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President's Corner

What better way to celebrate the end of the year than to join your friends at our annual Holiday Luncheon at Ma-ma Mia's hosted by Dawn Billiau and Jan Kaplan. Please make every effort to attend this festive event and share in the Season's goodwill and camaraderie.

Please join me in thanking everyone who served on the Board and the numerous committees that were set up during the course of the year. We worked very hard to set up the new organization and have completed all of the corporate requirements.

Next year we will be focused on setting up the new website for Village of Decorative Painters and restarting our Learn to Paint program. Thanks to everyone who donated used brushes in reasonably good condition to get that program off to a good start. Keep looking in your stash for more brushes.

If you are going to be filling a new Board position in 2024, the luncheon may be an opportune time to pick up any bins or materials from the individual vacating the position if you want to make those arrangements.

Happy Holidays!
Diane Stiller



2023 Calendar of Events

Dec 7, 12-3 Holiday Luncheon

2024 Calendar of Events

Mar 13, 10-2? Connie Vasilnek—Zoom
Apr 20 Kathy Ziemba—LTP
May 4, 9-4 Sam Farah— Onsite
May 18 Cindy Mullins—LTP
June 8&9, Lonna Lamb
Sept 7&8, Paulette DiGesare
Sept 21 Nancy Silver—LTP
Sept 27-29 Fall Retreat
Oct 2 Sally Thirjung—LTP
Oct 19, 9-4 Linda Christopher— Onsite
Nov 6, 10-2? Judy Ribitch—Zoom

Membership:

Pat Butler will not be at the Dec. 7 Christmas party (much to her distress!). So, instead of bringing your Membership forms, found in this newsletter, and checks to the holiday party, please mail them to

Pat Butler
7870 Parker Rd
Saline, MI 48176

BE SURE TO MAKE THEM OUT TO: VILLAGE OF DECORATIVE PAINTERS

Also, be sure you get your checks in before the 31st of December so you are a member in good standing!!

Pat Butler

General Meetings 2023

At Livonia Senior Center

Saturdays 10am-2pm

February 4, April 8, June 3,
August 5, Oct 7,

Holiday Luncheon Dec 7

Board meetings 2023

6:30 pm by ZOOM

Jan 5, March 2, May 4,
July 6 , Sept 7, Nov 2

General Meetings 2024

At Livonia Senior Center

Saturdays 10am-2pm

February 3, April 6, June 1,
August 3, Oct 5,

Holiday Luncheon TBA

Board meetings 2024

6:30 pm by ZOOM

Jan 4, March 7, May 2,
July 11 , Sept 5, Nov 7

Memory and Treasure Boxes

Please bring your painted boxes to the luncheon. We would like to be able to make a delivery before Christmas so the hospitals will have a good supply during the holidays.

Some unpainted boxes will be available at the luncheon.

Hope to see you there.



November Birthdays

6 *Terri Stites*

29 *Maryann Muir*

December Birthdays

5 *Kathy Ziemba*

6 *Karen Lavella*

9 *Barb Reinholz*

19 *Linda Morgan*

28 *Patty Neu*

29 *Susan Rhodes*

30 *Cathy Uhring*

31 *Judy Ribitch*

Christmas Luncheon Reminder

Village of Decorative Painters Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 7th is fast approaching!

Social hour, cash bar, pence ticket sales, donations for non-perishable food, toys, books for little library and money donations begin at 12pm. Drop off all these charity donations in the parking lot. Please remember to bring your painted ornament for the exchange if you are participating. Also bring your pence raffle item if you haven't already given to Kathy Ziemba and let her know that you will be bringing it to the party. Remember to park in Mamma Mia Banquet Hall parking across the side street of Cardwell on the West side. There will be a green Village of Decorative Painters sign by that parking lot. The banquet door faces Plymouth Road. Please do not park in the restaurant parking, you will be asked to move.

There is still time to get your registration in for any members or friends of members that want to attend. The deadline is November 17 with the registration form in the email or in the newsletter. This is always a fun and festive way to get the holiday season going! Looking forward to seeing you there. Questions, please call or text Dawn Billiau - 734-751-3678 or Jan Kaplan - 734-620-2368.

READY FOR A NEW CONVENTION?

It's a great new annual event in the heart of the Smokies! More than just a painting show, there will be vendors with crafts, art, supplies, demonstrations and all your favorite teachers with great classes! Giveaways, swag bags, inexpensive hotel rooms, and a great city to go shopping, all in a really convenient location in Chattanooga!

FOLLOW US to keep up on news & details!

Annual Painting & Craft Expo

June 24-29, 2024
Chattanooga Convention Center, TN

In 2014 Michelle and Rick Handley built a Little Free Library and members of the Village Painters painted it. It was installed at the Cass Corridor Community in Detroit. Through the years it became badly weathered and was falling apart. My hubby, Jim, and I built and painted a new one. We greatly appreciate the help of Don and Pat Butler who joined us to install the new Little Free Library on September 11, 2023



Scrapbook Memories
October 7, 2023 General Meeting

Show & Tell



Linda Morgan



Gail Barton

Pat Butler



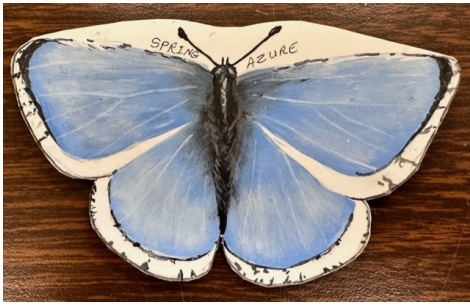
Kathy Ziemba



Patty Neu

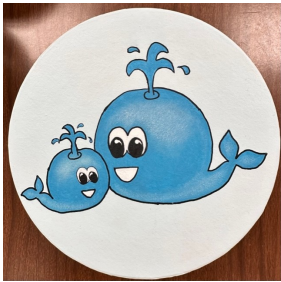


Maureen VanBuhler



Rondi Bur magnets

Memory Boxes



Darlene Greenwood



Cathy Uhring



Joan Mueller



Karen Capshaw



Connie Vasilnek

Treasure Boxes



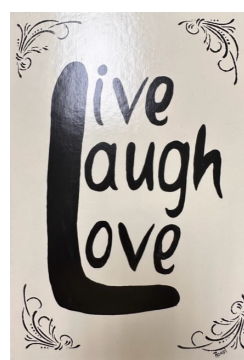
Eileen Carroll



Sam Farah



Teresa Palmer



Rondi Bur



Jan Heins



Cathy McClendon

Education – Diane Stiller

Sam Farah's class was a fun class attended by 18 members. We added color pencil over an acrylic base and added jewel embellishments.



Linda Morgan



Cindy Mullins



Joan Mueller



Kathy Ziemba

Linda Christopher's Intense Eye Study in color pencil was attended by 15 members via zoom. Linda shared many techniques that she has learned over the years taking numerous classes herself.



Eileen Carroll



Darlene Laws



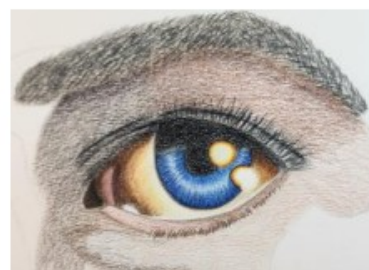
Cathy McClendon



Diane Stiller



Barb Reinholz



Linda Morgan



Judy Ribitch



Jeannine Laderach



Linda highly recommends this hand-held sharpener, 2Maiba. It fits comfortably in your left hand and just takes a few twists to sharpen the pencil to a point without eating up a lot of the pencil.

Judy Ribitch taught the last SDP paint-in class; a snowman pattern by Lynne Adrews. It was attended by 14 members. It was very well paced and allowed members to finish the project.



Susan Rhodes



Sam Farah



Joan Mueller



Kathy Fischer



Louise Hastings



Kathy Ziemba

Village of Decorative Painters

Membership Application for January 1 – December 31, 2024

Please check the appropriate box: New Application Renewal

Renewing member: Use * to indicate any information that has changed from last year.

Annual dues for Village of Decorative Painters (VDP) are \$15.00, due no later than December 31, 2023.

Make check payable to: Village of Decorative Painters

Send application and check for membership to: Pat Butler, 7870 Parker Rd, Saline, MI 48176

Please Print

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell _____ Secondary Phone _____

Email _____

Birthday: Month ____ Day ____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Relation _____ Phone _____

Health Advisory

Village of Decorative Painters (VDP) hereby gives notice that various paints, finishes and solvents will be used during meetings and seminars. Each participant is responsible for assessing their own potential risk of exposure to these products and their components before electing to participate in any event. Village of Decorative Painters, its teachers, and agents assume no liability for the participant's use or exposure to these paints, finishes and solvents, the same to be specifically assumed by the participant.

My signature on this application signifies that in accepting membership, I ratify, accept and agree to abide by the Bylaws, Operations Manual, Health Advisory and any other governing documents of the Village of Decorative Painters.

Signature _____ Date _____

Form received by VDP Membership Chair, Pat Butler, on _____



What Snowmen Do

Village of Decorative Painters Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 7, 2023, Noon – 3:30 pm

Mama Mia Livonia Banquet Hall

27770 Plymouth Rd, Livonia MI 48150

Between Middlebelt and Inkster Rd.

Banquet Parking across side street, Cardwell St.

\$22 for members and \$27 for guests

Deadline Friday, November 17, 2023

- 12:00 Social hour, cash bar, pence ticket sales. Drop off non-perishable food, toys, books for little library and money donations in the parking lot.
- 1:00 Buffet luncheon: Includes homemade Italian bread, salad, mostaccioli with marinara, baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans. Ice cream and cake for dessert. Includes coffee, tea and water.
Vegetable lasagna available for vegetarians who check the box on registration form
- 2:00 or After lunch Hand-painted ornament exchange, pence raffle, centerpiece drawing

2023 Christmas Luncheon Registration Form

\$22 for members \$27 for guests

Make checks payable to: **Village of Decorative Painters**

Mail check and form to: Joan Mueller
42340 Park Ridge
Novi MI 48375



Questions? Call or text: Dawn Billiau – 734-751-3678 or Jan Kaplan – 734-620-2368

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Guest's name: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Yes, I/we would like the vegetarian option: How many? _____