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Area
Decorative
Artists**

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CONNIE'S COMMENTS



Our decorative painting group enjoyed a project with JoAnn that was fun and relaxing. It gave us the opportunity to use some of the newer colors. I hope the rumors that the cost of paint is going up aren't true. Although I doubt that will deter any of us from painting.

Several of our bird houses were on display for bunco table favors, so keep turning them in with all the creative ideas. Also turn in your silent auction pieces when they are completed. We'll need photos for the raffle items and remember that we don't meet in July.

Thoughts are with members who have health issues, surgeries, or family loss. May your art help with healing. Touch someone with a memory box if you can't decide what to paint this month.

Enjoy your summer!

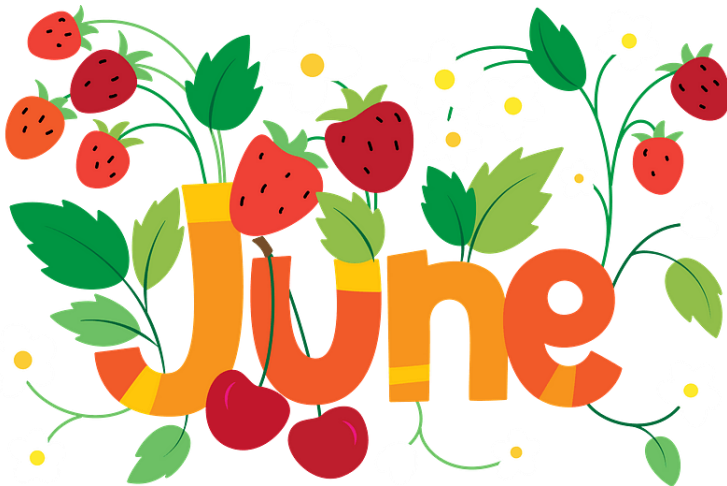
Connie

*** Next BHADA Meeting is June 21, 2025 at 9:30 at
Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

Cindy R. will lead us in our painting project at the June meeting

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

Lisbeth Stull will be our Fall Seminar teacher in 2025.



Linda P. June 7



Connie won Drawing to paint a Memory box May. Luann painted this months box.

**2025 BHADA
OFFICERS**

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Connie M.

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Membership
Janae H.

Secretary
Bonnie E

Treasurer
Mary Z.

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Meeting Minutes



The meeting of Black Hills Area Decorative Artists met in Whitewood on May 17th, 2025. President Connie M called the meeting to order at 9:28 AM. The motion by Luann B and second by Betty B to expect the minutes of the March meeting. All were in favor and passed. The treasurer's report by Mary Z presented the financial report. This was filed for an audit.

Committee reports:

Spring seminar: Was a success. All the bills have not been finalized at this time.

Fall Seminar: The projects have been selected. Contracts have been sent out for the next two years to Paulette D for 2026, and Shannon M for 2027. The committee will call to see if we can paint on our own pieces, the prep work, sizes, and brushes needed. For the fall seminar over 25 people will be an extra \$25 a day. So, it is important to registration in early. For every six people paints will be furnished by Deco Art.

Hospitality: treats were furnished by Betty B. Next month's treats will be Diane and Jackie.

Monthly programs: Today's project will be Jo Ann and for next month well be Cindy R.

Membership: 25 members with two honorary.

Newsletter: deadline is May 23rd, 2025

Ways and Means: October 18th, 2025 is our Bunco fundraiser. People are working on their birdhouses and their silent auction prizes. Linda K is working on getting the big room at the Moose Lodge. Tickets for the raffle will be available upon getting the projects for photos. Those projects are the wheelbarrow, ironing board and chair which needs to be done by the June meeting.

Webmaster: Jo Ann says all is good

Holiday event: Nelda is still thinking on a project for Christmas

Memory boxes: two boxes were shipped out and more boxes have been ordered.

Unfinished Business: Motion by Luann B and 2nd by Diane M to put rummage sale money for Rita's supplies go to the General Funds account.

Rent for Spring Retreat to the Fire Hall in Whitewood discusses. Motion by Diane M and seconded by Joyce V to approve \$300. Passed. The left-over wood was taken to Susie Cappa, and they were very appreciative.

New Business: none

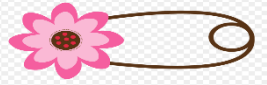
Share and Shine: Luann, Betty, Deb

Door prize: Painted by Luann and won by Connie.

Adjourned at 10:00. Respectfully submitted, Janae Herman, Acting Secretary



SHARING MEMORIES



If you look back and reflect on any of the valleys in your life, some of these words may have crossed your lips.

"This is the worst thing that could ever happen" "I can't go on." "I'll NEVER get over this!" "Why me?"

I imagine a family who has lost an infant to death could be saying those same words. For them, it is the end of a plan, the end of a dream. But even after the darkest day in one's life, the sun will rise the next morning and even be visible (weather permitting). And we will begin again. There will be other chapters in our book of life and some will seem to be without sun. We will not "get over" them, we will not forget them, but we will get through them.

Our hope is that our decorated memory boxes will be that first ray of sun for our recipients. We have been on the receiving end of kindness and love over the years and we appreciate it. Let's share that kindness and love and add hope for our recipients by painting a memory box. Be someone's sunshine!!

MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

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



This website has cute free patterns to download. Would be great for memory boxes.

[Marlene's Folk Art ~ Marlene Kreutz, CDA](#)



JO ANN TAUGHT THIS SUNFLOWER



Sally and Diane are very busy painting!!



Show And Share Projects



Betty made the quilt
and painted with
Color Pencil



Deb crocheted this
awesome bag



Memory
Boxes



Cute Memory Box Idea



BUNCO

We are getting closer to being ready for Bunco. Nelda said she did get quite a few small bird houses turned in at the meeting and 1 big one and one silent auction item. Thank you everyone. We still have some bird houses and silent auction items that were taken and not turned in yet. If you have some of these items please get them painted and bring to June meeting. I am working on the ironing board one of the raffle items, Sally and Jackie are working on the wheelbarrow and bird house these are raffle items. I do believe Bonnie has the chair painted another raffle item.

Thanks for everything you paint and do for this chapter.

Linda K and Nelda

RECIPES FROM THE SPRING RETREAT

Bacon Cheeseburger Chowder

	2 cans cream-style corn
4 cups diced potatoes	½ lb diced bacon or bacon pieces
1 cup sliced carrots	1 lb. ground beef
½ cup diced onion	½ cup butter
1 cup sliced celery	4 cups half & half or milk
1 tsp salt	2 cups Velveeta cheese
¼ tsp pepper	½ cup flour

Place first 6 ingredients in a kettle, cover vegetables with water (I used chicken stock) (just enough to cover Veg). cook until vegetables are tender. Once tender add corn.

While vegetables are cooking fry bacon & break into pieces, Brown ground beef & Drain.

Make a white sauce in the microwave of butter, half & half or milk, cheese & flour. Pour over vegetables. Stir often so it thickens evenly. Add bacon, ground beef, stir to mix. Serve

Cracker Barrel Meatloaf

For Meatloaf

1 tbs olive oil 1 medium yellow onion finely diced 1 green bell pepper finely diced
45 Ritz Crackers crushed 2 large eggs whisked 1 cup cheddar cheese
½ cup whole milk 1 tsp kosher salt ¼ tsp ground pepper 2 lbs 80% ground beef

For the Glaze

2/3 cup ketchup 2 tbs brown sugar 1 tsp yellow mustard

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheet with parchment paper lightly greased.

Heat the olive oil in medium pan over medium heat, add onion, bell pepper & cook until tender stirring often then remove from heat & let cool. In large bowl mix together Ritz crackers, eggs, cheese, milk, salt, pepper until combined, add bacon, ground beef & cooked onions, peppers. Mix with your hands till well combined. Shape mixture on prepared pan & bake 30 minutes. (if mixture feels too loose add more crackers)

Glaze: In small bowl stir together ketchup, brown sugar & mustard.

After the meatloaf cooks 30 minutes, spoon the glaze on the meatloaf coating it evenly. Bake another 30 minutes or until cooked through. Cool for 10-15 minutes before slicing.

Cinnamon Sugar Pretzel Sticks

Yield(s): Serves 12-14

10m prep time

15m cook time

Ingredients

- 16oz bag of pretzel sticks
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter, melted
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons vanilla
- 1 egg white
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- Optional: $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cardamom

Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, melt the butter and then let cool for 5 minutes.
3. Once butter has cooled, add the egg white and vanilla then mix until smooth.
4. In a small bowl, mix together the cinnamon, sugar, and cardamom (if using). Set aside.
5. Add the pretzels to the large bowl and toss in the butter mixture until fully coated. Slowly sprinkle the sugar mixture over the pretzels and gently toss until completely coated.
6. Transfer the pretzels to the prepared baking sheet and spread into an even layer.
7. Bake for 16-18 minutes, stirring the pretzels half way through.
8. Let pretzels cool before breaking apart and serving.

