



Tole It To The Mountains

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Presidential Chit Chat from our Co-Presidents

So much to do and so little time. Seems to be my motto right now. All the things that need or have to be done leave very little time for the "want to do's". Guess we all find ourselves having to make the tough choices with our time...laundry or painting...I choose painting and let the pile get a little bigger.

NET is just around the corner. Have you scheduled time to volunteer? Again this year our Chapter job is Class Display with Cheryl Barb leading the charge. There are slots available, contact Cheryl cherab@comcast.net to fill the available openings.

Soapbox time.

Do you enjoy the benefits of our Guild? Do you enjoy meeting and spending time with like-minded people? Do you learn new techniques and enjoy the classes offered by our Guild? If you answer yes to these questions, then the Guild needs you to offer up some of your valuable time to keep this thing going. I know that we ask for volunteers in every newsletter and at every meeting and unfortunately no one has stepped up. We are at the point of having vacant offices. I've said it before, and I'll say it again...WE WILL HELP. You will not be thrown to the wolves and expected to know the job. There can be two members holding the office to share the job. For the good of and future of White Mountain please volunteer.

Have you finished your Community Service Snack Box painting project? Bring your finished pieces to the September meeting or mail them to me. We will be choosing a date to attach the finished masterpieces to the box tops, filling, and delivering them to the school. Stay tuned for more information.

Our tote bag service project with the Decorative Artists of NE & NY Collaborative has had some delays but we are moving forward again. Holly Hanley has generously donated her time and talent designing something special for this project. The class date is August 28th, patterns, supplies and time will be sent out shortly by email. Completed bags can be brought to NET or brought to our September meeting. If you have questions shoot me an email jagfusco@comcast.net

Hope you have been able to enjoy the beautiful summer weather we've been having. I've realized that autumn and NET will be upon us before long and my time is being spent prepping for the classes I'm teaching. Carolyn or Dotty will be leading our September meeting as I will be traveling. I will miss seeing you, but we will

Per usual, I've been busy hosting Zoom classes—living vicariously through many of you as I watch you paint. In my mind, it's official: I am now a *master painter*! (Just please don't ask me to prove it. ☺)

I continue to cruise, visiting different ports of the world. There's so much to see and so little time. For my next adventure, I may even bring some paints along—because honestly, that might be the *only* way I finally fulfill my commitment to paint the canvas snack box cover for the Epping, NH Elementary School.

🍏 Signs of the Season

Driving past the orchards, I see the apples ripening—a sure sign that fall is just around the corner. While some may mourn summer's end, I am more than ready to say goodbye to the heat and welcome cooler days ahead.

📅 Events & Conventions

- Many familiar faces popped up on Facebook from **OKC Palooza**—it looked like such fun!
- Don't forget: **NET begins October 7th**. White Mountain has **two important responsibilities**:

•Class sales

•Staffing the Volunteer Room on Thursday

👤 Guild Leadership

As my time on the board comes to a close, I encourage you to consider submitting your name for a **2026 board position**. It truly takes a village, and your talents and energy can help carry us forward.

✦ September Program – Register Today!

Our very own **Dorothy Pullo** has contracted **Amy Mo-gish** to share her talents with us in a special **paint-and-pencil program**. Don't miss it!

👉 Register of the ArtRoom2Create website: <https://www.artroom2create.com/product-p/wm142.htm>

Carolyn Swasey
Co-President



Presidential Chit Chat from Janice cont...

meet again at NET.

Remember to prioritize those have to, need to and want to...PAINT, PAINT, PAINT!

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life," by Pablo Picasso.

Janice Fusco
Co-President, WMDPG

NET News

Important things to know

When: October 7 - 12, 2025

Where: Best Western Royal Plaza,
Marlboro, MA
Reservations: 508-460-0700 Reference
New England Traditions to get the group
rate of \$134 per night plus tax

What: Catalogue is on line
@ newenglandtraditions.org
If you would like a hard copy, you may
order it from Amazon for \$11.00
plus shipping

How: Registration started on Saturday May 3, 2025
After May 3rd you may check class
availability at the
newenglandtraditions.org website

Volunteers Needed for WMDPG:
Thursday, October 9th in the Volunteer
Room from 7:00 AM -6:00PM
Contact: Mary Frambach at
603-496-2926 or
meframbach@hotmail.com

Class Sales:
Contact Cheryl cherab@comcast.net to fill these
available openings:

Thursday 7 - 9am and 3-4pm
Friday 8-9am, 3-4pm and 2 people 5-6pm
Saturday 8-10am, 11-12pm

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

Sunday, September 7, 2025
Sunday, November 9, 2025

Vice President

2025 Afternoon Programs September and November

Our September 7th afternoon program is a deliciously fun Paint and Pencil cinnamon bun class taught by the talented Amy Mogish. It will be my first time painting with her and I am looking forward to the class!

To sign up/pay/get prep instructions for the afternoon program go to www.artroom2create.com. Select Amy Mogish's class and download your instructions. Check the instructions early enough in case you need to order a new color paint or colored pencil. Then follow the prep instructions.

If anyone has trouble downloading the pattern, please call me at 781 568 1439 and I will do my best to help.

Our November 2th afternoon program will be a pot luck 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 Home.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Zoom!

Dotty Pullo
VP for afternoon programs.



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 9	General Meeting 10AM Londonderry Sr. Center & Zoom, Elections, Annual Raffle Drawing. Afternoon Class - 12
December 1	Newsletter Deadline

The **deadline** for the next issue of
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September 28, 2025

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

NOTE

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

Thank you!!!

Tips and Tricks

I saw this on Facebook recently and unfortunately cannot remember who posted to give credit.

It was suggested that you add a marble to your varnish bottle. Use a swirling motion to mix. The marble will help move and distribute the particles. This also helps to reduce bubbles.

Janice Fusco

WMDPG General Meeting...Zoom

Date: September 7, 2025

Place: Londonderry Senior Center and Zoom

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

12:00 - Cinnamon Buns taught by Amy Mogish

Register at: <https://www.artroom2create.com/> and look under the "White Mountain 2024 Seminars & Programs" tab.



Look for an email as we get close to the meeting date with a link for the business meeting. A separate email will come if you sign up for the afternoon project.

Things To "Bring" to the Meeting



- A friend or guest
- **Brown Bag Lunch**
- Usual painting supplies and paint
- Something for Palette Potpourri
- Your painted nametag
- Money for raffles & fundraiser tickets
- Brown Bag raffle donations
- Memory Boxes UNFINISHED/ FINISHED
- Painted ornaments for Veteran's home or David's House



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.

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

Recipe from Marilyn Moses

APPLE CRANBERRY COLESLAW

1 – 14 oz. bag 3-colored coleslaw mix
1 large red apple (gala is good), unpeeled
½ cup dried cranberries
½ coarsely chopped walnuts
4 green onions, sliced

Dressing:

¾ cup mayonnaise, regular or low fat
¾ cup plain yogurt (not Greek)
6 Tablespoons honey
¾ teaspoon dried, ground ginger

Combine coleslaw ingredients in a large bowl.

In a small bowl, combine dressing ingredients and mix together. A whisk works well.

Pour over coleslaw, stir well and refrigerate for a few hours.

For a less creamy coleslaw, use ½ mayonnaise, ½ cup plain yogurt, ¼ cup honey and ½ teaspoon ginger.

Notes: I cut up a some green and purple cabbage, and added shredded carrots (16 oz. total), in place of buying the ready mix.



Shhh! It's a secret!!

Don't forget your second gifting to your Secret Pal at the September meeting.

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

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

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	



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.

Name Tags

We will no longer be having Tolegate where we charge a \$1 if you aren't wearing one. Historically we have donated the money to David's House. Instead, we encourage you to continue wearing them and are planning a name tag surprise later in the year.

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

Summer is flying by! We hope you all are enjoying the sun, flowers, and fun times! Maybe a bit of painting now and then!

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.

We will be at NET in October. I hope we will see you there! If you come to NET, bring your boxes with you and save postage! You can leave them at the Class Display table (please label them for Memory Boxes or with our names) or find us at the convention from Tuesday through Saturday. 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**

August Cindy Harrison (3), Jackie Spaulding (4), Carolyn Swasey (5), Virginia Mann (14), Nancy Mullen (18), Jody Weant (21), Barbara Rolla (22), Delores Henrich (24), Janet Gropp (25), Marilyn Ford (26), Debbie Fortin (30), Janet Dodson (31),

Sept. Verna Cook-Stoddard (3), Nancy Allen (8), Laurie Keene (14), Cynthia Coleman (17), Joann Smith (20), Pam Gross (23), Fran Pascazio (23), Anne Wifholm (27), Sandra Phillips (29)

Oct. Margaret Altemus (3), Rhonda J. Payne McKanna (3), Sherrill A Martens (4), Arlene Menzigan (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)

OLLI News

Once again this year, Dotty Pullo, Jacque Seastedt and Sue Hodgkins will be teaching at OLLI on behalf of WMDPG. The classes are on three consecutive Saturday's in September. There are still openings if you know of anyone who would like to join us. We hope to foster the love of painting in others!



Upcoming Painting Opportunities - Afternoon Programs



September 7th afternoon program - taught by Amy Mogish. Her design, "Cinnamon Buns" uses a Paint and Pencil technique.

Upcoming Painting Opportunities - RAK

Dream Believe Create

Designed and taught by Holly Hanley for the tote bag that will be given out to the Give Kids the Arts organization. August 28th. This will be a zoom class.

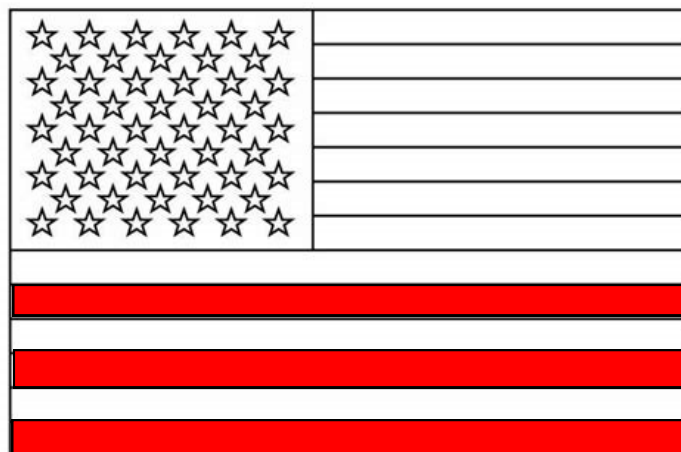
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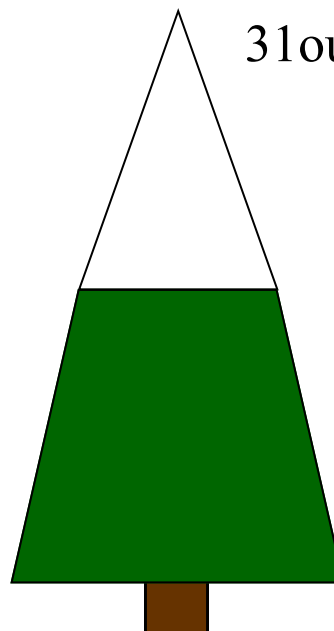
Painted Ornaments Needed

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. Follow our progress below. **Special thanks this month to Leona Magnarelli for the box of 20 beautiful and whimsical ornaments she donated.**

54 out of 150



31 out of 50



Annual Raffle and Palette Potpourri News

Dear Members,

Not going to lie, I have been neglecting my WMDPG duties. I have been working like crazy this summer and every other moment squeezing in what has been a wonderful summer. Like every summer that is coming to an end I am starting to want to ease into the next season. Stay home, not be away and get back to some normalcy. Again, not ready and am going kicking and scratching. I have one more great vacation in RI with my very large Portuguese family. (My Dad is one of 13) We will be having clam boils and great family time. I truly hope everyone has been enjoying life. Can't wait to see the fabulous painting you've all done in the next Palette Potpourri! If you'd like us to put your pieces (please limit to 2-3) at the meeting, you need to send them to me a week before the meeting Lkell13@comcast.net with the designer's name. Otherwise, you can have them handy at the meeting to show. I'll add your name to the raffle prize (a little something, something) will be given out.

So, onto Annual Raffle, Jun/July winner was Marilyn Moses. The July/Aug. prize is a wonderful Arlene Newman packet "Lighthouse Cove" and an angular shader brush.

I really haven't gotten a lot of tickets, and I will take the blame on not pushing it!!! We only have a few more months to go for the Nov. raffle so get some more tickets in for better chances on the great pieces, classes, and surprises I may have up my sleeve!!! Please send them to me, check made out to WMDPG and cut if possible (I'd appreciate), folding them to put in my raffle box is a chore in itself LOL! (my poor arthritic hands).

In closing, I bet everyone is getting excited to go to NET and have your hotel and classes booked!! Also, looking forward to our next meeting!

Take good care everyone,
Leeanne Kelly
55 Tampa St.
Nashua, NH 03064

Annual Raffle Prizes



- Artroom2create Gift Certificate
- Artfulwebinars 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

Stay tuned as more items are added!





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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
2025 Meeting.
Thank You

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Address: _____

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Email: _____



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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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Litchfield, NH 03052

duffys1076@comcast.net

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