



# BHADA

Black Hills  
Area Decorative  
Artists

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## Post From Janæ



**This poem addresses the idea that a work of art, like a symphony, is never truly finished but instead lives on in the experience of those who encounter it.**

### Unfinished Symphony

A painting's never truly done,  
Like a setting or a rising sun.  
Each viewer adds a unique hue,  
A different light, a varied view.

You may put down the brush and rest,  
Feel satisfied that you've done your best.

Yet every eye that looks upon,  
Adds a note to your visual song.

From gallery walls to a home's embrace,  
Each setting offers a new face.  
A painting lives in hearts anew,  
An unfinished symphony, ever true.

**\* Next BHADA Meeting is June 20, 2026 at 9:30 at  
Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

**Project for June meeting we will be led by Cindy R.**

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



*Diane won drawing to paint a Memory box next month. Dorothy painted this month's box.*



### **Reminder**

**Get your veteran ornaments finished and back to Bonnie, so she can do the finally steps on them.**

**Sorry, there is no prize for the last ornaments to be turned in!**



*Linda P. June 7*



### **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 May 16, 2026, the BHADA meeting was called to order by Pres Janae at the Whitewood Fire Hall at 9:27 am. 14 members were present. Luann made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Rita seconded. All approved. Mary gave the financial report and stated no business in April. Report will be filed for audit when updated.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPRING RETREAT: Diane reported all expenses turned in to Mary now. All went well with fun held by all in attendance.

FALL SEMINAR: Diane has talked with Paulette D. Airfare is in process. Diane passed a few of Paulette's new projects that are possibilities for Seminar that she has not as yet written instructions for. Diane also had pictures on her phone that were possibilities of Paulette's. Members should go on her site and look for choices that they might be interested in having her teach. Email Diane if you have some you might like. Members at the meeting gave some suggestions. Diane would like to have these picked by June 1st so the registration forms can be put together soon. Future teachers for seminars are Sandy McTier in '27, Shannon Miller in '28.

HOSPITALITY: Treats today were furnished by Deb and Mary. Treats for June will be furnished by Deb and Janae.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS: Rita reported that August has been filled by JoAnn. Today the cork favors were painted for Bunco by members at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: 23 members. 2 Honorees

NEWSLETTER: Deadline is May 22.

WAYS AND MEANS: Linda K had the ornament box top she painted on display. If you have your ornament for the box and they are finished return to the committee for the box. (there are still ornaments to be painted, contact committee if you would like to paint some) Deb had the 2 boxes she painted also on display. Jackie has the chest she is working to finish. These are raffle items for the tickets. The committee would like them ready for the pictures soon so the tickets can be made. Some of the Bunco prizes were returned by members to the committee. There are still items that are in need of painting. Contact the committee if you would like to paint one.

WEBMASTER: No report.

HOLIDAY EVENT: Nelda reported that a suggestion was made about doing the brown bag exchange which was done previous years. Members would put in the bag an unpainted piece from their stash. Discussion followed and Nelda will have the bags for members in June. The bags will be returned in August to Nelda with the bags and the piece to be given out to members. They will be for the December Christmas exchange.

MEMORY BOXES: Bonnie said 9 were packed and ready to be mailed. She reported postage was very high to send them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS : Bonnie said many Veterans ornaments have been returned. Please finish and return to her if you have them yet so she can stamp them and complete the project.

NEW BUSINESS: Pres Janae reminded members that in August it is time to be thinking about nominations. Think about being an officer or committee chair.

SHARE AND SHINE: Karol, Betty, Rita, Connie, Linda K, Nelda

DOOR PRIZE: Diane will paint the "prize" memory box for June.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am. Following, members painted the cork favors for Bunco.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary,

Betty Bondeson

# For a Memory Box!



## artist's sketch

Doxie Keller TDA has been painting since 1964. She teaches all levels but is especially interested in beginners. She has served as SDP President twice and helped launch the Society's Teacher Development Program and Learn-to-Paint program. She is a DecoArt Helping Artist. You may write to Doxie at 3709 Asbury Dr., Hutchinson, KS 67502 or email her at [DOXIE@SOUTHWIND.NET](mailto:DOXIE@SOUTHWIND.NET). Visit [WWW.TURTLEHOLLOWARTISTS.COM](http://WWW.TURTLEHOLLOWARTISTS.COM) for her pattern packets.



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# MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

# Memory Boxes & Show & Share



*Painting Table Favors*



## Dear Black Hill Decorative Artist,

On behalf of the Circle of Friends, I would like to say thank you to one and all for your donation of the paint brushes!

It is was very much appreciated!!

Circle of Friends is a group of disabled adults who range in age and have various

handicaps. It has been a challenge to teach them, but they are fast to catch on and love to paint. Each week they come they ask, "are we going to paint today?"

The brushes that they had were pretty pathetic as they were just the cheap Dollar Store water color brushes, so couldn't do much of anything with them, but now with your donations they can paint to their hearts content.

Again, thank you so very much!

Happy painting to you all!

Peggy

## Seminar Homework

Your homework is to search for Paulette Digesare patterns to see if there is any you want us to vote on for our seminar. If you find a picture of one, send it to Diane M before June 1, so she can include it in the voting. We will be voting on the projects at the June meeting. Diane will be sending out an email before the meeting with the pictures of the projects for those members who can not attend the June meeting. They can email Diane with their choice of projects to paint in Sept.

## Bonnie Says Size Does Matter

Bonnie is wondering where all the smaller size memory boxes are...

When she mails out the boxes she puts the smaller inside the larger so she can get more boxes mailed.

So if you have small memory boxes to be painted, please work on them too.

## **BHADA Committee Chairs For 2026**

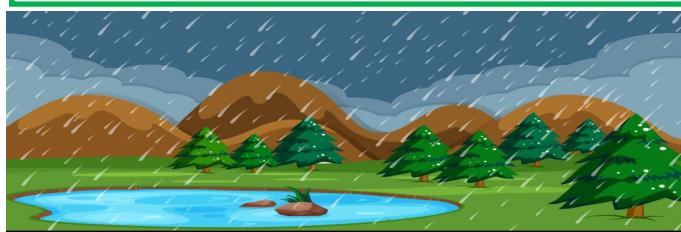
**Memory Box Program – Bonnie  
and Mary**  
**Membership - Deb**  
**Hospitality – Jackie**  
**Monthly Programs – Rita**  
**Ways & Means – Linda K & Nelda**  
**Fall Seminar – Diane & Sally**  
**Spring Retreat 2026 – Diane &  
Sally**  
**Webmaster & Facebook – Jo Ann**  
**Holiday Exchange – Nelda**  
**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	Janae & Luann
April 18-19	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

## **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	Cindy R.
August 15	Jo Ann
September 18-20	Fall Seminar
October 17	Bunco Party
November 21	Connie M.
December 19	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats



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## **Painting Tip:**

Instead of using a Gold pen; another way to put paint on the side of a project, like the corks, is to use a Q-tip. Put paint on the Q-tip and rub it around.

**Nelda**