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Presidential Chit Chat

As I write this it is Monday, October 5, 2026 and as per my MO I have missed another newsletter submission deadline. So, in my defense of missing the deadline there have been a few things happening at the Fusco house. Tomorrow NET 2026 starts. I have been busy organizing and packing for NET; teaching three classes, taking three classes, doing a demo and volunteering time. The pile of stuff is huge. There is also that pesky thing called a job that takes up too much of my time. Most importantly, we spent the last few months preparing for our son's wedding. It was a glorious day spent with friends and family. There were a few tears shed along the way, but far more laughter, smiles and happy memories.

Well, that didn't go as planned it is now Tuesday, October 20th. NET has come and gone and it was just FAB! Taught some classes took some classes, chatted with friends and made some new ones. Thanks to all the volunteers that make it all possible. I've already started planning next year's class submissions.

Special thanks to Kris Lafayette and Deb Courville for chairing Class Display, Mary Frambach our NET representative. Larry Provencher, Ann Wifholm, Betty Vitale for your hard work on the centerpieces and gift basket and all that volunteered to paint the banquet pins. Our very own Marilyn Moses was one of the lucky winners of a gift basket.

Make sure to check out all of the upcoming classes that White Mountain is offering. Larry has done a great job organizing our painting opportunities through 2027. A very big Thank You to Larry Provencher for taking on another year of the Vice President's role to continue to find new and exciting classes for White Mountain.

Our November 8, 2026 meeting will be our regular business meeting to include the election of 2027 officers followed by our annual potluck lunch. Then our very own Leanne Kelly will be teaching us how to make a Junk Journal. I for one am very excited about this workshop. Details on signing up to get in on the fun can be found below.

Thank you to those members that volunteered to be officers and board members for 2027. There is still time to put your name in the hat if you are interested in White Mountain's continued success.

Hope you are all enjoying the beautiful Autumn weather along with the glorious colors of the season. On Saturday morning I was planning my day and had the loveliest realization that I didn't have anything that "had" to be done. It is such an uncommon occurrence in my life that it took a minute to figure out. Spent that wonderful day puttering around my studio. Hoping you can all enjoy a day of no "have to do's" before the holiday season rush!

Good painting day wishes to all!

Janice Fusco
President, WMDPG

Dot painting found on the internet in honor of our own dot painting pro, Janice!



Vice President

So far, I have arranged for the following painting opportunities in 2027:

- Rebecca Trimble, January 10, on Zoom;
- Chris Watson in March (Christmas table runner);
- March seminar, date TBD, Anna Marie Oake (poppies painted with glass paint);
- Nancy Mullin, September 12, bird design; and
- Janice Fusco, November 7, monochromatic rose on fabric.

As always, please let me know if you have any suggestions for painting seminars, RAK's or afternoon programs. I welcome your input.

Happy painting,

Larry Provencher
VP

Hospitality

Thinking of Shirley Cochis while she continues in rehab and getting stronger. Cards are always welcome. 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.

Save the Dates!
2026 General Meeting Dates

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

Nominations for 2027 Board

Co - Presidents - Janice Fusco, Sue Hodgkins
Vice President - Larry Provencher
Recording Secretary - Sue Duffy
Treasurer - Betty Vitale
Membership Secretary - Garnett Joy, Deb Fortin
Newsletter Editor - Sue Hodgkins
Board members - Mary Frambach, Suzi Franklin, Ann Wifholm, Jacque Seastedt

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the November meeting.



Charitable Donations

This year WMDPG has chosen and donated contributions to the NH Food Bank, David's House and Reach - Beyond Violence to Hope. We have also embarked upon the task of painting plastic containers to contain snacks for an Epsom, NH elementary school. Gift cards are to be included in each container for the teacher to buy the snacks.

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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December 6, 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: November 9, 2026

Place: Londonderry Senior Center in person and Zoom

10:00-11:30 General Meeting

12:00 - 4 - Junk Journal 101 for beginners with Leeanne Kelly

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
- Potluck lunch item to share
- Something for Palette Potpourri
- Money for raffles & fundraiser tickets
- Brown Bag raffle donations
- Lunch
- Memory Boxes UNFINISHED/ FINISHED
- Your 2027 registration sheet and payment if you haven't renewed!!
- See junk journal pages for list of "junk" to bring

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 - September 13, 2026

The following people volunteered to run for the Board in 2027: Janice Fusco and Sue Hodgkins, Co-Presidents; Larry Provencher, Vice President; Betty Vitale, Treasurer; Deborah Fortin, Membership Secretary; Sue Duffy, Recording Secretary, Anne Wifholm, board. (editor's note - others have since also notified us that they wish to run.)

A motion was made and seconded to approve an expense of $520 for 26 twenty-dollar gift cards to include in each hand-painted snack box we are donating to a local school.

Shirley Cochis now lives at Colonial Poplin Assisted Living in Raymond, NH. She's always happy to hear from us and hopes to get to NET.

Treasury Report: We are solvent and anticipate voting on year-end charitable contributions at the November meeting. The report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Secretary's Report: It was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of our May meeting as published in the newsletter.

NET Information: Our gift basket and centerpieces must be in Marlboro by Friday, October 9 and stored in the volunteer room. Thirty-one White Mountain members registered for the convention, down from 53 last year. As of September 13, 378 people were registered. We still need some volunteers to staff the volunteer room and class display. The Friday night banquet and game night were sold out (130 people). White Mountain members painted many pins for the guests.

2027 Plans: Larry Provencher has arranged the following painting opportunities: Rebecca Trimble, January 10, on Zoom; Chris Watson in March (Christmas table runner); March seminar, date TBD, Anna Marie Oak (poppies painted with glass paint; Nancy Mullin, September 12, bird design; and Janice Fusco, November 7, monochromatic rose on fabric.

Community Projects: Jacque Seastedt and Marilyn Moses recently delivered 11 memory boxes to St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua. They displayed new boxes brought to the meeting. More boxes are always welcome, as some hospitals have asked us to replenish their supply.

Some of our talented painters are working on a seasonal panel we plan to donate to the Londonderry Senior Center to express our appreciation for use of the facility.

Please remember to paint ornaments for Veterans and David's House and get them to Sue Duffy by Thanksgiving. You may mail them to her at 4 Old Stage Road, Litchfield, NH 03052.

Helen Russell won the Palette Potpourri prize. Leanne Kelley reminded us she will demonstrate the art of making "junk journals" at the November meeting – bring any interesting supplies you have! Also, local members, please bring something for our potluck lunch that day.

Unfortunately, the internet connection in Londonderry was off-line; therefore, we couldn't broadcast Lynne Andrews's Zoom painting class. The video will be available to everyone who registered.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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
Website	Sue Hodgkins

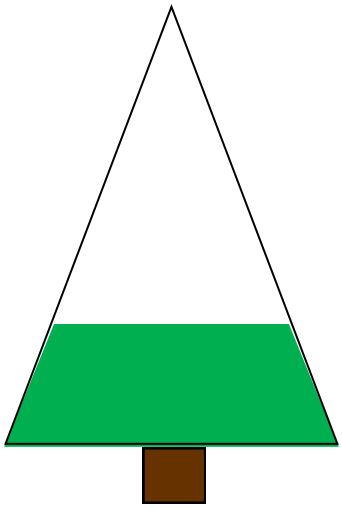








Painted Ornaments Projects



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. We hope to get 150 ornaments.

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,

It was nice to see many of you and paint with you at NET! What a wonderful place to be together!

Thank you so much for your continued support of Memory Boxes! We have recently been able to bring boxes to local hospitals. We just recently were contacted by a hospital requesting some larger boxes. I know...it is a difference than our requests for small boxes! This hospital would like to be able to enclose a blanket and a small toy. Their needs change from time to time and its good that they let us know. At this time we could use any size or shape boxes except rectangular boxes, please.

We appreciated their contacting us as we always hope to fill their needs.

We look forward to seeing you at out next meeting, in person or via zoom or perhaps at a painting class.

We hope you are all enjoying the fall with its cooler days and beautiful fall colors!

Thank you all!

Marilyn Moses and Jacque Seastedt

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 Painters' Guild



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.



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

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)

Nov. Eileen Van Etten (2), Sheila Smith (3), Betty Vitale (9), Debbie Matthews (12), Therese Silva (13), Luanne Wedzisz (13), Christine Taylor-Leonard (18), Judy Uhoch (21), Barbara Butler (24), Patricia Bookmyer (28)

Dec. Carol Bell (6), Marie Veloz (11), Jeanne Sutton (14), Carolyn Culwell (19), Clare Majorossy (19), Kathleen Tanguay (21), Wendy Goldberg (25), Vicki Michael (27), Sharon Tooker (30),

Jan. Deb Cannistra (15), Gail Morrell (15), Cyndi Monroe (17), Jane Van Buren (18), Kathy Slawsky (22), Mary-Kate Erickson (27), Diane Crean (29), Karen Schaffert (9)

Afternoon Project

Hello,

I hope you are going to join us on this fun project. I am not even near a junk journal pro, but just thought it would be a fun thing to try. I thought it would be cool to maybe carry it around to sketch and paint in too.

First step is planning what size you would like your book and pages to be. For the cover, I am using an Amazon envelope, but you can use a heavy paper or a shopping paper bag. A stamp pad of a dark brown is something I used to make my wrinkles stand out on my cover, but you don't need to do this and you can use any color. I just liked wrinkling mine and make it look old.

Next step gathering some papers of all different textures, colors, etc. Having a strong glue, glue stick, and mono tape will be essential. You can fold the papers with your hands but having a paper folding bone works great. A glue stick tube also works well. A sharp pointed tool or a paper punch to make holes for binding it is also something you should have ready. Twine, hemp, string something strong to bind your pages together. The best part decorative ribbon, papers, eyelets, brads, embellishments oh my LOL!

The possibilities are endless on the decorative part of this project. I would think the folding and putting together of this sweet little book will go quick, or should I say hoping, then we can play if we have time. My smart and savvy friends will attach some links for you to check out.
Thanks so much and I hope you'll join us.
Leeanne
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:

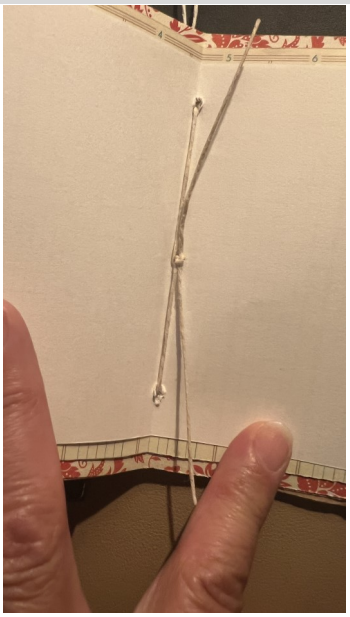
A House of Books & Creative Art Studio on Instagram: True to our mission…checkout how I recycled packaging to make a journal! #junkjournals #junkjournaljunkies #junkjournalsupplies #papercrafting #collageart #artjournal #junkjournal #journalmaking

PS from the Editor...In an attempt to learn this craft to help Leeanne, I made a bunch of junk journals this summer and acquired sooooo much in the way of supplies! I will be bringing lots to share so if you don't have some of the supplies listed, don't worry. Between several of us, we have plenty to go around. I personally may have become obsessed in my junk journal buying spree and could use help in getting rid of some of it. Sue H.






Supply Suggestions for Junk Journals

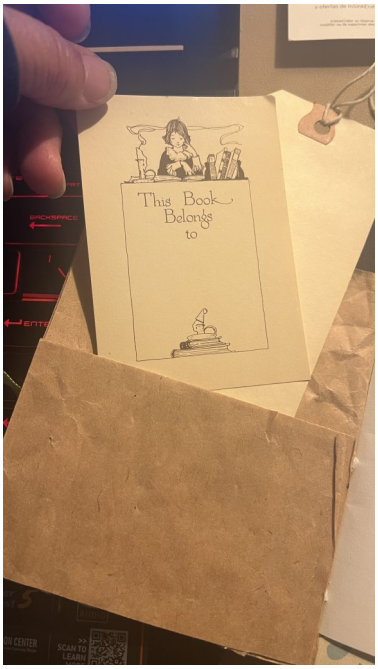








My favorite brand and found locally at Walmart and Ocean State Job Lots.



Supply suggestions (bring only if you already have them) (don't buy!!!) Your house already has tons of this miscellaneous junk!

Glue stick, tape runner, clear glue in bottle
Any paper you might have or like to use for cover
Paper for pages...copy paper, receipts, graph paper, watercolor paper, sketch paper, tracing paper. Use your imagination.
Twine
Awl for punching holes
Scrap paper for placing under your work while gluing/stamping
Rubber stamps you might already have and would like to use
Stamp pad for distressing paper (vintage photo is my fav)
Paper punches (corner punches are great)
Used envelope with a window that a bill came in
Paper clips
Ribbons, eyelet
Amazon bags, cereal box (we have plenty already to share)
Fabric scraps



Another editors note: I have templates that I will be sharing of pockets, belly bands, corner tucks etc. These can be taken home for you to use as you continue to add the fun stuff to your book.

Warning!!! This can be addictive!!! Sue H

White Mountain Decorative Painters' Guild
2027 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:

2027 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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