



Tole It To The Mountains

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Presidential Chit Chat from our Co-Presidents

The beautiful colors of Autumn in New England are already starting to fade and we know what that means... It's painting weather! As always, I have a stack of UFO's and a stack of new projects to start. My plan for the unfinished is that for every new project I start one "un-done" has to be completed or relegated to "never going to finish". We all have those pieces that have been set aside for a number of reasons; a class project that you don't have the right paint colors, a new technique that you don't like, or ultimately you just don't like it. Find the right solution for you and tackle that pile.

NET 2025 is in the books and from my point of view it was a great success! Thank you to all who volunteered! Hope you all had as good a time as I did. Sadly, Cheryl Barb has decided that 2025 will be her last year as Class Display Chairman. Please join me in thanking her for the years of time and talent she has dedicated to NET and White Mountain. Another thank you goes out to the NET/NEDA staff that made it all possible, you did a great job!

Our November 2nd meeting will be our regular business meeting and potluck luncheon. There will be no class after the meeting but we encourage you to bring a project to work on. This is also a great time to bring something you need help with or a fresh "eye" to see "what it needs". Or, like me, you'll sit and visit with everyone.

Thanks to everyone for painting tote bags for the Give Kids the Arts project. Bags were stuffed with art supplies at NET on Friday afternoon. We were lucky to have Holly Hanley come in and look at all the bags and take some photos with the "bag stuffers". Follow this link <https://www.newenglandtraditions.org/give-kids-the-arts-community-service-project> for photos and information about this community service project.

Our School Snack Box has been a bit delayed but still moving forward. We've gotten some beautiful paintings from our members and there may be some photos in this newsletter. A few of us got together and attached artwork to box top, we have a few left to go. Thank you to all who donated their time and talent to this project.

It's a week after NET and I'm still trying to get back to normal. Unpacking and reorganizing is always a long project. I've got project ideas rolling around in my head and need to get them on paper but I can't find my tools, Ha Ha!

"Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time." Thomas Merton

Wish you all Happy Painting!

Janice Fusco
Co-President, WMDPG

I recently returned from another wonderful cruise vacation and was greeted by cooler weather—it was absolutely delightful!

Although I missed NET this year, I truly enjoyed seeing so many photos shared on social media. It was also great to see the hotel improvements—so much so that I did a double take! As the saying goes, "inquiring minds want to know," and I was pleased to hear that all the elevators were working this year. (Editor's note: they weren't, although we did get to see two men working on them all week. There is hope!)

Before 2025 arrives, we still have a few meaningful commitments to fulfill. We'll be painting ornaments for **David's House** to decorate their holiday tree and share with temporary residents, as well as ornaments for our **Veterans**. A big thank you to **Susanna Duffy** for overseeing both of these heartfelt projects.

As a guild, we've accomplished a great deal this year—our participation in the **Epsom School snack box project**, continued involvement in **New England Traditions**, overseeing **Class Display** and monitoring the **Volunteer Room** on Thursday, and offering **five robust painting programs** throughout the year. What an impressive list of achievements! As you see it truly takes a village.

Looking ahead, I hope we'll see some new faces stepping forward with fresh ideas and energy to continue our creative journey together.

As the holiday season begins, I wish each of you a **Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, and Merry Christmas**.

It has been my pleasure to represent the guild for another year. Thank you all for your support, enthusiasm, and friendship—our community continues to shine because of each of you.

With appreciation and warm wishes,

Carolyn Swasey
Co-President

Vice President

2025 Afternoon Programs November and January

Our November 2th afternoon program will be a potluck Holiday lunch. Don't forget to bring in a dish to share. Also please bring or mail in any ornaments you have painted for David's House and or the Veteran's Homes.

Our January afternoon program will be a floral design By Linda O'Connell We haven't picked the peace yet but it will be wonderful not to think about winter for a few hours while we paint.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Zoom and person!

Dotty Pullo
VP for afternoon programs.



Shhh! It's a secret!!

Don't forget your last gifting to your Secret Pal at the November meeting.

Traditionally a painted piece is given. This meeting is the big reveal!!

Surprise your pal!

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

Save the Dates! **2025 - 2026 General Meeting Dates**

Sunday, November 2, 2025
Sunday, January 11, 2026

The **deadline** for the next issue of
Tole it to the Mountains is
December 1, 2025

The Newsletter is published 5 times a year:
Feb, April, August, October and December

2025 Calendar of Events...

January 2025 TBD	Joint Board meeting - Zoom 6:00
January 12, 2025	General Meeting, 10AM Zoom only 12:00 PM - Afternoon Class - Marika Morreti - Snowmen Zoom only
January 26	Newsletter Deadline
February 18	Board Meeting - 6-7:30PM Zoom
March 9	General Meeting 10AM Londonderry Senior Center and Zoom Afternoon Class - 12:00 - Paulette DiGesare "Spring Fling Mandala" - Zoom only
March 23	Newsletter Deadline
TBD	Board Meeting 6-7:30PM Zoom
April 26 & 27	Seminar with Lynne Andrews - Saturday - Summer Lighthouse Sunday - Flowers and Birds
May 4	General Meeting 10AM Londonderry Senior Center and Zoom Afternoon Class - 12:00 Zoom
July 27	Newsletter Deadline
August 19	Board Meeting 6-7:30PM Zoom
September 7	General Meeting, 10AM Londonderry Senior Center and Zoom Afternoon Class - 12 - 4 Zoom
September 28	Newsletter Deadline
October 7-12	NET Convention, Marlboro, MA
TBD	Board Meeting 6-7:30PM Zoom
November 2	General Meeting 10AM Londonderry Sr. Center & Zoom, Elections, Annual Raffle Drawing. Afternoon Class - 12
December 1	Newsletter Deadline
TBD	Board Meeting 6-7:30 PM Zoom
January 11, 2026	General Meeting 10AM - Zoom Only

*** ALL TIMES ARE LISTED AS EST**

Tips and Tricks

Editors note: While at NET, I stumbled upon Janice Fusco as she was demonstrating her dotting techniques for a make it and take it. Clever as always, she had the greatest idea for what she used for her painting palette.

What are these cute little things???

Fidget poppers that she got at the dollar store. A perfect size for traveling and holding the paint. The best part....when the paint is dry, just pop out the paint!! Love it!



WMDPG General Meeting...Zoom

Date: November 2, 2025

Place: Londonderry Senior Center and Zoom

10:00-11:30 Business Meeting - In person and Zoom

12:00 - Potluck lunch and **paint/finish your own project**

*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 dish to share**
- Usual painting supplies, paint and your own painting project
- Something for Palette Potpourri
- Money for raffles & fundraiser tickets
- Brown Bag raffle donations
- Memory Boxes UNFINISHED/ FINISHED
- Painted ornaments for Veteran's home or David's House

Reminder!!!

2026 Dues is now due and being accepted. See last page in this newsletter.



General Meeting Registration Form

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

Attending in person? Please email Sue Duffy 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	_____	_____

Sue Duffy
duffys1076@comcast.net

2025 WMDPG Officers & Board of Directors

Co-President	Janice Fusco & Carolyn Swasey
Vice President	Dotty Pullo
Newsletter Editor	Sue Hodgkins (denantquty@aol.com)
Secretary	Mary Frambach
Treasurer	Betty Vitale
Membership Sec	Sue Duffy
Board Members	Sue Black Leeanne Kelly Jacque Seastedt



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.

2025 Presidential Appointments...

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



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

We appreciate your beautiful memory boxes so much! It allows us to reach out to the hospitals when they need boxes. We recently were able to visit Elliott Hospital in Manchester, NH for a second time this year. We brought them 11 memory boxes. The boxes were amazing and were so appreciated by the staff. As you paint, we hope you will think of the families and know that your efforts will bring some comfort to them.

As you are planning your painting, we could use small and medium size memory boxes. We hope you will be inspired to paint a box!

Thank you so much for your support of this program! Happy painting!

Marilyn Moses and Jacque Seastedt
esmimoses@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**

Oct. Margaret Altemus (3), Rhonda J. Payne McKanna (3), Sherrill A Martens (4), Arlene Menzigian (4), Carolyn Voyles (9), Mary Lou Paquette (16), Carol Tischenko (17), Sharron Jones (18), Ann Davis (20), Karen Talbot (20), Marie Forte (21), Pam Campos (29), Garnett Joy (29), Cecelia Denton (31)

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)

Dec. Carol Bell (6), Lois Denton (10), Marie Veloz (11), Jeanne Sutton (14), Carolyn Culwell (19), Clare Majorossy (19), Kathy 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 (29)



Painted Ornaments Projects

I received about 40 ornaments for the vets and 25 or so for CHAD at NET. **Another couple dozen would be welcome.** I have to mention the award for most resourceful artist goes to Kris Lafayette. She has made lovely ornaments from the most unlikely objects - keys, clothespins, light bulbs and even a golf ball!

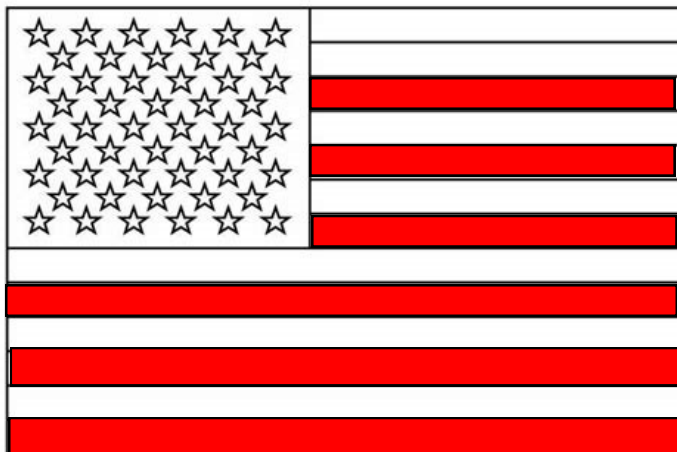
To recap, we are collecting painted ornaments for our Veterans at our local Veteran's Home and for David's House which is a home for families of children undergoing treatment at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital. (similar to a Ronald McDonald's House) Our goal is to have 150 ornaments for the Veteran's Home and 50 ornaments for David's House.

Many thanks to all who have painted ornaments!!!

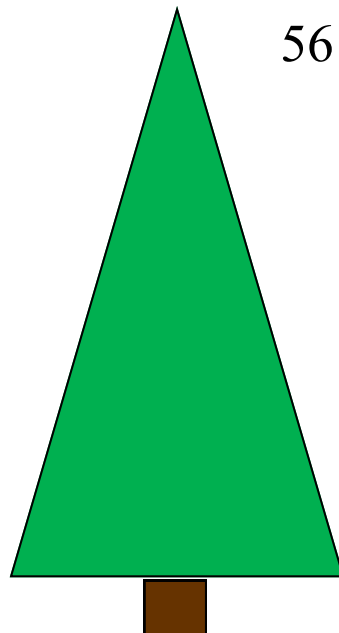
A few of the ornaments collected so far...



94 out of 150



56 out of 50



Annual Raffle and Palette Potpourri News

Good morning friends,

I hope this finds everyone well. Drum roll please; winner of the Sept. incentive prize is Larry Provencher. Larry will be able to pick from a Lynne Andrews "Peace and Plenty Packet and surface, or a Paulette DiGesare packet "Late Autumn Visitor". Both are wonderful artists and the packets have great projects.

The Oct. Incentive prize is a Royal & Langnickel Shader/Wash brush set of 8!! Who can't use some brushes. I have enjoyed doing the Annual Raffle and even happier it's getting to the exciting end to see who our lucky winners will be. I have a list of the prizes in the Newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who have sent tickets in all year. I appreciate the participation.

Make sure to send your Palette Potpourri pictures a week in advance or be ready to show them on Zoom.

Enjoy your week,
Leeanne
55 Tampa St.
Nashua, NH 03064



Annual Raffle Prizes



- Artroom2create Gift Certificate
- Artful Webinars Gift Certificate
- Four season mason jars painted by Leanne Kelly
- Lynne Andrews Santa painted by Sue Hodgkins
- Painted Snowman
- Black tin box with cardinal
- Christmas Sweets cutting board
- Lynne Andrews Artist Santa by Leanne Kelly
- Betty Caithness design Shaker box
- Two separate gift cards to Hobby Lobby

Bag Stuffing Party at NET



Thanks to all who participated by painting for this project! Thank you also to **Holly Hanley** for offering a pattern and class for painting these bags.

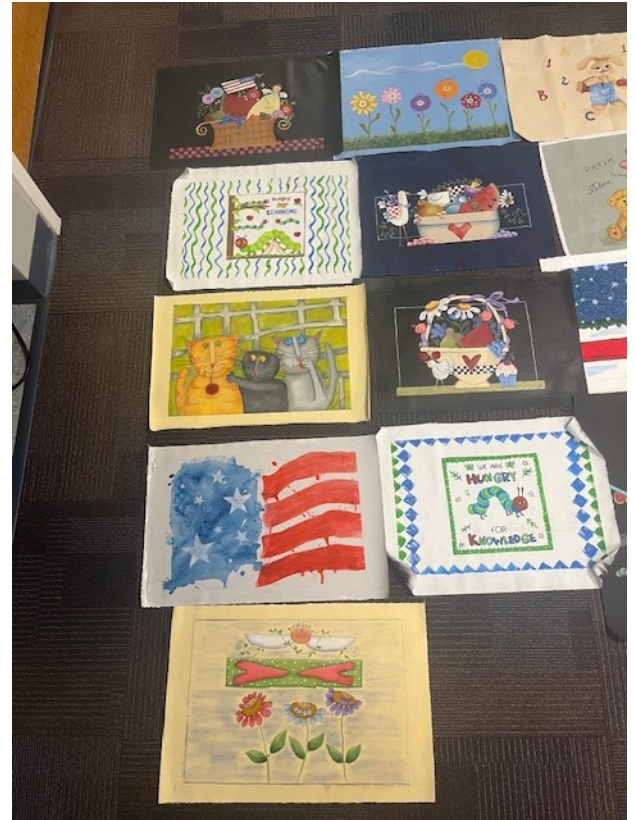
It takes a village!

NOTE

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

Thank you!!!

School Snack Box Project





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GUILD 2025 NON-PROFIT RAFFLE TICKET.**

(ONE CHANCE TO WIN).

\$1.00 PER TICKET OR 6 FOR \$5.00.

Drawing November
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Thank You

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Address: _____

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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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