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Presidential Chit Chat from our Co-Presidents

It is time to say a fond farewell to 2025. As with any bygone year there are highs and lows, good and bad, happy and sad. We muddle through it all and look forward to what the New Year will bring. For White Mountain 2025 was a great year, we have an exciting 2026 planned and our Guild will forge ahead at full steam.

As President of White Mountain, I would not be able to do my job without the help of a great many people. Thank you to Carolyn Swasey for "Co-Presidening" with me this year, we made a great team. It's hard to believe that it was five years ago that you got us zooming. I think it's safe to say that you saved us from a fate of so many other chapters after the pandemic. We will be forever grateful, Thank You Carolyn!

After what has been a long career as any number of different positions on the Executive Board of White Mountain, Dotty Pullo is retiring from serving in an official capacity. Since I became a member, she has been my guiding light to all things White Mountain. Dotty's dedication to our Guild is limitless. She is everyone's greatest cheerleader. She is the first one to stand and thank a member for doing good things and always willing to help in any way possible. Please join me and thanking her for her service to our Guild, we would not be what we are without you. Thank You Dotty!!

We have several marvelous painting opportunities coming up in 2026. Our focus will be on "Technique." Stroke work, floating, color theory and just maybe something completely new. Details can be found in this newsletter and on the website.

To all our members who have made this past year all it could be. We have said farewell to some, and welcomed new members. Shared some laughs and done a little bit of good for our community. As your President (for ONE more year) I am grateful for help and support.

Happy New Year!

Cheers!

Janice Fusco
Co-President, WMDPG

A Heartfelt Thank You

As I reflect on the past six years with the White Mountain Decorative Painters Guild, my heart is filled with gratitude. It has truly been an honor to serve, to support, and to work alongside so many talented and passionate painters who care deeply about creativity, community, and continuing our shared artistic traditions.

Together, we've celebrated accomplishments big and small. We've navigated challenges, embraced new opportunities, and proven that no matter what comes our way, the spirit of this guild remains strong. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved—our programs, our outreach, our enduring friendships—and how we have grown together.

Moving forward, I feel it is the right time for me to step back from leadership. While I will no longer be guiding from the front, I want to assure you that I am not going far. This guild has been a meaningful part of my life, and I will always be here as a resource, a cheerleader, and a helping hand whenever needed. You can count on me to continue supporting our mission and celebrating the incredible work that each of you brings to our decorative painting community.

Thank you for trusting me, for inspiring me, and for allowing me the privilege of serving in leadership roles. The memories made and the friendships formed will stay with me always.

Goodluck to the 2026 board.

With appreciation and warmest wishes for the future,

Carolyn / Co -President 2025



Vice President

2026 Afternoon Programs for January (Zoom only) and March

Our January afternoon program on January 11th will be a floral design By Linda O'Connell. Please check out the photo and registration information in this newsletter. I am looking forward to painting with her and since it is a large floral, I'll be thinking about spring coming at the same time.

REMEMBER THIS IS A ZOOM ONLY EVENT!

Our March 1 OR 8th afternoon program will be taught by Paulette DiGesare. We haven't decided which piece she will be teaching. Each of her classes give us an opportunity to increase our knowledge and skills.

See you at both upcoming classes.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Zoom and in person!

Dotty Pullo
VP for afternoon programs.



Save the Dates! 2026 General Meeting Dates

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Sunday, January 10, 2027

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
Tole it to the Mountains is
January 25, 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
February 17	Board Meeting - 6-7:30PM Zoom
March 8	General Meeting 10AM Londonderry Senior Center and Zoom Afternoon Class - 12:00 - Paulette DiGesare - Zoom only
March 22	Newsletter Deadline
April 21	Board Meeting 6-7:30PM Zoom
May 3	General Meeting 10AM Londonderry Senior Center and Zoom Afternoon Class - 12:00 Sue Hodgkins - Cardinal Barn Quilt- In-person and 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 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 - 12 TBD
December 6	Newsletter Deadline
December 29	Board Meeting 6-7:30 PM Zoom
January 10, 2027	General Meeting 10AM - Zoom Only

Free Class for 2026 Membership Renewal

Janice Fusco will be offering a **free** "Dotted Christmas Tree" class for all those who renew their membership or join by **January 11, 2026**.

The class will be on **January 28th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM** via Zoom.

To renew your membership please see the last page of this newsletter for instructions.

Garnett Joy, Membership Secretary

garnettjoy@gmail.com



WMDPG General Meeting...Zoom Only

Date: January 11th, 2026

Place: Zoom only

10:00-11:30 Zoom

12:00 - 4 - Afternoon Project - "Purple Passion", Linda O'Connell, TDA.

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.

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 project.



Purple Passion
design by
Linda O'Connell
TDA

- Sunday, 1/11/26
- Noon to 4 PM Eastern
- Zoom Class & it will be recorded
- Included in the class fee: DecoArt Traditions, Academy Acrylics, DA Media Fluid & Select Mediums will be mailed to USA contiguous states only. You must register by 1/4/26 to receive the paints.

General Meeting Registration

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

Reminder!!!

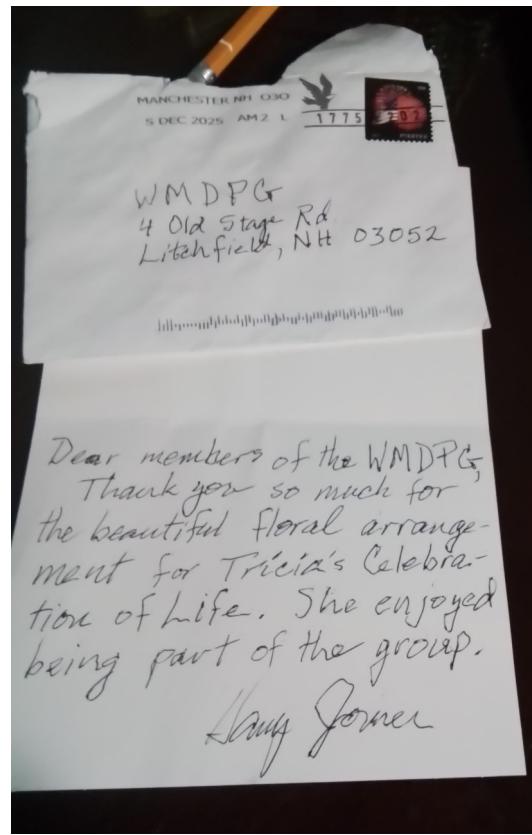
2026 Dues are now due and being accepted. See last page in this newsletter for membership application and previous page

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

2026 Presidential Appointments...

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



Hospitality

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

Thank you all so much for your beautifully painted boxes! While you choose a design and paint the box, know that your work is appreciated by the families who need them. You are offering a kindness at a very sad time in their lives.

We wish you a very happy, healthy holiday season! We'll look forward to painting with you in 2026!

Marilyn Moses and Jacque Seastedt
esmjmoses@comcast.net
jseastedt@comcast.net

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

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 (29)

Feb. Ellen Ainge (2), Karen Ezzo (3), Maria Deaven (7), Fran Prebish (7), Parma Jewett (11), Diane Bowman (14), Mary Weavil (16), Bonnie Rand (21), Jacque Seastedt (22), Marilyn Moses (23), Joellen Moneck (25), Barb Lehman (27),

Mar. Kris Lafayette (5), Shirley Cochis (8), Mary Framback (8), Mary Ellen Snell (8), Wendy Warner (8), Carolyn Shelton (11), Jean Trimpe (13), Louise Hastings (14), Susan Kilgallon (16), Sue Duffy (20), Jan Dreiling (21), Sue Hodgkins (22), Deanna Carter (24), Janice Dyer (24), Carol Ann Musto (24), Sue Black (25), Pat Roush (26), Janice Fusco (28)



Recipes

Three Bean Casserole From WM November Pot Luck luncheon

1 pound ground beef
½ lb. bacon, diced
1 cup chopped onion
½ cup white sugar
¾ cup brown sugar
1 teasp. dry mustard
2 T. vinegar
½ cup ketchup
1 large can pork and beans or 2-11 oz. cans. (I use Campbell's)
1- 15 oz. can kidney beans, drained
1 can butter or lima beans
In a skillet or dutch oven, brown the ground beef, bacon, and onion until the meat is cooked and the onion transparent. Drain excess fat. Add sugars, mustard, vinegar, ketchup and beans. Simmer for 30 minutes. Extra beans can be added or substituted as desired.

Note: I made this for many years just as Aunt Alice did. However, recently I have used a little less sugar. Don't lessen brown sugar much.

Marilyn Moses

Painted Ornaments Projects

December 9, 2025

David's House
461 Mount Support Road
Lebanon, NH 03276

To Whom It May Concern:

The holiday ornaments in this box have been hand-painted for you by members of White Mountain Decorative Painters' Guild, a non-profit, all-volunteer association based in New Hampshire.

We hope the decorations will brighten the holiday for your guests or perhaps CHaD patients, as you see fit. It's our honor and privilege to support David's House.

Please acknowledge receipt of this package to Janice Fusco, President of White Mountain, at the address below.

Warmest wishes to your staff and guests for the Holiday Season!

Sincerely,
Susanna Duffy
White Mountain Decorative Painters' Guild

Cc: Janice Fusco, President
White Mountain Decorative Painters' Guild
PO Box 334
Auburn, NH 03032



Annual Raffle and Palette Potpourri News

If you didn't hear already, we have decided to end the Annual Raffle Program for now. Make way for other projects and to just change things up. I do want to thank everyone so very much for the participation in it the last few years. The people who always volunteered to paint beautiful pieces, the volunteers that would help me at meetings, the donated incentive prizes and all the people that sent in raffle tickets throughout the year. I appreciate it all. The lucky prize winners that received painted items were so happy and wanted to thank the painters (you know who you are xo)

WINNERS

Jacque Seastedt - Artroom2create gift certificate and Lynne Andrews Snowman painted by Sue Hodgkins

Linda Deming a friend of a member- Artfulwebinar Gift Certificate

Deb Courville - Lynne Andrews Santa painted by me

Sue Duffy- 4 Seasonal Mason jars painted and donated by me

Jane Van Buren - Betty Caithness Pantry Box painted by Dotty Pullo and Cardinal Tin painted by Kris Lafayette

Kris Lafayette - Dotting tools and stencils donated by Janice Fusco

Linnea Rydout - Christmas Sweet Cutting board and won both Hobby Lobby gift cards donated by sister's Marilyn Moses and Jacque Seastedt

Thank you all again,

Leeanne

Palette Potpourri prize winner in November was Rochelle Duprey and she won a very pretty palette ornament.

It will be a zoom January meeting so have those wonderful pieces ready and I'll put your name into a raffle.

Thanks,
Leeanne

In Memoriam



Sadly, Tricia Joiner passed away on November 4, 2025. Tricia was a long time member, and supporter, of White Mountain Decorative Painters Guild, the Society of Decorative Painters and decorative painting in general. She will be remembered for her proficiency in painting in the Zhostovo style of painting and to bringing the Zhostovo technique to the United States. Her passion for Zhostovo and the decorative painting industry inspired many. You will be missed Tricia.

Painting Opportunities

If you've been on the fence and are curious about how Linda creates such stunning, realistic florals, now is the perfect time to jump in! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn directly from her. The Guild is providing most of the paints—excluding only the bottled acrylics and two mediums—making this an incredible value. Don't miss out... what a deal!

Please note: the Guild will provide **and mail** select paints for this class.

Included in the class fee: DecoArt Traditions, Academy Acrylics, DA Media Fluid, and select mediums will be mailed to participants in the **contiguous United States only**.

Important: You must register by **January 4, 2026** to receive the paints.

You will need to supply the following bottled acrylics and mediums:

- Black Green
- Hauser Green Light
- Plantation Pine
- Premium Extender
- Liquid Glass



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White Mountain Decorative Painters Guild Zoom Program

**Free Class for Renewing Membership by
January 11th!!**

“Dotting Around the Christmas Tree” taught by
Janice Fusco

January 28th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM via Zoom.



COMING THIS YEAR

The Board has made a commitment to focus our classes on different techniques this year. Stroke-work, floating, color theory, dotting, barn quilts, watercolor are a few of the ideas being tossed around. If you have other ideas that you either need work on or would like to learn, please let us know of your ideas so that we can look into how to incorporate them .

Our afternoon project teachers include, Linda O'Connell, Paulette DiGesare, Sue Hodgkins, Lynne Andrews and possibly Suzi Franklin.

In addition we are planning a couple of seminars and RAK's. Note the RAK's are free to all members.

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 Sue Duffy at:

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

Sue Duffy

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