



# BHADA

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Artists

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## Post From Janae



I can't believe how fast the year is going by already. We are into Lent and that means spring. We are getting prepared for our spring retreat. I'm getting so excited for this! We have fun projects and great teachers planned for this event.

We are also preparing for our fundraiser. Our bunco party is drawing closer and plans are in motion.

Still too early to plant outside so we need to get our fingers a little dirty with paint instead.

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

Next meeting we will be exchanging Easter Eggs.

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



**HAPPY**  
*St. Patrick's Day*



*Maxiene March 1*



*Sally won drawing to paint a Memory box next month. Connie*



**2026BHADA  
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 February 21, 2026, the BHADA meeting was called to order by Pres. Janae at the Whitewood Fire Hall at 9:30 am. 15 members were present. Diane made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Sally seconded. All approved. Mary gave the financial report and it is filed for audit. Karol and Dorothy reported the audit for 2025 was done.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**SPRING RETREAT:** Diane gave out registration forms for the April 17,18,19 2026 retreat. Cindy regrets she is unable to do a class on Friday. Karol's class will follow after dinner on Friday. Linette's class Saturday and Deb's on Sunday. Members are responsible for making their own reservations at the motel. Registration for classes deadline is March 21, 2026. Patterns given when Diane receives forms and the fee paid.

**FALL SEMINAR:** Diane reported on the Sept 18,19,20 2026 Seminar. Paulette D asked what subjects members might like to have her teach. She reported that she is always painting new ideas. Discussion was held that maybe florals, Spring (birds, birdhouses), Winter.

Jackie reported that Sandy McTier will be Seminar teacher for 2027. A deposit has been made to her for it. Jackie also added that it is time to be thinking ahead for teachers in 2028. Members were asked to think of someone they might want to teach. (Shannon Miller, KS, was mentioned as a possibility).

**HOSPITALITY:** Treats today were furnished by Diane and Sally. March treats will be Janae and Luann. Treats for retreat by all. Dorothy will help Sally open the Hall next month in Diane's absence.

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS:** Rita reported June and August are still not filled for programs. Possibilities discussed were painting Memory Boxes, help Ways and Means for Bunco projects. (or anyone interested?)

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

**NEWSLETTER:** Deadline is Feb. 26,2026

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Linda K talked with the Moose Club and was asked about having the bar available to have a bartender for the amount of \$50. Discussion held and Linda K. made a motion to have this available. Diane seconded, All approved. Linda K reported that May the table favors will be painted for Bunco.

**WEBMASTER:** No report.

**HOLIDAY EVENT:** Nelda reported the egg exchange will be at the March meeting. Any size or shape of egg may be used. The Valentine hearts were exchanged after Nelda read a left/right story.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Vet's ornaments that members painted and brought back were given to Dorothy to turn in to Bonnie. Extras were needed and volunteers took them to finish.

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

**SHARE AND SHINE:** Janae, Karol, Jackie, Betty

**DOOR PRIZE:** Sally will paint "prize" memory box for March.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03am. Following, members painted Deb's project.  
Respectfully submitted by Secretary,  
Betty Bondeson



## SHARING MEMORIES



*As far as I know, none of the members of Black Hills Area Decorative Artist are Olympic athletes--though some of you could be hiding many talents. But after watching so many events televised during the Olympics, I have heard and seen so many impressive things. Some fell in love with their sport in childhood. Many attended specialized training facilities. Uncounted hours, days, weeks, months and years were spent by the athletes practicing and perfecting their gifts. To win a spot on an Olympic team was the height of their hopes and dreams. When that was achieved, the possibility of earning a medal was thought to be a possibility.*

*The early stages of competition produced brilliant execution of winning techniques for many competitors. Some others had a mishap early on but could still be proud of their effort and talent and making the team. Others gave flawless performances in the early stages only to have a mishap in the final rounds. My heart went out to them as the crowd cheered their effort and they bravely bowed and waved at the audience. We couldn't change the outcome but we could care about their courage and effort.*

*In a more local way, many of our memory box families have had difficulty becoming pregnant. They have followed medical instruction to preserve the pregnancy--have done all the prescribed things, yet the pregnancy did not have the desired result. They are devastated, the world seems unfair, no next step seems appealing. We cannot alter that outcome but we are not without the caring, talent and love to bring a smile to them in their darkest hour. A hand painted memory box, presented by a hospital grief coordinator will bring a smile and the possibility of a positive reaction for the love from a stranger. Your painting skills also took years of practice but with less chance of physical injury. Take a bow, listen to the applause, you're a winner. Your gold medal is in the mail!!!*

**MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED**

For a Memory Box!



*Deb lead us in painting a pinecone ornaments*



**Valentines Exchange**



**Pattern Books donated by Cathy O**



**Memory Boxes & Show & Share**



## **BHADA Committee Chairs For 2026**

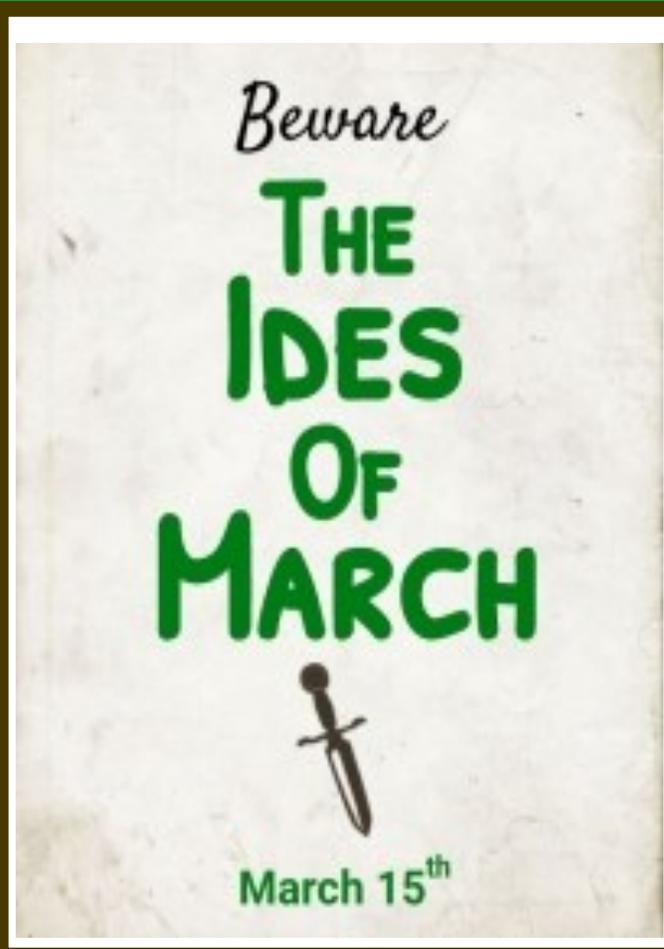
**Memory Box Program – Bonnie  
and Mary**  
**Membership - Deb**  
**Hospitality – Jackie**  
**Monthly Programs – Rita**  
**Ways & Means – Linda K & Nelda**  
**Fall Seminar – Diane & Sally**  
**Spring Retreat 2026 – Diane &  
Sally**  
**Webmaster & Facebook – Jo Ann**  
**Holiday Exchange – Nelda**  
**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	
September 18-20	Fall Seminar
October 17	Bunco Party
November 21	Connie M.
December 19	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats



Spring Retreat 2026

Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

April 17<sup>th</sup> doors open @ 4:00 AM

Dinner 5:00PM : Chicken Pot Pie-Salad  
\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM

Breakfast : Egg Bake, Fruit & Sausage  
\$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch : Ham or Roast Beef Sandwich  
Spread, Chips & Jello Salad

\$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner: Goulash, Corn & Dinner Roll  
\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Am

Breakfast: Carmel Rolls & Fruit  
\$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch : Chicken & Rice Soup, Dinner  
Roll & Crackers \$8.00

Total for all Meals \$50.00

Your Total for meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Paint & Petals Spring  
Retreat 2026

April 17 the fun begins

Doors Open 4:00 pm

Dinner @ 5:00 PM

Karol's Block & Recipe Holder Class  
right after Dinner Friday.

April 18<sup>th</sup> Breakfast @ 8:00 AM

9:00 AM Painting with Linette West

All Day Class-Beautiful Floral Heart

April 19<sup>th</sup> Breakfast 8:00 AM

9:00 AM Painting with Deb Clark

4-Dimensional Mountain & Wildlife  
Scene: Layered Shadow Box

Rumage Sale Tables will be set up!

We will have Water & Coffee!

Relish Tray, Fruit Tray will be  
Furnished

We do have Refrigerators if you want  
something else to drink.

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Artist

2026 Spring Retreat

Paint & Petals

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

Whitewood Firehall

912 Garfield St

Whitewood, SD

Lodging: Iron Horse Inn

Whitewood, SD

Phone # 605-722-7574

2 Queen Beds \$65.00 Plus Tax  
Per Night

You are responsible for making  
your own reservations.

Please come and join us for a  
great time of Painting,  
Sisterhood & Laughter!



**Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM**

**Karol Johnson - Teacher**

**Recipe Clip Block Class \$5.00**

**Pattern & Surface Supplied**



**Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM**

**Deb Clark – Teacher \$15.00**

**4 Piece Dimensional Shadow**

**Box Wildlife Scene**

**(Pattern & Surface Supplied)**

**Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00**

**AM Linette West – Teacher**

**\$15.00**

**Beautiful Wooden Floral**

**Heart (9 3/4 x 16 1/2)**

**To the Left!**

**Pattern & Surface Supplied**



## Registration Form

Friday Night Block Class \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday : Heart Class \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(All day Class)

Sunday: Shadow Box Scene \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(All day Class)

Total for all Classes is \$35.00

Total for all Meals \$50.00

Total for Weekend of Fun \$85.00

Total for Classes \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total for Meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to BHADA

Registration Deadline is March 21<sup>st</sup>

**Late Fee of \$10.00 will apply for registrations received after**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

Send Registrations to :

Diane McNary

3230 Ridge Road

Spearsfish, SD 57783

Phone 605-641-9643