



Tole It To The Mountains

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Presidential Chit Chat

Spring in all its glory has arrived! Am I the only one or do you look at everything blooming and coming to life and see paint color names? Young tree leaves look like all the "Hauser Green" colors, daffodils "Banana Cream".... My husband just rolls his eyes when we're in the car and I start calling out random names. Of course it could be me just trying to irritate him. Anyhoo...it's Spring!

Another thing that happens in Spring, the New England Traditions catalog. It's going to be hard to choose from the wonderful selection of classes this year. Registration opens May 2nd. Make sure to save some time to volunteer at Class Display and/or the Volunteer Room.

Our next Year of Technique class is a Stroke Work project with Shannon Miller. Shannon is a great teacher and you will learn all her tips and tricks for precise strokes every time. Information on this class and others can be found in this newsletter.

In collaboration with Decorative Artist of NE & NY Collaborative WMDPG will participate in the annual community service project. This year's project will be painting t-shirts that will be donated to women's crisis centers. Details are still in process and I hope to have more for our members at the May meeting.

Instead of trying to come up with a different way to say the same thing I'm just going to copy and paste from the last newsletter...."You have heard me say a couple of times, "I'll do it one more year," I will not say it again. 2026 is my final year as your President. It is time for new leadership for White Mountain. I have tried my best to be good at the job and serve our Guild well but it is time for me to watch from the other side of the podium. Now for the ever-present plea for our members to volunteer to

take a leadership role in the Guild, please step up. We need you to invest a little of your time in continuing to keep our organization strong and moving forward. "

Please join with me to wish our friend and fellow member Shirley Cochis a very speedy recovery. Shirley, I'm not sure this is the way to get out of selling "Brown Bag" raffle tickets at the next meeting. I hope you are able to be with us again very soon.

Happy Painting to all and to all good painting days!

Janice Fusco
President, WMDPG

NET NEWS

The catalog is out!
Time to start planning!



TO DO:

- Download the catalog
- Print or order your copy
- Mark your classes
- Make hotel reservation
- Mark your calendar to register on May 2nd.
- Register on May 2nd!

Vice President

The May 3rd afternoon program will be taught by our own newsletter editor Sue Hodgkins. It is a lovely cardinal barn quilt design. Learn how to use gridlines to create this cardinal so that you will be able to take those skills to tackle other barn quilts. The history of barn quilts is extremely interesting. To read about them there is a good article in Southern Living. <https://www.southernliving.com/what-is-a-barn-quilt-7094251>

Also upcoming, is the seminar with Shannon Miller on April 18th. Her exquisite design focusing on brushstrokes will inspire you to practice and become more proficient in that area.

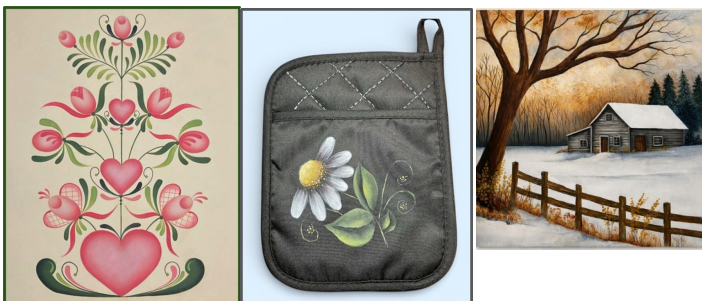
On May 6th join us for a seminar with Chris Watson. Chris's daisy design is painted on a potholder but it also can be painted on another surface of your choice. It would be perfect for a memory box if you are stuck for an idea to paint on one.

June 11th brings Nancy Scott, CDA with her *Yesterday's Winter* to our Zoom screens. This is a beautiful pen and ink design created specifically for our guild.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Zoom and in person!

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

**Larry Provencher
VP**



Save the Dates! 2026 General Meeting Dates

Sunday, May 3, 2026
Sunday, September 13, 2026
Sunday, November 8, 2026
Sunday, January 10, 2027

May 3rd - Afternoon project - Sue Hodgkins "Cardinal Barn Quilt"

Learn how to work with gridlines to create any barn quilt. The cardinal is a good one to start on because it uses a simple 5 block grid as shown in the picture below. Opposite is a picture of one that I finished.

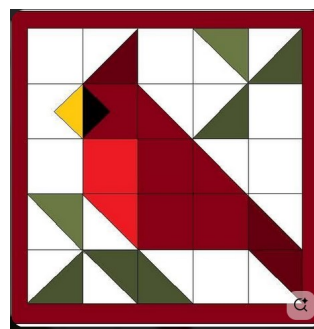
I cut my own wood using 1/2 inch plywood but you can find nice precut wood blanks or frames in varying sizes. If you cut your own, using plywood, it is advisable to give it a coat of Gesso before painting. This will help smooth out the roughness of plywood.

I am unsure of the size of the one below because I have made them in so many sizes. If you note the gridlines below, you will see 5 blocks across and 5 blocks down. I also have a 1/2 inch border around. To make things easier on yourself, for this first barn quilt, you should try to find a square that is divisible by 5 plus one inch. In other words, 10 inch plus 1 = 11 in., 15 inch plus 1 inch = 16in. etc. If you can't find the perfect size, the border can always be enlarged to accommodate.

To read about Barn Quilts here is a good article in Southern Living. <https://www.southernliving.com/what-is-a-barn-quilt-7094251>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at denantquity@aol.com

Sue



Cardinal showing gridlines



One of my finished cardinals

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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July 26, 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.

General Meeting Minutes - March 8, 2026

Twelve members of WMDPG attended the live portion of the meeting, with 8 Zoom participants. Happy 93rd Birthday to Shirley Cochis!

The following schedule of painting events was announced:

March 29	Rescheduled Linda O'Connell Zoom seminar, "Purple Passion"
April 18	Shannon Miller stroke work project (Saturday, 12-4:00 p.m.)
May 3	General Meeting - Cardinal Barn Quilt by member/teacher Sue Hodgkins
May 6	RAK Zoom event organized by Larry Provencher – daisy on black potholder
September 13	General Meeting - Betsy Ross by Lynne Andrews – surface available from Lynne
November 8	General Meeting - Junk Journal demonstration of techniques by member/teacher Leanne Kelly. See video suggestions for materials (link in newsletter).

All registration is done on ArtRoom2Create. Garnett Joy sent an email to everyone listing the coupon codes for upcoming ArtRoom2Create events.

The previous meeting minutes, as published in the newsletter, were approved by motion, made, and seconded.

The Treasurer's report and budget were also approved by motion. Betty Vitale received thank you notes from the organizations that benefited from our charitable contributions.

Fundraising this year won't be done by raffle – suggestions welcome. Prizes must be easy to mail to save costs. Leanne may donate proceeds from a very large circular wooden plate she plans to auction through her employer.

Membership report from Garnett Joy: 147 members, 95 paid, 52 unpaid, 3 new members.

Jacqui Seastedt displayed many beautiful donated memory boxes. Elliot Hospital has a continuing need for them.

On behalf of all the members, Dotty Pullo presented Carolyn Swasey with an exquisite Nantucket basket in appreciation for her many contributions to the Guild as President.

NET registration opens May 3. The catalog will be online soon. NEDA has asked WMDPG to make two table centerpieces for the Friday night NET buffet. They will consist of a 12-inch wooden base with an "enchanted forest" theme, incorporating fairy lights. The committee consists of volunteers Shannon Daugherty, Kris Lafayette, Betty Vitale, Ann Wifholm, and myself. We're also assembling a New Hampshire-themed gift basket to be raffled off that evening. To start the ball rolling, items suggested for our Guild's basket were maple syrup and Dotty Pullo's beautiful "Old Man of the Mountain" painted piece. A motion was made and seconded to budget \$100 each for these projects to cover our costs.

White Mountain's service project for 2016 will to paint brightly colored T-shirts with floral designs for donation to women in crisis. Our gifts will include a hand-painted notecard with a message for the recipient. The Guild will underwrite our share of the costs and determine if we'll hold a class for painting the shirts.

There were numerous submissions for Palette Potpourri. Jean Trimpe must have been painting up a storm all winter, as she had many to display, as did Janice "The Dot Lady Fusco." The meeting was adjourned shortly afterwards.

Paulette DeGesare taught the afternoon project on Zoom.

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 Committee Chair	Mary Framback
Nominating Committee	OPEN
Parliamentarian	Marilyn Moses
Service Project/Charity	
Seminars//Workshops	Larry Provencher
Social Media	Donna Frost Carolyn Swasey Cindy Harrison
Website	Sue Hodgkins

Hospitality

Hello Friends,

I was informed that Shirley Cochis went into the hospital around Easter and was transferred to Brigham & Women's to have her heart valve replaced. Betty reported that all went well although she had another procedure on Tuesday, but all things look good. Prayers would be wonderful. Cards can't hurt for when she is recovering. Her address is 4 Patriot Dr. Unit 23, East Hampstead, NH 03826

Any hospitality news that you'd like to pass along please send it to me (email below) If you have any questions, let me know. I appreciate hearing from you as otherwise, I may not hear of something and the news would miss going out the membership.

Thank you,
Leeanne Kelly Lkell13@comcast.net.



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

April showers bring May flowers! While we look forward to flowers opening, we can still finish a little painting on Memory Boxes! We'd love to display your boxes at our May meeting! You can always find us at NET in October to deliver boxes also. We'd love to see you!

We are offering this special class to help replenish our supply of memory boxes for several New Hampshire hospitals—an initiative that is very close to our hearts.

We hope you will join us as Chris guides us step-by-step in painting her cheerful daisy design with leaves. This will be a relaxed, stress-free class—perfect for painters of all levels.

In addition to contributing to this meaningful cause, you may also choose to paint an extra memory box or even a coordinating potholder to brighten your own kitchen.

We hope you'll paint along with us and be part of something truly special.

Thank you so much for your beautiful painting. We are very thankful for all you do!

Marilyn Moses and Jacque Seastedt



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.

Happy Birthday



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

April Joy Keene (1), Linda Kapp (6), Bonnie Lehman (6), Diana Michaud (10), Linda Carpenter (18), Rochelle Duprey (25), Linnea Rydout (27), Melanie Knox (28), Debi Stivers (28),

May Clara Agar (3), Margaret Bolger (5), Lorraine Lasch (5), Gail Berinato (8), Lindsey Laliberte (9), Nanette Hlavaty (14), Nancy Leeder (18), Suzi Franklin (19), Leona Magnarelli (21), Regina Taylor (21), Kimberly Jo Cook (25), Dotty Pullo (31)

June Connie Lawrence (1), Janet Cockerham (2), Janine Lewis (2), Deb Courville (6), Debbie Warren (18), Pamela Duffey (21), Donna Frost (23), Bibiana Martinez-Ziegler (28), Debbie Gill (29), Rita Holtzinger (29), Carol Peck (30)

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

White Mountain Technique Class

Designer: Shannon Miller CDA

“Stroke Skill Builder”

Zoom Seminar

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026

Time: Noon to 4 PM, Eastern



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White Mountain
Decorative Painters Guild

- Presents -

Daisy
Pot Holder

Designed by Chris Watson

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

6 PM - 9 PM (Eastern)

Live Zoom Seminar

Create this charming
daisy design that's both
beautiful and functional!

Perfect for adding a handmade
touch to your kitchen or gifting.

Hosted by
ArtRoom2Create

Register at:
www.artroom2create.com

Nancy Scott CDA



“Yesterday’s Winter”

Zoom Seminar Date:
Thursday, June 11, 2026

Time: 2 PM to 6 PM, Eastern

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September Afternoon Project

September 13
Lynne Andrews - Betsy Ross

Painting Opportunities

The Nov. afternoon Junk Journal class whooooo! Just want to give you all in Zoomland some ideas to start gathering for it. 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. Man, the possibilities are endless. Please refer to the last newsletter with the site we showed and like Sue mentioned 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

[A House of Books & Creative Art Studio on Instagram: True to our mission...checkout how I recycled packaging to make a journal! #junkjournals #junkjournaljunkies #junkjournalssupplies #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,
Leanne 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

Please send form and payment (check made payable to WMDPG), to:

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They can also be found on the website www.WMDPGNH.org*

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