



# VILLAGE NEWS AND VIEWS

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## President's Corner

Hello Friends,



THE YEAR OF FUN HAS BEGUN!!!!!!

To comply with SDP regulations we need to have a business meeting in April. April is usually the month with no meeting and we bring in someone special to lead us in something special. This year Karen Lavella will be leading us through Zen tangle. How about a pair of white tennis shoes? I am planning on having the shortest business meeting in history,

So, Ladies, I am asking you to carefully read and mark your calendars with the information that is contained in this newsletter. In order to keep the business meeting short I'll be relying more on the newsletter and computer emails to make sure you have all the information you need to make any personal decision on what activities you would like to partake in or decisions about your club.

There is a conflict with Hoot and our picnic. It is only for this one year, but please read the info about the picnic Maryann is suggesting. All of this activity would make a jammed packed FUN October meeting. But it's up to you. I am unable to get the Livonia Senior Center for any other day in August and on top of that Maryann is unable to Chair the event on other days. We thought about a pavilion outside, but Maryann is unavailable. Be ready with your vote on April 2, 2014. Should we move the picnic to October and have an October Fest, for this one year only?

I am so looking forward to the April meeting with Karen Lavella and I know Linda Morgan has something FUN planned for the June meeting.

Spring Fling is right around the corner and members are working hard to make this event a huge success. Hope to see you there!

Have Fun,

Linda



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## Calendar of Events

Apr 11	SPRING FLING
Apr 25	Pat Hull's colored pencil
May 2	Michigan Mixer at HAD
May 11-16	SDP Conference, St. Charles, IL
May 23-24	Deborah Bonnewell's florals
Jun 6-7	Jamie Mills-Price—FULL
Jun 27-28	Judy Ribitch
Aug 3-8	HOOT
Aug 22	Nancy Silver
Sept 19-20	Debra Houts
Sept 26	LTP, Sandy Tyo's pumpkin mask
Oct 17	PAINT WITH US!
Nov 14	Sheri Redd's 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 15, Mar 5, May 7, Sep 3, Nov 5



## APRIL MEETING PROJECT

Karen Lavella is going to lead us in a Zentangle project. My original thought was to decorate shoes, but you may choose whatever surface you would like: tote bag, clipboard, purse...

If you are using a surface other than fabric, base it first with a light color, perhaps Bleached Sand, and spray it lightly with matte varnish.

Bring your surface, micron pens sizes 01 and 03 or 05, a #2 pencil, and gel pens for color if you want. If you are using heavier material, an Identipen can be used.

I am looking forward to this project since I've heard many comments on how cool those Zentangle shoes are. I hope you will enjoy it. **Let me know if you are planning to stay and play so there will be enough patterns.** - Linda Morgan, VP VP

## August Picnic and General Meeting

Greetings Fellow Village Painter Members,

Spring is in the air and summer is not far behind. Usually we have a picnic and trunk sale of VP member goods as part of our August General Meeting. However, this year we have encountered a scheduling conflict with the HOOT Convention in Columbus, OH. Many members will be attending the conference for classes or traveling by car or the Heritage bus to shop for a day.

At the Village Painters Board Meeting last week, it was decided to cancel the August meeting, especially since the members who run the meeting plan to be away at HOOT. But, since we like to party, we came up with the idea of having an "Octoberfest" at our October 1st general meeting in lieu of this year's August Picnic. The trunk sale will be held in the parking lot in October, weather permitting. What do you think? Whatever we decide, we should have a fun time!

Be Happy!

Maryann Muir

(August Picnic Chairperson)





### Membership Update:

We have 74 registered members for 2015. If you have not yet received your membership card, please contact me at the info listed below.

We would like to grow our membership for this year and beyond. It is amazing how many people do not know about Decorative Painting! Please carry your Pass Along cards and help spread the news! If you need more, please contact me or Linda Christopher. Let's spread the word about how great painting can be.

Michelle Handley

Membership Chair 2015

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Don't forget—If you turn in completed Memory Boxes or Treasure Boxes, fill out a ticket for each one for the October drawing for a free year's membership to the Village Painters.



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

#### March Birthdays

- 4 Katherine Ptasinski
- 5 Diana Winn
- 13 Jean Trimpe
- 14 Louise Hastings

#### April Birthdays

- 11 Janis Creswell
- 12 Joyce Kuzera
- 14 Sandy Tyo
- 26 Sue Vella
- 29 Sally Thirjung
- 30 Margaret Pedersen



A warm welcome  
to our newest members:

Susan Hazelton  
Katherine Ptasinski  
Jean Trimpe  
Sue Vella



# The Village Painters' Spring Fling 2015

## Reminders for the April Meeting

**Loretta** needs the names of your guests as soon as possible. The money for all guests should be in one check made out to Village Painters and given to her no later than the April General Meeting.



Please advise **Pat Butler** of the name of your silent auction donation and its size. Bring your pieces to Pat no later than Friday, April 10 or make arrangements with her for a time convenient to both of you.



**Boutique** You may bring priced items and inventory list to set up on Friday, April 10, early Saturday morning, April 11, or sooner. Please advise **Michelle or Linda.**

**Please bring baskets to the April meeting** and email your inventory sheet to **Paula.** You may also contact her and bring the basket to her. Our Charity this year will be the Penrickton Center for blind children. Items are being collected for the "Bar-B-Q Picnic" Charity Basket now. These items do not have to be painted. Contact Karen Capshaw with what you are donating to the Kitchen Basket and bring those items to the April meeting also.





## Education – Diane Stiller



Our first Education seminar is a color pencil class taught by Pat Hull on April 25. We will be doing two projects in one day: a sunflower design done on three different surfaces: wood, paper, and bisque and then a sewing box design. Please mail in your registration forms as soon as possible for this class. Those who have signed up for the class have received an email from me with the prep instructions.



Both days for the Jamie Mills-Price class are now full. There are 35 students in each class. The surfaces for the Trick or Treat class have been ordered and will be shipped to me next week. If you ordered the Trick or Treat surface from me, I will be passing them out at the April meeting.

### Learn to Paint

Sheri Redd's Dandelion and Butterfly class was a stupendous success! Thirty-nine people attended of which twenty were members. Ordinarily we do not provide food or beverages at the Learn to Paint classes. However, to show our appreciation and to facilitate lunch for such a large group of people, we provided pizza and salad at no charge. Even so, we had a profit of \$135.

We then took the opportunity to buy some better quality brushes for the program. If there has been one thing that every instructor has mentioned, it is that we needed to invest in better quality brushes. So, with the purchase of some much needed supplies, the LTP program as a whole is at breakeven at this time.



<b>Sheri Redd</b>			
<b>February 22, 2015</b>			
<b>Dandelion</b>			
<b>Financial summary</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Fee</b>	
Registration: Seminar Coordinator	1	\$0	\$0.00
Students	38	\$15	\$570.00
	39		\$570.00
Sold extra matts			\$50.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>			<b>\$620.00</b>
Instructor Fee			\$150.00
Livonia Senior Center Rent			\$0.00
Pizza, salad, pop			\$205.47
Surfaces/Matts			\$129.35
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$484.82</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>			<b>\$135.18</b>

<b>Linda Christopher</b>			
<b>March 8, 2015</b>			
<b>Geranium on T-shirt</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Fee</b>	
Registration: Seminar Coordinator	1	\$0	\$0.00
Students	15	\$12	\$180.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	16		<b>\$180.00</b>
Instructor Fee			\$150.00
Livonia Senior Center Rent			\$60.00
Surfaces/Supplies			\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$210.00</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>			<b>-\$30.00</b>

We just held the 2nd Learn to Paint class this weekend. It was the geranium on a t-shirt instructed by Linda Christopher. Fourteen people attended.

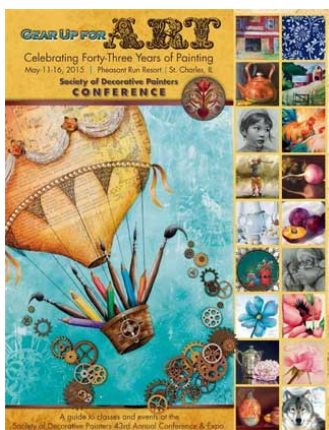


## *Paint with Us*

Sam Farah has agreed to be the instructor for this year's Paint with Us scheduled for October 17. The project is a Halloween design and the registration forms are available on our web site and at our meetings. As usual, members are encouraged to bring guests to paint and to bring a dish to pass at our potluck lunch. We will also have a Show & Tell table and hand painted items donated by our members for raffle. At our April meeting, I will be looking for volunteers to chair the following committees: Set up and tear down, Hospitality, Raffle, Show & Tell, and Surface prep work.



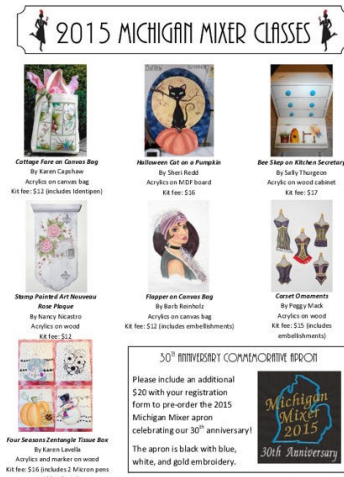
We are going to start a new tradition with this Paint with Us and Paula Atkinson has generously agreed to serve as chair for the Pin/Name Tag committee. She is going to design a small, painted, themed pin to which a removable name tag will be attached. Very much like what we had at the Christmas Dinner. On the back of the pin will be "The Village Painters: Paint with Us 2015". Each year we will design a new pin that complements the project that we select. In succeeding years, we will raffle several door prizes to reward people for wearing their pins. What I hope to achieve is to give people a tangible memory of their Paint with Us experience with The Village Painters that they can wear year after year.



***SDP Conference*** We are headed for "Chicagoland" to learn, grow, meet new and old friends, and just have fun. The fun starts May 11, 2015 at the [Pheasant Run Resort](#), St. Charles, IL. St. Charles is just 30 miles west of Chicago's famed Loop District. This gives our attendees plenty of access to the art world of the Chicago area. Pheasant Run Resort is an all-inclusive facility with seven restaurants, a golf course, a hair salon and day spa, three swimming pools (including a great indoor/outdoor pool), plus lots of entertainment options.



## What our sister chapters are teaching...



### Great Lakes Upcoming Seminars

<http://www.greatlakesdecorativeartists.com/>

**Seminar: April 18th-9 am -  
til 4:30 pm**

Sonja Richard-  
son=American Flag



September 25 & 26, 2015 Mark Polomchak

June 3-4-5, 2016 Bobbie Takashima

### WMDA 2015 Painting Schedule

<http://www.hastingscountry.com/>

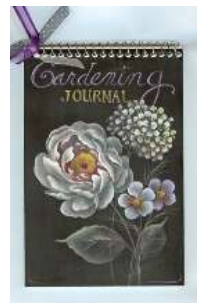


**March 21, 2015 - Marcia  
Lengkeek**

**Rosemaling design by  
JoSonja Jansen**

**April 18, 2015 -  
Lynne Deptula**

**6" x 9" spiral notebook -  
Acrylic**



### Northern Expressions—Traverse City

[nedaoftc.com](http://nedaoftc.com)



April 9, 10 & 11, 2015 - Bobbie  
Takashima is scheduled to teach!

Two-day project: Santa's Candle  
Plate



**Bobbie Takashima**

**One-day project; Flower  
Fairies**



**May 30, 2015 -  
Jeanne Collick**

**Gourd using Quikwood**

**July 18, 2015 -  
Leslie Williams**

**Floor Cloth - Acrylic**



**October 17, 2015 - Judy  
Diephouse**

**Acrylic**



# Here's a sample of what our members brought to the February, 2015 General Meeting Show and Tell



Connie Vasilnek



Loretta Huebler



Pam Hypnar



Ruth Vernacchia



Diane Stiller



Sandy Tyo



Leslie Williams



Sam Farah



Michelle Handley



Darlene Greenwood



Denise Robert



Pam Hypnar





Maureen VanBuhler



Peggy Mack



Susan Rhodes



Teresa Palmer



Karen Lavella



Linda Morgan



Sam Farah



Peggy Mack (Treasure Box)

## Treasure Boxes



Pam Hynar



Pam Hynar



Sam Farah



Audrey Gusmano



## Memory Boxes



Linda Morgan



Maureen VanBuhler



Sam Farah



Jeanine Laderach



Diana Winn



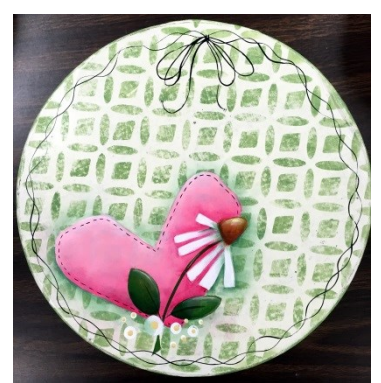
Peggy Mack



Darlene Greenwood



Sue Drobyshewski



Leslie Williams

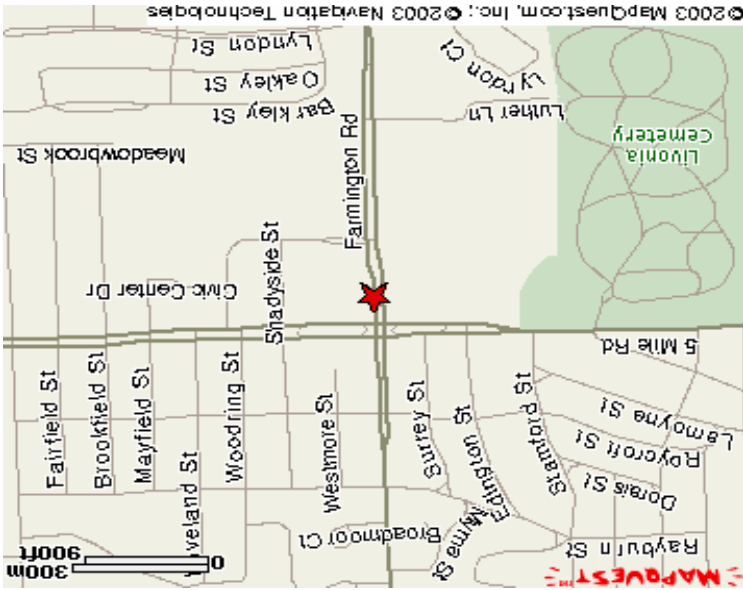


Christine Morrison



**Next General Meeting**  
**April 2, 2015**  
**Livonia Senior Center**  
**15218 Farmington Rd.**  
**Livonia, MI 48154**  
 See you there!!

## Next General Meeting



**Linda Morgan - Editor**

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