



# B H A D A

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## Post From Janae



Out with old and in with new.  
Out with illness and in with healthy.  
Out with negative—only positive.  
Out with I can't and in with I will.  
As we enter this year we have so  
many events happening.

Spring Retreat is taking footing.  
Ways and Means is on a roll.  
Fall Seminar is just ahead.

Let's have a great year and have fun.

I want to thank Connie for  
a great year in 2025  
and to all the members  
making our move to Whitewood  
a smooth move.

- \* Next BHADA Meeting is January 17, 2026 at 9:30 at Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.

Next meeting we will be painting veterans ornaments

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



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



*Joyce won drawing to paint a Memory box next month. Jackie 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 Dec 20, 2025, the BHADA meeting was called to order by Pres. Connie at the Whitewood Fire Hall at 9:25 am. 14 members were present. Rita made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Linda K seconded, all approved. Mary Z gave the financial report and it was filed for audit. Mary reported our yearly insurance of \$265 is due.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SPRING RETREAT: Diane reported Apr 17,18,19, 2026 is Spring Retreat. Teachers are being lined up for it. Lynette has offered to teach a class. A small class for Friday night was suggested. Discussion was held to have a small class on Sunday also, for those traveling so they could leave early.

FALL SEMINAR: Sept 18,19,20, 2026 are the dates set for the Fall Seminar. Diane has contacted the motel for prices and is waiting for response on charges. Paulette D. responded that pictures will be sent of her projects after the end of year so she can include her latest projects for us to review. Connie reported Paulette does have zoom classes available in Jan and Feb if anyone is interested.

HOSPITALITY: Treats today were furnished by members. Jan treats will be by Linda K and Karol.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS: Bonnie will be contacted about teaching the Jan program. Programs for 2026 yet to be filled are June, Aug, and Nov. (ANYONE? ARE YOU AVAILABLE? )

MEMBERSHIP: Janae reported 25 members have paid at this time.

NEWSLETTER: Deadline is Dec 30, 2025.

WAYS AND MEANS: Linda K reported the Bunco date is Oct 17, 2026 at the Moose Lodge in Rapid City. If anyone has new ideas the committee is open to hearing them. The 50/50 changed to 5 instead of 6. 8 door prizes given. Discussion held to keep the raffle tickets and silent auction as previous years. A "WINTER" theme was discussed and chosen.

WEBMASTER: No report.

HOLIDAY EVENT: Jackie filled in for Nelda's absence and distributed the gifts for the ornament exchange.

MEMORY BOXES: Boxes were available for those who wanted to take them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: The sheet was passed around for the programs of June, Aug, Nov to be filled. A thank you from Diane to all , for the remembrance of her brother.

Audit committee was called for and filled by Karol and Dorothy. Pres Connie had a brief installation of the new officers for 2026. Pres Janae, VP Deb, Sec Betty, Treasurer Mary.

SHARE AND SHINE: Karol. Betty shared the Halloween pattern for those interested and Diane took names and will get patterns to those on the list.

DOOR PRIZE: To be painted by Jackie (OOP'S WILL TAKE CARE OF IT) Joyce will paint the "prize" memory box for Jan.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am. Motion made by Linda K, seconded by Diane. All approved.  
Acting Secretary, Betty Bondeson for BJE



## SHARING MEMORIES

For me, January is a time of review and reflection. The deadlines and duties of holiday preparation are behind us and we can have some "me time". On these beautiful days I can be grateful for the sunshine, the dry streets, the family and friend connections over the holidays. My holidays have become more streamlined, by choice. Shopping, wrapping, mailing, baking, cooking--been there, done that, a lot of that. After holidays pass, I can now peacefully read a book or visit a photo album. I haven't looked at a photo album in a long time. I think I will do that

But, there are choices. I could also be miserable. Look at those limbs and branches all over the lawn, look at the money spent for Christmas gifts, for groceries, anticipate and dread the coming frigid weather.

Both choices and attitudes are real. The fact we have choices is a luxury. Our memory box families have had a situation thrust upon them. It is something they would never choose. The future of their dreams has disappeared. Probably, at this moment, any future is impossible to visualize. But when they are presented with a beautiful memory box they must wonder who would do such a thing? The sadness is lifted for a moment. A smile breaks through. There will be more sad days but at some point, there will be comfort in holding the box and handling its contents. The memory box has worked its magic. Make more magic!

### Recipe Appetizer Meatballs By Betty B

1 can (14oz) whole berry cranberry sauce  
1 can (14 oz) sauerkraut rinse and well drained  
1 bottle (12oz) Chili sauce  
3/4 C packed brown sugar

Mix all the above sauce ingredients together.

1 pkg (32 oz) frozen fully cooked homestyle meatballs, thawed

I wanted smaller meatballs so I used 1 lb hamburger, 1 lb Italian sausage, 1 egg, 4 or 5 saltine crackers crushed with enough milk to soak up crackers, 2 crushed garlic cloves, 1 small onion chopped, salt and pepper to taste. Or any other spices you might like to add.

Mix all and make small meatballs. Fry, drain grease. Put in a crockpot and add the sauce mixing through the meatballs. Simmer in Crock Pot till heated through. Minced chives or green onions chopped for on top before serving. OPTIONAL.

**MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED**

## Party & Ornament Exchange



### Front of 2025 Christmas Ornaments



### Back of 2025 Christmas Ornaments

# Memory boxes

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# Show and Share



## 2026 Officers

Mary—Treasure

Betty—Secretary

Connie—Past President

Janae—President

Deb—Vice President

## **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**

## **HOSPITALITY LIST 2026**

January 17	Linda K. & Karol
February 21	Diane & Sally
March 21	
April 25-27	Everyone Brings Treat
May 16	Mary & Deb
June 20	Connie & Janae
August 15	
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

### **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	
December 19	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats

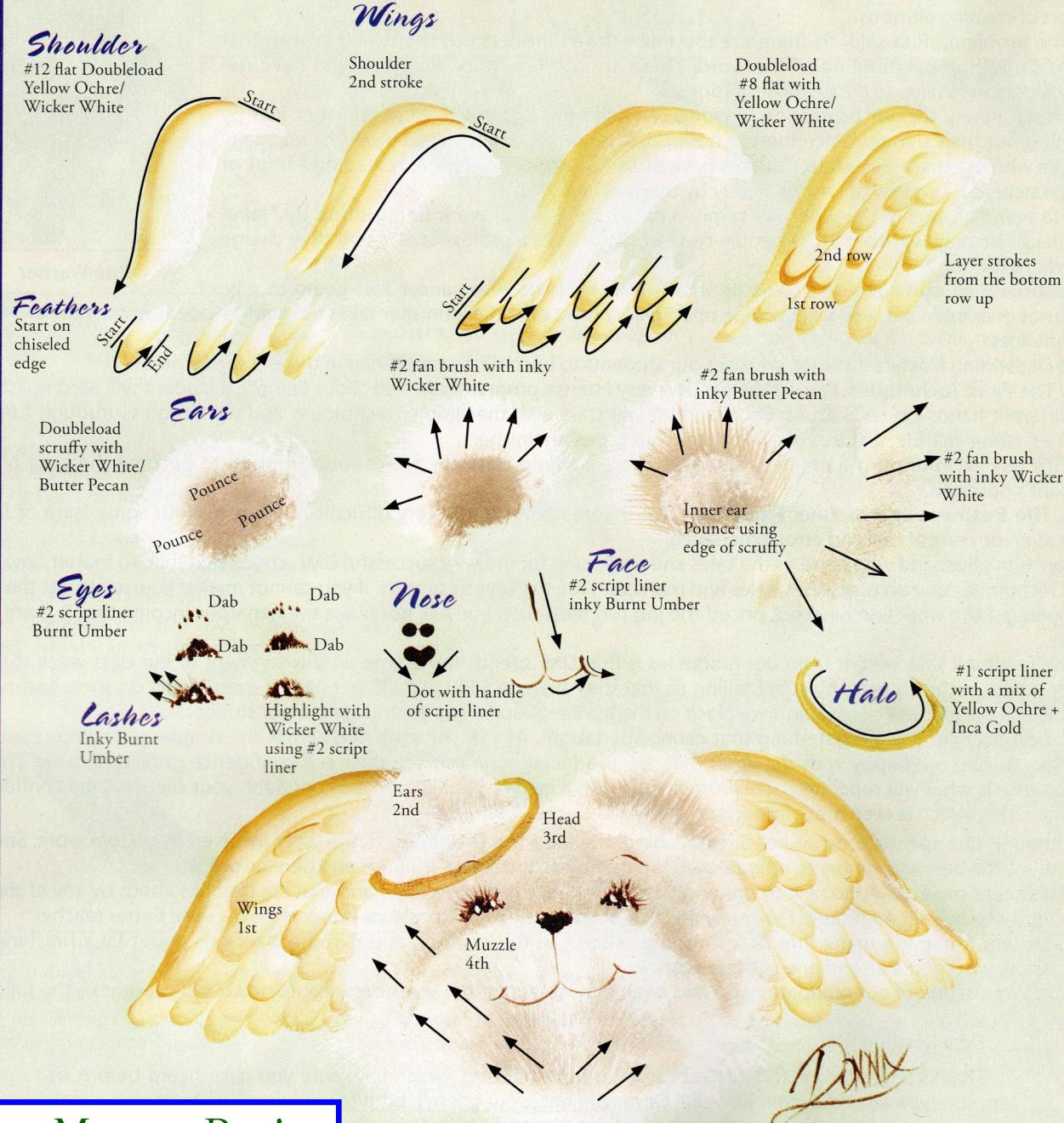
### **Paint project for Veteran's ornament**



Bring usual painting supplies-Palette.  
Tracing paper, graphite.  
Colors used are: Bleached sand or  
Lt. Mocha. White. Stormy or Sap-  
phire. Bt. Sienna, Red of choice &  
shading red. Neon red & yellow.

# Stress-Free Strokes

by Donna Dewberry



For a Memory Box!

## MATERIALS

**Plaid® FolkArt®**

**Acrylics™**

Burnt Umber

Butter Pecan

Inca Gold

Wicker White

Yellow Ochre

**Plaid FolkArt**

**One-Stroke**

**Brushes:**

#2 fan brush

#8 & #12 flats

#1 & #2 script liners

Scruffy

**Artist's Notes:** I'd love to hear from you with any comments or suggestions. Write to:

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