



# BHADA

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Artists

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## Post From Janæ



### Happy May Day to all

May Day, celebrated annually on May 1st, is a dual-purpose holiday marking the return of spring (ancient and International Workers' Day). It is celebrated worldwide with festivities like dancing around a maypole, crowning a May Queen, and delivering flower baskets. Do you remember handing out May baskets. This just doesn't have to happen in May 1<sup>st</sup>. We need to spread cheer every day. As for the May Queen, you are all queens, especially with Mothers Day approaching.

Hats off the Spring Retreat committee and all those that participated. It was so much fun and relaxing.

See everyone in May for table favor painting. Bring your ideas for a winter theme.

\* Next BHADA Meeting is May 16, 2026 at 9:30 at Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.

Project for May meeting we will be working on table favors for Bunco.

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



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<i>Nelda B</i>	<i>May 3</i>
<i>Betty B</i>	<i>May 5</i>
<i>Evie H.</i>	<i>May 8</i>
<i>Dorothy Z</i>	<i>May 29</i>



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## SHARING MEMORIES



Things you learn when living in South Dakota (maybe you learn them in other states but I don't have time to research that--you'll have to do your own investigation). What I've learned this week is to take advantage of the physical gifts right in front of me and philosophize about the rest.

The first thing to appreciate was that sweet fragrance of blooming lilacs. How can you not sniff and sniff some more and smile?? Then an 80 degree day comes along and I am reminded to be grateful it wasn't 100 degrees and to appreciate the cooler weather. Next we have snow and we are glad it wasn't a blizzard and glad because we need the moisture. There have been previous drought years but we managed to survive and have better times.

Our memory box babies did not survive but we are not helpless. We can't control the weather but we can control smiles. We release them from the tip of our paintbrushes. When we release bunnies, bears, flowers and many other things we are also adding love and compassion and a smile to be delivered to a grieving family. Paint a smile with gratitude for the ability and willingness to do it.

## MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

### BUNCO

At the May meeting we will be painting our table favors for Bunco. They are cork rounds that we will be putting magnets on the back. We handed out the unpainted ones at the retreat. Please basecoat them and have a pattern of your choice on them for the meeting. Bring your paints with you that you need. Connie took pictures of the ones Linda K painted to give you some ideas.

A big thank you to those of you who took extra items to paint for Silent Auction and Door prizes. Remember the theme is "A Magical Winter Wonderland".

Any questions call Linda K or Nelda

Linda K and Nelda



Cute Idea for a Memory Box





*Lynette taught a beautiful flowers on a heart.*



Everyone had a great time!



Karol taught These cute Recipe/Pics Holder.

# Memory Boxes & Show & Share



Our wonderful, fantastic  
Photographer!  
Thank you Connie!



*Deb taught us this  
Beautiful shadow box!*

Everyone  
had so  
much fun  
doing this  
project.



Our retreat chairs!  
Thank you so much!

Diane & Sally

## BUNCO NEWS

**"A Magical Winter Wonderland"  
That is our theme for 2026.**

**We handed out items to be painted at the March meeting. Bonnie got the items from a former painter. If you were not at this meeting Linda K has the items at her house.**

**I Linda K will be at Spring Retreat on Saturday and will bring the items. You won't be left out. We need everyone to paint.**


**Raffle items the large chest is being painted by Jackie. The other raffle items a smaller chest with ornaments and a set of two round boxes need to be painted so we can get pictures taken to have to sell tickets.**


**THANK YOU  
Linda K            Nelda**

## Future Seminar Teacher

Shannon Miller has be emailed, yes she still travels and is filling in her 2027 seminars. She has put us down for 2028, we just need to verify the dates with her.

Would like to encourage all members to go to her site:  
[www.shannonmillerpaints.com](http://www.shannonmillerpaints.com)

Hopefully we're all ready for a "stroke work" lesson, and surely she has the perfect brush  to make the "peeeerfect" stroke

 I will keep it touch about 2028. Jackie

# MEMORIAL DAY



*Goofy Retreat  
Group!*

## **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

**BONNIE REPORTS  
THAT 16 MEMORY  
BOXES WERE MAILED  
OUT IN APRIL.**

## **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!**