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Post From Janae



March Meeting marked the beginning of spring. It is the time for renewal, longer days and the awakening of nature. The blooming flowers, new leaves on trees. It is the sense of rebirth & growth. Spring a time to refresh. So let us clean out our paint stash and paint those UFO's. Paint memory boxes and find patterns to use on the bunco wood. So let us be revived and reinvigorated and plant seeds of kindness and goodwill.

* **Spring Retreat April 17-19, 2026 at Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

Bring you unwanted paint things to the rummage sale at the Spring Retreat. (and prepare to take home if not taken)

* **Next BHADA Meeting is May 16, 2026 at 9:30 at Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

BHADA Pictures that you have taken and would like on the website, please send to Jo Ann our webmaster.

APRIL Fool's DAY

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Dorothy won drawing to paint a Memory box next month. Sally painted this month's box.



<i>Linda H.</i>	<i>April 17</i>
<i>Jo ann C.</i>	<i>April 21</i>
<i>Luann B.</i>	<i>April 25</i>
<i>Linda k.</i>	<i>April 26</i>

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Meeting Minutes



On March 21, 2026, the BHADA meeting was called to order by Pres Janae at the Whitewood Fire Hall at 9:24 am. 12 members were present. Linda K made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Connie seconded. All approved. Mary gave the financial report and it was discussed to leave the account roll over as it is now. Will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPRING RETREAT: Sally reported that 13 have registered so far for the April 17, 18, 19, 2026 retreat. Sally showed Lynette's sample and made mention that the pattern is to be flipped (reverse) over so it will match her board when she is teaching it. Karol's class is prepped and ready for Friday night. She will post the colors needed. Deb's also has no prep and colors will be posted. Sally said fruit will be available at retreat.

FALL SEMINAR: Sally reported that Paulette D will be sending her ideas as to what we would like her to teach for seminar soon. Jackie reported there is still not a teacher scheduled for 2028. Members are asked to give ideas if you have anyone in mind. (Shannon Miller, KS, is still a possibility to contact)

HOSPITALITY: Treats today were furnished by Janae and Luann. Treats for Retreat are by all.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS: Rita reported that August is still open to be filled. Possibilities suggested were helping Ways and Means for Bunco projects. Memory boxes. (Or anyone interested in doing a program?)

MEMBERSHIP: 23 members, 2 Honorees.

NEWSLETTER: Deadline is March 27, 2026.

WAYS AND MEANS: Linda K and Nelda reported there will be 3 raffle pieces. (Jackie will paint one), One box they suggested to be used for ornaments that each member is asked to paint an ornament for it. Nelda had some available pieces members could take to paint for the box. There will also be 12 door prizes, 12 silent auction prizes, 5 Bunco prizes. Members today were asked to take from the display table, items they wanted to paint and return to Ways and Means for these prizes. They took names and items of the pieces members chose. Contact them if you would like to paint an item. The theme is WINTER WONDERLAND.

WEBMASTER: No Report. Noted were some wrong dates on the website and Luann will contact Jo Ann.

HOLIDAY EVENT: Nelda had some fun trivia questions, an Easter Emoji sheet she passed out, prizes were given. She then had a dice game, to open the egg exchange. Pictures of all the nice eggs will be in the Newsletter.

MEMORY BOXES: Bonnie has been working on sending these out. Keep painting!!!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Rummage sale items can be brought to the retreat.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

SHARE AND SHINE: Jackie

DOOR PRIZE: Dorothy will paint the "prize" memory box for May.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50am. Following was the egg exchange.
Respectfully Submitted by Secretary,
Betty Bondeson



SHARING MEMORIES



What was I thinking? It was 2003 and John Travolta was on the cover of Biography magazine. I'm imagining I didn't have time to read the magazine article about one of my favorites so I put it in a box. Over the years I've put lots of things in boxes then stacked boxes on top of boxes. I named these things "keepers". Recently I've been examining the contents of those boxes of memories. Before long, many "memories" became garbage--still unread. The word "packrat" comes to mind.

In BHADA, the memory boxes that are hand decorated are empty. Bonnie sends them to hospitals that have a grief coordinator. That person delivers the box to a family that has lost an infant or young child. The family fills the box with mementos of the loss and maybe sympathy cards. Now the box holds real treasures. These items will be a comfort for years to come on many days, especially when their hearts are heavy. The giving and the receiving are heart-filling. The memories are true treasures...a very creative expression of love . They deserve the name "keeper".

MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

For a Memory Box!



Memory Boxes & Show & Share



BUNCO NEWS

**"A Magical Winter Wonderland"
That is our theme for 2026.**

We handed out items to be painted at the March meeting. Bonnie got the items from a former painter. If you were not at this meeting Linda K has the items at her house.

I Linda K will be at Spring Retreat on Saturday and will bring the items. You won't be left out. We need everyone to paint.

Raffle items the large chest is being painted by Jackie. The other raffle items a smaller chest with ornaments and a set of two round boxes need to be painted so we can get pictures taken to have to sell tickets.

**THANK YOU
Linda K Nelda**

Future Seminar Teacher

Shannon Miller has be emailed, yes she still travels and is filling in her 2027 seminars. She has put us down for 2028, we just need to verify the dates with her.

Would like to encourage all members to go to her site:
www.shannonmillerpaints.com

Hopefully we're all ready for a "stroke work" lesson, and surely she has the perfect brush  to make the "peeeerfect" stroke

 I will keep it touch about 2028. Jackie

2026 Easter Egg Exchange



BHADA Committee Chairs For 2026

Memory Box Program – **Bonnie and Mary**
 Membership - **Deb**
 Hospitality – **Jackie**
 Monthly Programs – **Rita**
 Ways & Means – **Linda K & Nelda**
 Fall Seminar – **Diane & Sally**
 Spring Retreat 2026 – **Diane & Sally**
 Webmaster & Facebook – **Jo Ann**
 Holiday Exchange – **Nelda**
 Newsletter – **Luann**
 Sharing Memories—**Mary**
 Memory Box ideas - **Deb**
 Publicity - **Karol J**
 Audit - **Karol J & Dorothy**

HOSPITALITY LIST 2026

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

Monthly Programs For 2026

January 17	Bonnie E. Vet ornaments
February 21	Debby C.
March 21	Easter Egg Exchange
April 18-19	Spring Retreat
May 16	Ways & Means Bunco
June 20	Cindy R.
August 15	
September 18-20	Fall Seminar
October 17	Bunco Party
November 21	Connie M.
December 19	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats



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