



# VILLAGE NEWS AND VIEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Doesn't it seem impossible that the Holidays are right around the corner? Time really does fly when you're having a good time. The year began with a Spring Fling Boutique Paint-In at the Livonia Senior Center. From there we had Sherry Eid with the Grey Cat done in colored pencils. Leslie Williams led us in painting her Pussy Willow Basket and Nancy Silver taught us her Pumpkin Floor Mat. Debra Houts returned for a visit and showed us how to complete her Christmas Plate and Jonathans Window. Next up was Lydia Steeves and we completed a grand Tiger and a cute as a button Tabby cat. Sherry Nelson was next in a three day workshop in oils. She is one fascinating lady! We ended the year with Leslie Williams returning and leading us through her Bear Christmas Ornament.

On top of all this we had our General Meetings, Community Service projects, four successful Learn to Paint Sundays and a fabulously fun Fall Retreat. Whew, we certainly are one busy fun loving club.

Speaking of fun, the Village Painters Board has spent the last two years working on "corporate" issues. We revised the By-Laws and Guidelines, examined what board positions qualified as voting positions and took a long hard look at job descriptions to bring us up to date and utilizing the technology available to us. I am delighted to let you know we are done! The theme for 2015 is LET'S HAVE FUN! Diane Stiller and Linda Morgan are working very hard to provide us with some fun and still educational activities. I promise to do my absolute best to keep the business meetings as short as possible to give more time for painting and learning activities.

Every "Big Brush" instructor, as well as our in-house instructors are always commenting on what a serious and talented group we are. It's time to stand up and tell the world... We are Wonderful and we have great amounts of fun while being so. And we are so wonderful because of the wonderful women that are the Village Painters.

I am truly looking forward to 2015. We will have some fun.

Have fun painting,

Linda





## Calendar of Events

### 2014

Dec 4, 2014 Christmas Party

### 2015

Feb 21 LTP Redd: Dandelion

Mar 8 LTP Christopher: T-shirt

Apr 11 Spring Fling

Apr 25 Pat Hull: colored pencil

May 2, Michigan Mixer—Heritage

May 11-16, SDP Conference

St. Charles, IL

May 23-24 Bonnewell: oil and acrylic

June 6-7 Jamie Mills-Price

Jun 27-28 Judy Ribitch

Aug 6 Picnic

Aug 3-8, HOOT

Aug 22 Nancy Silver

Sept 19-20 Debra Houts

Sept 26 LTP Tyo: Pumpkin mask

Oct 17 Paint With Us

Nov 14 Sheri Redd: Owl

Dec 3 Christmas Party

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



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

15218 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI 48154

Social hour begins at 6:00, Business meeting at 6:45

2015 dates: Feb 5, Apr 2, Jun 4, Aug 6, Oct 1, Dec 3

**Board Meetings** are held at 6:30

at the Plymouth Public Library

2015 dates: Jan 8, Mar 5, May 7, Sep 3, Nov 5



### Announcing your 2015 Board

President, Linda Christopher

Vice President, Linda Morgan

Secretary, Joan Mueller

Treasurer, Kathy Fischer

Education, Diane Stiller

Membership, Michelle Handley

Newsletter, Linda Morgan

Ways and Means, Denise Robert and Connie Vasilnek

Historian, Sheri Redd

Library, Nancy Silver and Teresa Palmer

Pence, Susan Rhodes

Audit, Sandy Tyo

August Picnic, Maryann Muir

By-Laws, Gail Barton

Christmas Party, Paula Atkinson

Community Service, Pat Butler

DAC Liaison, Diana Winn

Fall Retreat 2016, Paula Atkinson

Hospitality Denise Rogers

Memory Boxes, Leslie Williams and Cheryl Wallman

Nominations, Susan Rhodes

Paint With Us, Diane Stiller

Secret Pal, Sally Thirjung

Spring Fling, Karen Capshaw

Sunshine, Cathy Uhring

Treasure Boxes, Pam Hypnar

Website, Sheri Redd

Michigan Mixer, Linda Christopher and Linda Morgan

Seminar Hostess, Sheri Redd

Learn to Paint, Linda Christopher and Diane Stiller

President Emeritus, Diane Stiller



## Village Painter's Pence News

This year Village Painters earned 882 pence, so far. Please note, pence for perfect attendance, recent new members and the November 9th Learn to Paint will be issued in January.

So what are members doing with these pence? Some members use pence towards the payment for Education Seminars or special raffles. However, Laura Schumont and Char DeBaske, this year's Ways and Means Chairs, hope you bring your pence to the Christmas party on December 4, 2014 for the **Special Christmas Pence Raffle**. Please remember to check your envelope in the Pence Box at the Christmas pence raffle table, because the box is stuffed! If you do not have any pence, Laura and Char will be selling **Special Christmas Raffle Pence** for \$1 each; and please remember to write your name on the back of these **Special Christmas Raffle Pence**.

Thanks for all your hard work this year.

Susan Rhodes



### The Village Painters January 1 - November 1, 2014 Financial Report

<b>Checkbook Balance</b>	
Checkbook Balance on 1/1/14	\$ 10,614.50
Checkbook Balance on 11/1/14	<b>\$ 10,976.18</b>
Expenses paid from 2012	\$ 10.49
<b>INCOME</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>
Christmas Party 2014	\$ 480.00
Education 2013	\$ 54.75
Education 2014	\$ 6,750.83
Fall Retreat	\$ 3,780.00
Learn to Paint 2014	\$ 960.00
Membership	\$ 1,005.00
Ways and Means	\$ 813.41
Other - Bank Incentive	\$ 362.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 14,205.99</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
August Picnic	\$ 199.91
Bank Charge	\$ 12.00
Christmas Party	\$ 250.00
Community Service	\$ 237.14
Corporate Expenses	\$ 200.59
Education 2014	\$ 7,241.71
Education 2015	\$ 200.00
Fall Retreat	\$ 2,983.52
General Meeting (VP)	\$ 70.39
Hospitality	\$ 43.75
Learn to Paint	\$ 841.23
Library	\$ 126.15
Membership	\$ 79.05
Memory Boxes	\$ 113.48
Michigan Mixer	\$ 400.00
Newsletter	\$ 131.01
Publicity	\$ 29.99
Rent	\$ 240.00
Spring Fling Expenses	\$ 33.79
Sunshine Fund	\$ 25.00
Treasure Boxes	\$ 13.38
Treasurer	\$ 49.26
Ways and Means	\$ 201.06
Website	\$ 132.39
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 13,854.80</b>
<b>Difference</b>	
	<b>\$ 351.19</b>
<b>Pence - Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 570.00</b>
<b>Hostess - Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>



## Memory and Treasure Box Updates:

Memory Boxes were delivered to Children's Hospital and Garden City Hospital in the last month, which exhausted our supply of completed Memory Boxes.

Next year we will add an incentive to complete Memory and Treasure Boxes. In addition to earning one pence for each completed box turned in, you will also fill out a ticket for our new annual drawing for **ONE YEAR's FREE MEMBERSHIP TO VILLAGE PAINTERS**. The two drawings will be held at the October 2015 General Membership Meeting, and be valid for the 2016 Membership year. To be clear: this is one membership for the Memory Box raffle AND one membership for the Treasure Box raffle; i.e. TWO people may win a free membership for 2016.

More completed boxes, more pence, more chance to win the PAID 2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES prize!!!!

More to follow...

## Fall Retreat Report

"Owl" be Painting was a wonderful time enjoyed by many.



I would like to thank my wonderful committee for all their work and generous donations: Sheri Redd, Leslie Williams, Gail Barton, Sandy Tyo, Dawn Billiau, Nancy Silver, and Jan Kaplan.

The quilt was won by Pat Butler. We raised and donated \$320 to Skyline Camp.

We had 28 Village Painters attend.

Income -		\$3930.00
Expense- Room, Board, Linens and Hayride	\$3032.00	
Teachers-	\$627.00	
Committee Expenses-	\$124.52	
Total-	+\$146.48	
Pence-	120	
Final		+26.48

We already have our theme for 2016 so..... "Owl "See you in 2016

Paula Atkinson



It is that time of year again to sign up for Secret Pal. What a great way to make someone feel special!

If you would like to participate forms will be at the Christmas party. If you won't be at the party please fill out the form below and email it to [Dawn.billiau@asmwaypoint.com](mailto:Dawn.billiau@asmwaypoint.com) by Dec. 1<sup>ST</sup>.

Thank you—Dawn Billiau

## SECRET PAL SIGN-UP SHEET

Secret Pal is a great way to make someone feel special. Also, you can make a new friend. It is not a competition. There is no dollar amount you need to spend. When you are out shopping, keep your pal in mind. Giving an extra gift is a nice way to brighten someone's day!

To be a secret pal means bringing something to each meeting (example: card, small gift, flowers, plant, etc.) You can also remember their birthday, holidays, thinking of you today, or whatever you wish, by mailing or dropping off something to their home. At the end of the year, you should present a special gift, preferably one you have painted, to your secret pal, traditionally at the Christmas Party.

Make a copy of this list to carry with you as a reminder when you find something interesting during your shopping trips.

If you can't attend a meeting, you should send your gift with a friend and have a friend pick up your gift.

Remember, if you choose to participate, giving is always nicer than receiving!

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Colors in home/ décor style: \_\_\_\_\_

Things you like to collect: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite painting artist(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Paint supplies you would like to have: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other Helpful information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Tear off here AFTER drawing your secret pal's name

**Hand in bottom portion of the page after drawing**

Your name (the person who drew the name): \_\_\_\_\_

Secret Pal name (the person at the top of this form) \_\_\_\_\_



## **Spring Fling Boutique Updates:**

Thanks to Connie Vasilnek for graciously opening her home on November 8 for a Boutique Paint In. Many beautiful Christmas ornaments were completed and will be for sale at the Boutique.

Several of the "kits" from the Boutique Paint In of January 2014 have not been returned. It would be good to provide us with a status update of these items, please. Many thanks.

### **Boutique kits out since January 2014:**

<i><b>Kit/Item</b></i>	<i><b>Name on card</b></i>
Santa ornaments, set of 3	Sandy Tyo
Cupcake stand	Sandy Tyo
Lighthouse candlesticks	Janis Creswell
Santa Napkin holder	Susan Rhodes
Lynn Andrews pumpkin	Susan Rhodes
Lady Bug basket	Janis Creswell
Wineglass Xmas votives:3	Dawn Billiau
Large Floral Mirror	Jan Kaplan
Cat's eye plaque	Denise Roberts
Stallcup black tote	Diane Stiller
Snow lite	Joyce Kuzera

Michelle is still willing to store smaller items for the boutique. They will be inventoried as received. It would be wonderful if you could price them and tag them as you hand them in, but if not, we will do it the morning of Spring Fling. If you have items that you will be donating, please send us a note so we know what to expect.

There will be a sign in for them the morning of the Boutique, but it can get hectic at that time!

Michelle Handley 734-358-2087 [mlhandley@comcast.net](mailto:mlhandley@comcast.net)

Linda Morgan 734-397-0210 [morganlj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:morganlj@sbcglobal.net)





## Education – Diane Stiller

The Sherry Nelson seminar was a huge success! It was very interesting to learn how to do a reverse glass painting. We were able to give each individual an \$8.00 credit towards the purchase of a brush or book due to savings in travel costs. The three day seminar was attended by 78 students, of which 37 were non members. We budgeted to use \$1,000 to offset the total cost of the seminar and only used \$676.85, saving \$313.15. Linda Christopher won an original Sherry Nelson oil painting in our raffle.

We wrapped up our Education program with A Beary Christmas, a Lynne Andrews pattern, instructed by Leslie Williams. What a great project to get us into the mood for the holiday season! The class was attended by 24 students. There was a profit of \$36.

I will bring the 2015 registration forms and the Education board to our Christmas Dinner. I did not schedule any seminars prior to the Spring Fling knowing that we have a heavy commitment to that event. The first seminar starting in April will be a colored pencil class instructed by Pat Hull. We will be doing two projects in one day! In the morning we will be doing the sunflowers on three different surfaces: paper, wood, and bisque. In the afternoon we will be doing the sewing box.

Another unique seminar that we have scheduled will be instructed by Deborah Bonnewell. By popular vote, we will be doing the green gladiola and the pink hibiscus. What makes this seminar unique is that both projects will be taught in both oil and acrylic simultaneously. So you can choose to do the projects in either oil or in acrylic. For those of you who are ambitious, you may choose to buy the pattern instructions in both mediums, and paint one in class in one medium and paint another at home in the other medium.

I have attached the 2014 Education financial summary. The 7 seminars (11 classes) were attended by 290 students, of which 66 (23%) were non members. Of the \$2500 budget, we used \$421 for seminars. 503 pence were used by members to register for classes. This report also summarizes my proposed 2015 budget.

At the last general meeting, there were two surveys. One was to get an idea as to which mediums members preferred to help me decide what kind of classes to offer in 2016. The results: Acrylic 17; Oil 8; Watercolor 8; Colored Pencil 8. The second survey was to get an idea as to whether members would be interested in me arranging for us to travel in 2016 to someone's studio to paint. The results: Robert Warren 0; Cheri Rol 7; Ros Stalcup 14. Given the amount of interest in Ros Stalcup, I am going to make an even greater effort to try to arrange for her to teach here.

## ***Learn to Paint***

Students really enjoyed Rondi's class, Autumn Harvest on a Mason Jar. The class was attended by 23 students and had a profit of \$68.10. Linda Christopher's class, Cupcake on a Charger, wrapped up the year. It was attended by 19 students and had a profit of \$24.23.

In the 2014 LTP financial summary, there were a total of 81 students and the classes had a profit of \$127.90.

In 2015, Sheri Redd will teach a class in February, Dandelion and Blue Butterfly. Linda Christopher will teach a class in March, Geranium on a T-shirt. Please look out for these registration forms so you can sign up early.

Members can attend these Learn to Paint classes at no charge provided that they attend strictly to help their friends/family members to paint. Under this circumstance, you would not receive your own pattern packet or surface. You could also volunteer to paint any extra surfaces for a future raffle or event for our chapter.



# Village Painters' Christmas Party

## At the South Pole

### Thursday, December 4, 2014

Warren Valley Golf and Banquet Center  
26116 West Warren, Dearborn Heights  
(Located on the North side of Warren, just West of Beech Daly Rd.)

**\$20.00 for members**  
**\$25 for guests, registration begins October 19**  
**All checks must be received by November 14, 2014**

- 6 p.m. - Social Hour, with a cash bar
- 7 p.m. - Buffet Dinner: Salad, chicken marsala, vegetarian entree, sausage and sour kraut, roasted red skin potatoes, green beans almandine, rolls and butter, and dessert
- 8 p.m. - Program after Dinner
- Hand painted Christmas ornament exchange
  - \$10 handmade Christmas gift. The gift does not have to be painted.
  - Centerpiece game
  - Secret Pal exchange and reveal
  - Pence Raffle

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#### 2014 Christmas Party Registration Form

\$20.00 for members                      \$25 for guests; registration begins October 19

Registration form and money is due by Friday, November 14, 2014

Make checks payable to **Village Painters**

Submit checks to Jan Kaplan at the August 7, October 2 meeting or mail to:

Jan Kaplan  
30665 Ledgecliff Ave.  
Westland MI 48185

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



## Education

Sherry Nelson

September 19, 20, 21

Oil: Titmouse, Reverse glass, Hummers

Revenue for 3 day seminar	Students	Fee	
Registration: Seminar Coordinator (1,1,1)	3	\$ -	\$ -
Members (15,13,10)	38	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,710.00
Non Members (15,9,13)	37	\$ 55.00	\$ 2,035.00
			\$ 3,745.00
Raffle			\$ 72.00
<b>Total Revenue (31,23,24) (41 people; 19 nonmbrs)</b>	<b>78</b>		<b>\$ 3,817.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Instructor Fee: 3 days			\$ 1,785.00
Travel costs			\$ 485.75
Hotel: 4 nights			\$ 437.60
Meals			\$ 102.07
Supplies: Ink, pen, brushes, paint palette			\$ 1,184.43
Livonia Senior Ctr (2 days); St Matt's (1 day)			\$ 405.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 4,399.85</b>
Profit/Loss			\$ (582.85)
Pence			\$ (94.00)
Village Painters Treasury			\$ (676.85)
<b>(Originally budgeted \$1,000; saved \$323.15)</b>			

Leslie Williams

October 11, 2014

Acrylic - Beary Christmas

Revenue	Students	Fee	
Registration: Seminar Coordinator	1	\$ -	\$ -
Members	23	\$ 20.00	\$ 460.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>\$ 460.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Instructor Fee			\$ 275.00
Livonia Senior Center \$60 x 1 day			\$ 60.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 335.00</b>
Profit/Loss			\$ 125.00
Less Pence \$84/Hostess Credit \$5			\$ 89.00
<b>Net Profit</b>			<b>\$ 36.00</b>



## Learn to Paint

Rondi Bur

October 12, 2014

Autumn Harvest on a Mason Jar

Revenue	Students	Fee	
Registration: Seminar Coordinator	1	\$0	\$0.00
Students	22	\$15	\$330.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>\$330.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Instructor Fee			\$150.00
Livonia Senior Center Rent			\$60.00
Surfaces/Supplies			\$51.90
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$261.90</b>
Profit/Loss			\$68.10

Linda Christopher

November 9, 2014

Cupcake on Charger

Revenue	Students	Fee	
Registration: Seminar Coordinator	1	\$0	\$0.00
Students	18	\$15	\$270.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>\$270.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Instructor Fee			\$150.00
Livonia Senior Center Rent			\$60.00
Surfaces/Supplies			\$20.77
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$230.77</b>
Less: Gift Certificate from raffle			\$15.00
<b>Profit/Loss</b>			<b>\$24.23</b>



Ladies, this has been a fun, enlightening year for me. I had no idea how much work went on "behind the scenes", so I want to thank all those who have toted heavy books, boxes, coffee pots, food, and other supplies to all our meetings and seminars. All your time spent planning, preparing, fielding phone calls, and attending meetings is truly appreciated. We would not have this wonderful club with its diverse activities without your devotion, and I wouldn't have the chance to know all these fantastic, caring, talented ladies I'm happy to consider friends.

Linda Morgan,

Vice President and Newsletter Editor



Education 2014 Financial Summary								
Seminar	Eid	Williams	Silver	Houts (2)	Steeves (2)	Nelson (3)	Williams	Total
	Color Pencil	Basket				Oil	Bears	
# Individuals	34	31	19	45	29	41	24	223
# Students-Mbrs	23	29	18	56	33	41	24	224
# Students-NonMbrs	11	2	1	4	11	37	0	66
# Students-Total	34	31	19	60	44	78	24	290
Revenue:	\$760.00	\$620.00	\$370.00	\$1,490.00	\$1,580.00	\$3,745.00	\$460.00	\$9,025.00
Raffle proceeds					\$211.00	\$72.00		\$283.00
Total Revenue	\$760.00	\$620.00	\$370.00	\$1,490.00	\$1,791.00	\$3,817.00	\$460.00	\$9,308.00
Less: Expenses	\$435.00	\$335.00	\$335.00	\$1,326.86	\$2,019.17	\$4,399.85	\$335.00	\$9,185.88
Sub-Total	\$325.00	\$285.00	\$35.00	\$163.14	-\$228.17	-\$582.85	\$125.00	\$122.12
Less: Pence	\$90.00	\$87.00	\$32.00	\$116.00	\$0.00	\$94.00	\$84.00	\$503.00
Less: Hostess Credit					\$35.00		\$5.00	\$40.00
VP Treasury	\$235.00	\$198.00	\$3.00	\$47.14	-\$263.17	-\$676.85	\$36.00	-\$420.88
							Budget	\$2,500.00
Pence 2013	\$ 719							
Pence 2014	\$ 503							
Difference	\$ 216							
Overbudget 2013	\$ (416)							
Underbudget 2014	\$ 2,079							
LTP 2014 Financial Summary								
Seminar	Christopher	Redd	Bur	Christopher	Total			
	clipboard	terracotta pot	mason jar	charger				
# Students	18	23	22	18	81			
Revenue:	\$270.00	\$345.00	\$330.00	\$255.00	\$1,200.00			
Less: Expenses	\$250.00	\$329.43	\$261.90	\$230.77	\$1,072.10			
VP Treasury	\$20.00	\$15.57	\$68.10	\$24.23	\$127.90			
2015 Education	Class Fee	Educ Budget						
Jamie Mills Price	\$ 30	\$ 1,000						
Judy Ribitch	\$ 25	\$ -						
Nancy Silver	\$ 20	\$ -						
Sheri Redd	\$ 20	\$ -						
Debra Houts	\$ 25	\$ 200						
Deborah Bonnewell	\$ 30	\$ 200						
Pat Hull (incl: surfaces)	\$ 30	\$ 200						
Pence*		\$ 700						
Hostess*		\$ 110						
Supplies/Misc		\$ 90						
		\$ 2,500						
* 33% of budget								
2015 LTP	Class Fee	LTP Budget						
Linda Christopher	\$ 12							
Sheri Redd	\$ 15							
Sandy Tyo	\$ 15							
Supplies		\$ 100						



## 2015 Learn to Paint

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The cost for each class is \$15 (\$12 for the t-shirt one); check or cash only; non-refundable. All painting materials, paints, and brushes will be provided to each student for use in the class. The classes will meet from 10 am to 4 pm with a ½ hour for lunch. Classes will be held at the Livonia Senior Center located at 15218 Farmington Rd., Livonia 48154.

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The Village Painters presents

## The Spring Fling

Crystal Gardens - Saturday, April 11, 2015

\$22 per ticket

Map and Directions

11:00 am - Social Time

for viewing tables, baskets, silent auction pieces and shopping the Boutique

1 p.m. sharp- Lunch

Raffle, Live and Silent Auction to follow

*The Spring Fling Committee* is excited to present our bi-annual FUNDRAISER. The size of the event will be dictated by the involvement of all of our members. *It is an awesome event and is great fun! You won't want to miss it!* The luncheon fee of \$22 will entitle you to lunch, a chance at the table centerpiece, a table favor and one chance for the basket raffle. Additional basket raffle tickets will be sold in the following manner: 11 tickets for \$10.

**Luncheon Chairperson - Karen Capshaw** [paintdrop@aol.com](mailto:paintdrop@aol.com) or call 734-397-2543. Contact for information.

**Basket Chairperson - Paula Atkinson** [paulawog43@aol.com](mailto:paulawog43@aol.com) You can set the theme for your basket. The only requirement is that there be at least one painted item in the basket and that all items be new or unused and look new. The unwrapped baskets will be due at the general meeting directly prior to the luncheon, unless specific arrangements are made with Paula. The Committee will inventory, wrap and give them a bow. **Please provide a typed list of the items in your basket** by email to assist in the preparation of the inventory. The items don't have to be expensive... Just use your imagination and your painting talents. For that matter, you don't have to use a basket ... just some sort of a container to hold all your wonderful "stuff." Maybe the container will be your painted item.

Basket Ideas:

Coffee-Lover	Chocolate	Tea-Drinker	Dogs	Cats	Gardening
Wine/Cheese	Americana	Books	Tools	Mother's Day	Jewelry
Cookie-Lover	Chef	Baker	Painters	Candles	Body & Bath
Theater	Sports	Children	Beach	Bird Houses	Puppets
Birds	Sewing	Butterflies	Light Houses	Golf	Fish
Party Stuff	Angels	Michigan	Frogs	Candy	Stationery
Nautical	Cards/Games	Camping	First-Aid	Scrap-Book	Rubber Stamp
Snacks/Nuts	U of M	Mich. State	Babies	Children's Art	Easter

**Silent Auction Chairperson - Pat Butler** [patbutler9@gmail.com](mailto:patbutler9@gmail.com) Our aim is to have items with a value of \$35 or more. Please advise Pat of the name and size of your donation. You may bring the painted item to her at a general meeting. Contact her to see when it is best for her to receive it. The latest time would be at set up the day before or day of the luncheon.

**Table Chairperson - Loretta Huebler** [lhuebler@wowway.com](mailto:lhuebler@wowway.com) We encourage you to paint extra favors to sell in the boutique. Each hostess will choose the theme for their table. We will also maintain a waiting list for guests who would be able to come at the last minute. The tickets will be passed out at the February 2015 General meeting. Your guest names will be due by March 5 so that the name tags can be prepared. Please email the names of your guests to Loretta by March (or before). A check made payable to the Village Painters for the guests at your table will be due at or before the April General Meeting.

The largest round tables that will seat 12 – 13 ladies are approximately 72” wide. The oval tables can seat 12 but 11 is better (never 13) and are 72” long x 60” wide. A white fabric tablecloth and napkins will be on each table. We have new napkin colors to choose from: White, Cream, yellow, gold, brown, dusty rose, lavender, purple, light blue, medium blue, navy, blue/green, grayed/green, grass yellow green, burgundy, red, fuchsia pink, pink, burnt orange, orange, melon, gray and black. The napkins will be brought to the February meeting so that you can advise which color you wish. Over-lay colored table cloths look wonderful on the tables if you would like to bring your own.

1. It will be a sit-down, served lunch.
2. As a hostess, the minimum requirement is that you must have a painted centerpiece which will be raffled off at the end of the luncheon for the guests at your table and provide a favor to each of the guests at your table. The favor can be a purchased item or something hand-painted. You can create any design and get as detailed or elaborate as you wish. It is an awesome sight to see each different table. Let your creative juices go!
3. Being a hostess for your table entitles you to a free ticket...a savings of \$22.
4. Each hostess for a table will be in charge of her remaining tickets. The hostess can invite anyone she wishes. If you do not fill your table, overflow guests or Village members will be added. Please be sure to call Loretta to keep her advised of the needs of your guests.
5. Each guest will receive a ticket for the luncheon and one for the basket raffle. Obviously they will have more chances to win by purchasing additional Basket Raffle tickets which will be sold before the luncheon begins. Basket Raffle tickets will be sold for \$10 with 11 ticket stubs. Let your guests know that they can pay in cash or check made out to The Village Painters.

### **DUE DATES**

**Boutique Items:** Thursday, **February 5, 2015** You may bring priced items to set up on Friday, April 10, or early morning of Saturday, April 11. Please advise chairperson.

**Theme Baskets and Charity Basket items:** Thursday, **February 5, 2015**

**Guests Names:** Thursday, **March 5, 2015**

**Luncheon Ticket Money:** Thursday, **April 2, 2015**

**Silent Auction:** Friday, **April 10, 2015** or early on the morning of the luncheon, **April 11, 2015.**

9-1-14 Karen Capshaw



## Here's a sample of what our members brought to the October, 2014 General Meeting Show and Tell



Leslie Williams



Joan Mueller



Kathy Riddle



Connie Vasilnek



Linda Morgan



Louise Brown



Michelle Handley: cement casting



Sam Farah



Peggy Mack



Denise Robert



Jan Kaplan



## Memory Boxes



Sam Farah



Joan Mueller



Linda Morgan



4 of the 9 boxes that Diana Winn submitted

## Treasure Boxes



Diana Winn



Diana Winn



Audrey Guzmano



Teresa Palmer

## Sherry Nelson Seminar





## Leslie Williams : A Beary Christmas



## Rondi Bur: Learn to Paint: Autumn Harvest on a Mason Jar



Immediately after class Barbara Stiller, Meghan & Tina Wing bought flowers to display in their finished project at home.



## Linda Christopher: Learn to Paint: Cupcake on a Charger



Team Kuzera!

Spring Fling Boutique Paint-In at Connie Vasilnek's home

Instructor: Sandy Tyo's projects



Pam Hypnar just loved her cat!

Instructor: Karen Capshaw's projects





Jamie Mills-Price Seminar  
Trick or Treat project on June 7, 2015  
**Special Order Form for Surface**



There are 3 options for this surface.

- 1) You supply your own 12" x 8" surface.
- 2) You purchase the surface directly from Valhalla Laser which lists it for \$12.
- 3) You place an order through me no later than Thursday, February 5, 2015 which is the date of a general meeting for The Village Painters. The cost is \$8.50 (due to seminar discount).

The surface will be delivered to you at the next general meeting on Thursday, April 2.

You will need to be present to pick it up or arrange for someone else to do so.

It will not be mailed to you. Non-members may also place an order as long as you can make arrangements to pick it up. You can order the surface and register for the class at separate times.

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Jamie Mills-Price – Trick or Treat Surface – Order Form  
**Deadline is Thursday, February 5, 2015.** Check or cash only.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed :

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 = \_\_\_\_\_  
# Surfaces

Email \_\_\_\_\_

***Make check payable to: The Village Painters***

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

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**The Village Painters proudly presents**  
*Learn to Paint with Sheri Redd: Dandelion and Butterfly, February 21, 2015*



**Welcome all Beginner Painters with little to no painting experience! Painters under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult who will also be painting. Come alone or with a group!**

**Deadline: February 7, 2015**

**Date: Saturday, February 21, 2015**

**Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Where: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154**

**Cost: \$15.00: Non-refundable; Checks/cash only.**

**All painting materials, paints, and brushes will be provided for your use in class. Surface will be provided. Please bring your own beverages and food: lunch will be ½ hour.**

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

Cut along this line and submit with your registration fee.

*Learn to Paint with Sheri Redd: Dandelion and Butterfly, February 21, 2015*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 x # people \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If you are part of a group and wish to be seated together, please tell us the name of your group and we will make every effort to seat you together.

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Group name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of People in Group: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Village Painters proudly presents**  
*Learn to Paint with Linda Christopher: Geranium on a T-shirt, March 8, 2015*



**Welcome all Beginner Painters with little to no painting experience! Painters under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult who will also be painting. Come alone or with a group!**

**Deadline: February 21, 2015**

**Date:** Sunday, March 8, 2015

**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Where:** Livonia Senior Center  
 15218 Farmington Rd.  
 Livonia, MI 48154

**Cost: \$12.00:** Non-refundable; Checks/cash only.

All painting materials, paints, and brushes will be provided for your use in class. **You supply the T-shirt.**  
 Please bring your own beverages and food:  
 lunch will be ½ hour.

**Note:** Please bring a light-colored T-shirt (white, beige, pink, blue, green, yellow) that you have washed without using fabric softener. This will help the paint to not fade when you subsequently wash it.

*Learn to Paint with Linda Christopher: Geranium on a T-shirt, March 8, 2015*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\$12.00 x # people \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If you are part of a group and wish to be seated together, please tell us the name of your group and we will make every effort to seat you together.

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Group name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of People in Group: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle the size T-shirt that you will bring:** Child: Large Medium Small  
 This will help us to give you the right size pattern to fit your T-shirt.

Adult: X-Large Large Medium Small

**Make check payable to:** The Village Painters

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

**Next General Meeting  
December 4, 2014**

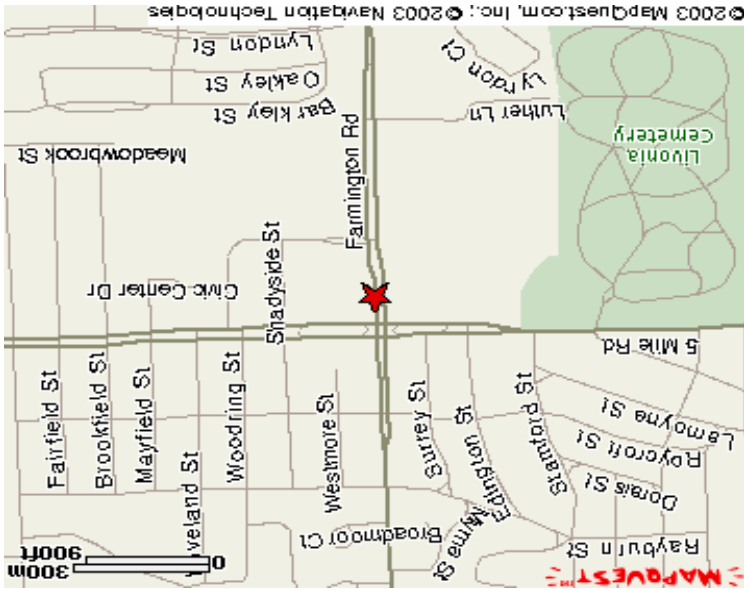
**Warren Valley**

**26116 West Warren Ave**

**Dearborn Heights, MI 48127**

See you there!!

Next General Meeting



**Linda Morgan - Editor**

2043 Bellingham

Canton, MI 48188