

**Wildflowers of Texoma Decorative Artists
Sherman Texas**

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September Newsletter

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President report

Boy, where is this year going??? I was in Hobby Lobby, yesterday and the isles are full of Christmas items. There were very few Halloween and Thanksgiving items. Christmas is becoming more and more commercialized as I get older. When, I was a child, there was nothing in the stores until after Thanksgiving. Grannie would come from West Texas before Thanksgiving and stay until the first of the year. That is when I knew Christmas was a coming. I remember all the wonderful meals my mom and her prepared. I also remember being forced to eat dressing and that is something that I still don't like to this day. Its funny how you remember some things from your childhood or adulthood and don't remember others.

I hope you left class with a little bit of knowledge about painting strawberries. I was a little frazzled, because I left my painting board at home and had to go back and get it, so I am so very glad that I was there early. Most people did not know that I was running behind. So that was good.

How about our new location, do you like it?

Don't forget that Marge will be teaching the tote bag class, in September. I brought a tote bag, but of course I purchased the wrong size, so last night I went back and got the larger one. Tonight, I will make my coffee and start spraying the bag.

I talked to Sandy Merriman about the Christmas Party. Since the economy is so bad, what if, we all brought a covered dish to party. This way, it will save the club and yourself money. Sandy will still need help with decorations, party favors, etc. Think about this, and we will vote in September.

Thank you, for volunteering for the nominating committee, Carol, Janice, Ann, and Sharon. I don't think that I forgot anyone, but if I did, please forgive me. If you would like to be an officer, next year, please let these ladies know.

Remember, if you have not already signed up for the Sharon McNamara Black seminar, its not too late, but don't wait too long because there are very few seats available.

I am trying to finish up some stuff from convention, but I am getting so bored with the tin, so I think I am going to move on to something else. I purchased some dated ornaments at convention, so I have got to get those painted! Or it's going to be too late.

If you have not turned in your survey, its not too late, just give it to me at our next meeting. If you want it in e-mail form, just let me know and I will e-mail it to you.

Keep practicing your painting skills.

Rita

WILDFLOWERS OF TEXOMA DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Minutes from August 11, 2009 paint-in held at 6:30 pm at Central Christian Church.

This is our first meeting at Central Christian Church in Sherman.

In Nancy Genetti's absence tonight, Nancy Nass took sign-ups and collected money for the Sharon McNamara-Black seminar which will be held on September 18 & 19.

Marge Abernethy had copies of the instructions and pattern for the *Patriotic Snowman* available for \$1.00 each. Marge will be teaching this at the September meeting.

Rita Williams asked for volunteers to be on the nominating committee for next year's board members. Carol Reiche Janice Marshall and Sharon Mayo volunteered.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Keeling, Secretary

SDP is encouraging us to renew our 2010 membership via the Internet. You can do so beginning Sept 1. If you wish to renew online, simply go to www.decorativepainters.org ; on the left side of the home page, click on "Join or Renew"; scroll down to and click on "2010 Membership" -- very simple. Dues are \$40.

You can also renew by mail.

The tote for Marge's class is a natural canvas bag measuring approx 13x13". It needs to be coffee-dyed in the following manner:

Mix 2 tablespoons of instant coffee with 1/2 cup of hot water. Place cooled coffee in a small spray bottle and spray the purse or other fabric you may be using. Let it dry completely. If it's not "aged" enough, re-spray until you have the look you like. Let this dry completely before transferring the pattern.

You will also need the box of Crayons that have 64 colors in it.

Call Marge at 903.893.2120 if you have questions.

Beginning Balance 4234.24

Income	Aug	YTD
Christmas party		0.00
General Fund		10.00
Hospitality		0.00
Learn to Paint		0.00
Membership		112.50
Rent		0.00
Seminar		1400.00
Ways and Means	54.74	1690.24
Total Income	54.74	3212.74

Expenses	Aug	YTD
Christmas party		0.00
Community Service		100.00
Convention (Nat'l)		400.00
SDP Permanent Collection		0.00
General Fund		168.50
Historian		0.00
Hospitality		0.00
Internet		90.65
Learn to Paint		0.00
Membership		106.85
Newsletter		0.00
Publicity		14.89
Rent	50.00	400.00
Seminars		1780.32
SDP Insurance		0.00
SDP Service Fee		0.00
Sunshine		0.00
Ways & Means		855.32
Total Expenses	50.00	3916.53

Ending Balance 4238.98



Lisa Thornhill 9/11
Patricia Hamilton 9/16
Jean Malone 9/17

