



# Tole It To The Mountains

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*An Affiliated Chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters*

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## Presidential Chit Chat

Well, it's August and summer is passing by in a blur. The not so good...never enough time to spend at camp, it's been a bit too hot for my liking and the deer have been dining on my Hosta's. Now for the good. I will have my newsletter submissions in early because it's hard to write an article when you are in Las Vegas for SDP's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gathering. Our next meeting and NET are fast approaching and I am squeezing in a family trip during this very busy time.

In May we had our first in person/zoom General Meeting. We were a small group, had some technical glitches that our Sue Hodgkins resolved, and we had a fun afternoon painting project. This was also the last meeting WM will hold at the Bedford Comfort Inn. As with everything these days the room rental cost increased significantly. For a considerable savings we will meet at the Londonderry Senior Center. Thank you to Carolyn Swasey for jumping into action and securing White Mountain's new meeting site.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> with our own Dotty Pullo, CDA teaching the afternoon project. The design is by Rosemary West who has graciously allowed Dotty to teach this class.

New England Traditions convention will be here before we know it. We are so very lucky to have this gathering close by. It is made possible by a massive number of dedicated volunteers. We are all aware of the conventions that are no longer held. If our members do not continue to support and volunteer, NET could become one of the ones that is no more. Our NET job is Class Display. Simply put we check in class samples, sign out and in samples for each class and guard the Class Display against those who want to touch. Thank you to Kris Lafayette for making calls to our members to schedule their volunteer time. We still have openings. If you have not added your name to a time slot, please call me (603-540-5933) to schedule.

The Guild needs one (or two) of our members to take the

position of Vice President. An important thing to consider when you become an officer for White Mountain...you will have help. We have a great group of members that are always willing to assist each other. This year we have Co-Vice Presidents, it has worked out well and working with another person always makes any job more manageable. Please consider taking on this job for our Guild.

I'm off to pack for Las Vegas, let's hope the recent airport nightmares will not cause any travel problems for Carolyn and myself.

Wishing you all the best and no paint on your pants!

*Janice*

## Save the Dates! 2022 General Meeting Dates

September 11, 2022

November 13, 2022



September 11, 2022 with Dotty Pullo

The **deadline** for the next issue of  
*Tole it to the Mountains* is  
**October 9, 2022**

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Feb, April, August, October and December

## *Greetings from Arlene and Jacque*

We hope you are all enjoying summer – outdoor activities, long sunny days, flowers blooming and all that nature provides. Hopefully you have also had a chance to paint a project or two. When we meet together on September 11, in person and on Zoom, we hope you will share a picture of your paintings for all of us to see.

Our afternoon project on September 11 will be a Rosemary West design taught by Dotty Pullo. It's sure to be a great project! The registration form and details are included in this newsletter. Please plan on joining us on September 11 for the morning meeting and painting together in the afternoon.

Another fun project will be our afternoon project on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Mary Frambach will be teaching another Rosemary West design. This is a free project offered by SDP. Just in time for the holidays!

Be sure to check the schedule of other classes offered by our chapter. We hope to see you at one or more of these opportunities!

If you haven't signed up for NET classes, it's not too late! October 4-9th in Marlborough, MA! Please take a look at all the wonderful designs taught by many artists. You can access these at [newenglandtraditions.org](http://newenglandtraditions.org). It'll be a great time with the leaves starting to turn to beautiful colors and the camaraderie of being together.

Enjoy the last days of summer and we'll look forward to seeing you soon!

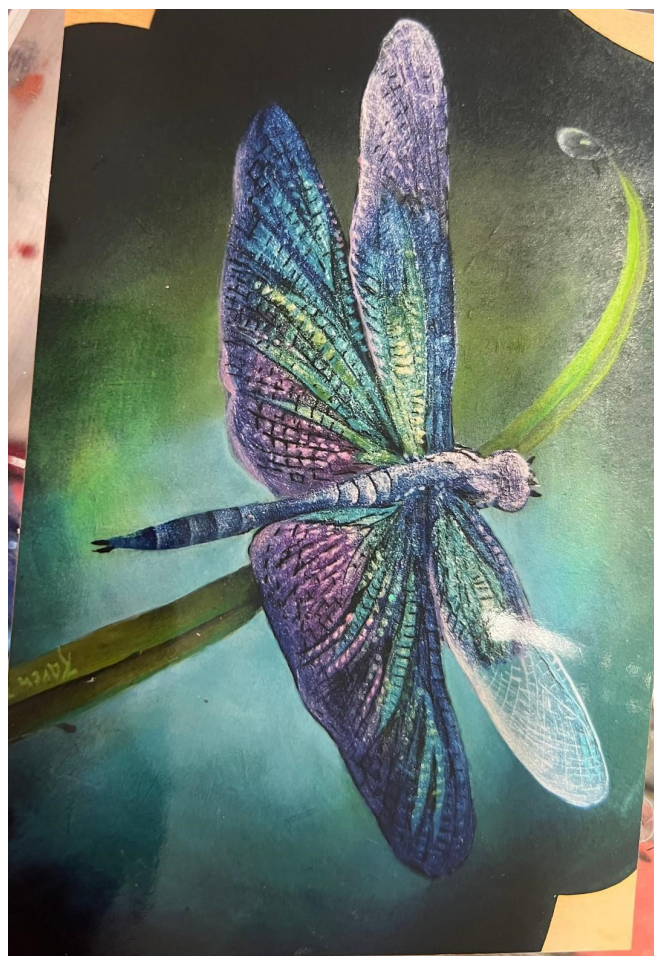
Warmly,

*Arlene Hilmer  
Jacque Seastedt*

*Vice Presidents*

**RAK and Memory Box Paint-In's** are free for members, however registration is required. The line drawing, photo and pre-class preparations will be sent when you register and the whole packet will be sent when you attend the class. Please send your name, class name, and email address to Arlene Hilmer at [arlenehilmer@yahoo.com](mailto:arlenehilmer@yahoo.com).

## *RAK or Memory Box Paint-in*



**Design by Karen Hubbard**

**Taught by Dotty Pullo, CDA**

Wed. September 21st starting at 5:00pm (EST)

We need to do the entire piece in class so it will begin at 5:00. It will be recorded if you can't make it for the entire lesson.

Dotty found all paints at Hobby Lobby. She said if you don't have them all, you can mix or lighten other colors. Supply list and line drawing will be supplied when you sign up. The design calls for JoSonja iridescents but you can use other metallics to get the look.

A memory Box would be ideal.

Please send sign ups to :

[Arlenehilmer@yahoo.com](mailto:Arlenehilmer@yahoo.com)

## *2022 Calendar of Events...*

<b>January 4</b>	Board Meeting	6-7:30PM	Zoom
<b>January 9</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>10AM</b>	Zoom
<b>January 15</b>	Seminar with Linda Sharp MDA		Zoom
<b>January 30</b>	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>		
<b>February 6</b>	Seminar Cindy Makowski. "Nuts for Sammy" Scratchboard	12:00-4pm	Zoom
<b>March 1</b>	Registration Opens for May Virtual Retreat		
<b>March 3</b>	Board Meeting	6pm	Zoom
<b>March 7</b>	RAK Paint-in, Jeannine Lewis	6-8pm	Zoom
<b>March 13</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
	<b>Afternoon</b> Class by Suzi Franklin, registration required		- Zoom
<b>March 26 &amp; 27</b>	Seminar with Ronnie Bringle	12:00 - 4pm EST	Zoom
<b>April 9</b>	Seminar with Beth Wagner		Zoom
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>		
<b>May 3</b>	Board Meeting	6-7:30PM	Zoom
<b>May 15</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>Afternoon</b> Class by Janice Fusco, registration required Live?
<b>May 19-22</b>	May Virtual Retreat "A Colorful Gathering of Friends"		
<b>June 11</b>	Seminar with Lydia Steeves		Zoom
<b>June 16</b>	Memory Box Paint-in, Debbie Cushing	6-8pm	Zoom
<b>June 18</b>	Seminar with Paulette DiGesare		Zoom
<b>July 7</b>	RAK Paint-in Lisbeth Stull		Zoom
<b>July 23</b>	Seminar with Cynthia Erikson		<b>In Person Only</b>
<b>August 7</b>	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>		
<b>August 13</b>	RAR or Memory Box, Karen Brouwer	6-9pm	Zoom
<b>August 20</b>	Seminar - Ross Stallcup, Hydrangeas and Grapes,	12:00 PM - 5:00,	Zoom
<b>August 30</b>	Board Meeting	6-7:30PM	Zoom
<b>September 11</b>	<b>General Meeting, 10AM</b>		<b>Afternoon</b> Class Dotty Pullo, registration required.
<b>September 21</b>	Paint-in - Karen Hubbard's design taught by Dotty Pullo,	5:00- ?pm,	Via Zoom
<b>September 28</b>	Board Meeting	6-7:30PM	Zoom
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>		
<b>October 4-9</b>	NET Convention, Marlboro, MA		
<b>November 1</b>	Board Meeting	6pm	Zoom
<b>November 12</b>	Seminar - Debbie Cotton	11:00 - 5:30	via Zoom
<b>November 13</b>	<b>General Meeting 10AM,</b>		Elections, Annual Raffle Drawing. Afternoon class Mary Frambach, registration required.
<b>December 4</b>	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>		
<b>January 8, 2023</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>		



## 2022 WMDPG Officers & Board of Directors

President	Janice Fusco
1st Vice Presidents	Jacque Seastedt Arlene Hilmer
Newsletter Editor	Sue Hodgkins
Secretary	Sue Duffy
Treasurer	Janice Tomlin
Membership Sec	Suzi Franklin
Past Pres. Advisor	Carolyn Swasey
<b>Board Members</b>	Larry Provencher Shirley Cochis

## 2022 Presidential Appointments...

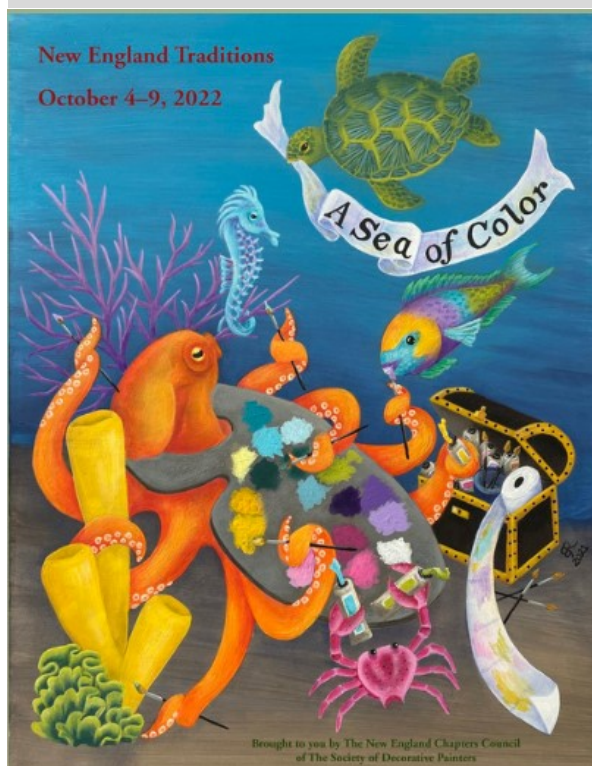
Centerpieces	<b>OPEN</b>
Annual Raffle	Leeanne Kelly
Historian	Kris Lafayette
Hospitality	Leeanne Kelly
Luncheons	<b>OPEN</b>
Memory Box Program	Marilyn Moses & Jacque Seastedt
NECC Representative	Larry Provencher
NET Rep	<b>OPEN</b>
2022 Nominating Committee	<b>OPEN</b>
Parliamentarian	Donna Frost
Service Project/Charity	Arlene Hilmer
Seminars//Workshops	Carolyn Swasey
Social Media	Donna Frost Carolyn Swasey
Website	Sue Hodgkins
Atta Girl/Boy	Kris Lafayette



### We are in need of the following:

- Assistant to the Treasurer with the hope that you become Treasurer next year.
- Volunteers for the SDP painting offerings

## See you at NET!



NET will be here before we know it and I'm sure we are all looking forward to it! It's time to look over our supplies and make a list of everything we need to take and of course buy, once we get there! (like any of us need one more painting supply)

If you haven't already contacted someone to help out at one of our jobs, now is the time to do it. Please contact Janice Fusco (603-540-5933) if you have free time that you are willing to give up to help. Many hands make light work.

If you don't have a block of time that you free, consider stopping by Class Display when you have even a few minutes, to ask if the person needs a break to get food or run and go do something. Even 15 minutes might be helpful at times.

Sitting at Class Display is an easy job, not to mention a great place to see everyone!

**See you there!!**

# WMDPG General Meeting... In Person and Zoom

**Date:** September 11, 22 In Person & Zoom

**Place:** Londonderry Senior Center  
535 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry NH

**Directions:** See next page

**9:00-10:00** The Tables: Palette Potpourri, Chapter Chatter, Coffee, Tea and Ice Water (Compliments of the Chapter) Boards (upcoming events), Goodie Bag Raffle

**10:00-11:30** Business Meeting

**11:30-12:30** Lunch—Brown Bag Lunch. Dessert provided.

**12:00-3:00** Afternoon program: with Dotty Pullo, CDA



## Things To Bring to the Meeting

- A Friend or Guest
- Something for the Palette Potpourri
- Your painted name tag
- Money for raffles & Fundraiser tickets
- Brown Bag Raffle donations
- **Memory Boxes UNFINISHED/ FINISHED**
- Item for David's House
- Your regular painting supplies
- See next page for specifics for after-noon program supplies
- Brown bag lunch

**Don't forget to send in your Palette Potpourri pictures to [lkell13@comcast.net](mailto:lkell13@comcast.net) or have them ready to show live at the meeting.**

## General Meeting Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please indicate the following:

Business Meeting via Zoom

### Pre-registered

Yes / No

### Guest

Yes / No

Afternoon Project (\$7.00 per person - must register)

Yes / No

Yes / No

Palette Fee \$5.00 in-person painting \$5.00  
(JoSonja paints)

Yes / No

Yes / No

**Mail to:** Suzi Franklin  
176 Atlantic Avenue  
Wells, ME 04090

**Email:** [mefpsp@yahoo.com](mailto:mefpsp@yahoo.com)  
Tel. 207-646-3269

**Registration Deadline: Sept 7, 2022**— pattern and instructions will be emailed.

## AFTERNOON PROGRAM -



**Design by Rosemary West**

**Taught by Dotty Pullo, CDA**

The surface is your choice and is a good time to use something from your stash. The size is 12"x 8 1/2". If you don't want the angels, the design size is 7 1/2" x 7 1/2". DecoArt black was used for the background.

Dotty will be using JoSonja paints. She will have paint for in-person painters for a palette fee of \$5.00.

For zoom painters Dotty will have a Decoart conversion color list if needed.

There is no pattern fee if the pattern is sent by email. If a hard copy is needed, there would be a fee and Dotty would need time to ship.

### **Directions to Londonderry Senior Center 535 Mammoth Road, Londonderry NH**

From I93 take exit 5 (NH-28)(both from North and South). Turn right on NH-28N. Continue straight to stay on NH-28 N (1.3 miles). Turn left onto Mammoth Road. (.4 miles). Destination will be on the left.





## WMDPG General Meeting Minutes - Sunday, May 15, 2022

On May 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. White Mountain Decorative Painter's Guild held its first in-person meeting since March 2020, when Covid pandemic restrictions began. Fourteen attended on Zoom and 17 in person. Prior to the start of the meeting, held at the Bedford Country Inn and Suites, Bedford, NH and simultaneously on Zoom, attendees mingled over coffee and pastry, happily renewed acquaintances and admired the many Palette Potpourri projects on display. Janice Fusco then welcomed everyone and introduced each agenda item.

Susanna Duffy, Secretary, solicited corrections to the Minutes of the last General Meeting, published in "Tole it to the Mountains." No changes were requested and by motion made and seconded, the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Janice Tomlin, attending virtually, recapped finances: checking account balance, \$24,500 the CD, \$7184. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Hard copies of the cash flow statement and 2022 budget were distributed. We don't have any figures yet from ArtRoom2Create, since it's a joint venture with Penn's Woods Chapter and data hasn't been compiled yet. The virtual retreat is now underway.

Newsletter Editor Sue Hodgkins spoke about our new website. It allows her to send three emails a month, bypassing MailChimp, a quota already met in May. Those emails concern the Random Acts of Kindness classes organized by Arlene Hilmer. Please sign up if you haven't already! The next two are Debbie Cushing's goldfinch on a branch and Liz Stull's Christmas mug (in three sizes) on June 16 and July 7, respectively. Register with Arlene at [Arlenehilmer@yahoo.com](mailto:Arlenehilmer@yahoo.com). Photos and full details are in your email.

Suzi Franklin, Membership Secretary, reports we have 129 members.

Arlene Hilmer, Co Vice-President, spoke about two future workshops she has arranged for us: on August 20, a Ros Stallcup class and in November, a Debbie Cotton winter pickup truck scene. Suggestions are always welcome – contact either Arlene or Jacque.

Jacque Seastedt, Co Vice-President, described two SDP paint-ins we can participate in provided we find a teacher: a bunny and a Halloween design. Photos of these are on the SDP website. The bunny must be taught by June 30. **We need teachers to volunteer, please!** In September, Dotty Pullo, CDA will teach a dragonfly design. A member commented that SDP seems to be offering more to its members this year than in the past, such as monthly workshops and free patterns.

Janice Fusco reminded members, we need a Vice President for 2023. Please consider stepping up!

Leanne Kelley proceeded to scrutinize all in-person attendees for evidence of their name badges and subsequently to collect a one dollar penalty from non-compliant members. Leanne shows no mercy, as this Tole Gate money will be donated to David's House, a NH charity offering free accommodations for families of patients at Dartmouth Children's Hospital.

Jacque also spoke about the Memory Box program. She and her sister Marilyn Moses recently delivered some to Exeter Hospital. Undecorated boxes were available at the meeting for people to take home. More have been ordered. Some hospitals now prefer slightly larger boxes (deeper than 3 inches) to accommodate mementoes such as casts of babies' footprints. You can find boxes, which should be round, oval or heart-shaped only, on Amazon or in craft stores. Marilyn suggested that the inside be nicely finished (lined or painted) and the outside sealed.

Raffle Emcee Extraordinaire Leeanne Kelly conducted a raffle for those who submitted Palette Pot Pourri items. Marilyn Moses, Leona Magnarelli and Deanna Carter were winners. Later she hosted the Brown Bag silent auction, which netted \$50. Incentive prizes were awarded to purchasers of annual raffle tickets.

Reminders to all from Janice: Paulette DeGesare June 18 seminar is filling very quickly. The hotel in

Marlboro and NET classes are also filling up fast. WMDPG needs volunteers for 2-hour stints at Class Display. Please contact Larry Provencher or Janice Fusco to help. Volunteer hours earn money for the chapter.

#### Old Business

The payment of 50% of SDP dues on behalf of qualifying WMDPG members was explained. Details of this are in the last newsletter. Please send a check for \$45 to Suzi Franklin in payment of half your national dues and \$15 for 2023 WMDPG dues by July 31. Early payment will also earn you the perk of free patterns from SDP. This information will be emailed to members next month.

An Apprentice Treasurer is needed. Please consider stepping up.

#### New Business

The membership voted on two charitable donations: \$1,000 to David's House and \$300 to the Nashua, NH chapter of End 68 Hours of Hunger, which provides meals to food-insecure schoolchildren during weekends and summer vacation as a supplement to the free meals they receive on school days.

Suggestions from members included possibly instituting a tiered membership, different types of fundraisers, local painting classes for children.

It was noted that SDP is becoming a corporation. Members should read the new national bylaws to determine what effect, if any, this has on local chapters.

Carolyn Swasey and Janice Fusco will be attending the SDP Las Vegas convention in August, a great opportunity for them to network with potential instructors. The Chapter will reimburse each of them \$1,000 for expenses, double the amount spent in previous years because we spent nothing for this budget item in 2021.

The business meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. in time for Janice Fusco to teach her fabric painting workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanna Duffy, Secretary.

### *In Memoriam*

### **Genevieve A. "Jennie" Bognore**

June 12, 1930 - July 30, 2022



Giovanna A. Bognore, 92, of Melrose, MA, passed away peacefully on July 30, 2022, at Mass General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

Affectionately known as Jeni by all friends and family who will dearly miss and cherish memories of her spirit, resilience, and amazing artistic talents.

Jeni lived in Melrose for over 40 years and was very active within the town. She was a floral designer in her earlier years and a well-respected self-taught artist throughout her life. Due to health conditions as a child Jeni had a life-saving heart transplant at the age of 62 years old. She was forever grateful for the donor family and how their unselfish act gave her a second chance at life. "Forget the lottery, I have the gift of life".

Jeni was predeceased by her loving husband Joseph Bognore on December 4, 2018. She is survived by her two children, Mario John Fagone of Salem, MA and Donna Fagone-Lubinski of Melrose, MA. Predeceased by her parents Joseph & Teresa Quarantiello and sister May Fagone of Conway, NH. And survived by her brother Dominic Quarantiello of Newburyport, MA. As well as her five grandchildren and 6 great grandsons.



## SDP Annual Meeting Review



Home at last. I start with that because the travel gods were not kind to me on my journey home. Let's just say that spending a night in an airport was not on my bucket list but if it was, I could check it off.

Carolyn Swasey and I attended The Society of Decorative Painters Cheers to 50 Years celebration in Las Vegas. There were familiar faces and new friends made. I was able to take classes with new to me teachers and to chat with teachers from classes gone by. Vendors sold their must haves to all in attendance.

The highlight of my trip (and a check on my bucket list) was meeting and talking with the one and only Priscilla Hauser. She is a lovely lady who took the time to speak and take photos with anyone that approached her. Priscilla addressed the annual meeting, sharing the beginnings of SDP and her hopes for its future.

The Society of Decorative Painters Annual Meeting was held on August 9, 2022. The election of officers took place and Michelle Heiser was elected as President. Reports were presented and By Laws and Standing Rule changes were discussed and voted on. The common topic from those that spoke was a need to reduce costs and the biggest way to cut costs was the most unpopular subject of the meeting.

A proposed Standing Rule change was to keep annual dues at \$60.00/year and to make The Decorative Painter magazine completely virtual. The discussion that followed this proposed change was to say the least, heated. The bottom line is that SDP's financial situation is so dire that if the magazine is continued to be printed and mailed that it would be the end of SDP. An amendment was made, by our own Carolyn Swasey, to make annual dues \$50.00/year and the magazine be completely virtual. This amended Standing Rule was voted on and passed.

In short, beginning in 2023 our beloved Decorative Painter magazine will be entirely virtual. There will no longer be a printed magazine. The other piece of this new rule is the cost of dues. With our "Pay Half" program that we held earlier this summer there are questions that need to be answered. These questions will be addressed at our Board Meeting and reported back to our members at the next General Meeting in September.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration of SDP. It's always a joy to be among "our people", you know the ones, the ones that paint their clothes on purpose and buy just one more paint brush, bottle of paint, surface or pattern.

Janice Fusco  
President WMDPG



## SDP Annual Meeting Pictures



### Blueberry Coffee Cake

½ c. butter  
2 c. sugar  
2 eggs, beaten  
3 ¼ c flour  
½ teas. Baking soda  
1 teas. cream of tartar  
1 c. milk  
1 ½ - 2 c. blueberries, fresh or frozen  
½ c. blueberries for top of cake  
2 tablespoons sugar

Cream butter well with 2 c. sugar. Add 2 eggs and beat till combined.

Mix baking soda and cream of tartar into flour. Add alternately with milk. Continue to mix for a minute until combined but not too much.

Fold in 1 ½ - 2 c. blueberries.

Spread batter into greased and floured 9x13 inch cake pan.

If desired, sprinkle extra ½ c. blueberries on top of cake, marbleize with knife. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons sugar.

Bake at 350\* 50-60 minutes or until cake tests done and is lightly browned.

Enjoy!

Jacque Seastedt

**Editor's Note: No promises, but Jacque mentioned that maybe she will bring one to the September meeting!! Yum!**





I'm trying not to complain about this heat. I'm reserving my complaints for the negative zero weather that we know is coming!!

## Memory Box Program

We have a request for painted boxes from the Portsmouth Hospital, here in Portsmouth, NH. and happily, we have just what they would like. They do have 2-3 larger boxes left and would like some small to medium ones. Different hospitals seem to request various sizes, depending on what they offer to send home with the grieving parents who have lost a new baby. We will be delivering boxes to Portsmouth Hospital this week. We give round, square, oval and heart shaped paper mache boxes of sizes 5 up to size 9 inches. Size 7"-8" would be the ones we could use mostly at this time. We would appreciate it if you could finish the inside of the box by painting it or lining it with fabric. Applying felt or Soft Flock to the bottom is attractive also. Varnishing over the paint will help protect the box and its contents. Thank you very much for your continued donations. Your talents are greatly appreciated by many parents.

*Thank you!*

*Jacque Seastedt and Marilyn Moses*



**August:** Jackie Spalding (4); Carolyn Swasey (5); Irene Deycakiwsky (9); Kay Fradeneck (12); Loretta Graf (20); Barbara Rolla (22); Janet Gropp (25); Marilyn Ford (26); Elaine Sutton (27); Jolene Rhodes (28); Debbie Fortin (30)

**September:** Patty Phillips (4), Shirley Day (7), Donna Wood (9), Donna McInnis (13), Laurie Keene (14), Anne Wifholm (27), Sandra Phillips (29), Fran Haas (30)

**October:** Rhonda J. Payne McKanna (3), Sher-rill Martens (8), Carolyn Voyles (9), Janice Tomlin (10), Stacie Hall (13), Carol MacLean (28), Garnett Joy (29)

*If your birthday is not listed please contact  
Leeanne Kelly at [lkell13@comcast.net](mailto:lkell13@comcast.net)*





## Odds & Ends



David's House has long been a favorite charity that WMDPG has contributed to. Each year we give a monetary contribution but in the past we have also decorated ornaments for their Christmas tree and sent them handpainted Easter Eggs. We also collect donations at our meetings which we then take to the facility. A list of possible donations is posted below. Now that we are able to meet in person we will begin collecting items for David's House. Gift cards are MOST welcome since we never know what they may need most at any given time.

Paper towels  
Tissues  
Paper plates & bowls  
Plastic utensils  
Paper cups - 5 oz. only  
Laundry detergent - powder  
Kitchen sponges  
Dishwashing liquid  
Liquid hand soap  
Dryer Sheets  
Stain Removers

Juice boxes, Concentrated juices  
Cookies and crackers  
Cereal Bars  
Cereal - single serving and regular  
Pop tarts  
Fruit snacks  
Applesauce  
Pudding Snack cups

Microwave Popcorn  
Single serving microwave meals  
Soups (small size)  
Beef stew (small size)  
Coffee creamer (powder)  
Spagettios/Ravioli (reg. size)  
  
Sanitary napkins  
Tampons  
Panty shields  
Nursing pads (disposable)

**New Items Only Please**

**Gift Cards are always appreciated:**

Lebanon Co-Op  
Wal-Mart  
BJ's  
Shaw's Supermarket  
Best Buy  
Home Depot  
K-Mart  
Hannaford's Supermarket  
Irving Gas

### THE BROWN BAG RAFFLE IS BACK!!

Gather your unwanted treasures and bring them to our White Mountain Guild meetings to raffle off! You may place them in boxes, brown or plastic shopping bags, whatever works for you...will work for the Guild. What a great way to evaluate your supplies and earn money for our guild. Treasures may include surfaces, books, patterns, painted items, paint...

#### General Meeting Raffle Rules

- Raffle is held at general meetings
- Members will bring bagged or boxed items to be raffled in new or like new condition
- Painting supplies, surfaces, paint, mediums, books, magazines, useful items
- Painted items
- Tickets will be sold at the general meeting
- Drawing for these items will be at the same general meeting
- All proceeds go to White Mountain Decorative Painters' Guild



## 2022 FREE Chapter Paint Ins

SDP has arranged another year of FREE Chapter Paint Ins thanks to the generosity of the artists who have donated the designs. **BUT** we also need a volunteer teacher for each class. The volunteer teacher makes the arrangements with SDP to get the packet and choose a date during the Paint In Month and White Mountain will supply the zoom talent. If you haven't taught a Zoom class before, you will need two different internet devices. Most teachers are using a cell phone on a gooseneck holder for the close ups and their regular Zoom device i.e. laptop, desktop, tablet to see the class.

If you are interested in teaching on of these designs please contact  
[arlenehilmer@yahoo.com](mailto:arlenehilmer@yahoo.com)



### Keep in Touch

We use an email service to email the newsletter to members but to access the newsletter you have to click on a link in the email. Because we are selling things like raffle tickets and seminars, we have to use a service that provides an "opt out" (unsubscribe) that a member can use that will take place right away so we are not guilty of spamming. The email service also works with email providers to guarantee we aren't spamming and so our newsletter emails do not end up in your junk file.

To click on the link or any link, move your mouse to that word or sentence and do a left click. If you aren't using a mouse but a cell phone, tablet, or iPad, tap on the word or sentence with your finger.

If you lose a newsletter you can find the current and past newsletters posted on our website [www.wmdpgnh.org](http://www.wmdpgnh.org). The newsletter is posted on the website soon after it is emailed.

### Join our Facebook Page!

We also announce on our Facebook page when the newsletter has been emailed. Printed newsletters go to the post office within a day or two of the email.

Our Facebook page is also a good way to see reminders and sometimes some tips that are shared from other websites.

You should also join SDP's Facebook pages which are private groups for SDP members only. See what other chapters are doing on SDP: Chapter Gatherings

See what is happening with SDP, zoom seminars, convention, and news from other artists. Watching the Certification announcements was great fun. It is a place to share news, ideas, projects, or anything relevant to our painting community. It is also a group where you can ask questions about painting techniques or our Society, and where chapters can share about their successes and challenges. SDP: An Artful Connection

## WMDPG Painting Opportunities at a Glance

### RAK & Memory Box Paint-Ins - Via Zoom

Design by Karen Hubbard

Taught by Dotty Pullo, CDA

Wed. September 21st starting at 5:00pm (EST)



### Seminars



#### The White Mountain Decorative Painters

Guild is hosting Shannon Miller CDA on Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 5 PM, Eastern Time.

She will be teaching her design called "Bluebirds, Flowers, and Strokes."

This is a Zoom-only class.  
This class will be recorded.

Fee: \$30.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members

Register at

<https://www.artroom2create.com/> under the 'Monthly Classes' tab.

The ladies from the ArtRoom2Create are the host

### Afternoon Projects



Design by Rosemary West

Taught by Dotty Pullo, CDA

September 11, 2022



## 2022 Annual Raffle News

Dear Members,

I hope everyone has tried to stay cool and enjoyed the summer. The summer, inflation and gas prices have affected my ticket sales, but I am hopeful that I can squeeze a little more from you all before November LOL. The winner for June was Clara Majorossy and July was an extremely appreciative Kris Lafayette. She had expressed that she really wanted the strawberry packet, so I was so happy when I picked her name. Our incentive prize for August is a nice fall packet with metal words. September incentive is also pictured so let's get those tickets in for chances for these and more for the big prizes. Speaking of the big November prizes, Janice Tomlin has been frantically painting away on her sweet ornaments and they are amazing what a fantastic job. I'd like to thank everyone that has donated wonderful items and everyone who has sent in tickets. I want you to know that I will be sneaking in some extra prizes to our November raffle. I am already very excited about my ideas for next year's annual raffle!

Thanks so much, can't wait for our meeting,

Leeanne

### August Incentive



### September Incentive



## 2022 Annual Raffle



Rosemary West design  
painted by  
**Dotty Pullo, CDA**



"Pansies" Original  
Watercolor  
By **Dotty Pullo, CDA**  
6 x 6



"To Everything There is a  
Season" design by  
Lynne Andrews  
painted by **Leeanne Kelly**



Prudy Vannier design  
Elf Ornaments  
painted by **Janice Tomlin**



Prudy Vannier design  
on Apron  
painted by  
**Janice Tomlin**





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## *Watercolor Painting in France - Donna Frost*

My long awaited dream to visit France finally happened when I signed up for a trip to Fraysinnet with Fran Mittelstet and Carol Spohn for ten days at Le Vieux Couvent. This is an artists retreat in an ancient stone building where we had private rooms. Most meals were included. Most mornings were spent exploring the rural countryside, visiting ancient towns and having a picnic lunch buffet before returning to Le Vieux Couvent for afternoon watercolor lessons.

Fran and Carol took turns teaching simple projects. There were 11 painters in the group and some skill levels were very basic. Carol worked on inspiring us to do a journal. My favorite project required some skill. We chose a photograph and cut away part of it then painted the part we had cut away. I think this was my best project. See the photo.

We had been given a supply list of paints, brushes, etc. to bring but like any seminar everyone shared. I did not bring Arches watercolor paper which the teachers insisted we use so I was given paper to use. If you fold a sheet in half with a good crease you can hold the V shaped paper end down to the table then exert some pressure beginning at the bottom and it will tear along the crease. Just keep exerting pressure on the crease until it tears completely in half.

Although I brought a board, Carol showed a plasticized sign she got at a craft store which she cut in half and then taped both sides together to use as a portfolio. One half made a good light weight work surface. Wet both sides of Arches paper and it will stick to the plasticized board without the need to use painters tape. A wide hake brush was preferred for wetting paper since the soft bristles don't damage the wet paper.

Possibly our most fascinating visit was to a cave to see prehistoric cave drawings. This was the inspiration for another project. I liked a friend's finished work better. Carol had line drawings of the cave animals to use but the great tip was to use a black watercolor crayon to draw the animals. The crayon against rough paper did a good simulation of the cave drawing and just needed a little water.

Cotton gauze was pulled apart into four separate layers then cut and stretched and pressed on the watercolored background to simulate fissures in the cave wall. Take a paintbrush loaded with color, touch it to the gauze and let it travel the threads.

We used Mafa paper for another project. We traced a poppy design on the shiny side, crinkled it twice and then swiped watered down India ink along the crinkled surface, just hitting the high spots, to make a batik background.

One of the easiest projects was to use ¼ tape to tape off a fence. The sky was washed with blue and then clouds were lifted off with a crumpled piece of Kleenex. Then we painted a flower garden and grass, removed the tape to paint fence details and also to paint some flowers like branches of roses over the fence. There were all kinds of roses everywhere we looked.

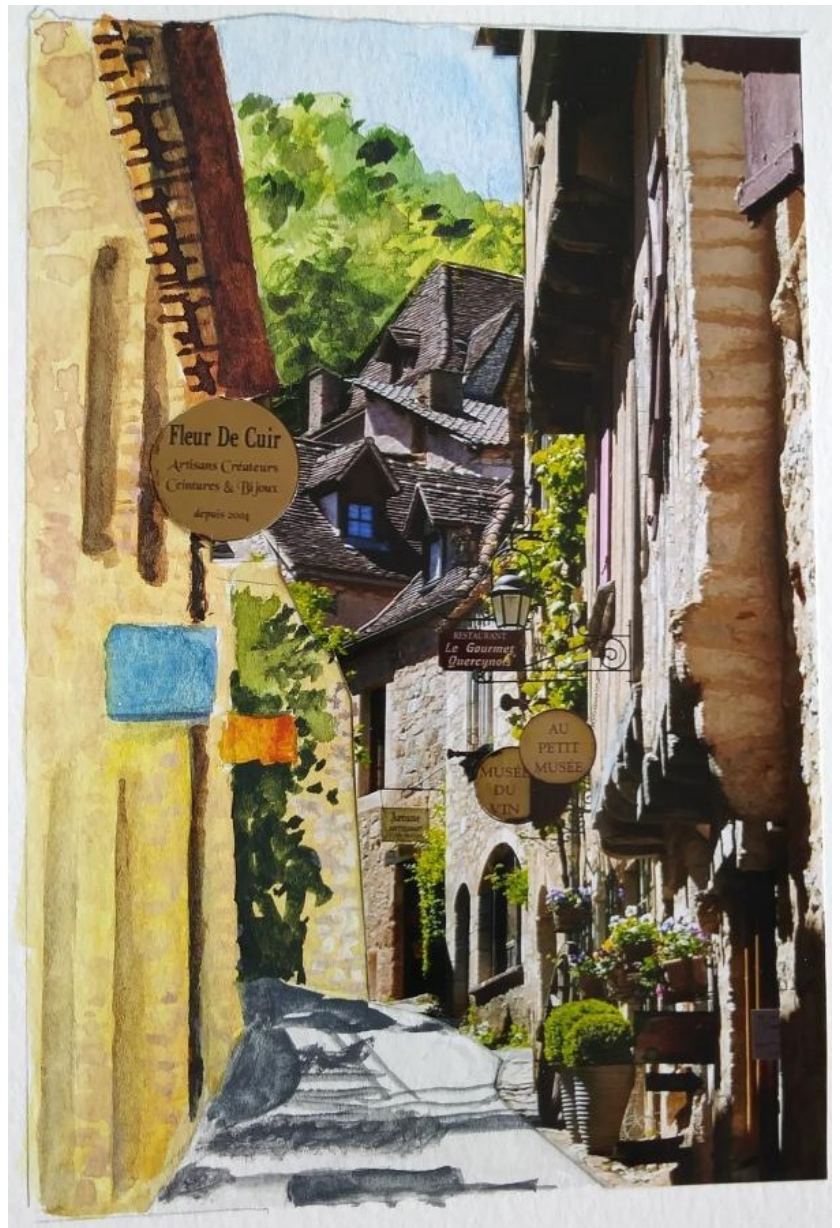
Fran brought a Huion Light Box maybe 14 x 18" that retails for around \$38.00. It is an A4 Light Pad which can be recharged with a usb cable. This is very thin like an iPad and perfect for tracing. Excess graphite should be removed by gently rubbing the surface with a kneaded eraser.

The studio was open all the time but I was not as industrious as some. The trip was a good mix of sightseeing, painting and eating. With only a total of 16 people we had two vans with English speaking drivers to take us around including an unscheduled visit to a pharmacy for decongestant tablets. Another painter tried to pet the vicious Siamese despite being warned not to so she also had to visit a doctor and go on antibiotics. The retreat manager took care of everything and at the end of our visit had a private nurse come to do covid tests. Fifty percent of people in this southern area of France are British ex-pats so many people spoke English. Many shopkeepers also spoke English unlike in Paris where many only spoke French.

Several years ago I went on a similar trip to the Amalfi Coast of Italy to do plein aire painting with Lina Ferrara. I did less painting there because we spent the day in different towns where I preferred to explore rather than paint.

Thanks to SDP and NET conventions I met teachers who offer painting vacations to Europe. The small group size is ideal plus I enjoyed the freedom to explore each town. Best wishes to Anne Wifholm who is going on Fran's trip to Tuscany this fall.

Donna Frost's watercolor pieces from her trip to France See preceding page to read about her amazing experience and the story behind these paintings.





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