



# Hello December!



## *Jack's Rambles*

**December 2023**

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Happy Holiday Season to everyone and I pray you and yours have the most Merry of Christmas to be had!

In sending these wishes may we all remember those of us who may be struggling with issues themselves or their loved ones. Here's hoping you all have your Christmas exchange completed. I am always excited to see that same lil' 'ol piece of wood turn into such a diverse collection of beautiful paintings!

I just want to thank you all for being so helpful and patient with me this past year ♥

A quick note: Spring Retreat will be on April 19, (after 4p.m.) 20, and 21.

Rooms available at Iron Horse Inn, 605-722-7574. 2 queens in each room, \$55 + tax.

Also note: Fall Seminar, with Sandy LeFlore, will be September 27, 28, 29. One week later than our usual seminar!

Christmas Wishes, Jackie



## Happy Birthday!

**Mary 12/25**

**Deb 12/28**

# Tennessee Soup (Instant Pot or Crockpot)

- *Prep Time: 20 minutes*

An easy dump and go beef and vegetable soup with a barbecue sauce boost! Make it fast in the Instant Pot or low and slow in the Crockpot.

## Ingredients

- **3 carrots, peeled and sliced**
- **2 ribs celery, sliced or diced**
- **1 Tbsp dry minced onion**
- **2 cups water**
- **1 Tbsp Better than Bouillon Beef Base**
- **1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes**
- **1/2 tsp black pepper**
- **1 tsp garlic powder**
- **1 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce**
- **1/3 cup barbecue sauce**
- **1 pound beef stew meat**
- **1 Tbsp olive oil**
- **1/4 cup flour**
- **1/2 tsp kosher salt**
- **1/8 tsp smoked paprika**
- **2 cups frozen hashbrowns**
- **Shredded cheddar, for topping**

<https://www.365daysofcrockpot.com/tennessee-soup/print/51235/>

## **Slow Cooker Instructions:**

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1. Add carrots, celery, onion, water, bouillon, tomatoes, pepper, garlic powder, Worcestershire sauce and barbecue sauce into slow cooker. Stir.
2. In a Ziploc bag or a container with a lid add the beef, oil, salt, paprika and flour. Close the container and shake until beef is coated well. Stir the beef into the slow cooker.
3. Cover and cook on low for 6 hours.
4. Stir in the hashbrowns until warmed through.  
Ladle into bowls and top each serving with a bit of shredded cheese. Eat and enjoy!



Bonnie and Jackie are very focused on the MITI.



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Karol concentrating  
And  
Joyce and Dorothy  
deep in conversation.



Nelda and Linda K  
hard at “work”.



Lucky winner  
Bonnie won this  
month's door  
prize painted by  
Nelda.



Show and  
Share al-  
ways dis-  
plays our  
immense  
talent.



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

### **November Minutes**

16 members of the Black Hills Area Decorative Artists Met November 18, 2023 at Terra Sancta. Pres. Jackie H. called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The first order of business was to call for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. Luann B. made this motion, Linda K seconded the motion. Motion carried. Next, Treasurer Mary gave the financial report which was filed for audit.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Spring Retreat:** Diane reported that Linette has agreed to teach a class for retreat. The committee is working with Bullwhackers to cater meals for the weekend. Jackie reported that the I Bar Motel in Whitewood has agreed to a charge of \$55 per night for rooms containing 2 queen beds. Check in can start at 5 pm Friday.

**Fall Seminar:** Jackie has Sept. 20-21-22 for the Sandy LeFlore seminar at Terra Sancta.

**Hospitality;** Today's treats were brought by Sally and Diane. EVERYONE brings treats next month.

**Monthly Program:** JoAnn furnished a great packet containing prepped surface, paints, pattern and directions for a cute snowman ornament for everyone to paint.

**Membership:** Joyce passed a new membership form that will be filled out each new year to make updates easier. Forms were filled out by members present.

**Newsletter:** Deadline was set for Nov. 27.

**Ways and Means:** Linda K led a discussion on future Bunco fund-raisers. Connie M suggested having table favors and limiting door prizes. After much discussion She made a motion to limit door prizes to 6 and to Have only one raffle item with tickets sold at the door only. All Silent Auction items would have a \$10 opening bid. Karol J seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Holiday event:** Nelda reminded everyone to get their ornament painted, "However you want!"

**Memory Boxes:** Bonnie reported 20 boxes mailed out and 8 delivered to the Rapid City Hospital. Bonnie also presented a generous check mailed to the Memory Box fund from Queen City Motors. Bonnie says, "Keep painting boxes. The need never ends."

**Unfinished Business"** Luann explained how we can order Scharff brushes at a great discount as a fundraiser for our group.

**New Business:** Karol gave a report that she had delivered the Vet Ornaments for the December Christmas party at Ft. Meade. Some ornaments are added to gift baskets for homebound Vets.

**New Business:** Jackie read the list of persons nominated for officers for 2024. Joyce as President, Connie M Vice President/Pres. Elect, Bonnie Secretary, Mary Z Treasurer. Luann made the motion that nominations cease. Linda K seconded the motion. Motion carried. A sign-up sheet was passed for Committee Chairs and treats for 2024.

**Show and Share:** Connie, Linda K, Linda H, Luann, Janae, Karol

Door Prize was painted by Nelda and won by Bonnie, who will paint the Dec. Door Prize.

Meeting was adjourned to paint the snowman ornament provided by JoAnn.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie E Secretary



## SHARING MEMORIES



While my daughter and I were at a restaurant this week, a young couple with their son entered and occupied the next booth. This little boy was not quite 2, I guessed, and he was just adorable. He wore jeans with an inseam of probably 12" (which will need some growing into). He also wore a caramel colored knit hat that had two small ears on it. A person just has to love a boy with a hat with ears. He looked so sweet! Maybe he won't always be adorable--perhaps we know of sweet children who turned into rascals at some point between 2 and 50

I was imagining the wonderful Thanksgiving this family had---this child the center of attention of all the adult relatives---a real Hallmark moment. Families! Feasts! Photo albums! Walks down memory Lane. I was also remembering the bedlam of the Thanksgivings when my kids were small--4 children with the oldest 5 years and 6 weeks old.

Not every family has these beautiful and/or chaotic moments to savor. There could be a house with an empty high chair still in its original box, stored away for someday. The baby book they hoped to write in--first steps, first word--will be blank. Their hearts are aching, their eyes are teary and they might have had a hard time coming up with things to be thankful for. They might reach for the memory box they received in the hospital and just hold it . They have done this many times and the love and gratitude of the season starts to creep into their hearts. They feel a heart hug and feel gratitude for the person who decorated this gift. It will be an automatic reaction for years to come. Someone is sending you love. Your work has made a difference.

**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  
 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
October 21	Bunco Party
November 18	Jo Ann
December 17	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats

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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
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Audit — Luann & Janae  
Publicity — Karol

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**Treasurer Mary**  
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