



## ***VILLAGE NEWS AND VIEWS***

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### ***President's Corner***

What a great and successful year it has been. I laughed at myself all year long so I kept myself very amused.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve as the President of the Village Painters. I truly did have a good time and I'm fairly proud of the things we have gotten accomplished. I could list them and toot my own horn but at this time I want to toot Sheri Redd's horn.

She is excited to take over the lead and has some fun and exciting ideas. It's always a good thing for an organization when new thoughts and ideas come into it. I anxiously await the year with great anticipation.

I am as excited as Sheri to take on my new role as web-master and Sheri and I are working closely together to train me. We all know that she is a good teacher and I'm finding those skills particularly helpful now as I begin to learn something very new to me. I couldn't do it without her. I love learning and am already having a good time but I must say I leave her house with a spinning head. Our goal is to have me know what I'm doing by January. Wish us Luck!

Again, I thank you for the opportunity I've had these past years and with a happy heart I will turn my gavel over to Sheri and look forward to even more painting and celebrating fun.

Linda





The Village Painters  
2017 Board

President	Sheri Redd
Vice President	<b>open</b>
Secretary	Joan Mueller
Treasurer	Kathy Fischer
By-Laws	Linda Christopher
Education	Diane Stiller
Historian	<b>open</b>
Library	Teresa Palmer & Nancy Silver
Membership	Michelle Handley
Newsletter	Linda Morgan
Learn to Paint	Linda Christopher & Diane Stiller
Spring Fling	Karen Capshaw
Ways & Means	Darlene Greenwood & Sandy Tyo
Webmaster	Linda Christopher

*Appointed Positions:*

Audit	Loretta Huebler
August Picnic	Susan Rhodes
Christmas Party	Sheri Redd
Community Service	Rondi Bur
Hospitality	Diana Winn
Fall Retreat	Paula Atkinson
Memory Boxes	Margaret Pedersen
Nominations	<b>open</b>
Paint With Us	Diane Stiller
Pence	Loretta Huebler
Secret Pal	Ruth Vernacchia
Sunshine	Joan Mueller
Treasure Boxes	Pam Hypnar

**November Birthdays**

- 1 Sue Drobyshewski
- 3 Kathy Riddle
- 17 Joan Bosse
- 26 Alice Ochla
- 29 Maryanne Muir

**December Birthdays**

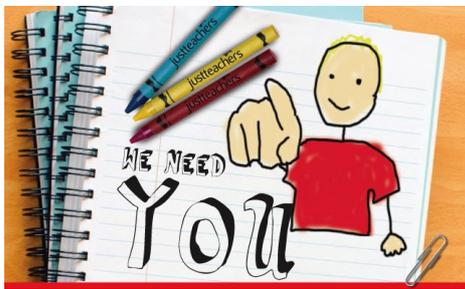
- 5 Linda Mallon
- 5 Kathy Ziemba
- 6 Karen Lavella
- 9 Barbara Reinholz
- 10 Chris Morrison
- 12 Barbara Broadley
- 19 Linda Morgan
- 27 Susan Rhodes
- 30 Catherine Uhring

**Membership**

Time to renew your 2017 membership to Village Painters and SDP--- if you have not done so!

Membership forms for Village Painters can be found on our website: [www.Villagepainters.org](http://www.Villagepainters.org). Dues are \$15. SDP can be renewed on line or by mail. Check their website [www.DecorativePainters.org](http://www.DecorativePainters.org) for information.

You are required to be a member of SDP, our parent organization, to be a Village Painter. Membership is verified after the beginning of 2017 by contacting SDP directly. Failure to maintain SDP membership will put your Membership with Village Painters in jeopardy!!!!



I am so happy to be part of a wonderful group of talented, gifted, artistic women. It is always mind boggling to see the fabulous pieces displayed at our Show 'n Tells. As Vice President, it has been fun trying to entertain you at the meetings for the past three years, but it is time for me to move aside and let someone else insert their creativity and ideas. It really doesn't take much work, and two of the meeting activities are already planned. You would be responsible for setting up and taking down tables. Also, you get to attend all the board meetings and share your ideas and opinions. For this,

you get a vote and ten pence.

If this doesn't suit you at this time, perhaps you would like to lead our club in community service. Pat and Rondi have done an excellent job of this over the past few years, but, again, it's time for someone else to take control. What Pat and Rondi have done can be intimidating, but when you are in charge, you can make it as simple or complex as you would like. We already do some service with memory and treasure boxes. We have also painted tote bags for homeless gentlemen, sweat suits for victims of abuse, and made cards for our servicemen and women to have nice stationery to use to write home to their loved ones. Those less fortunate than us are so appreciative, it would be a shame to let them down.

The other category we need help with is someone to handle nominations for next year. The "board" that was made up this year was quite effective, so that idea can be used again. It is also a good excuse to talk to more members than you usually get to do.

It has been said numerous times that if we ask people individually, we would get better response. It would be quite a job to call 80 people, so this is your private, individual request. We need you because you are creative, talented, innovative, and caring.

Thank you for your part in making this a great chapter.

Linda Morgan, Vice President



## Introducing our new President for 2017, Sheri Redd

Hi Ladies,

First, I want to thank all of you for the wonderful cards, thoughts, and prayers I received throughout the last year and a half. I have said before, and will say it again...you all are an amazing group of women that I am proud to call my friends.

I want to thank Linda Christopher for extending her Presidency position to accommodate my situation. It has been a long road for her, and a much needed break is on its way!

As you all know, I still have many challenges ahead of me personally, and as the President of this wonderful organization. I am going to do the best that I can. I am hopeful I will be able to count on you all for the support needed to get through the next two years!

I also want to thank all of the members that have graciously filled the positions for the 2017 board and committee chairs. The one very important position of VP has not been filled. A couple of important duties the VP is responsible for are – organizing the set up and tear down of the general meetings; organizing the projects for the end of the meeting. I really would like someone to fill this position. I alone cannot assume these responsibilities. Three of the 4 general meetings that need to have projects are already taken care of. The April meeting is in limbo at the moment, because we don't have a facility to have the meeting at yet. So, I really need someone that will be able to orchestrate the set up and take downs of the general meetings. I will explain in the following paragraphs, what we have going on for the year at the general meetings.

The Village Painters will be celebrating 30 years of spectacular painting, great parties, lifelong friendships, new friendships, the loss of friends that have passed on, hard times, and great times! I have a lot of ideas and plans for 2017!

February general meeting kicks off our anniversary year with the 'Love of Art' project. This organization would not have thrived 30 years without members like you who love decorative art! Rondi Bur has volunteered to lead us in a heart shaped Zentangle design of her own! Please contact Rondi to let her know which heart you would like to do. There is prep work that needs to be done ahead of time. So, she would like an accurate count of which heart to prep for you before the meeting!



The April meeting is in limbo at the moment, because we are not able to use the Senior Center for this meeting. I am trying to find a different facility to have the meeting that will be within a reasonable distance of the Senior Center.

June's general meeting is going to be a 'Winter Blast'! Sally Thirjung will be leading the meeting project with a very cute wine glass decorated like a snowman! Please contact Sally to let her know if you are going to be doing this project at the June meeting!



Susan Rhodes will be chairing the August picnic this year. Information to come on the specifics for this wonderful event to share great food and conversation!

Some of you know how much I really love Halloween! October general meeting will be a Halloween Party! If you would like to dress up in costume, that would be fantastic! If you choose not to, come and enjoy the festivities, anyway! There will be a prize for the best costume! I would love for someone to step forward and help me with this meeting. I already have acquired all the items needed for prizes and craft project!



Hint!

We will be ending our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year with our annual Holiday Dinner! I have been planning this dinner for over two years! I will be needing members to volunteer for the committee to help with all that I have planned!

I am looking forward to a magnificent year of celebrations! I hope you are too!

Thanks so much!

Sheri Redd – 313-969-7018 slredd3j@gmail.com



## 2017 Calendar of Events

Feb 11	Linda Christopher
Feb 12	LTP - L Christopher
Mar 11	Sheri Redd
Mar 12	LTP - Sam Farah
Apr 1	SPRING FLING
Apr 8, 9	Glenice Moore
Apr 29	MI Mixer - Valley Tole
May 6	Doreen McLain
May 7	LTP - Sam Farah
May 16-20	SDP Conference
Jun 2,3,4	Mark Menendez
Aug 3	Picnic
Aug 14-19	HOOT
Sep 9	Prudy Vannier
Sept 10	Michelle Handley
Oct 7	Mary Wiseman
Oct	PWU - Nancy Silver
Dec 7	Christmas Party

Note: Money for Cheri Roi added to account and paid out to speaker

INCOME	AMOUNT
Christmas Party 2016	\$ 620.00
Education 2016	\$ 5,988.00
Education: Cheri Roi	\$ 1,800.00
Fall Retreat	\$ 4,585.13
Learn to Paint 2016	\$ 713.00
Membership	\$ 300.00
Michigan Mixer	\$ 5,156.42
Paint with Us	\$ 575.00
Ways and Means	\$ 1,073.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 20,810.55</b>
EXPENSES	
August Picnic	\$ 138.06
Christmas Party	\$ 1,324.73
Community Service	\$ 131.87
Corporate Expenses	\$ 214.00
Education: Cheri Roi	\$ 2,650.00
Education Seminars: 2016	\$ 7,418.91
Education Seminars: 2017	\$ 550.00
Fall Retreat	\$ 4,528.73
General Meeting (VP)	\$ 196.94
Hospitality	\$ 23.45
Learn to Paint 2016	\$ 801.36
Library	\$ 163.81
Membership	\$ 58.00
Michigan Mixer 2016	\$ 3,635.56
Newsletter	\$ 132.02
Paint With Us	\$ 962.15
Pence	\$ 7.41
Rent	\$ 240.00
Spring Fling Expenses	\$ 65.00
Sunshine	\$ 23.61
Treasure Boxes	\$ 23.80
Treasurer	\$ 74.56
Ways and Means	\$ 287.42
Website	\$ 156.39
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 23,807.78</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ (2,997.23)</b>

Checkbook Balances	
Checkbook Balance on 1/1/16	\$ 15,788.59
Checkbook Balance on 11/1/2016	\$ 12,791.36
<b>Pence Used</b>	<b>\$ 928.00</b>
<b>Hostess Used</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>

<b>Village Painter CD</b>	
	\$10,200

**Believe in the Magic!** This year's Christmas Party will be on December 1 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. Hope you plan to paint and sign an ornament for the exchange. Please consider the \$10 gift exchange, which needs to be a handmade gift, not necessarily painted. The Christmas Party registration form follows. We are limited to 60 attendees and the deadline is November 14.

Merry Christmas, Pam and Susan



# Village Painters' Christmas Party

## Believe in the Magic

### Thursday, December 1, 2016

Dearborn Hills Golf Club  
1300 S Telegraph

(Located on the North side of Michigan, off the South bound side of Telegraph)

**\$20 for members and \$30 for guests**

All registration forms and checks must be received by Monday, November 14, 2016

6 p.m. - Social Hour, with a cash bar

7 p.m. - Buffet Dinner: tossed green salad, Champagne chicken, sliced roast beef or sirloin, herbed red skin potatoes, cauliflower, broccoli and carrots, rolls and butter, cake and vanilla ice cream, tea and coffee

8 p.m. - Program after Dinner

Hand painted and signed Christmas ornament exchange

\$10 handmade Christmas gift. The gift does not have to be painted.

Centerpiece drawing

Secret Pal exchange and reveal

Pence Raffle (Guests can buy pence for the raffle for \$1 each)

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## 2016 Christmas Party Registration Form

\$20 for members

\$30 for guests, registration begins October 20

Make checks payable to **Village Painters**

Submit registration form and check at the October 2 Village Painters' meeting or mail to Susan by November 14, 2016.

Susan Rhodes

8292 Seven Mile Rd.

Northville, MI 48167

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ eMail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## A Huge Thank You To



Gail Barton	Loretta Huebler
Pat Butler	Linda Morgan
Eileen Carroll	Joan Mueller
Linda Christopher	Margaret Pedersen
Sam Farah	Sheri Redd
Kathy Fischer	Nancy Silver
Michelle Handley	Leslie Williams

It was a pleasure working with all of you on the Fall Retreat. You all helped make it the special event that it is. Thanks for all your hard work. Paula Atkinson

### Spring Fling 2017: Boutique Paint-Ins

Our next Paint In is scheduled for November 19, 2016, at Connie Vasilnek's house. We begin at 10 and paint until 2 ish. Paints are provided. The set up is casual, without formal teaching. There are several projects from which to choose; most patterns have 3-6 identical pieces prepped. There seems to be an informal "kitchen" theme, but it is not exclusive.



Main course is provided for lunch: white bean chili and bread. Please bring your own beverages and any other foods you may need or want to share! There will be a single cup Keurig coffee maker available. Please contact Michelle Handley if you bring some food.

We do have a few seats available for this Paint in. Please contact Michelle Handley at [mlhandley56@gmail.com](mailto:mlhandley56@gmail.com) or 734-358-2087.

The next Paint In is January 14, 2017, at the Senior Center from 10-2 ish. Lunch will be provided by Karen Capshaw and Cathy Uhring. More details to follow. A sign up list is already in progress. Please contact Michelle at [mlhandley56@gmail.com](mailto:mlhandley56@gmail.com) or 734-358-2087 if you plan to attend.

Library has 7 new books.



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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Shara's Collection of Angels | Shara Reiner     |
| 2. Shara's Collection of Santas | Shara Reiner     |
| 3. Mini Seasons vol 6           | Renee Mullins    |
| 4. Brushtiques 11               | Linda Lover      |
| 5. Country's Edge Vol 11        | Shirley Koenig   |
| 6. Mini Seasons Vol 3           | Renee Mullins    |
| 7. Birds & More We Love VI      | Nancy Dale Kinny |



# The Village Painters

Presents

## The Spring Fling

Join us at the Crystal Gardens

On Saturday, April 1, 2017

\$23 per ticket

10:30 am - Social Time

Boutique is open for shopping. View tables, 52 card raffles, baskets, and silent auction pieces.

11:00 am

Raffle Ticket Sales and Silent Auction bidding will begin.

12:50 p.m. sharp- Lunch

Raffles 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!*  
([www.villagepainters.net](http://www.villagepainters.net) for more details)

### DUE DATES

**Silent Auction:** Please advise Cathy Uhring [cuhring@yahoo.com](mailto:cuhring@yahoo.com) of the name of your donation and its size. You may bring the painted item to Cathy 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 on **Friday, March 31** or early on the morning of the luncheon.

**Baskets and Charity Basket Items:** The 2017 Charity is "Showering Kindness for Tessa", diagnosed with stage 4 Neuroblastoma. The Basket theme is "Spring Garden". Thursday, **February 2, 2017**

Paula Atkinson [paulawog43@aol.com](mailto:paulawog43@aol.com) If you are willing to donate to The Village Painters Kitchen Basket, bring items to Karen Capshaw at her house or at a General meeting.

**Boutique Items:** Due preferably Thursday, **February 2, 2017** You may bring priced items to set up on Friday, March 31, or early morning of Saturday, April 1. Please advise **Michelle Handley** [mlhandley@comcast.net](mailto:mlhandley@comcast.net).

**Guest Names and Money Due:** **March 2, 2017** Loretta Huebler [lhuebler@wowway.com](mailto:lhuebler@wowway.com) Please email your guest list to Loretta as soon as possible.

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### Village Painters Kitchen Basket



Once again I will collect for a **Kitchen Basket** for the 2016 Spring Fling. If you have anything to donate we would appreciate it. Bring it to one of the General meetings or to me when you see me. The pence you will receive for a group basket is 1 pence no matter how many donations are submitted. If an item is hand painted it will be 1 to 3 pence at the discretion of the basket chairperson based on time and complexity. Thank you.

Karen Capshaw 734-397-2543 [paintdrop@aol.com](mailto:paintdrop@aol.com)

## Paint with Us

Thanks to Sally Thirjung who taught the class, all of my committee chairs who made this event happen and to everyone who participated in this event to make it so successful! The Show & Tell table was overflowing! Fifty-three people attended; 25 members and 28 guests. Nine members were responsible for bringing the 28 guests. Make sure to take a look at the photos.



Pattern: Winter Feeding by Renee Mullins



Instructor: Sally Thirjung



Pin/Name Tag created by Paula Atkinson



Diane Stiller  
Chair of Event



Linda Christopher  
Set Up/Take Down



Paula Atkinson  
Pin/Name Tags



Michelle Handley  
Raffle



Sheri Redd  
Hospitality



Diana Winn  
Hospitality



Linda Morgan  
Show & Tell

## Learn to Paint – Diane Stiller

The last two classes were taught by Linda Christopher. One was a Halloween design on a small tray and the other was the Countdown to Christmas. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to all of the participants throughout the year who attended the classes and supported this program. Next year's class schedule will be available at the Holiday party in December.



LTP - Linda Christopher			
September 10, 2016			
Halloween: Lynne Deptula			
Revenue	Students	Fee	
Registration: Seminar Coordinator	1	\$0	\$0.00
Students	13	\$15	\$195.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	14		\$195.00
Sold 3 extra surfaces for \$1 each			\$3.00
			\$198.00
Expenses			
Seminar Fee:			\$150.00
Livonia Senior Center \$60 x 1 day			\$60.00
4 Halloween free raffle items			\$12.68
Surfaces			\$21.20
<b>Total Expenses</b>			\$243.88
<b>Profit/Loss</b>			-\$45.88

LTP -Linda Christopher (replaced Kathy Riddle)			
October 23, 2016			
Count Down to Xmas - Sandra Malone			
Revenue	Students	Fee	
Registration: Seminar Coordinator	1	\$0	\$0.00
Students	15	\$15	\$225.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	16		\$225.00
Expenses			
Seminar Fee:			\$150.00
Livonia Senior Center \$60 x 1 day			\$60.00
Supplies:			
Diane Stiller: magnets & chalk			\$39.13
Linda Christopher: chalkboard paint			\$28.22
Diane Stiller: surfaces			\$21.20
<b>Total Expenses</b>			\$298.55
<b>Profit/Loss</b>			-\$73.55



Congratulations to our winners  
of 2017 free membership to Village Painters  
Audrey Gusmano for painting Treasure Boxes  
And  
Kathy Ziemba for painting Memory Boxes

Paint with Us - Sally Thirjung			
October 1, 2016			
Winter Feeding by Renee Mullins			
Revenue	Students	Fee	
Members	25	\$15	\$375.00
Guests	28	\$15	\$420.00
<b>Registration revenue</b>	53		\$795.00
Sold 2015 PWU surfaces \$30 + \$95			\$125.00
Sold 2016 PWU surfaces 22 x \$5/each			\$110.00
Sold 1 2015 spider pin			\$10.00
			\$1,040.00
<b>Raffle</b>			\$194.00
<b>Total Revenue for Event</b>			\$1,234.00
<b>9 VP members brought 28 guests</b>			
Expenses			
Instructor Fee:			\$200.00
Livonia Senior Center			\$60.00
Surfaces			\$373.49
Hospitality			\$201.02
Door Prizes			\$39.48
Photo Op Snowman			\$30.73
Pins			\$16.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>			\$920.72
<b>Profit</b>			\$313.28
Less Pence			\$75.00
<b>Net Cash Profit</b>			\$238.28

## Door Prize Winners



Jacquie Osborn

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 2016 Snowman Pin



Joan Mueller

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 2016 Snowman Pin



Maureen VanBuhler

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 2015 Spider Pin



Barbara, Linda Morgan's guest

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 2015 Spider Pin

## Raffle



## Show & Tell



## Here's what our members brought to the October, 2016 Show & Tell



Doreen McLain



Connie Vasilnek



Pat Butler



Maureen VanBuhler



Paula Atkinson



Darlene Greenwood



Sally Thirjung



Rondi Bur



Audrey Gusmano



Peggy Mack



Eileen Carroll



Kathy Ziemba



Sam Farah



Susan Rhodes



Charlene Wenzel



Diane Stiller



Connie Vasilnek



Diane Stiller



Eileen Carroll



Audrey Gusmano



Eileen Carroll

### Memory Boxes



Sam Farah



Kathy Ziemba



Peggy Mack

### Community Service

Rondi Bur, Paula Atkinson, Michelle Handley and Pat Butler completed the walls at Providence Park Hospital on Oct 10, 14, 15 and 17. They look great and have made the room in the OB section sparkle.



## Cheri Rol Trip

Ten of us registered for this 5 day painting trip and had a great time! Next September a few of us are going to attend another 5 day workshop painting 3 out of the 6 Slender Ladies. If you are interested, check out Cheri Rol's web site. You would register with her directly. However, if you contact me, we can possibly arrange to drive down together and stay at the same hotel.



Cheri and Larry Rol and JR



Cheri's studio where we painted



Tulips and Battenberg Lace



Green Cornucopia

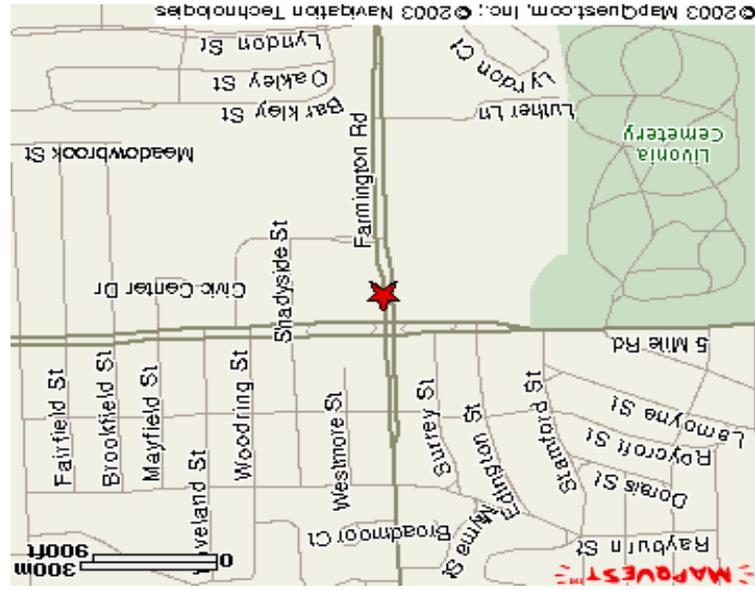


Rachel's Poppies

For all your latest " Museum News" go to

[dpmuseum.org](http://dpmuseum.org)

Diana Winn



**Next General Meeting  
December 1, 2016  
Dearborn Hills Golf Club  
1300 S. Telegraph  
Dearborn, MI 48124  
See you there!!**

Next General Meeting



**Linda Morgan - Editor**

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