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Presidential Chit Chat

Summer. I have a love/hate relationship with summer. I love the sunshine and long days. I hate the heat. I love going to camp and spending time with friends and family relaxing at the river and around the campfire. I hate that there is never enough time to do all the fun things and too many "have to do" things. This summer is a bit different for the things I love. We are getting ready for my son's wedding! So much to do and thankfully my to-do-list is all things I love doing. When you see me don't forget to ask to see the photos of the bride's shoes, they have a bit more (wink wink) sparkle after I got my hands on them.

White Mountain has a busy time coming up. Our September meeting will be here before we know it. After we handle the business at hand Lynn Andrews will be teaching her "Betsy Ross" design. A very appropriate piece celebrating America's 250th birthday. Information for registering for this program can be found in this newsletter. At our November meeting will have our annual potluck lunch and then diving into a project that is a bit different for must of us. Leanne Kelly will be guiding us through "Junk Journaling". I for one am really looking forward to trying something new.

As I enter the final months of my term as president, I want to encourage you to volunteer a small amount of your time to take on one of the positions that make this Guild function. We are quickly approaching a time when the members that have been doing the jobs are going to say "I'm done". They have done their time and it is time for someone new to step into these roles. Please consider giving a little of yourself to this organization we all love.

There are exciting new programs coming our way in 2027! Our Man Larry has been busy and has a done a great job lining up new teachers for White Mountain. Details on what he has for us will be covered at the September 13th meeting.

WooHoo!! NET 2026 is almost upon us. Have you registered? Lots of great classes still available. Have you scheduled your volunteer time with Kris Lafayette at Class Display or Mary Frambach in Volunteer Room on Thursday?

We are also responsible for two centerpieces, a gift basket and 20 pins for the Friday night buffet. (Those that volunteered to paint the pins, please bring them to meeting.)

As usual this article is late and my sincere apologies to Sue Hodgkins for always having to light a fire under me. (editors note...looking for someone to light a fire under me, the Queen of procrastination)

I hope you are enjoying your summer and I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Janice Fusco
President, WMDPG

NET NEWS

Registration confirmations were sent out last week. Look for yours, print it and take it with you to NET. There are still class spaces left if you want to add anything!
Editors Note...I did not receive one last week but I did receive one when I registered. Already printed!

Vice President

Lynne Andrews will be the teacher for our September 13th afternoon project with her beautiful Betsy Ross! Help us celebrate America's 250th anniversary with Lynne and Betsy.
September 13th, noon to 4:00 via Zoom or join a group to watch from the Londonderry Senior Center. The member cost is $25 with the $10 coupon applied. As a WMDPG member, be sure to use the coupon code **Ross** when registering to receive the discount. The wood surface is available directly from Lynne Andrews FolkArt:

https://www.lynneandrews.com/Betsy_Ross_Wood_Surface_p/2026-09s.htm

Members can register for WMDPG classes on the ArtRoom2Create website - https://www.artroom2create.com/category-s/150.htm

On another note, WMDPG will be donating a NH themed basket to a raffle being held at the NET Friday night buffet. It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring any donations for our basket to the September 13th meeting. Alternatively, they can be mailed to me at 87 Deep Meadows, Exeter, NH 03833.

Larry Provencher
VP

Important, please read!!

MANY of you have not renewed your membership for 2026. We have been sending the newsletter to everyone who was a member in 2025 but this will be the last newsletter that you will receive if you have not renewed for 2026. In looking at the list I was surprised at some of the names who have not renewed and can only surmise that you aren't aware that you didn't renew. (hint: board members) Not renewing means that you will no longer receive the newsletter (another hint: it can be found online) but more importantly, you won't be receiving the discount code for classes offered. Take a look at your checkbook and see if you have renewed. 😉

Save the Dates!
2026 General Meeting Dates

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Sunday, November 8, 2026
Sunday, January 10, 2027



Tips and Tricks

Do you sometimes find that a project calls for a base coat color that you are low on or you're doing a lot of ornaments and don't want to use up an entire bottle of DecoArt? Here is a solution. Take your paint bottle with a color swatch and find a Benjamin Moore paint store. They will match your color in a 7.75 ounce sample size of matte finish paint. I believe the cost is $6.00 per sample size.

Do you have a favorite brush for floating, stroke work or line work? Do you have to sort through all your brushes to find the favorite? To make finding that brush easier…on your next trip to the dollar store pick up a bright color of nail polish. Paint a band of polish around the base of the feral and let it dry. Now when you are looking for that favorite brush it will be easy to spot.

NOTE
Due to some members sensitivity to fragrances, we respectfully ask that you refrain from bringing or wearing strong perfumes, candles etc.
Thank you!!!

The **deadline** for the next issue of
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September 27, 2026
The Newsletter is published 5 times a year:
Feb, April, August, October and December

2026 Calendar of Events...

December 30th TBD	Joint Board meeting - Zoom 6:00
January 11, 2026	**General Meeting, 10AM** Zoom only
	12:00 PM - Afternoon Class - Linda O'Connell - "Purple Passion"
January 25	**Newsletter Deadline**
January 28	FREE "Dotted Christmas Tree" with Janice Fusco 6:00-8:00 Zoom
February 17	Board Meeting - 6-7:30PM Zoom
March 7	Seminar - 11:00am - 5:00pm - Paulette DiGesare " Ribbon Floral" Zoom
March 8	**General Meeting 10AM** Londonderry Senior Center and Zoom
	Afternoon Class - 12:00 - Paulette DiGesare - Zoom only
March 22	**Newsletter Deadline**
March 29	**RESCHEDULED -** Noon to 4:00 - Linda O'Connell - "Purple Passion" Zoom
April 21	Board Meeting 6-7:30PM Zoom
April 18	Seminar - Noon - 4 - Shannon Miller, CDA - "Stroke Skill Builder" Zoom
May 3	**General Meeting 10AM** Londonderry Senior Center and Zoom
	Afternoon Class - 12:00 Sue Hodgkins - Cardinal Barn Quilt- In-person and Zoom
May 6	RAK - 6:00 to 9:00 pm - Chris Watson "Daisy Pot Holder" can be painted on a memory box (Free for members) Zoom
June 11	Seminar 2:00 to 6:00 pm with Nancy Scott - "Yesterday's Winter" Zoom
July 26	**Newsletter Deadline**
September 1	Board Meeting 6-7:30PM Zoom
September 13	**General Meeting, 10AM** Londonderry Senior Center and Zoom
	Afternoon Class - 12 - 4 - Lynne Andrews - Betsy Ross Zoom
September 27	**Newsletter Deadline**
October 6-11	NET Convention, Marlboro, MA
October 27	Board Meeting 6-7:30PM Zoom
November 8	**General Meeting 10AM** Londonderry Sr. Center & Zoom, Elections
	Afternoon Class - Create a "Junk Journal" - Leeanne Kelly
December 6	**Newsletter Deadline**
December 29	Board Meeting 6-7:30 PM Zoom
January 10, 2027	**General Meeting 10AM - Zoom Only**

*** ALL TIMES ARE LISTED AS EST**



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

Date: September 13, 2026

Place: Londonderry Senior Center in person and Zoom

10:00-11:30 General Meeting

12:00 - 4 - Lynne Andrews - "Betsy Ross"

You can register for the project on the **ArtRoom2Create website -** https://www.artroom2create.com/product-p/wm150.htm

As a WMDPG member, be sure to use the coupon code **Ross** when registering to receive your **$10 discount**.

The wood surface is available directly from Lynne Andrews FolkArt: https://www.lynneandrews.com/Betsy_Ross_Wood_Surface_p/2026-09s.htm



Don't forget to send in your Palette Potpourri pictures to lkell13@comcast.net or have them ready to show live on Zoom at the meeting.

Things To "Bring" to the Meeting

- A friend or guest
- Usual painting supplies, paint
- Something for Palette Potpourri
- Money for raffles & fundraiser tickets
- Brown Bag raffle donations
- Lunch
- Memory Boxes UNFINISHED/ FINISHED
- Money to buy Shirley's stash
- Your 2026 renewal sheet and payment if you haven't renewed!!

Look for an email as we get closer to the meeting date with a zoom link for the business meeting.

A separate email will come if you sign up for the afternoon

General Meeting Registration Form

Registration for the afternoon program can be done online at https://www.artroom2create.com/

Attending in person? Please email Garnett Joy at her email below to let her know. We ask for this RSVP in order to know how many to set up for.

	Self	Guest
Business Meeting	_____	_____

Garnettt Joy
301-452-7099, GARNETTJOY@GMAIL.COM

General Meeting Minutes - May 3, 2026

Eighteen in-person members and seven on-line members were at the meeting. The following agenda items were discussed.

Teachers for 2027: suggestions of people to contact were: Nancy Mullen (stroke work), Maureen McNaughton, Lynn Barbadora, Rebecca Tremble, Chris Watson. Janice Fusco is working on a white floral design she hopes to teach in November, 2027.

Treasury report: we made an $800 profit on Paulette DeGesare's class and we incurred a $265 deficit on Linda O'Connell's class because we purchased and mailed specialty paints. NET sent us another $500 from 2025. We broke even on Stephanie Miller's class. The treasury is doing very well.

Hospitality report: as of May 3, Shirley Cochis had been transferred to a rehab hospital.

NET report: Mary Frambach reported the additional income, above, and reminded everyone of the imminent sign-up date. As always, we need volunteers.

Memory Box report: Jacque Seastedt and Marilyn Moses showed us some lovely memory boxes our members have created. If you aren't a local member, you may bring your completed memory box (es) to us at NET, as well as Christmas ornaments for the NH Veterans' Home.

Our Guild will be providing a gift basket to be raffled at the NET Friday evening banquet and a table centerpiece. Larry Provencher and Sue Duffy will coordinate the gift basket project – suggestions to date are NH maple syrup, NH wine, Dotty Pullo's beautiful "Old Man of the Mountain" plaque, and a set of coasters depicting New Hampshire symbols. Volunteers to assemble table centerpieces are Betty Vitale and Deb Courville. These items should be completed by September. We will also be painting pins for the dinner guests. Janice distributed the pin blanks.

The NEDA charity T-shirt project we had discussed is postponed until next year.

To express our appreciation to the Londonderry Senior Center for use of the facility, we will pitch in to paint a "Four Seasons" plaque for the center to display. Suzi Franklin and Deb Courville offered to work on this project.

Sue Hodgkins has updated the website.

Leeanne Kelly is organizing a "junk journal" demonstration for our December meeting. She has journals to display, along with suggested materials. A junk journal can be a scrapbook, photo album, sketchbook, or for wherever your imagination takes you! Members should bring interesting materials to the meeting.

There were many and varied "Palette Pot Pourrie" items displayed and presented on line.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30.

Sue Hodgkins then presented her beautiful cardinal barn quilt class. Due to her extraordinary teaching skills and detailed instructions, even the geometry-phobic among us had great results!

Respectfully submitted,
Susanna Duffy, Secretary

2026 WMDPG Officers & Board of Directors

President	Janice Fusco
Vice President	Larry Provencher
Newsletter Editor	Sue Hodgkins (denantquty@aol.com)
Secretary	Sue Duffy
Treasurer	Betty Vitale
Membership Sec	Garnet Joy
Board Members	Mary Framback
	Jacque Seastedt
	Suzi Franklin

2026 Presidential Appointments...

Historian	Kris Lafayette
Hospitality	Leeanne Kelly
Memory Box Program	Marilyn Moses & Jacque Seastedt
NEDA Representative	Mary Framback
Committee Chair	
Parliamentarian	Marilyn Moses
Seminars//Workshops	Larry Provencher
Social Media	Donna Frost
	Carolyn Swasey
	Cindy Harrison
Website	Sue Hodgkins



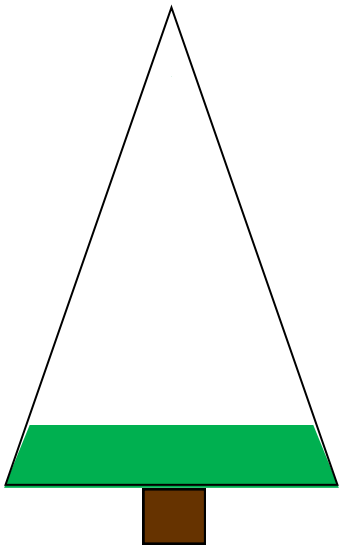
Hospitality

Our wonderful friend and member, Shirley Cochis, has moved to an assisted living facility and is selling her condo. Her address is:

Shirley Cochis
c/o Poplin Way Assisted Living, #16
442 Main Street
Fremont, NH 03044.

Let's flood her with some warm wishes.

Painted Ornaments Projects



Once again we will be collecting Christmas ornaments for our two charity projects, David's House and the Veteran's home. Let's fill up this tree with ornaments. As we get more in, we will color in the tree.

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 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, hopefully, 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 . 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, tips that are shared from other websites.

Memory Box Program

Dear friends,

We want you to know how much we appreciate the memory boxes that you paint. When we bring the memory boxes to a hospital, we are greeted by nurses and others in the family center. They are amazed by your painting and the kind words and thoughtful touches you add to the boxes. They often share stories of the families who have needed a box. As you paint, realize that you will be giving comfort to a family at a very sad time in their lives. On a visit to a hospital we were told that "a family will be choosing a box today." It was a very meaningful moment. We were very proud of you, our painting friends, who shared their time and talent for such a thoughtful endeavor.

Thank you all!

A reminder - we will be at NET Tuesday through Saturday if you'd like to bring boxes to us there and save on shipping. We'd love to see you too.

Thank you, friends!
Marilyn Moses and Jacque Seastedt



If your birthday is not listed please contact Leeanne Kelly at lkell13@comcast.net

Aug. Janet Dodson (31), Marilyn Ford (26), Debbie Fortin (30), Janet Gropp (25), Cindy Harrison (3), Delores Henrich (24), Virginia Mann (14), Nancy Mullen (18), Patty Phillips (4), Sandy Phillips (29), Jackie Spaulding (4), Elaine Sutton (27), Carolyn Swasey (5)

Sept. Nancy Allen (8), Cynthia Coleman (17), Verna Cook-Stoddard (3), Pam Gross (23), Laurie Keene (14), Leeanne Kelly (27), Fran Pascazio (23), Joann Smith (20), Anne Wifholm (27)

Oct. Peg Altemus (3), Pam Campos (29), Ann Davis (20), Cecelia Denton (31), Marie Forte (21), Garnett Joy (29), Sherrill Martens (4), Rhonda McKanna (3), Mary Lou Paquette (16), Karen Talbot (20), Carol Tischenko (17), Carolyn Voyles (9)



RAK and Memory Box Paint-In's are free, through Zoom, 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. Register at https://www.artroom2create.com/. There is an expectation that a box will be donated to the Memory Box Program or donated to a hospital near you.



BROWN BAG RAFFLE

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



Painting Opportunities



September Afternoon Project

September 13

Lynne Andrews - Betsy Ross

Shirley Cochis' Stash!!

Attention Local Members! As you have read in other parts of this newsletter, our beloved Shirley has moved to an assisted living facility. She has an extensive amount of painting supplies as you can well imagine. She will be able to take some of it but not all to her new place. A few members, Betty Vitale and Leeanne Kelly, have graciously volunteered to help her sell what she will not be able to take with her. They will be bringing a carload of goodies to the September meeting for us to peruse and buy. I'm expecting we will see wood, books, patterns and who knows what other surprises we will find. Word on the street is that some of Shirley's painted pieces will be among the items. I for one, would love a something painted by Shirley. Proceeds will go directly to Shirley. Bring a wallet full of cash, or your checkbook, to the meeting so that you can go home with good deals and help Shirley empty her closets.

Members far and wide who won't be able to attend the meeting, if you have something that you might be looking for, send us an email and we will keep an eye open for you. Packets and books can be easily mailed.

Painting Opportunities

The Nov. afternoon project will be a Junk Journal class. I want to give all in Zoomland some ideas/ items to start gathering. You can use an old hardcover book or paper bag and cardboard for covers. Glue stick or Monotape, something sharp to poke a hole, scissors, paper cutter, punches, markers, pens and pencils. Notepad papers, graph, ledger papers, scrapbook designed papers, watercolor and sketch pad papers. Magazines for words and pictures to cut out. I have tags, small envelopes, plain address labels, strings, twines, ribbon, stickers!! Eyelets, zippers, charms, buttons. The possibilities are endless. Pinterest is a wonderful place to look and get ideas. Ready go!! Start gathering xo!
Email me with questions if you'd like Lkell13@comcast.net

Leeanne Kelly
Here's one to get you started:

A House of Books & Creative Art Studio on Instagram: True to our mission…checkout how I recycled packaging to make a journal! #junkjournals #junkjournaljunkies #junkjournalsupplies #papercrafting #collageart #artjournal #junkjournal #journalmaking







Palette Potpourri News

Palette Potpourri is one of my favorite things to see at our meetings. It's always inspiring and it's so wonderful to see how many talented people we have in our guild. Keep your beautiful, finished work coming! Have your piece(s) ready to show at the meeting or please send me an email of the pictures, medium and designer a week before. Lkell13@comcast.net

Thanks,
Leenne Kelly

White Mountain Decorative Painters' Guild
2026 Membership Application

Check applicable: _____Renewal _____ New Member referred by: _____

Name: _____
Last First
Address:_____
City_____ State_____9 Digit Zip Code _____
Preferred Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____
Or No Email: _____
Check if this is a new address, phone or email: _____

Let Us Wish You Happy Birthday: MM _____ DD _____

Which way are you most likely to attend meetings? Zoom _____ In Person _____
Would you be willing to teach at a meeting or a workshop either in person or via Zoom?
Yes ___ No ____ Medium Taught _____

Would you be interested on serving on the board or a committee? Yes _____ No _____

Do you give permission to have your phone/email listed to membership? Yes_____ No _____
Do you give permission to WMDPG to post your picture within our Newsletter, Website or Facebook Page?
Newsletter _____ Website _____ Facebook _____

Enclosed Fees:

2026 Membership Fee:	$15.00
Newsletter Hardcopy add $10/year (optional)	_____
I do not have a computer! Mail for Free!	_____
Total enclosed	_____

Today's Date: _____

Questions? Call or email Garnett Joy at**: 301-452-7099,** GARNETTJOY@GMAIL.COM

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