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President's Letter (Patricia Hamilton)

From the President:

Thanks to Doris Berry for a great Tuesday workshop showing us how to make the Raggedy Ann and Andy ornaments she brought to last year's Christmas party. I actually finished mine and only burned myself once. My thanks also to Suzanne Brooks and Shirley Colgrove who have volunteered to work with Sandy Merriman on our annual Christmas party. This is also our chapter's 15th anniversary year.

At the end of June I called a special board meeting to discuss one day seminars, workshops, and paint ins. Following are the decisions made by the board:

One day seminars: The one day seminars were started as a means to have more challenging projects to paint. Although we as a chapter voted on projects for the one day seminars, we have had to cancel every one day seminar so far this year do to lack of participation. As you know, we pay the teachers \$100 for these seminars so we need minimum of 10 people at \$10 each to participate. The decision of the board is to continue the one day seminars for 2007 (3 left) and re-look at whether to continue in 2008. If one day seminars are continue in 2008, we will also discuss job function of the seminar chairman and should it also continue to include one day seminars. Currently there is not job description listed for the seminar chairperson.

Workshops – These are held after chapter business meeting and due to limited amount of time will continue to be projects that can be completed or nearly completed in that limited amount of time. Although the more experienced painters do not always want to paint these projects, we need to remember that our chapter has different levels of painters and these projects benefit one or more levels of painters. We also need to remember that the teachers volunteer their time to lead these projects and we should set the example for all members to paint at all workshops and encourage other members to do the same. If we do not show respect to our teachers, we will struggle to get volunteers to teach.

Paint ins – Teachers will be asked to teach more challenging projects than are taught after a business meeting. It was determined that the goal of a paint in should be to teach/learn new technique, medium, or to challenge the painter realizing that the project probably will not be finished when leaving the paint in. Teachers will need to provide good instructions for finishing projects. We also need to remember that the teachers volunteer their time to lead these projects and we should set the example for all members to paint at all paint ins and encourage other members to do the same. If we do not show respect to our teachers, we will struggle to get volunteers to teach.

The church is replacing the children’s furniture and has already removed the child size metal folding chairs. There are 16 chairs and they have been given to the chapter. The board is asking members to take a chair and paint for our annual bazaar. As an incentive to our members, 2008 membership dues will be waived to the member whose chair is voted to be the chair liked best by chapter members. Fifteen chairs were taken by members at our last meeting. If you would like the remaining chair, please let Ann Keeling know and she will bring it to the August painting. There will also be patterns to choose from at the August meeting or you can paint your chair by another pattern of your choosing.

Please remember that we have many opportunities for member involvement, meeting new people or just getting to know each other better. Even though we are not always painting something that everyone likes, I hope that each of you will try to be at as many meetings, paint-ins, one day seminars, and other events as possible. Remember that YOU ARE IMPORTANT to the success of our chapter. So bring your paints and brushes and be prepared to have fun!!!

Happy Painting,
Patricia

Notice –Due to increasing postal costs to mail newsletters, the board has made the decision to eliminate the extras that are put in the newsletter and to email the newsletter to everyone that has an email address. If you do not have an email address, your newsletter will still be mailed to you.

Paint-In Schedule (Sandi Boling) Meeting for 2007		Refreshments for 2007 (Open) Refreshments for 2007	
August 14 September 11	Paint on chairs Garage sale	August 14 September 11	Mary Nell and Sue Caylor Margaret Polk, Shirley Delamar and Bette Thompson Ways and Means Johnnie McKee, Millie Woodard and Peggy S Christmas party
October 09 November 13	Guitars Cloris Martin TBD	October 09 November 13	
December 11	Christmas Party	December 11	

**Upcoming Seminars
(Lisa Thornhorn)
Seminar Information by Lisa**

NOTICE: The Naomi Brown seminar will begin at 12 noon on Friday as the hospital has the room for the morning for the Passport Club.

We will paint from 12-8p.m. if needed and decide if we want a dinner break about 4-5 or just to work through.

On Saturday, we will meet from 9-5 as planned.

Thanks for your patience with us. We want to have the best seminar with plenty of room for everyone. Also, there are still 3 places left.

Minutes from June (Carol Reichelt)

President, Patricia Hamilton opened the June 12 meeting and turned the floor over to Jean Bentley who is in charge of the Learn to Paint program this year. The decision was made by the committee to do one project from start to finish this year. Estimated completion is 3-4 weeks. The dates are August 21, 28, Sept 4 & if needed Sept 18. All supplies are ordered. She did ask that someone volunteer to get a package of 50 self stick name tags. Rita Williams volunteered. Jean asked for volunteers for monitors and also asked for volunteers that had clipboards at home that could be used by the Learn to Paint students during the classes. The clipboards will be returned to their owners after completion of the classes.

Nancy Genetti pencil drawing seminar on June 23rd did not make.

Patricia asked all members to give some thought on 1 day seminars. So far this year none of our one day seminars have made due to lack of participation. Do we still want to have 1 day seminars? Suggestions?

Sandi Boling announced that Marge Abernethy has cancelled the tote bag paint in for our August 7 meeting. Patsy Deal has also cancelled the Wildflower Emblem paint in for our October 9 meeting.

Patricia suggested we might see if Linda McDonald would be willing to do the Tulip class on one of the meeting nights that is now opened since that seminar has been cancelled twice. If she cannot, we need to be thinking of what we could fill in on those nights. (1) Patsy Deal suggested we could each bring an ornament to paint on and donate it for the bazaar. (2) The guitar that Patricia is teaching in September could be spread out over two meetings. (3) We could have a garage sale like we did last year. Please call or e-mail your ideas and suggestions to Patricia for what we could do on those meeting nights.

Wildflowers gave two scholarships to art students but we got credit for three because a neighbor of Lisa Thornhill donated some money for a scholarship. We have received a thank you note from Thi Li.

Our next seminar will be August 24 & 25 which will be the African Christmas tablecloth. The total cost is \$50 (payable at sign up) which includes the fee for both days, the tablecloth and the paints. Lisa was accepting sign ups in our meeting tonight.

Patricia announced that Tom Bean Baptist Church is having an open house on Wednesday, August 1. Anyone that has painted on the murals needs to stop by the church and sign their name on the path leading up to the covered bridge. We also need to have a group picture of all the painters so Patricia can submit a story to "The Decorative Painter" about the murals.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Keeling for Carol Reichelt

Minutes from July (Carol Reichelt)

The July meeting of the Wildflowers was opened by President, Patricia Hamilton.

She reminded us of the painted tablecloth seminar on Aug. 25. We will begin the class in the small meeting room and after lunch go to the larger room when it is available.

On Sept. 29th will be the one day seminar painting on denim pants and shirt with Nancy Genetti for \$10.

Patricia announced that we will meet in Aug, and paint on the 16 children's chairs that were given to us by the church. We will paint them for the Bazaar and Rita will have patterns available.

In Sept. we'll have a meeting and do a garage sale. Members can donate items to the chapter or sell their own items and a percentage will go to the chapter. Items must be clearly marked with name and price. All details will be announced later.

Patricia said tonight will be the deadline for ordering the brushes.

At the board meeting members discussed concern over the lack of participation in the one day seminars. We'll finish out this year as planned and re-evaluate next year.

Patricia encourage everyone to attend the church open house on July 21st. at 10.

Reports:

Janice reported a balance of \$5484.57

The sec. report for May wasn't in the newsletter, therefore Patricia suggested that we publish both June and July minutes in the next newsletter and vote on both at the next meeting. Rita Williams made a motion that we approve and Nancy Nass 2nd. the motion.

Nancy asked that we pick up our membership directories. She will mail out books that don't get picked up. Rita announced that she mails out 30 newsletters and postage is expensive, It was decided that we will omit non business information and e-mail the newsletters to all members that have e-mail.

Ann was absent. Patricia announced that we have the large display window at the Library for Oct. Shirley

Colgrove and Suzanne Brooks offered to take care of it.
Nancy asked that we let her know when she needs to send a get well card to members.
Cloris was absent. Patricia said that the scarecrow may have to be a project for later.

Margret Polk made a motion that we adjourn and Brenda Ruble second.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Reichelt, Secretary

Learn to Paint

ATTENTION CHAPTER MEMBERS:

If you have a friend or acquaintance really interested in learning to paint, I would like to give them priority for our learn to paint classes. Classes will only be for four weeks maximum- Starting on Tuesday August 21, 2007 and continuing each Tuesday night through Sept. 18th. Time of classes will be 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The classes will be taught at the chapters regular meeting place. Community Specialty Hospital. 1111 Gallagher Dr. Sherman. Please explain the purpose is to get new chapter members. Also tell them about chapter and national dues are compulsory. They are eligible to visit chapter twice, and therefore any dues would apply to 2008. If interested they should call me on or before Aug. 5th as that is when it will be advertised in the paper. Thanks Jean Bentley 903 564 3815

Monitors assigned to following dates for Learn to Paint Tues. nights 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Aug. 21, Peggy Shindler -- Ann Keeling -- Marge Abernethy-- Sharon Mayo-- Janice Marshall
Aug. 28, Marilyn Huffer--Rita Williams-- Rebekah Russler--J'Net Chambers--Doris Berry
Sept. 4, Margaret Polk-- Betty Thompson--Sue Caylor-- Patricia Hamilton--Mary Nell Rogers
Sept. 18, To be contacted if needed.
Call Jean Bentley if these dates are not suitable.

Gingerbread Aprons

Anyone wanting their name machine embroidered on their apron will need to bring their apron with their name attached with correct spelling to the September meeting. Charge will be \$5 per apron. Anyone wanting to paint their name can do so. However name needs to be painted in white and large enough to be seen.

Murals - the murals were finished on July 17 with the exception of the varnish that will be applied in a few weeks. Thanks again to Linda McDonald, Ann Keeling, Cloris Martin, Marge Abernathy, Patsy Deal, Jean Bentley, Peggy Shindler, Sandi Boling, Sharon Mayo, Marilyn Huffer, Lisa Thornhill, Sheri Merriman, Mary Nell Rogers, Bette Thompson, Margaret Polk, and Janice Marshall for a painting job very well done. Open house for chapter members was July 21 and several members attended. Texoma Living magazine was there taking pictures and gathering information for the magazine.

This was a great community service project for our chapter and one that will give memories to both children and adults for many, many years to come. *Patricia*

Treasurer Report (Janice Marshall)

Treasurer's Report 2007

	Balance as of June 2007		5484.57
	Deposit for July	280.00	
	Disbursements for July 2007		
1066	PH for Houston Expo	200.00	
1067	NG for Web Hosting	23.90	
	Total Balance as of July '07		<u>5540.67</u>

Membership (Nancy Genetti)

Changes to the directory:
Sandie Russell
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Publicity (Ann Lovelace)

Wildflowers will be featured on the noon news at KXII on Aug.15th. The Christmas Bazaar will be on KXII on Nov.27th. There will be a newspaper article on the learn to paint classes the first week in Aug.
Ann Lovelace