



# BHADA

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Area Decorative  
Artists

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## Connie's Comments



Happy New Year to all of our decorative painters! Nelda kept us guessing as we closed out 2024 with Christmas trivia and our ornament exchange. Another highlight of this year was our Bunco fundraiser. Much talent went into painting door prizes and table favors. The awesome quilt (many hours by Jo Ann) was won by Jackie at our raffle. Bunco will help us with getting future national teachers. We sure enjoyed Sandy LeFlore. Many are retiring or no longer travel teach, so we will need to be considering who to invite next. The new officers were installed and we will now hold our monthly meetings, retreats and seminars in Whitewood. Terra Sancta was informed of the change and thanked us for letting them know. As a group, be thinking of what we will do with our historian books and other items that were kept in the carts. May you reach your painting goals this year, try new products and techniques and continue to share them with our group. Invite anyone who shows an interest in decorative painting because I feel it will be a lost art. Take a deep breath, enjoy the beauty of the hills and see you at the January meeting.  
Connie

\* **Next BHADA Meeting is Jan 18, 2025 at 9:30 at  
Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

**Bonnie will be leading us in painting  
the Veteran Ornaments**

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



*Janae won Drawing to paint a Memory box next month. Nelda painted this months box.*



Lisbeth Stull will be our  
Fall Seminar teacher in  
2025.

*Cindy R. Jan 4*  
*Signe S Jan 25*



## 2025 BHADA OFFICERS

**President**  
Connie M.

**Vice-President**  
Membership  
Janae H.

**Secretary**  
Bonnie E

**Treasurer**  
Mary Z.

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



15 members of Black Hills Area Decorative Artists met Dec. 21, 2024 at Terra Sancta for our last meeting of the year. Pres. Joyce called for a motion to accept the minutes of the Nov. meeting as printed in the Newsletter Linda K. made the motion which was seconded by Rita S. Motion was approved. Treasurer Mary Z presented the financial report which was field for audit after a short discussion.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Spring Retreat: Motel rate in Whitewood remains at \$55 per night.

Fall Seminar: Committee is waiting for response from the teacher.

Hospitality: Everyone brought treats today.

Monthly Programs: Betty B. reports that Bonnie will lead the group in starting the 2025 Vet. Ornament.

Newsletter: Deadline is 12/27

Webmaster Jo Ann reports that rates have increased for 2025

Holiday Event: Christmas ornament exchange will take place at the end of the meeting. We have hen eggs and holders for the Easter exchange from Rita H's 'stash'.

Memory Boxes: 7 were mailed this month.

Unfinished Business; Moving the contents of the bookshelf and cart was discussed. It was decided as many as possible should take these items to use at the new Venue.

New Business: Pres. Joyce passed out some lovely wire angels for all to take. She then Installed the officers for 2025. These are Connie M. Pres., Janae H. Vice-Pres./ Pres. Elect, Bonnie E. Secretary, Mary Z. Treasurer.

Show and Shine: Karol J and Luann showed new projects finished.

Door Prize: The prize was won by Janae.

Before the Christmas Ornament Exchange Nelda presided over a Christmas quiz. Bonnie won the booby prize and Jo Ann won a prize for having all the answers right! We then adjourned to feast on the many gourmet treats.

Bonnie E, Secretary





## SHARING MEMORIES



Once upon a time the holiday season necessitated a lot of planning, shopping, wrapping, cooking, baking and washing dishes. That was my routine for many years and probably yours, too. It was hard work but made wonderful memories to look back on. When mistakes were made--things over-looked or over-cooked--we blamed ourselves because we were "in charge". . All our time and effort fell short.

I do hope recipients of our painted memory boxes have not added guilt to their mourning. It wouldn't surprise me, though, if they wonder if any action of theirs caused their infant to pass away. I guess it is human nature to think we have more power than we really have.

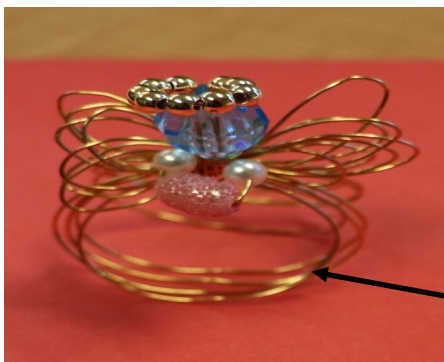
Now I am older, wiser (and slower) and have a more realistic idea of what I can achieve. I know better than to think I have the power to achieve perfection---in anything. I was never in control, really. A better goal for these days is practicing forgiveness--for ourselves and for others. We pray our memory box families can be free from guilty thoughts and that the beautiful boxes are a ray of sunshine when they need it most. We can help them smile!

**MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED**





2025 BHADA Officers: Mary Z.-Treasure; Bonnie E.- Secretary; Janae H.- Vice Pres; Connie M.- Pres; Joyce V.- Past Pres.



Christmas ornament exchange. Every ornament is beautiful!

Angel Made by Joyce and given to everyone.





**Memory boxes**

**&**

**Show and Share**





## **BHADA Committee Chairs For 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

## **HOSPITALITY LIST 2025**

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

## **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	Kimber
August 16	Bonnie
September 19-21	Fall Seminar
October 18	Bunco Party
November 15	Jo Ann
December 20	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats

## **Cute Ideas for a Memory Box!**



# HAM CHEESE BALL

Cream Cheese                      3    8 oz. packages

Buddig ham (found in lunchmeat dept.) 3 packages  
or use about 6 oz of any chopped ham I chop it in my Braun food  
chopper

Green Onion                      2 bunches chopped

Worcestershire Sauce    2 Tablespoons

Accent                              2 Teaspoons

Mix and Chill

## ***Note from Past President***

Congratulations to Connie, Janae, Bonnie and Mary for accepting the 2025 officer positions.

They all provide expertise and experience assuring a great year ahead.

Thanks to everyone that remained after the meeting to pack up the cart and bookcase for transfer to our new venue.

I want to thank all of you for supporting me through 2024. It has been a good experience but could only have been done with everyone working together. Onward to 2025.

Joyce

