



BHADA

Black Hills Area Decorative Artists



Jack's Rambles



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Oh....what a wonderful meeting March was. Excited about having to find some extra seating! It was sooo good to see you ALL AND view your beautiful imaginative painting skills.

The Memory Boxes, Eggs, and Share and Shine were all striking. This Club never ceases to amaze!

Now...we can get excited for our "Spring Retreat". The Committee Ladies have gone through a lot of time and preparation for us to have fun projects to do and learn. A win-win for us all, not to mention being able to rub elbows and break bread with the most talented folks in the Hills area.

Please plan on spending time to Retreat and Refresh.

Don't forget to go through your "stash" to "exchange for a price" to help make the Memory Box Program even stronger with our Rummage Sale.

Bless you all with Easter Joy, **Jackie**

Report from Jackie on UFO painting: The Whitewood City Council voted Monday night to allow BHADA a 50% rate. This means a Friday (after 4:30), Saturday and Sunday would cost us \$100. There is a little bar next door that offers food. It has catered for our Community Club before, possibly for Saturday night or we could do a "planned potluck". The Hall has a kitchen, nothing to write home about, but has a nice fridge and workable stove.

The Iron Horse Inn is approx. 1 mile from the Hall. Winter rates this year (for us) would be \$55 for a room with 2 queen beds in each.

There is a Historic B&B on Main Street. I don't know how many it could sleep or if the commons room would be large enough for all to paint. Nice thing would be that we would all be in the same building like we are at Terra Sancta. I will continue to look into that. JH



2023 BHADA OFFICERS: President Jackie;
VP Membership Joyce;
Secretary Bonnie; Treasurer Mary; Newsletter Jo Ann

*March Door Prize won by
Linda, painted by Diane*



Annual Egg Exchange 2023



April Birthdays Happy Birthday!

Linda 4/17
Jo Ann 4/21
Luann 4/25
Linda K 4/26

March Meeting Minutes



The 19 members of Black Hills Area Decorative Artists met March 18, 2023 at Terra Sancta, Rapid City, SD. Pres. Jackie H opened the meetings t 9:30 am with a call for a motion to approve the minutes of the Feb. meeting. Linda H. made the motion and Diane M seconded the motion. Motion was approved. The financial report was given by Treasurer Mary Z. This was filed for audit. Diane M reported a very generous donation from Queen City Motors for the group and Bonnie E. presented a check from a friend for the Memory Box program.

Committee Reports:

Spring Retreat: Debbie C reported 13 registered with only 6 rooms reserved. We may have to pay for the use of the large classroom / The will be the annual rummage sale as well as a game night on Saturday. After discussion Luann moved that if enough rooms are not reserved that the club pay for the required amount for the rooms (it would be less expensive) AND that BHADA cover the cost of the too few breakfasts. Diane M seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hospitality: Treats were furnished by Sally and Diane. Everyone brings treats in April. Mary Z and Karol J will bring treats in May.

Monthly Programs: May program will be presented by Diane M

Membership: VP Joyce reported that we have 25 paid members.

Newsletter: JoAnn set the deadline as Mar. 28.

Ways and Means: Linda K reports having 3 raffle items. We will paint on plastic license plates for door prizes, but still need table favor ideas.

Holiday Event: Nelda has the egg exchange ready for after the meeting.

Unfinished Business: JoAnn shared results from paint-ins she held with her high school friends and a Wine Club. She stated that painting and wine do not mix. She had many great boxes for distribution. She also mentioned that some Memory Boxes have been used to hold cremains in some families.

New Business: Pres. Jackie discussed a free, paint your own thing weekend. .Rent for Hale Hall in Whitewood is \$100 a day.

Show and Shine: Luann, Janae, Deb, Linda H, JoAnn, Nelda, Sally, Connie, and Karol all shared projects.

The Door Prize was painted by Diane and won by Linda H who will paint the prize for the May meeting, The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Linda K and seconded by Diane M. to eat and paint a cute egg with Jackie H.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie E., Secretary.





SHARING MEMORIES



As time goes on, remembering is becoming more of a buzzword for me as a senior citizen. It takes quite a bit of vigilance to keep track of my house keys, car keys and glasses. It takes even more vigilance to remember to take my recyclable plastic bags to the grocery store bin, even though I have placed them on the passenger seat of the car, right next to my purse.

Our last BHADA meeting was a time of remembering for me. My Dad practiced law until I was in 7th grade and then he returned to school to become a funeral director. So, funerals and death have been part of my life for many years. My general understanding at that time was that people got old and sick and then passed away. But I definitely remember the shock I felt the first time I saw a casket for a child. This was a totally new concept and it seemed so strange and sad, but I didn't fully comprehend the situation. As an adult, it is strange and sad, but I am aware how very real it is. I feel we learned more about infant death at the meeting. The hopelessness, helplessness and confusion at the circumstances and details the family must deal with and decide on, while in a state of shock, must seem impossible. I have recently learned that the memory of this situation is ever present during any succeeding pregnancies. Questions about the outcome must be top of mind.

At the same time, I gained a deeper understanding of the value of a memory box. It can be more important than I ever realized. The lady who started the memory box program certainly had love in her heart. But the people who carry on the program also have love in their hearts. Don't forget to give yourself credit for being so caring. You are making a difference. Thank you from all the recipients.



MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

BHADA Committee Chairs 2023

Memory Box Program – Bonnie and Mary
 Membership - Joyce
 Hospitality – Deb
 Monthly Programs – Betty
 Ways & Means – Linda K, & Nelda
 Fall Seminar – Luann & Janae & Diane
 Spring Retreat 2023 – Bonnie & Deb & Diane
 Webmaster & Facebook – Jo Ann C
 Holiday Exchange – Nelda
 Newsletter – Jo Ann
 By-Laws—Jackie
 Sharing Memories—Mary

Monthly Programs For 2023

January 21	Bonnie E. Vet ornaments
February 18	Linda & Sally
March 18	Egg Exchange Jackie
April 14, 15, 16	Spring Retreat
May 20	Diane
June 17	Betty
August 19	Deb
September 15-17	Fall Seminar {Shara Reiner}
October 21	Bunco Party
November 18	Jo Ann
December 17	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats

HOSPITALITY LIST 2023

January 21	Janae & Luann
February 18	Connie & Deb
March 18	Sally & Diane
April 14, 15, 16	Everyone Brings Treats
May 20	Mary & Karol
June 17	Betty & Rita
August 19	Dorothy & Joyce
September 15, 16, 17	Everyone Brings Treats
October 21	Everyone Brings Cookies
November 18	Linda H. & Diane & Sally
December 17	Christmas Exchange-- Everyone bring Treats Installation of officers



Memory Box Ideas



**Thank
you, Deb!**



Try Google for “free baby animal clip art”.





SAVE THE DATE

Black Hills Area Decorative Artists
Annual Artists' Education Fundraiser

Bunco Event Saturday, October 21, 2023

1:00-4:00 PM at the Moose Club

St. Patrick Street, Rapid City, South Dakota

Registration: \$15.00

All prizes are Hand Painted by BHADA members

Raffles, 50/50 \$\$, Silent Auction, Door Prizes for Everyone!!

Call Linda at 605-484-7628 to reserve your spot!

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