

Wildflowers of Texoma Decorative Artists

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President's Letter (Rita Williams)

From the President:

Thanks to Sandy for hosting our Christmas party, was it not WONDERFUL. You and your daughter really out did yourself. Also, thanks for doing the Christmas party in 2008. Those who were unable to attend the party really missed a good time, good food and good fellowship.

As you see, we broke out the Christmas party from the hospitality. Because Marilyn did not want to do the Christmas party but due to some arm twisting Sandy said that she would take the job.

We had a great bazaar this year and made money for our club. Thanks for the Ways and Means committee and especially Cloris for their hard work on this project. This is our biggest money maker of the year. The bar has been set, so Lisa and her team have their work cut out for them.

Can you believe that 2007 is almost over? I finished up my Christmas shopping on the 23rd. I did not think that I would ever get it done. Everything just came up on my too fast this year.

I look forward to 2008, and being your new president. Everyday, I grow more and more confident in my painting. I will probably never be great, but I guess I will be adequate. I really learn a lot for the teachers that we brought in, but I also learn from our club teachers, as well as our membership. In almost all paint-ins, there something that I learn. So volunteer to do a paint-in see Janice, because she still has some spots available.

I know that we have several challenges ahead. Our major challenge is securing a meeting place, if the hospital does not open back up. We will meet at Carol's red apron in January. Be thinking of other spaces that we can use, even if we have to pay a few dollars. Afterall, nothing is free, anymore. I would like to get a place nail down, so that we all want a permanent meeting place without having to go to different places for our meetings. If anyone has any ideas, please let me know. Lets all keep our fingers and toes crossed that the hospital opens back up, it was just a perfect place.

If anyone has any ideas to make our club the best, please let me know, I have an open mind, but it has to be brought up, because I am no mind reader.

Goals for 2008

Communication

We need to all start communicating! The board and or myself has to know what the committees are working on, what you are planning, etc. There was a lot of miscommunication or no communication last year with some of the committees and that has to stop.

Stop the constant talking during meetings

I asked a member about teaching a class and the response was "I cannot teach over the loud talking". This should not happen, maybe people don't know that they are talking loudly, but you are. I have a horn, and I will be blowing it when things get out of hand.

Buddy System

I feel that we don't always make our new members or visitors welcomed. I would like to form a buddy system, so that they can sit with an experienced painter and that painter can help them. Then the next meeting that can sit with someone else. They can get different ideas on how to do the steps.

Seminars

If a project is voted on by the membership and the teacher is informed that their project was selected they clear that Saturday on their calendar for us. If that class does not make, then it could be that the teacher loses money. For example: The membership votes on project x to be taught by Jane Doe in March. Jane is a teacher who teaches in the US, and she blocks off March for our club. She is asked by other clubs to teach in March, but she turn down the other clubs because of us. Then she finds out that our class does not hold, but the other club has filled that month. Jane loses money. I know this is as clear as mud, but we need to look out for our teachers, as they are in demand.

Mid year project

Maybe this year, we can do our mid-year project this year.

Retreat

Patricia is looking at a place for our club to get away for awhile and paint and relax and enjoy each other company.

Become a Benchmark Club

I would like for our club a benchmark club. For many years, we have been coping what the Yellow Rose does, and for once I would like for them to copy us. So let's all put our thinking hats on and come up with something that they will want to copy us. Lets become the LEADERS and not the followers. We have some very smart women, so we should come up with something.

Memory Boxes

I am lucky that I did not have a still born child. This is a very easy service project that does not take very much time. My boxes may not be the best; however, it warms my heart to think that I did something for someone in their time of grief.

Forget history

Forget what has happen in the past and let's move on.

Stop Complaining

I have heard a lot of complaining, however, very few people actually wanted to work on the board, or work on a committee. If you are not willing to work, then don't complain. When a decision has been made by the membership, the subject is closed. If you want to change the decision, then run for an office in 2009.

Remember!!!!!!

Meeting place for January will be at Carol's Red Apron! Thanks to Sharon for securing this place. I hope to be back at the hospital SOON!

Our club cannot grow and become great without each and everyone! So lets start out 2008 fresh, for forget what happen in 2007.

January Paint-in

Bring your Pringles can for our January Paint-in and spray it black.

Minutes from November meeting

The November Meeting of the Wildflowers was called to order by President, Patricia Hamilton. Sec., Carol Reichelt made an adjustment to the Sept. Meeting. The minutes were approved by Jean Bently and 2nd. By Sandy Merriman.

The Treasures report of \$4284 was approved by Lisa Thornhill and 2nd. By Doris Berry.

Due to the Community Speciality Hospital closing our Bazaar will be held at Trinity Baptist Church on Loy Lake Rd. Rent will be \$150. We can set up Fri. At 6 and /sat. at 8. Cloris Martin and Marge Abernethy were thanked for finding a place for us. They also repainted signs and reminded everyone to take signs and pick them up after the Bazaar. We were reminded that each member was responsible for donating two items totaling \$20. The Chapter will realize 10% on personal items being sold. Ann Lovelace has done a great job advertising for the Bazaar.

There is a strong indication that Community Specialty may reopen and we could resume meeting there in the future, but we need to find a place to meet for our Jan. Meeting. Call Patricia if you have any ideas.

Our Christmas party will be held at the Merrimans. The fee will be \$10 with the Chapter paying \$5 of that for each member. Anyone interested in going can pay Suzanne your \$5.00. Anyone interested in riding together should meet at Sherman Albertsons parking lot at 6.

One day seminars were discussed and it's recommended that we not continue, due to lack of participation, but it will be left up to the next board. Patsy's seminar Sat. Will be held at Hobby Lobby.

Nancy Genetti reminded everyone to pay dues and have National membership numbers available Rita reminded us to have newsletter information in by the 20th of each month.

Ann Keeling asked if anyone had a Chapter Directory from 2000 and 2005.

Mary Nell Rogers delivered 93 boxes to WNJ and TMC.

Under new business we discussed the children's chairs for the Bazaar. It was decided that pictures would be taken of each chair and the favorite would be selected at the Christmas party and the winner would receive a free membership to the Chapter.

The Chapters nominees of new officers were read with no nominations from the floor when asked by the President. Patricia recommended that the slate be accepted, Lisa 2nd. The recommendation.

President: Rita Williams

1st. VP: Nancy Genetti

2nd. VP: Carol Reichelt

Secretary: Ann Keeling

Treasurer: Patricia Hamilton

The By Laws of the Chapter were reviewed and some changes were made. Standing rule #5 was changed from \$100 to \$50. Article V, #3 was changed from 1/5 to 1/3. Nancy Genetti accepted the change and Patsy 2nd. Article VIII,#1, Nancy Genetti made a motion that the voting members would be the executive committee, Lisa Thornhill 2nd. The motion. Article IX, eliminate A and D. Article XII, # 2 Patsy Deal made a motion to change the I/5 to I/3, Janice Marshall 2nd. Patsy Deal made a motion to approve all changes made to the By Laws, Lisa Thornhill 2nd. The motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Reichelt, Secretary

Treasure Report Janice Marshall

I made deposits of 1942.00, 22.00 and 509.00 from the bazaar and raffle. Just to let you know how important all of you are to the bazaar we took in a total of 3713.35. We paid individual out of the cash we had on hand. I wrote four checks to finish off the payouts. Keep in mind all monies were bazaar and raffle. The total wildflowers money, including donations and sales was 704.50. The raffle made approximately 700.00. I am not sure just how much exactly because: people kept giving me money as we are sitting up tables and I took it and therefore some monies may have been for donations instead of raffles. Anyway, we made \$2020.00. THANK YOU every one that brought items to sale and made donations.. I just keep on hearing from non-members on what a good bazaar we had. We have a great group and I am already thinking about next year. Thanks for letting me be your treasurer! Janice

Membership (Nancy Genetti)

The following members have not paid their dues for 2008. Sandi Boling will be taking over Membership and I would like to have all the dues in before I turn it over to her. Please send them to me, along with a copy of your 2008 SDP membership card and a form that is in this newsletter.

Debbie	Batey
Sue	Caylor
Sherida	D'ambra
Shirley	Delamar
Carolyn	Dexheimer
Kathy	Dunham
Dorothy	Fowler
Barbara	Griffith
Sharon	Mayo
Cathy	McDonald
Sheri	Merriman
Peggy	Metdker
Debbie	Patterson
Margaret	Polk
Mary Nell	Rodgers
Bekah	Russler
Cherie	Schemmel
Kathy	Swiney
Mary	Taylor
Lesa	Walt
Sharron	White
Cheryl	Young

Thanks, Nancy Genetti 2007 Membership chair

WILDFLOWERS OF TEXOMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Telephone (____) _____ Work Telephone (____) _____
Cell Phone (____) _____
Email Address _____

New Member _____
Renewal _____

Your Birthday _____ / _____
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SPD MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

(Please attach a photocopy of your 2008 SDP Membership card or bring to next meeting)
Wildflower of Texoma Membership requires membership in the Society of Decorative Painters.

DUES ARE \$15.00

Make your check payable for Chapter dues to: Wildflowers of Texoma and bring to next meeting or mail to :

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