

CONNIE'S COMMENTS



B H A D A Black Hills Area

> August 2025 Volume 3 Issue 8 www.bhada.org

Decorative

Artists

The Summer Solstice has come and gone, so moving from summer into fall is fast approaching. In August we will be fabric painting on aprons with Bonnie in preparation for looking spiffy at Bunco. September follows with an exciting seminar. I hope everyone has plans to attend. After downloading the patterns from Lisbeth Stull, our choices will keep us busy minute by minute. There is so much detail to paint. October will yield the fabulous BHADA bunco party with the fund raising event for Paula DiGesare our 2026 instructor.

Since it's been an unusual rainy month of July, I have resumed painting memory boxes. Pinterest does offer numerous ideas and yesterday I cut out my own stencil with card stock and an X-Acto knife. Silly me, I didn't want to wait and order one. It was labor intensive, but worked for what was needed. Hey members, your creative ideas must be contagious, so continue to share what works and what doesn't.

The 85th motorcycle rally will see an influx of traffic, so stay safe out there and I'll see you at the August meeting.

Connie

*Next BHADA Meeting is Aug 16, 2025 at 9:30 at Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.

Bonnie will lead us in our painting project at the Aug meeting; we will be painting on aprons to wear at the bunco party.

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

Fall Seminar News

The seminar is fast approaching and so are the deadlines!

Deadline for registration is August 17 (the meeting) but it would be great if you could get your registration in before that.

The deadline to get the group rate at The Iron Horse Inn is Sept 1st. If you haven't made your reservation, do it now.

If you have any question, you can contact Diane. Hope to see everyone at this seminar.

Email Diane at: Glassman.6776@gmail.com







Jan G. Aug 13



2025 BHADA OFFICERS

President Connie M.

Vice-President Membership Janae H.

> Secretary Bonnie E

Treasurer Mary Z.

Newsletter Editor Luann B. 1980jalu@gmail.com





SoSoft fabric paints will be used. Bonnie will provide all the colors. Bring "Bad Brushes in good condition". These should be flats, angle Brushes. Small sizes: 2-8. Angle brushes sizes 1/8-3/8. THESE SHOULD NOT BE YOUR BEST BRUSHES, but also not TOO fuzzy. (Most of you know Bonnie have LOTS of these and will bring a LOT!) Patterns will be on the aprons. Bring something firm to hold behind the apron top such as Palette paper back cardboard, small baking sheet or clipboard. Paint will not harm the surface. Please also bring your hand held fans as we need to undercoat because the aprons are black.





SHARING MEMORIES



Summer, the rally, moving, downsizing, college, empty nesting, photo albums, gardening, painting~~!! What is this thing called boredom?? I have heard so many comments lately about memories. I find that listening to other peoples memories sends me on my own memory trail. For instance, someone recommended having a glass of Kool Aid if you want to feel young.. You will be transported right back to your youth. In my case, with eight kids in the family, if there was Kool Aid around, my Mother's rule was, "Take that outside. Don't drink Kool Aid in the house, especially cherry flavored." We rarely had Kool Aid.

Another friend has already downsized but is now tackling the family photo albums. They have three children and when any of them come back to Rapid City to visit, they are encouraged to go through the family photo albums and take the photos they want. When the three children finish this task, the albums will be thrown away.

If you recall when you were in charge of young infants or toddlers, there was a system about the softness or smoothness of the foods they were allowed to eat. First it was pablum, then strained baby food graduating to "junior food"—not quite as smooth. Never any nuts or anything that a young one might choke on. Foods were cut into small pieces. A friend was having trouble remembering when he did something in his youth for which he got in trouble. He couldn't pinpoint his age but he knew he was old enough that his Mother didn't have to peel his apples. That is a milestone I have never thought about.

When a memory box is presented to a grieving family the memories I have mentioned are not in their minds. A future life with a child probably seems impossible. Maybe there will be other children, maybe not. With all the trials and happiness children bring, let us provide that first step into happiness for them. May the love and kindness they feel at that moment start them on a life of happy memories of their own.

MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

BHADA Committee ChairsFor 2025

Memory Box Program – Bonnie
and Mary
Membership - Janae & Deb
Hospitality – Linda K
Monthly Programs – Betty B.
Ways & Means – Linda K & Nelda
Fall Seminar – Diane & Sally
Spring Retreat 2025 – Diane &
Sally
Webmaster & Facebook – Jo Ann
Holiday Exchange – Nelda
Newsletter – Luann
Sharing Memories—Mary
Publicity - Karol J
Audit - Dorothy and Karol

Monthly Programs For 2025

January 18 Bonnie E. Vet ornaments

February 15 Debby C.

March 15 Easter Egg Exchange

April 25-27 Spring Retreat

May 17 Jo Ann

June 21 Cindy R.

August 16 Bonnie

September 19-21 Fall Seminar

October 18 Bunco Party

November 15 Jo Ann

December 20 Christmas Exchange-

Everyone Bring Treats

HOSPIT		LIST	2025
	H		~~.

January 18 Linda K. & Karol

February 15 Connie & Sally

March 15 Deb & Dorothy

April 25-27 Everyone Brings Treat

May 17 Rita & Betty

June 21 Diane & Jackie

August 16 Dorothy & Joyce

September 19-21 Everyone Brings Treats

October 18 Everyone Brings Cookies

November 15 Mary & Deb

December 20 Christmas Exchange--

Everyone bring Treats
Installation of officers

BUNCO NEWS

Thank you all again for painting bird houses and silent auction items for BUNCO. Just a reminder to those who have items yet to be painted please get them turned in at August meeting. Raffle tickets will be ready soon so be prepared to sell tickets!

Start reminding friends and family of our BUNCO Party

Thanks to an awesome group of ladies.

Nelda and Linda K

CUTE IDEA FOR A MEMORY BOX





Black Hills Area Decorative Artist 2025 Fall Seminar



Lisbeth Stull

September 19th, 20th, 21st
Whitewood Fire Hall
911 Thompson Street
Whitewood, SD 57793

Prep instructions will be given out when you Register for the classes.

Bring your regular

painting supplies.

Friday September 19th



Saturday September 20th



Sunday September 21st



Sleigh Ride Sign

Class Price \$50.00

None Members \$60.00

Includes Pattern

One piece board 24" not included

Be Thankful Sunflowers

Class Price \$50.00

None Members \$60.00

Includes Pattern
7" x 22" Grooved Board not included

Believe in Santa Claus

Class Price \$50.00

None Members \$60.00

Includes Pattern

Tombstone board 14" x 10" not included

Surfaces can be purchased from Cupboard Distributing or Pine Craft.

You can use your own surface, but Lisbeth stated all patterns should be left at 100% do not size to fit your piece.

Deco Arts is supplying a set of paints for every 6 students to share.

Fall Seminar 2025

September 19th, 20th, 21st Fire Department Hall 911 Thompson Street

Whitewood, SD

Prep Night September 18th

Dinner at 5:00pm

Hotel Rooms available at

Iron Horse Inn

600 Whitewood Service Road

Whitewood, Sd

605-722-7574

2 Queen Beds \$75.00 plus tax or

1 Queen Bed with desk & chair \$75.00

If we book 10 rooms the price goes down to \$65.00 per night.

Reservation needs to be made by

Labor Day September 1st, 2025

You will be responsible for making & own reservations.

You will pay for the hotel directly

Meals

Breakfast to 8:00am

Class starts at 9:00

Thursday 18th

Dinner: Pizza

September 19th

Friday Breakfast: Egg Bake - Fruit

Friday lunch: Pulled Pork & Macaroni

Friday Dinner: Taco Bar

September 20th

Saturday Breakfast: Breads, Fruit, Yogurt

& Granola

Saturday Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup &

Jello Salad

Saturday Dinner: Lasagna & **Garlic Toast**

September 21st

Breakfast: Carmel Rolls & Fruit Lunch: Lunch: Whimpies & Chips We will have Fruit and Relish tray's

registration received over 25 students will Register Early: Per Lisbeth's contract any be required to pay \$20.00 per class in excess of the registration fee.

Seminar Registration Address: Phone # Email:

Registration Deadline August 16th

Mail Registrations & Payment to

Diane McNary

3230 Ridge Road

Spearfish, SD 57783

Lisbeth Stull Class Fee

None Member \$60.00

Sleigh Ride \$50.00

Be Thankful Sunflowers \$50.00

None Member \$60.00

Believe in Sata Claus \$50.00_

None Member \$60.00

Member class total for all 3 \$150.00

None Member class total for all 3 \$180.00

All Meals \$75.00_

Thurs Dinner \$8.00

Friday B \$8.00 L-\$8.00 D-\$10.00

Saturday B \$8.00 L-\$8.00 D-10.00

Sunday B-\$7.00

Total Meals \$___

Total Classes \$_

Student registration over 25 per class add overage fee of \$20.00 classes fees per class



Rhubarb Cookies

- 1. 1/2 cup butter, at room temperature
- 2. 3/4 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 3. 1 large egg, room temperature if possible
- 4. 1 and 1/2 teaspoons Gefen Vanilla Extract
- 5. 1 and 1/2 cups all purpose flour, such as Glicks
- 1. 1/2 teaspoon Gefen Baking Soda
- 2. 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3. 1 and 1/4 cupsfinely chopped rhubarb (about 1/4-inch dice)

Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line baking sheets with Gefen Parchment Paper.
- **2.** Cream the soft butter with the brown sugar until light and fluffy, scraping down the bowl as necessary.
- **3.** Beat in the egg and vanilla, and scrape down the bowl again.
- **4.** Whisk together the flour, baking soda, and salt, to combine and fold into the wet ingredients. When the flour is almost fully incorporated, go ahead and fold in the chopped rhubarb.
- **5.** I use a 1-and-7/8-inch cookie scoop to scoop up the dough, and then roll it in my hands to make a round ball. Place on your cookie sheet, about two inches apart.
- **6.** Bake for 12-14 minutes (I bake one tray at a time for even baking.) The cookies will be puffy and pale, but should look dry on top.
- **7.** Immediately after pulling the cookies out of the oven, give the pan a sharp wrap on a hard surface. This will deflate the cookies a bit.
- **8.** Let cool on the pan a few minutes and then move to a rack.
- **9.** The cookies are best the day they are made. Store leftovers on the counter, either uncovered or loosely covered with foil. Freeze for longer storage.