



# VILLAGE NEWS AND VIEWS

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## President's Message

I want to let you know a few things that have happened over the past few days with the VP group. Some of you know that this past Saturday's class was cancelled due to the Senior Center being closed. I understand it is being closed until April 5th, due to the Coronavirus concerns. I am not an expert on this matter, but working in the health care business, the information is overwhelming and changes on a daily basis. Please be safe and careful with who you are with, and where you go. Make sure you have plenty of hand sanitizer on hand. If you don't have to go anywhere, don't. It is better to be safe in this situation.

Due to the Senior Center being shut down, we will not be having an April meeting either. At this point, we will not be trying to re-schedule that meeting with the unknown factors of when the Senior Center may open. We still need to be aware that there is a possibility that our June meeting may also be in jeopardy. It has been reported today that we may be looking at months of inclusion. They are saying possibly into August. We will just have to stay positive and vigilant!

Diane will keep us posted on the updates for the upcoming seminars.

I have spoken with Connie in regards to the Debra Welty seminar that she is having at her house at the end of April, and that will be postponed for a later date. I will be sending all of the checks and money back to all of the people that have signed up for that.

Clean Love Project Kit Assembly Event – is also postponed to June 27th. It will be 1 hour longer, so that 3000 kits can be assembled. I appreciate all that wanted to go and support. I registered for 10 spots again. So, if you are still interested in helping, please let me know if this is a good date.

Sheri Redd  
President

# Education

*Diane Stiller*

Our Education program is about to begin for the year, so please send me your registration forms as early as possible.

The deadline for Sam's class is April 2nd. Nancy Silver finished painting the Bobbie Takashima Witch so the photo has been added to the registration form. Please note in case you have an old registration form that the date for the very last class which is the Santa video class was changed to October 24.

Please note that if you are a member of Village Painters, but have not renewed your membership with SDP yet, then you will need to pay the non-member fee for the class. So please make sure that you are current with your dues.

## **Education Committee**

I am going to set up a meeting in July to discuss ideas for the 2021 education program. There will be a sign up sheet at the June meeting for those who would like to volunteer to be a member of the Education Committee. I would like input as to what is working and what is not. I still feel that we need to freshen up the program to attract more people to register for classes. I would especially like to focus on the classes without a Big Brush teacher which for this year amount to 5. Should we have fewer classes?

## **Proposed Mini Conference Idea**

I proposed to the Board a radical change for the Big Brushes next year. I am going to set up a separate committee to explore the idea of replicating what SDP is doing with their new mini conferences. We could have 2 to 3 Big Brushes teach on the same weekend either in the Activity, Dining, and Card rooms in the Livonia Senior Center or even another venue. Each Big Brush would teach 2 days (or 3 if we add a Friday). I would try to have a vendor like Hofcraft set up an area to sell painting supplies. This would be to try to fill the gap of no HOOT, no Michigan Mixer, and a whole bunch of members not wanting to travel long distances to conferences in Oklahoma, Las Vegas, etc. There will be a sign up sheet at the June meeting for those who would like to volunteer to discuss the feasibility of this idea.

## ***Village Painters Have a Fun Night***

This just **may** be the headline you'll be seeing in one of our newsletters. How about we get together for some fun & friendship without the paint brushes. We could enjoy an evening of laughter & food at Big Tommy's Comedy Club. This is an evening that also has a benefit of enriching our budget.

The Comedy Club is located at Big Tommy's Parthenon & Comedy Club at 40380 Grand River, in Novi. All we have to do is purchase a ticket for the show at \$20.00 a person. Big Tommy's receives \$6 from each ticket sold. This means we would receive \$14.00 from each ticket sold while having dinner and enjoying the show with good friends.

This is not a fund raiser for us. This is a fun evening, something different for us to do as a group. We would have fun & also have extra money in the Village Painter's bank account.

At the June meeting I will give you more information about this fun evening & have a sheet for you to initial to indicate your interest.

Thanks,

*Connie*

## Memory Box Project

Thanks to everyone who picked up a Memory Box at the February meeting. All 24 were taken! Please bring them, BASECOATED, to the June meeting. They will be our after meeting project.

REMINDER: Suggested basecoat colors:  
Delta Leaf Green - inside of box and lid.  
Americana Green Tea - basecoat outside of box and lid.

Paints to bring: Americana: Leaf Green, Moon Yellow, Raw Sienna, White, and any Red/Pink to rouge the cheeks.

Brushes, including a 1/2" or 3/4" angle, liner, and a stylus



We look forward to painting with you in June.

*Rondi and Dawn*

## Christmas Party Update

This year's Christmas party will be on **Wednesday, December 2nd** at the Vista Tech Center at Schoolcraft College.

The Christmas committee is in need of volunteers to help paint sets of three plates that will have the same Santa painted on all three plates.

To help prevent more than one set of plates with the same Santa, I am asking that volunteers make a copy of the Santa they want to paint with their name and phone number on it so I can keep track of which Santa has already been painted and who need pences. If you would like to paint more then one set you will need copies of each Santa you want to paint.

*Barbara Derby*

### March Birthdays

2 Kathy Helm  
4 Diana Winn  
8 Shelley Lackey  
11 Barbara Derby  
13 Jean Trimpe  
14 Louise Hastings



### April Birthdays

1 Joyce Kuzera  
7 Sandra Ledger  
11 Janis Creswell  
21 Cathy McClendon  
24 Sue Vella  
29 Sally Thirjung  
30 Margaret Pedersen



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 2020 Calendar of Events

April 25	Lynn Andrew's Create Sam Farah
June 6 & 7	Tracy Moreau
June 27	Fabric Pillows
August 1 & 2	Judy Westegaard-Jenkins
September 12	Takashima Witch Nancy Silver
October 17	Santa Video class
September 25-27	Fall Retreat
December 2	Christmas Party

### General Meetings

Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48154  
Social time begins at 6:00, Business meeting at 6:45

2020 General Meeting Dates:

~~April 2~~ CANCELLED

June 4

August 6

October 1

### Board Meetings

6:00 p.m.

Plymouth District Library

January 2, March 5, May 7, September, November

## Your 2020 Board of Directors & Committee Chairs

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Sheri Redd

### **Vice President**

Dawn Billiau

Rondi Bur

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Linda Christopher (Board Meetings)

Jan Heins (General Meetings)

Darlene Laws (General Meetings)

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Kathy Fischer

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Sheri Redd

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Diane Stiller

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Sheri Redd

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Nancy Silver

Theresa Palmer

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Jan Miller

### **Newsletter**

Jan Miller

### **Learn to Paint**

### **Paint with Us 2021**

### **Spring Fling 2021**

Paula Atkinson

### **Ways and Means**

Loretta Huebler

Cathy McClendon

### **Webmaster**

Sheri Redd

### **Audit**

Susan Rhodes

### **August Picnic**

Connie Vasilnek

Susan Rhodes

Denise Robert

### **Christmas Party**

Barbara Derby

### **Community Service**

### **Hospitality**

Dawn Billiau

### **Fall Retreat 2020**

Paula Atkinson

### **Memory Boxes**

Margaret Pedersen

### **Nominations**

### **Pence**

Loretta Huebler

### **Secret Pal**

Cathy McClendon

### **Seminar Hostess**

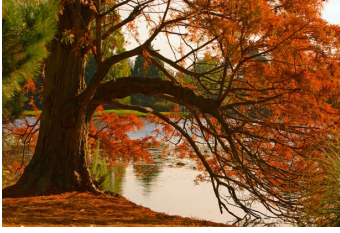
Margaret Pedersen

### **Sunshine**

Connie Vasilnek

### **Treasure Boxes**





# ***Fall Retreat***

September 25-27, 2020

Join us for a

*“Woodland Painting Party”*

At Skyline Camp and Conference Center  
in Almont, MI.

Registration forms will be available at the April meeting.

Look for finished projects at the February meeting.

Info will be on website soon.

You won't want to miss this chance to have quality time  
with your fellow Village Painters.



## *Ways and Means*

We would like to thank our members who have donated items to the Ways and Means this year: Denise Robert, Karen Capshaw, Rondi Bur and Karen Lavella.

If you find that you have surfaces, patterns or newer books that you no longer want, Ways and Means would love you to donate them to the club.

Thank you,

*Cathy and Loretta*



## Village Painters Financial Report January 1 to March 1, 2020

<b>Income:</b>	
Education - Seminars	\$ 880.00
General Meeting: Saturday Event	\$ 180.00
Membership	\$ 105.00
Ways and Means	\$ 115.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$ 1,280.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	
August Picnic	\$ 57.08
Corporate Expenses	\$ 42.40
Education Seminars	\$ 124.17
General Meeting	\$ 198.06
Memory Boxes	\$ 48.48
Rent - General Meeting	\$ 100.00
Ways and Means Expenses	\$ 33.93
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$ 604.12
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 675.88

<b>Checkbook Balances:</b>	
Checkbook Balance on 1/1/2020	\$ 8,250.10
Checkbook Balance on 3/1/2020	\$ 8,925.98
<b>Pence Used</b>	215
<b>Hostess Used</b>	110
<b>Village Painters CD</b>	\$ 10,620.00

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.



# Scrapbook Memories

## February Meeting Show & Tell



Sam Farah



Eileen Carroll



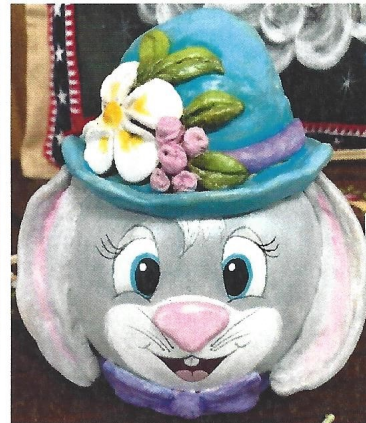
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Jan Heins



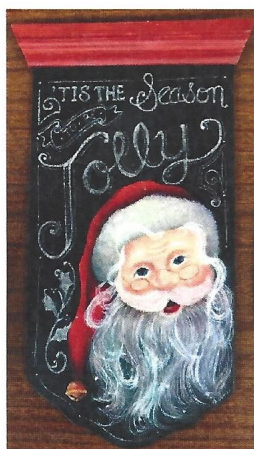
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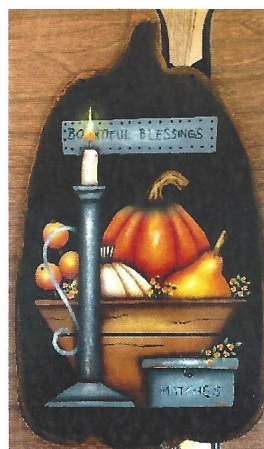
Rondi Bur



Darlene Greenwood



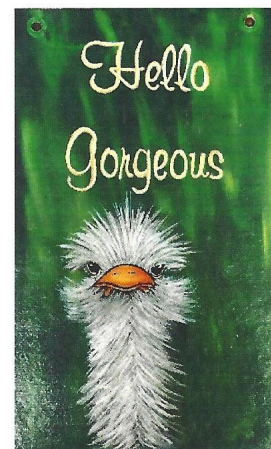
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Rondi Bur



Jackie Wright



Connie Vasilnek



Karen Lavella

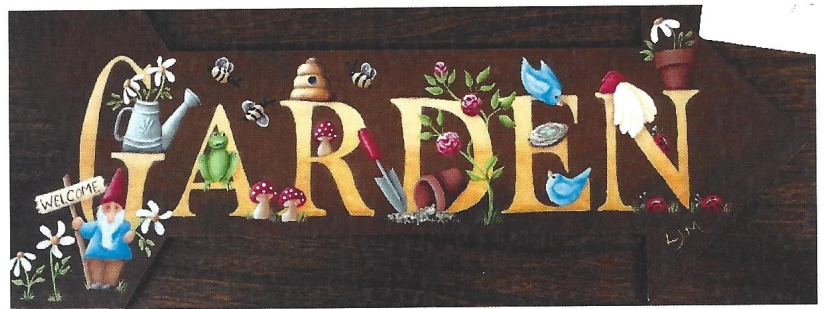


Kathy Ziemba





Dawn Billiau



Linda Morgan

## Memory & Treasure Boxes



Sam Farah



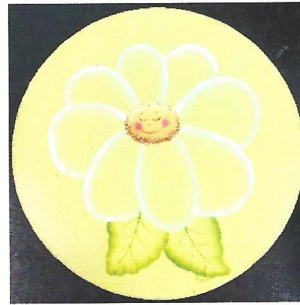
Eileen Carroll



Rondi Bur



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Rondi Bur



## February Meeting Painting Project instructed by Rondi Bur





**The Village Painters proudly presents  
Sam Farah – Create pattern by Lynn Andrews: Saturday, April 25, 2020**



Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020  
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Where: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154

Sam will provide prepped surface, pattern, fabric pieces, etc.  
with the goal of finishing this project in class.  
Not recommended for a beginner painter.  
Acrylic Paint: You provide

Cost: Member \$37; Non-Member \$47  
Deadline: April 2, 2020

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable.

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or cannot attend.

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**Sam Farah - Create: Saturday, April 25, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$37 Member; \$47 Non Member

***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  
Tracy Moreau: Saturday & Sunday, June 6 & 7, 2020**



Chick-a-Dee and Holly Tray, Saturday, June 6



The Paper Poppy, Sunday, June 7

Date: Saturday & Sunday, June 6 & 7, 2020

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

Surface: You provide

Acrylic Paint: Will be provided

Cost: Member \$35; Non-Member \$45

Deadline: May 16, 2020

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable.

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or cannot attend.

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**Tracy Moreau: Saturday & Sunday, June 6 & 7, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, June 6 Chickadee \_\_\_\_\_  
\$35 Member; \$45 Non Member

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

Sunday, June 7, Poppy \_\_\_\_\_  
\$35 Member; \$45 Non Members

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**The Village Painters proudly presents  
One Day; Two Pillows: Saturday, June 27, 2020**



Pattern by Shirley Koenig, Country's Edge Vols. 11 & 7



Pattern by Lynne Deptula

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2020  
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Where: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154

Surface: You provide  
Acrylic Paint: You provide  
Note: There is no instructor.

Cost: Member \$10; Non-Member \$20  
Deadline: June 13, 2020

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable.

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or cannot attend.

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**One Day; Two Pillows: Saturday, June 27, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$10 Member; \$20 Non Member

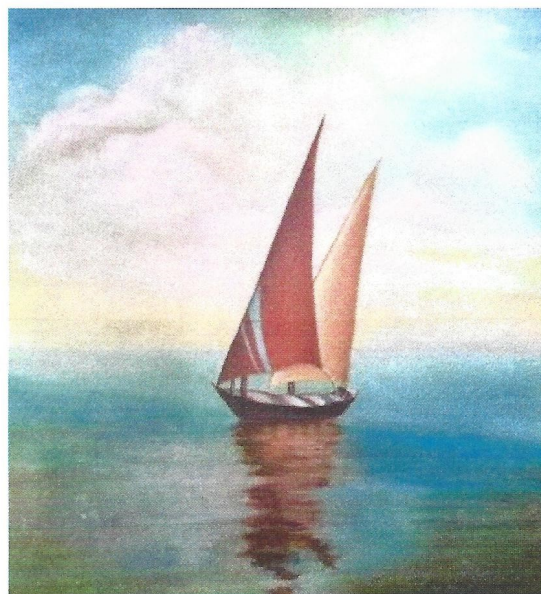
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**The Village Painters proudly presents**  
**Judy Westegaard - Jenkins: Saturday & Sunday, August 1 & 2, 2020**



Saturday, August 1



Sunday, August 2

Date: Saturday & Sunday, August 1 & 2, 2020

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

Surface: You provide

Acrylic Paints: Will be provided

Cost: Member \$35; Non-Member \$45

Deadline: July 18, 2020

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable.

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or cannot attend.

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**Judy Westegaard - Jenkins: Saturday & Sunday, August 1 & 2, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Saturday, Aug 1: Autumn \_\_\_\_\_  
\$35 Member; \$45 Non Member

Sunday, Aug 2: Tuscan Rose \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25 Member; \$35 Non Members, \$45

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Village Painters proudly presents**  
**Nancy Silver – Witch pattern by Bobbie Takashima: Saturday, September 12, 2020**



Date: Saturday, September 12, 2020  
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Where: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154

Surface: You provide  
Acrylic Paint: You provide

Cost: Member \$25; Non-Member \$35  
Deadline: August 15, 2020

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable.

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or cannot attend.

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**Nancy Silver - Witch: Saturday, September 12, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25 Member; \$35 Non Member

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

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**The Village Painters proudly presents  
Santa Video Class: Saturday, October 24, 2020**



Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020  
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Where: Livonia Senior Center  
15218 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154

Surface: You provide  
Acrylic Paint: You provide

Cost: Member \$10; Non-Member \$20  
Deadline: October 3, 2020

Please remember that all fees are non-refundable.

Contact Diane Stiller (313) 720-1836 or [dianestiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianestiller@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or cannot attend.

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**Santa Video Class: Saturday, October 24, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$10 Member; \$20 Non Member

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*See you there!!*

**General Meeting**  
**June 4, 2020**  
**Livonia Senior Center**  
**15218 Farmington Road**  
**Livonia, MI 48154**

Next General Meeting



Jan Miller  
28320 7 Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48152