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Post From Janae



Where is the months going? I can't believe I'm writing for the August newsletter already.

What is happening this month:

The major highlight of the month is the highly anticipated total solar eclipse on August 12, marking the first totality on mainland Europe since 1999, with visibility sweeping across Spain, Iceland, and Greenland

- **August 7:** Purple Heart Day (United States) honoring wounded or killed service members.
- **August 12:** Total Solar Eclipse.
- **August 19:** National Aviation Day (United States).
- **August 21:** Hawaii Statehood Day (observed as a state holiday in Hawaii).
- **August 27:** Lyndon Baines Johnson Day (observed in Texas).

For us painters, we will be busy base coating our projects for the Seminar. I anticipate there will be a lot of painting required for these projects. It will be a good time and a learning experience.

Paulette does not bring patterns with her, so you need to check out her website and list the project name. She will have her computer and will email the patterns to you or when she gets home, she will mail the patterns to you.

A lot of homework is ahead for us.

Janae

*** Next BHADA Meeting is August 15, 2026 at 9:30 at
Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

Jo Ann will lead us in the Make-it-Take-it project of bookmarks.

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

Reminder

Everyone who has ornaments for the Bunco raffle chest and/or table favors; Please turn them in so the committee can get an accurate count. Thanks....Nelda

Bonnie is requesting all veteran ornaments be turned in by the next meeting. If you have some and can not finish painting them, bring them so someone else can finish them. Thank you.

Diane won the drawing to paint a Memory box next month. Bonnie painted this month's box.



Janice G. Aug 13



**2026 BHADA
OFFICERS**

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Janae H.

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Deb C.

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Mary Z.

Newsletter Editor
Luann B.
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Meeting Minutes



On July 18, 2026, BHADA meeting was called to order by Pres Janae at the Whitewood Fire Hall at 9:29 am. 17 members were present. Rita made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Linda K seconded. All approved. Mary gave a financial summary. Report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPRING RETREAT: Diane reported it is still in the preparation phase. Anyone wishing to teach a class should get in touch with the committee.

FALL SEMINAR: Registration forms were handed out today. Register soon as per Paulette's contract any registration received over 22 students will be required to pay \$20.00 per class in excess to regular class price. Prep instructions for each class will be given when paid. Your own surface may be used. Dec Arts will send paints. Paulette's air fare has been purchased and paid.

HOSPITALITY: Treats today were furnished by everyone. Treats for August will be Dorothy and Joyce.

MONTHLY PROGRAM: Today Janae and Luann did the program. August will be Jo Ann.

MEMBERSHIP: 23 members, 2 Honorees

NEWSLETTER: Deadline is Fri, July 24th.

WAYS AND MEANS: Copies of Save the Date were handed out to members for Bunco. If anyone has ornaments or table favors to finish please, turn them in to the committee soon. It was discussed to have five books of tickets given to each member to sell. Pictures and printing will be ready soon so they can be distributed to members. Pictures will be given to Jo Ann to put on the website.

WEBMASTER: Jo Ann will put pictures of classes for seminar and raffle items on the website.

HOLIDAY EVENT: After the meeting today Nelda distributed the bags for the December exchange to those who are participating.

MEMORY BOXES: Bonnie said 19 boxes were sent out this month. Boxes to paint were available on the table for members to take.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: If anyone still has Veteran ornaments to finish please turn into Bonnie when done. At this time 85 are finished.

NEW BUSINESS: Pres Janae reminded members that nominations for officer positions are approaching. Mary and Betty accepted the same positions. VP is still needed.

Discussion was held on continuing to have a July meeting each year. Linda K made a motion to return the July meeting yearly. Diane seconded. All approved.

SHARE AND SHINE: Betty, Rita, Karol, Linda K, Jackie, Sally, Diane

DOOR PRIZE: Diane won the drawing to paint a memory box for August.

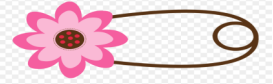
Thanks to Karol for the "LIBERTY JARS".

Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am. Following the meeting members painted small wood pieces for magnets led by Janae and Luann.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary,
Betty Bondeson



SHARING MEMORIES



One of my sisters recently passed away and as family gathered for the funeral we all shared memories of her. She was 80 years old so we had lots to reminisce about. Our original family had 8 children, now 5 remain. Comparing family stories with siblings in their 70s and 80s can be a challenge--many different viewpoints.

Our memory box recipients have lost an infant but at this time I realize that they have also lost a lifetime of future memories. Their devastation is in the present but at my advanced age I have the luxury of balancing a loss with memories of better days.

There is no such balance for our memory box recipients. It is all sadness. Their current hopes were of bringing a beautiful newborn home from the hospital. Most likely they weren't picturing an adult person they were visualizing tiny baby shoes and cute baby outfits and a crib. Now the crib is empty and they could have left the hospital empty-handed. But this hospital has a grief coordinator who will present them with a decorated box painted by members of Black Hills Area Decorative Artists. This means you. You have the power, love and willingness to make someone else's life contain a ray of sunshine. You have made another memory for yourself of sharing your talent with a family in need. They thank and appreciate you.

MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

Memory Boxes & Show & Share



Raffle Prize



Thank You, Karol!



Raffle Prizes



For a Memory Box!



REMINDERS

If you have projects for Bunco; please get them handed in so they can be counted.

Please finish and give to Bonnie the veteran ornaments so she can do the finishing touches.

Get your registrations in for the Fall Seminar as class size is limited.

August Make-it Take-it

These are bookmarks on card stock. You can paint them with acrylics or use colored pencils.

Wide variety of designs and subjects.

Identipen to outline (optional).

Light spray of fixative or varnish to finish.



.25 cents each. Bring whatever colors you want - no directions needed. Just relaxed painting.

When friends from high school (and one daughter) get together and paint memory boxes. Jo Ann



Grape salad recipe

4 cups washed dried and cut up green grapes.

4 cups washed dried and cut up red grapes

1 8oz block cream cheese softened

1 cups sour cream

1/2 cups granulated sugar

1 tsp vanilla



Topping

1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

1/2 cup chopped toasted pecans.

Whisk together sour cream, cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla. I used the mixer. Stir in grapes.

Roast pecans in oven at 350 for 6 to 7 minutes.

Mix brown sugar and pecans together. Spread on top

Refrigerator for at least one hour or over night.

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**

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.
July 18	Luann & Janae
August 15	Jo Ann
September 18-20	Fall Seminar
October 17	Bunco Party
November 21	Connie M.
December 19	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats

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
July 18	Everyone
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

**Registration for
the Fall Seminar
with
Paulette DiGesare
is available on
our website.**

**[http://
www.bhada.org/
seminar.html](http://www.bhada.org/seminar.html)**

Black Hills Area

Decorative Artist

2026



Paulette DiGesare

September 18th, 19th, 20th

Whitewood Fire Hall

911 Thompson Street

Whitewood, SD 57793

**Bring your regular
painting supplies.**

Prep instruction will be

given out when you

Register for the classes.

Friday September 18th

Moth in Moonlight



Moth in Moonlight

Class Price \$50.00

Non-Members \$60.00

Winter Serenity

Class price \$50.00

Non-Members \$60.00

Plate set can be ordered

depalmascw@gmail.com

Saturday September 19th

Winter Serenity (series 3)



In My Garden

Class Price \$50.00

Non-Members \$60.00

You can use your own surface.

**Register Early: Per Paulette's contract any
registration received over 22 students will be
required to pay \$20.00 per class in excess to the
regular class price.**

Sunday September 20th

In My Garden



Fall Seminar 2026

September 18th, 19th, 20th

Fire Department Hall

911 Thompson Street

Whitewood, SD

Prep Night September 17th

Dinner at 5:00

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
plus tax per night

You will be responsible for making
your own reservations and pay the
hotel directly.

Meals

Breakfast is at 8:00 am

Class starts at 9:00am

Thursday 17th 5:00

Dinner :Baked Potato Bar

September 18th

Friday Breakfast: Egg Bake

Friday Lunch: Bacon Cheeseburger
Soup

Friday Dinner: Taco Bar

September 19th

Saturday Breakfast: Cereal-Muffins

Saturday Lunch: Pulled Pork Sanch &
Chips

Saturday Dinner: Lasagna & Garlic
Bread

September 20th

Sunday Breakfast: Carmel Rolls-Fruit

Sunday Lunch: Sloppy Joes & Salad

We will have Fruit & Relish trays

Water and Coffee

Seminar Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Registration deadline Aug .15th

\$10.00 late fee will apply to and registration after deadline

Mail Registration to

Diane McNary

3230 Ridge Road

Spearfish, SD 57783

Paulette DiGesare class fees

Moth in Moonlight \$50.00 _____

Non-Member \$60.00 _____

Winter Serenity \$50.00 _____

Non-Member \$60.00 _____

In My Garden \$50.00 _____

Non-Member \$60.00 _____

Members' class total for all 3 = \$150.00

Non-Members class total for all 3 = \$180.00

All Meals \$\$\$75.00

Thursday 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 _____ L-\$8.00 _____

Total Meals\$ _____

Total Classes \$ _____

Total