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## *CONNIE'S COMMENTS*



I have started the prep work for seminar and can't wait for our time with Lisbeth Stull. The organizational skills of Sally and Diane will have everything ready to go on day one. Thanks for getting us the info and supplies we needed! (I do see that some of the colors are on the discontinued list, so I will punt.)

Be sure to bring your favorites for the goodie table because we love to share a snack or dessert.

The Club Directory sign up for the Painting World Magazine has been submitted with a response that we will soon be included. Thank you, Deb for giving us the complimentary information. It's our opportunity to include our group in the creative magazine.

Going forward to 2026 we have our volunteers for the slate of officers. Be thinking of what committee you would like to sign up for while we are getting prepared for bunco and all the business that entails.

Lots of memory boxes were turned in to Bonnie. Such a variety of patterns and colors. Continue to be a part of this program and bring any painted boxes to seminar when you come.

See you in September, Connie

**\* Next BHADA Meeting is Nov 16, 2025 at 9:30 at  
Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

**September 19, 20, 21, 2025 Fall Seminar with Lizeth Skull**

**October 18, Bunco at the Moose Lodge in Rapid City, SD**

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

### **Slate Of Officers For 2026**

*President — Janae H.  
Vice-President — Deb C.  
Secretary — Betty B.  
Treasurer — Mary Z.*



Memory Boxes painted by Linda H.  
Deb C. won raffle to paint memory box for November meeting.

SEPTEMBER

Connie M. Sept 7

Karol J. Sept 19

Bonnie E. Sept 21



### **2025 BHADA OFFICERS**

**President**  
Connie M.

**Vice-President**  
**Membership**  
Janae H.

**Secretary**  
Bonnie E

**Treasurer**  
Mary Z.

**Newsletter Editor**  
Luann B.  
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# MINUTES



17 members and one guest met August 16, 2025 at the Whitewood Fire Hall. Diane M made the motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting as printed in the newsletter. Sally C seconded the motion. Motion carried. Next Mary Z gave the financial report and it was filed for audit.

## Committee Reports:

**Spring Retreat:** Diane has set the dates for retreat as April 17, 18, 19, 2026

**Fall Seminar:** Today is the final day of registration. Diane passed out surfaces for those who had ordered them. Pattern instructions will be available by E mail. She advised that we are not to trace on swirls for the snow scene. The teacher will be bringing photos of the projects. Those wishing to stay in Whitewood are advised to make reservations ASAP.

**Hospitality:** Treats today were furnished by Dorothy and Joyce. For Seminar ALL will bring treats.

**Monthly Program:** We will be painting Bunco aprons today with Bonnie E.

**Membership:** There are 25 members with 2 honorary members.

**Newsletter:** Deadline is August 22.

**Ways & Means:** Nelda passed out raffle tickets to all members in attendance. Bunco is Oct. 18 at the Moose Lodge in Rapid City. On Oct 18, Moose Lodge will have the usual lunch available. Make sure you have your donations ready.

**Holiday Event:** Nelda passed out lovely ornaments to be painted for our Christmas exchange. These can be painted with glass paint or you can spray first with Matte Spray . A winter theme is suggested.

**Memory Boxes:** Bonnie mailed out 24 boxes this month to Oklahoma, New Jersey and Tennessee.

**Unfinished Business:** Diane reported that Rita had given us most of the aprons for Bunco, but since there were not quite enough she purchased additional one. After discussion Janae made the motion to compensate Diane for the additional ones. Linda K seconded the motion. Motions passed.

**New Business:** Deb reported that Painting World is offering to print Chapter contact information in their magazine. After discussion Luann made the motion to have the club follow through with this. Linda K seconded the motion. Motion carried. Next order of business was Pres. Connie M asking for a volunteer to head the nominating committee. After discussion she called for volunteers to accept office. Deb-Vice Pres., Betty B Secretary. Mary Z Treasurer. Betty B then shared some OLD newspaper clippings of members. She also began a discussion on good places to donate craft and painting supplies. Suggested were the Susie Cappa Center Rapid City as well as the Boys and Girls clubs.

**Share and Shine:** Those sharing projects today were Sally, Nelda, Linda H, Betty, Connie, Jackie, Linda K and Bonnie.

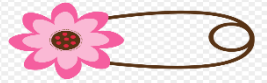
**Door Prize:** Linda H painted several Memory Boxes and in the drawing Deb C. gets to paint the "prize" for the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 to paint our aprons to wear at Bunco.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie E, Secretary



## SHARING MEMORIES



If you are weary of hot weather, if your garden is full of weeds, if mosquitos are invading your restful evening on the patio, you are probably not a happy camper. Could it be that you are only thinking of your inconveniences and overlooking your blessings? I try to balance each complaint with a positive thought. One day, when it was predicted to reach 98 degrees, I said, out loud, "I am grateful there is no snow and ice on the ground. Driving and walking are so much easier." I must admit that I did get some curious looks but that's okay. I just hope that when I am chipping ice off my windshield and brushing snow off my car that I give credit to sunny days that don't require chipping and brushing in order to drive safely. (Maybe I better write that thought down on my calendar—just in case my remember-er isn't working at full speed.)

We're not always going to be happy every day, all day. But one of the values of lots of life's experiences is that we do know that we will be happy again. It may take some time and it may be a different variety of happiness but there will be more good days.

I picture our memory box families as young people, perhaps with first pregnancies or first children. They have thoughts, ideas, plans and dreams. When they receive the crushing information that their dreams will not come true this day, they don't have the wisdom of lots of life experiences. They are stopped by grief and questions and whys. In our understanding and compassion, we have painted memory boxes while thinking of the recipients. When the family is presented with a memory box I feel certain that they smile. It might be a fleeting, small smile but it is an open door to the sunshine that will come back into their lives. Instead of thinking of your projects that are not completed, substitute thoughts of the memory boxes you have painted over the years. You will smile, too.

## 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

### **Monthly Programs For 2025**

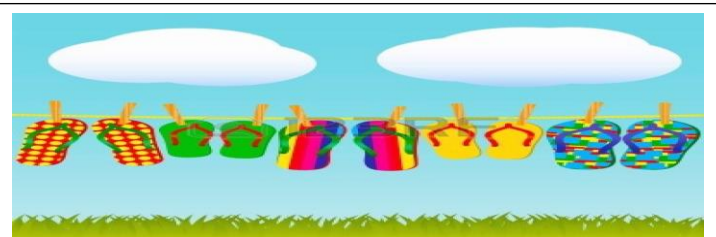
January 18	Bonnie E. Vet ornaments
February 15	Debby C.
March 15	Easter Egg Exchange
April 25-27	Spring Retreat
May 17	Jo Ann
June 21	Cindy R.
August 16	Bonnie
September 19-21	Fall Seminar
October 18	Bunco Party
November 15	Jo Ann
December 20	Christmas Exchange-- Everyone Bring Treats

### **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

## **CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE**

Ceramic ornaments were handed out at the meeting. If you want to participate in the exchange but did not get an ornament; Nelda will have them at the seminar or contact her to get one.





## CUTE IDEA FOR A MEMORY BOX





# Memory Boxes



## SHOW AND SHARE





## Painting Aprons with Bonnie

