



# B H A D A

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Area Decorative  
Artists

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## Post From Janae



**It was brought to our attention that members were asking “how long have we been doing veterans ornaments”. Looked back and we started in 2018. So with 2026 ornament, we will have given them ornaments for nine years. It does not seem that long. And in 2025 we started adding Whitewood firefighters to our tally. We paint 75 ornaments for the veterans and 25 for Whitewood Fire department. I think this is a wonderful service we do for our veterans and first responders.**

**Good job ladies and thank you to everyone for their service.**

**Janae**

**P.S. There are pictures of the ornaments in this newsletter.**

- \* Next BHADA Meeting is **February 21, 2026 at 9:30 at Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

**Next meeting we will be painting and exchanging Heart ornaments.**

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



<i>Joyce V.</i>	<i>Feb 6</i>
<i>Diane M.</i>	<i>Feb 9</i>
<i>Sally C.</i>	<i>Feb 22</i>
<i>Rita S.</i>	<i>Feb 26</i>



*Connie won drawing to paint a Memory box next month. Joyce painted this month's box.*



**2026 BHADA  
OFFICERS**

**President**  
Janae H.

**Vice-President  
Membership**  
Deb C.

**Secretary**  
Betty B.

**Treasurer**  
Mary Z.

**Newsletter Editor**  
Luann B.  
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# Meeting Minutes



On January 17, 2026, the BHADA meeting was called to order by Pres. Janae at the Whitewood Fire Hall at 9:30 am. 16 members were present. Diane made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Connie seconded. All approved. Mary gave the financial report in detail for the end of 2025 and it is filed for audit.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**SPRING RETREAT:** Diane reported Apr 17, 18, 19, 2026 retreat. Teachers lined up are Deb for Friday, Lynette, Sat, Cindy, Sun. Food is in the plannin stage.

**FALL SEMINAR:** Diane reported Sept 18, 19, 20, 2026 dates for Seminar. She has been in touch with Paulette D. and waiting for pictures to be sent for her projects for us to pick from.

**HOSPITALITY:** Treats today were furnished by Linda K and Karol. Feb treats will be by Diane and Sally.

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS:** Rita reported that March will be the Egg exchange. June and Aug are still available to be filled. Nov is now filled by Connie.

**MEMBERSHIP:** 23 members, 2 Honorees.

**NEWSLETTER:** Deadline is Jan 23, 2026.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Linda K reported Oct 17, 2026 Bunco date. Bonnie has donated a large domed box, square, and round boxes for items to be used as raffle or prizes. Discussion was held on how many items we should have on the tickets. Rita made a motion to have 3 items on the tickets. Seconded by Jackie. All approved. Nelda showed cork rounds that could be painted for table favors. Jackie made a motion to use them for favors. Seconded, by Linda K. All approved. The theme is WInter Wonderland.

**WEBMASTER:** No report.

**HOLIDAY EVENT:** Nelda passed out wood Valentine hearts to be painted for Valentine's Day, paint whatever you want and bring them to the February meeting for an exchange.

. Nelda reported for the egg exchange any size or shape of egg may be used.

**MEMORY BOXES:** Bonnie reported boxes were sent to TN and given to a local hospital. Boxes available to be painted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** A thank you pin signed by members was given to Connie as appreciation for being 2025 President for our group.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing at this time.

**SHARE AND SHINE:** Luann, Janae, Jackie, Nelda, Karol, Connie.

**DOOR PRIZE:** Connie will paint the "prize" memory box for Feb.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 am. Veterans ornaments were painted following and led by Bonnie. Respectfully submitted by Secretary,  
Betty Bondeson



## SHARING MEMORIES



I am guessing you greeted the 3rd week-end of January with a shiver. Your feet were cold, your warm knit hat ruined your hairdo, your Cuddle Duds could have used an additional layer and gloves did not provide warmth. We were grateful the wind wasn't blowing and grateful we didn't have the snow and ice many other states were enduring.

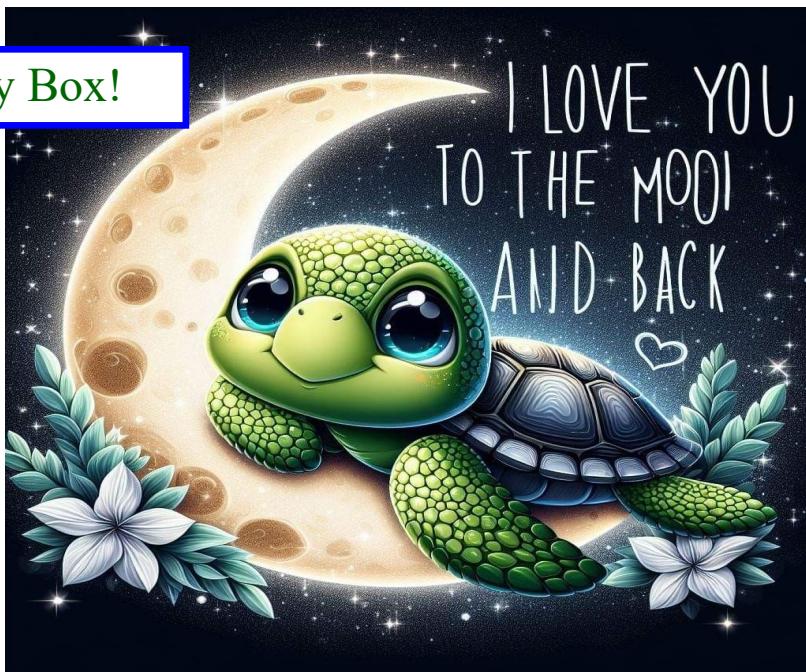
The problem seemed to be that we had become accustomed to a very long lasting fall season.

Our memory box families had become accustomed to months of planning for the day their new baby would come home with them. But that was not to be.

We can't prevent bad weather or bad news. But we can do something, an important something. We can put on fuzzy slippers. We can fill our hearts with thoughts of our blessings and decorate a papier mache box with paint and love. It will be mailed to a hospital grief coordinator who will deliver the box with warmth to a grieving family. We hope there will be a smile and many years of comfort. The message is from heart to heart. Happy Valentine's Day.

## **MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED**

For a Memory Box!



## Bonnie tried to lead us in painting the vet ornaments



Rebels that are visiting  
and not painting????



# Memory boxes

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# Show and Share



Past Pres Connie receiving an angel pin from Pres Janae For her great presidency in 2025



## Frozen Apple Coffee Cake

1/2 cup butter ; softened

1 cup sugar

2 large eggs

1 tsp vanilla

1 cup sour cream

2 cups apples ; chopped

2 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

### Topping

3 tablespoons flour

3/4 cup Brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon Cinnamon

2 tablespoons butter

1/2 cup Pecans ; chopped

Blend butter, sugar, eggs & vanilla. Add sour cream & apples. Mix dry ingredients together & add to batter.

Mix together topping & sprinkle on top of coffee cake.

Makes 2 small coffee cakes (8x8) or 1 large (9x13) – sprayed with Pam. Freeze covered with both saran wrap and aluminum foil.

Remove saran wrap and foil.

Place in cold oven and Bake frozen at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes for 9x13 and about 10 minutes less for 8x8.

## **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 2025 – **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  
August 15  
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 25-27	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

This will be February's  
Project lead by  
Deb C.



Bring your paint supplies.

## Veteran Ornaments we Painted



2018 First



2019



2020



2021



2022



2023



2024



2025



2026

**Thank you from the  
Spearfish American  
Auxiliary.**

**Remember to bring your  
painted heart ornament for the  
exchange in February**



The Spearfish American Legion Auxiliary Unit 164 is grateful for the beautiful ornaments that were painted by talented artists!!!

They were given to veterans in nursing homes and the VA.

Thank you!

Micheline Nelson,  
Unit President