Laura following a close second. Another extra big thanks to Dawn Billiau who managed the sale of Maureen's inventory. It was a lot of work and she did a fantastic job. In addition, thanks to Sheri Redd who helped me get the video camera image to appear on the TV. A setting had been changed on the camera and I just could not figure it out. At the last minute she decided to attend Friday's class. She saved the day for me!

33 people registered; 6 non members; 3 from Ohio.

I have included an Education 2013 budget summary which lists each seminar.

McNaughton seminar: We had a deficit of \$894.89 which means that we supported it by an additional \$394. We had originally approved \$500. The deficit was due to lower than projected registration revenue. \$203 in pence was used bringing the amount of total support from the Education budget to \$1,097.89.

Total Budget for the Year: We had a deficit of \$2,196.61 which was within the \$2,500 budgeted. \$719 in pence was used bringing that deficit amount to \$2,915.61 which is \$415.61 over budget for the year. This report in 2014 will be expanded to show you more expense detail so that you can see the cost of instructor fees, transportation, etc.

The report also lists items that were donated to us from the Arlene Linton and Maureen McNaughton seminars totaling \$520 in value.

I have also included another report called 2013 Seminar Attendance Analysis which I hope will give us some insight as to decisions related to the Education budget. The first page is the raw data listing each member and the classes that they attended. I deleted the names so no one feels that we are assessing anyone's individual attendance. I did not have the list of registrants for the Mary Wiseman class and did not include the free seminar with Sandy Tyo. This report is focusing on who is interested in paying for a class. I also arranged the classes from most to least attended.

The second page is a summary of the data. Basically 51 (70%) out of 73 members attended at least 1 class. That is the good news. I was hoping that most members would find some class that interested them. The news that is disconcerting is that only 15 (21%) of our members registered for 4 or more classes. Please review this data and see if anything else strikes you as interesting.

This year we will be scrutinizing our Education budget more closely. We are going to have to be more cost conscious. At the February meeting I am going to ask you to sign a sheet for the Lydia Steeves and Sherry Nelson seminars indicating your interest to register for each class day. I need to know whether we are going to have enough people attend so that we don't overrun our budget. If there is not enough interest expressed at the February meeting, then we may need to cancel them. So please check your calendar and be prepared to let me know.

Happy New Year!

Education 2013 Budget Summary

Seminar	Sandy Tyo	Quilt Squares	Mary Wiseman	Leslie Williams	Prudy Vannier	Arlene Linton	Rondi Bur	Sandy Tyo	Maureen McNaughton	Total
Revenue:										
Checks/Cash		\$125.00	\$670.00	\$628.00	\$743.00	\$1,060.00	\$375.00	\$60.00	\$2,942.00	\$6,603.00
Pence			\$107.00	\$97.00	\$37.00	\$120.00	\$155.00		\$203.00	\$719.00
Raffle proceeds						\$60.60			\$54.75	\$115.35
Total Revenue		\$125.00	\$777.00	\$725.00	\$780.00	\$1,240.60	\$530.00	\$60.00	\$3,199.75	\$7,437.35
Less: Expenses			\$900.92	\$448.00	\$1,026.00	\$2,380.90	\$333.50	\$450.00	\$4,094.64	\$9,633.96
Sub-Total		\$125.00	-\$123.92	\$277.00	-\$246.00	-\$1,140.30	\$196.50	-\$390.00	-\$894.89	-\$2,196.61
Less: Pence			\$107.00	\$97.00	\$37.00	\$120.00	\$155.00		\$203.00	\$719.00
VP Treasury	\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$230.92	\$180.00	-\$283.00	-\$1,260.30	\$41.50	-\$390.00	-\$1,097.89	-\$2,915.61
									Budget	\$2,500.00
									Over Budget	-\$415.61

Arlene Linton donated her 2 latest DVD patterns at a value of \$70

Maureen McNaughton donated 10 pattern packets at a value of \$123

Also related to the McNaughton seminar, 327 bottles of paint were donated to our Learn to Paint program; at \$1/bottle approx value of \$327

Total value of donations: \$520

VP 2013 Seminar Attendance Analysis

Note: Classes sorted by most to least attendance. Stats do not include Mary Wiseman (I did not have list of registrants) Sandy Tyo's free class was also excluded.

# Registered	#Classes	Williams	Bur	McNaughton-Fri	McNaughton-Sun	Vannier	McNaughton-Sat	Linton-Sat	Linton-Sun	
Board Members										
4 or more classes	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
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	7		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
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	5	1	1	1		1	1			
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	21	76	11	12	12	8	8	7	6	Sub-total
Members										
4 or more classes	6			1	1	1	1	1	1	
	5			1	1		1	1	1	
	4	1	1			1	1			
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	30	71	12	12	8	10	11	6	5	Sub-total
	51	147	23	24	20	22	19	13	11	Sub-total of mbrs

Note: Classes sorted by most to least attendance. Stats do not include Mary Wiseman (I did not have list of registrants) Sandy Tyo's free class was also excluded.

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Board Members	21	76	11	12	12	12	8	8	7	6
Members	30	71	12	12	8	10	11	7	6	5
Total Members	51	147	23	24	20	22	19	15	13	11
Non Members	15	27	5	2	6	3	1	4	5	1
Grand Total	66	174	28	26	26	25	20	19	18	12

	# Registered	%
Board Members	21	29%
Members	30	41%
Total Members	51	70%

	4 or more	%	3 or less	%
Board Members	10	14%	11	15%
Members	5	7%	25	34%
Total Members	15	21%	36	49%

Average # registrants overall: 22
Average # registrants for Big Brush: 20
Average # registrants for Local: 27

A teal-colored metal teapot with a bird and floral design, filled with a poinsettia plant. The teapot is decorated with a small bird perched on a branch with red flowers. The poinsettia plant has green leaves and white flowers. The background is a red and white striped cloth.

A circular Christmas cake with a blue and white icing design. The design features four Santa Claus figures in red suits and hats. One Santa is on the left, one is in the center, one is on the right, and one is at the bottom. The cake is topped with a gold band and a small blue card with a treble clef and the words "Merry Christmas".

A black ceramic jar with a lid, decorated with large red poppies and green leaves. The jar has a metallic knob on the lid.

Actually Painting IS the best medicine

One kind word
can **WARM** three
winter months.

Designed by Catherine M. Jones

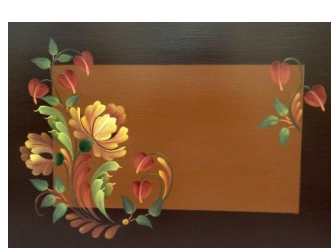
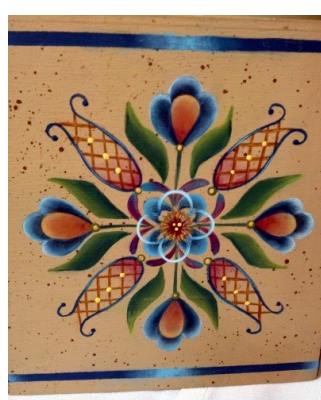
Maureen McNaughton Seminar



Cake with edible photo of Friday's pattern

Show & Tell using McNaughton patterns

Painted by: Dawn Billiau, Rondi Bur, Ruby Cler, Char DeBaske, Linda Morgan, Sheri Redd, Laura Schumont



The Village Painters proudly presents

Sherry Eid: Gray Cat in colored pencils – February 15, 2014



Date: Saturday, February 15, 2014

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Livonia Senior Center

15218 Farmington Rd.

Livonia, MI 48154

Surface: 8 x 10" Suede board will be furnished

Colored Pencils: 15 pencils; you supply

Learn how to use a colorless blender and stiff brush to blend colors; mix and blend colors using a hatching or a circular stroke and varying the pressure.

Member

Non Member

Cost/Registration: \$20; Now thru January 31

\$30, Now thru January 31

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable.

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 832-1058 or dianestiller@sbcglobal.net if you have questions or cannot attend.

Sherry Eid: Gray Cat in colored pencils – February 15, 2014

Name _____

Amount Enclosed

Address _____

Member \$20 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Non Member \$30 _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Make check payable to: The Village Painters

Mail to: c/o Diane Stiller, 674 W. Canfield, Detroit, MI 48201

**The Village Painters proudly presents
Leslie Williams: Pussywillow Basket – March 15, 2014**



Date: Saturday, March 15, 2014
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Where: Livonia Senior Center
15218 Farmington Rd.
Livonia, MI 48154

Surface: You provide
Paint: Acrylic; you provide

Cost/Registration: Member
\$20; Now thru March 1

Non Member
\$30, Now thru March 1

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Leslie Williams: Pussywillow Basket - March 15, 2014

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Amount Enclosed

Address _____

Member \$20 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Non Member \$30 _____

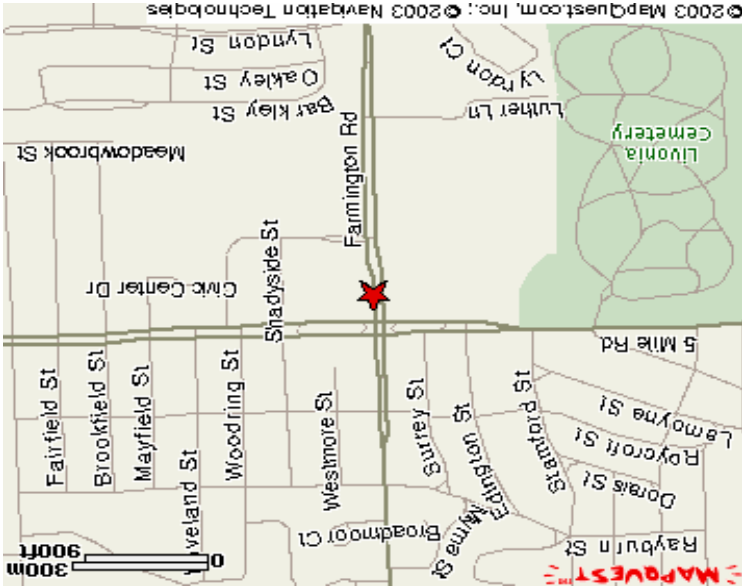
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Next General Meeting
February 6, 2014
Livonia Senior Center
15218 Farmington Rd.
Livonia, MI
 Social period 6:00 pm
 Meeting 6:45 p.m.
 See you there!!



Next General Meeting



Linda Morgan - Editor

2043 Bellingham

Canton, MI 48188

