



Wildflowers of Texoma Decorative Artists

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President's Letter (Patricia Hamilton)

If you missed the seminar this weekend with Naomi Brown, you missed a great time. Everyone's tablecloth was different, yet each one beautiful. We had visitors from other chapters in the metroplex as well as a Wildflower new member that came from the Golden Spread chapter. This is Naomi's chapter, so old friends had a chance to re-acquaint. We also found out and have permission from the hospital to use their industrial drains. This is great as that bucket of water can sometimes be very heavy. We also found closer restrooms to the larger meeting room. The hospital has changed dietary services and they are now charging for coffee and tea. I am checking on the charge and will know by the next board meeting what these are.

I want to thank everyone again for allowing me to use $\frac{1}{2}$ of the budgeted money to send the president to convention to attend the Houston convention. I met and spoke with members from the Houston area chapters as well as Darla Foreman, past president of SDP. Every chapter I spoke to seems to have the same problems; how to have

successful fund raisers, membership not growing, lack of commitment from members, and instead of diversity without controversy, they have diversity with controversy. I was glad to be able to tell them that our last year's bazaar and raffle was successful and that because of our success, we were able to have 2 seminars this year in which the chapter was able to pay a portion of the daily member fee. Did you know that most chapters pay \$100 to \$150 a month to have a place to meet at? When I shared where we meet and that we had no monthly fee, the ladies from Katy were going to check with their area hospital. Everyone seems to be having problems with their membership decreasing instead of increasing. When speaking with Darla Foreman, I was given information about Share the Magic of Painting with others and growing our decorative painting world. I sent out this information earlier in a separate email. With the article on the murals in the Texoma Living magazine, the article in the paper about our chapter, our large window display at the library in October, and our very successful Learn to Paint program, there should be no reason that we cannot recruit new members. Houston Art will be providing projects for chapters at minimum cost that will not only show how to use old and new products, but give the painter a nice piece to take home. In talking with them about this, I thought that this may be a way to provide something for everyone on business meeting nights. Instead of trying to teach a piece in minimum time, we could teach new products or show how to use old ones in a different way. I also had a great day painting with Maureen McNaughton and cannot wait to show you what I painted.

I want to thank all of my chair ladies for the great work you have done so far this year and to all the ladies that have stepped in to help when needed. Lisa has coordinated 2 seminars this year and managed to keep well under our seminar budget, Sandi has managed to fill all the paint ins and workshops even with the cancellations she has had, Ann always has her camera out to ensure what we do is recorded in our history books, Suzanne and Shirley stepped in when Brenda was no longer able to do hospitality, Nancy has given us another outstanding membership book and web site, Rita has gone far above expectations with our newsletter, Ann gets pictures and articles to the newspaper even with the health problems she has had this year, Mary Nell managed to keep up with all those memory boxes during her move from Sherman to Whitesboro, Nancy makes and sends sunshine cards when she also needed a lot of sunshine this year, Cloris is busy with our annual raffle item and bazaar, and Jean Bentley's Learn to Paint team is having another successful year with 19 people attending. When you see these ladies, please let them know how well they are doing and give words of encouragement to them.

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	
September 11	Garage sale	September 11	Margaret Polk, Shirley Delamar and Bette Thompson
October 09	Guitars	October 09	Ways and Means
November 13	Cloris Martin TBD	November 13	Johnnie McKee, Millie Woodard and Peggy S
December 11	Christmas Party	December 11	Christmas party

October Paint-In

The wood, records, and prep instructions will be at the September meeting. Cost of wood is \$15, record is \$1, and 2 pictures will be \$1. If you are paying by check, you will need to make it out to Sandy Walker for wood only. Monies for record and pictures go to Patricia.

Ways and Means

Cloris Martin

Garage Sale

Bring any of your craft items, painted or unfinished, books or any other painting product you would like to sell. One item needs to be designated for the chapter and the rest of the items need to be marked with a price and your name or initials. The chapter will receive 10% of your selling price for chapter funds. Tables will be set up around 5:30pm so you can bring your items after that time. If there are any questions, please feel free to call Cloris Martin at 903.893.5468 or Marge Abernathy @ 903.893.2120

Helene Wilson has donated her remaining decorative painting items to our garage sale. Proceeds of these items will go to the chapter.

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

Chapter Issues

I have been hearing things that have the potential to cause a great deal of tension, hurt feelings, and controversy within our chapter. If you have a concern, question, or whatever, ask me. If I do not know, I will find out. If you think changes need to be made on how chapter business is handled, bring this up in a chapter meeting as new business. If you think that we should use pink napkins instead of blue as an example, don't complain to others, volunteer for that position for the next year. If you think we should paint a wood project, but we are painting on tin as an example,

volunteer for that position next year. We are a group of adult women that have a love for decorative painting and a love for our chapter. We need to encourage one another, be interested in each other, and let each other know that we feel they are important. We need to discuss and not argue or gossip. Gossip is a waste of valuable time and can be extremely destructive. It is a mark of a superior mind to be able to disagree without being disagreeable. Every member should vote on issues based on how they feel and should do this openly. However, once a decision has been made and voted on by the chapter, every chapter member should support regardless of their personal feelings. Every chapter member is important and each member is what makes our chapter great.

Patricia

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.

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>
1068	Houston Art (Brushes)	227.62	
1069	Learn to paint (Bentley)	35.26	
			<u>5277.79</u>

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