



# VILLAGE NEWS AND VIEWS

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## President's Message

I have been reflecting on how life has really changed in the past few months. I have had to take a hard look at how fast time goes by... how precious life truly is... how to make every moment count with the ones I love... and to be thankful for all the lessons (even the hard ones) life has to offer. It has truly been challenging.

Being the President of this organization, at this time, leads to some difficult challenges. Thankfully, I have a wonderful group of board members to discuss how this organization can move forward safely. Our members have spoken, and we hear you. For the safety of all our members, we will not be having the Christmas party this year, and the Spring Fling will be postponed until 2022. That doesn't really leave the Village Painters with much to do. But... I have hope that we can still be inspired by what we love to do!

So, the challenge becomes... what can we do differently to still stay connected with one another. Many of us have been friends for many years. Some of us are newer to the organization, and may not know too many people... so what do we do? September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m., I will be inviting you all to a "Learn to Zoom" informal meeting. This will be a practice run for the future months ahead. We all need to try and get comfortable with Zoom if we want to stay connected! It is kind of fun! We would like to help work out the bugs with everyone... so... WE CAN DO IT!!! There are a few of us that are already taking zoom classes for art lessons; or using zoom to help with school for their kids and grandchildren; or using zoom for meetings.

We are still going to have our October 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting. This will be a zoom meeting. During this meeting, we will have the opportunity to show off our creations from the 'Challenge' that Rondi and Dawn have put together for us to do. (You will read more about that later in the Newsletter.) We will be able to chat and catch up with others. If you would like to share what you have been working on, this will be our first virtual 'Show and Tell'! We won't have to worry about driving in the dark, or worry about bad weather!

There are a few of us that are learning about how to teach using zoom. It is our hope that in November, Diane Stiller will lead us through painting the Christmas pillow that she had offered as a regular class. It may be a while before we are all able to get together and have regular seminars, so this is the next best thing during this situation!

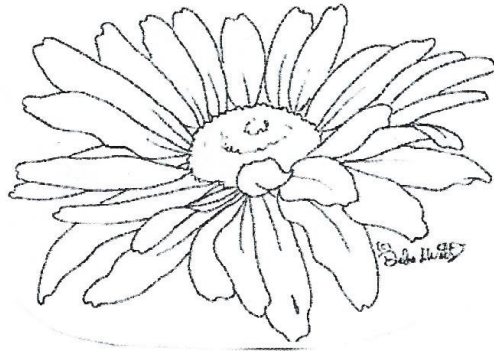
In December, we will have some sort of zoom Christmas gathering! We will be working on the details, and will get back with you at a later time.

Thank you for your patience, time, and energy!

Sheri

Many years ago Village Painters members were given a wooden bowl and, as a Challenge, were asked to paint “whatever” they wanted in the bowl. The results were awesome. So, to go with this crazy year, where we all need a little help getting motivated, we are presenting your:

“CHALLENGE” for October, 2020!



Yup, this is it! Have Fun!!! (printed with permission from Debra Welty)

We are asking you to start with this drawing and: Enlarge it, reduce it, add to it..... Flowers, butterflies, bugs, pumpkins! etc.....whatever you want. Be Creative!

Paint it on fabric, or with watercolor, oil, acrylic.....zentangle it, mud it.....your choice! The possibilities are endless. Let your Creativity Flow!!!

There will be a General Zoom Meeting in October to share everyone’s CREATIVE results. The names of all of those who participated will be put in a drawing and prizes will be given to the first three names drawn.

We are excited to see everyone’s creations.  
Thanks, Dawn Billiau and Rondi Bur

## Community Service

With all that is going on in the World today, our ladies do not disappoint when it comes to helping our community! We aren't able to have meetings with our group, have a Christmas party, or our Spring Fling until 2022. We are still able to paint, sew, and craft! We still are willing to donate whatever we can, whenever we can.

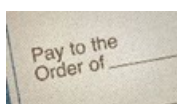
We have decided that on Saturday, November 14th from 12 to 2, in the Livonia Senior Center's parking lot...Board members will be collecting donations for the community service projects that we have been supporting...since we are not having our Christmas party. We will be collecting donations for...

Toys for Tots

Salvation Army (non-perishable canned food)

Goodfellow's—Toys

The Clean Love Project—feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, travel soaps and shampoos, deodorant, etc.



If you would like to give a monetary donation, please write a check made out to the Village Painters. You can either bring it to this event, or you can send it to Kathy Fischer. (Make sure you indicate on your check where you would like your donation to go to.)

This will also be a perfect opportunity for anyone that took a memory box at the February meeting, to bring your finished boxes back to us! We will also take any finished treasure boxes you may have!



Kathy Fischer is also asking for book donations for the 2 Little Library's that are in the park by her house. She says that she is in great need of any books during these times. If you have books that you need to unload now, please give her a call to make the necessary arrangements to get them to her. If not, bring what you can to the November 14th event!

I have more bags to paint for the clean love project. I will send a notice out asking who would like to paint them, and I will deliver on the weekends. Bags can be returned to me at this event also.

Other news...

Barbara Derby will also be there to receive any Santa plates that have been painted for next year's Christmas party. The date for the next Christmas party is December 2n, 2021! She will also be handing out more plates to be painted. She is passing out 3 per person. She would like a picture of the Santa that you will be painting on the plates, so she can keep track of them.

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On June 27<sup>th</sup>, The Clean Love Project had their kit assembly event. We were tasked to complete 3000 hygiene kits for people in need. My niece, Lacey, did a wonderful job orchestrating the event. We did hit 3000 kits in the 4 hours that we were there. It was hard, fast work! It is amazing to me, how much good there still is in people to want to help others. It's great to see, especially now! I was able to take 60 hand painted totes, some canvas cosmetic bags, painted soaps, and other items that our members had donated to the cause. I am going to share with you, some of the pictures of the totes that were painted. Some were stenciled, some were free hand drawings, some were patterns! They all looked amazing! My niece was very thankful for all the donations! She is using those bags for the ladies at the homeless shelters.



My niece is having another kit assembly event on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 -3. If you would like to paint some canvas totes, please let me know! I can deliver some to you. I found some bags that are easy to paint on, and they are different colors. I am really sorry if I did not get back with anyone about painting bags, or picking up bags from some of you before this last event. I got called back to work, and I was having a hard time adjusting going back to work. But I can pick up any bags you would like to donate, or send you bags that you would like to paint.



This is my niece's garage!



This is my niece, Lacey. She is the founder of this organization...The Clean Love Project. Barbara Derby and myself helping out.



More friends helping...Lori and Elena Sisk!





My sister, Diane...  
and my son, Jarod!

My  
nephew,  
Chris!

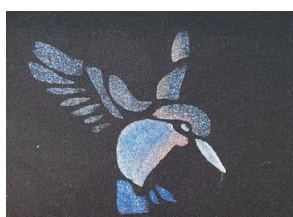
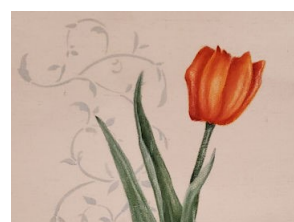
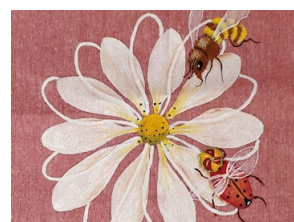
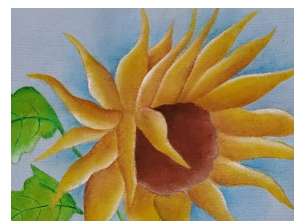


Filling the wonderful  
bags that our group has  
painted.





**What a wonderful job these ladies have done with these bags!**







## 2021 Nominations

October is the time when we nominate and vote for members that are moving into their positions for the next year. It really has been a difficult year for everyone. Some of the board members have agreed to stay in their positions for the year 2021, since there really wasn't much going on this year with everything needing to be cancelled or postponed. Some of the current board members will not be hanging onto their positions, and that's OK. It still may be a while before we, as a group, are able to get back together. Following is a list of board positions with the members that are staying on in their positions. The empty positions are open for anyone to volunteer for. I appreciate all who have worked over the past year, and look forward to trying some new things for the year to come! I shouldn't need to remind everyone of this, but I feel I need to... we are a Chapter of the SDP... therefore all VP members must also be SDP members. Please consider that before signing up for any open positions.

Thank you!

*President	Sheri Redd
*Vice President	
*Secretary	
*Treasurer	Kathy Fisher – Joan Mueller
*By Laws	Sheri Redd
*Education	Diane Stiller
*Historian	Sheri Redd – only because of the website!
*Membership	
*Newsletter	
*Learn to Paint	Don't think we will need to worry about this for 2021
*Paint w/Us	Don't think we will need to worry about this for 2021
*Spring Fling 2022	Paula Atkinson
*Ways and Means	
*Webmaster	Sheri Redd
Appointed Positions	
Audit	Susan Rhodes
August Picnic	Connie Vasilnek and Sally Thirjung
Christmas Party	Barbara Derby
Community Service	We all seem to just take part in this position!!!
Hospitality	
Fall Retreat 2021	Paula Atkinson
Memory Boxes	Currently Rondi Bur is storing them, and collecting finished ones. Still need someone to take this over.
Treasure Boxes	Currently Rondi Bur is storing them, and collecting finished ones. Still need someone to take this over.
Nominations	Sheri Redd
Pence	
Secret Pal	Cathy McClendon – currently... I am not sure if anyone has even participated in this for the year. With now knowing if it would be safe to send anything... and not having meetings... I think we should sideline this until our next Christmas party for 2021. We did not vote on this, just my opinion.
Seminar Hostess	Margaret Pedersen
Sunshine	



## Village Painters Financial Report January 1 to August 9, 2020



<b>Income:</b>		
Education - Seminars	\$ 98.00	Refund
General Meeting: Saturday Event	\$ 180.00	
Membership	\$ 105.00	
Ways and Means	\$ 115.00	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 498.00</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>		
August Picnic	\$ 121.08	
Christmas Party	\$ 245.00	
Corporate Expenses	\$ 135.40	
Education Seminars	\$ 24.17	
General Meeting	\$ 198.06	
Library	\$ 57.19	
Memory Boxes	\$ 48.48	
Rent - General Meeting	\$ 100.00	
Sunshine Fund	\$ 16.30	
Ways and Means Expenses	\$ 33.93	
Website	\$ 171.39	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 1,151.00</b>	
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ (653.00)</b>	

<b>Checkbook Balances:</b>	
Checkbook Balance on 1/1/2020	\$ 8,250.10
Checkbook Balance on 8/9/2020	\$ 7,597.10
<b>Village Painters CD</b>	<b>\$ 10,700.00</b>

*Stay Safe.*

*Stay Healthy.*

*Stay Strong.*

Check out the other Michigan clubs:

Heritage Decorative Artists of Southeast MI—Facebook

GLDA—Facebook

Heart of Michigan decorative artists—FB only

NEDA—Nedaoftc.org

WMDA—hastingscountry.com

Check out  
**MICHIGAN MIXER**  
on Facebook  
for club newsletters  
and other interesting  
information.

## SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE PAINTERS

### ~ MEMBERSHIP REMINDER ~

Just a quick reminder to renew your Society of Decorative Painters (SDP) membership. The Village Painters is an affiliated chapter of SDP. SDP requires that all members of its chapters are also members of the over-arching SDP organization.

If you have not renewed your Society of Decorative Painters membership and have paid your Village Painters membership for 2020, you will receive the Village Painters newsletter.

Only Village Painters members who have renewed their SDP membership will be eligible for membership rates for Village Painters activities.