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Note from Carol's Loft

Thank you Bonnie, JoAnn and Evie for the sauce pan lid project. They turned out great! I hope everyone finished theirs and will bring them back to the next meeting so we can get a picture of them all. It has been cold down here in the "banana belt" but no moisture. Hope everyone is staying warm and painting or thinking about what to paint for the projects for the Bunco party and sale at Wilson Park. We should get started on these projects now. You can use the Memory Box to practice a design on because the first one done is the best. Keep painting those boxes! Carol D



BHADA HAPPENINGS

• **February Meeting**

**February 18,
2012 Journey
Museum, Rapid
City 9:30 am**

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tails.**

Happy Birthday

Earlene H.—Feb. 4

Diane M.—Feb. 9

Sue M.— Feb. 22

Sally C. — Feb. 22



TROOP CARE PACKAGES

THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED. BONNIE SENT 2 LARGE FLAT RATE BOXES. DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO ANY MEETING & SHE WILL SEND OUT WHEN THERE IS ENOUGH TO FILL ANOTHER BOX.

GOOD JOB!!!

FEBRUARY PROJECT

For the February class meeting we need to start items for the craft show. I will bring patterns and ideas and what I have of fabric paints. Everyone needs to bring regular painting supplies. Thanks, Debby

Ways and Means

We have a very busy year . We will be painting cards, having a bunco party, and selling items at the Wilson Park festival in June. Start painting those items for bunco prizes too!!

Cindy R, Debby C, Luanne T

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MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Jan. 21	Jo Ann & Bonnie	July 21	Spearfish
Feb. 18	Debby C	August 18	Pierre
March 17	Kathy J. (egg exchange)	Sept. 15	Seminar-Patty Stouffer
April 21	Pat	Oct. 20	Jo Ann C.
May 19	Debby C.	Nov. 17	Pat K.
June 16	Carol D.	Dec.15	Christmas Party
			Brown Bag Exchange

COMMITTEES FOR 2012

Decorative painting month	Debby C.	Public Relations	Karol J.
Seminar	Earlene H.,Luanne T, Cindy	Newsletter	Luanne T.
Historian	Connie M.	Ways & Means	Cindy R, Debby C, Luanne T
Hospitality	Linda K.	Library/Parliamentarian	Molly F.
Monthly programs	Betty B.	Webmaster	Jo Ann C.
Membership	Jo Ann C.	Wild Bills	Earlene H.
		Christmas Exchange	Karol J.

JANUARY 2012 MEETING

The January meeting of BHADA was called to order by Pres. Carol D at 9:30 am at the Journey Museum. Luann B. made the motion to approve the minutes of the Dec. meeting as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Earlene H. Motion carried. Molly F. moved the financial report handed out by Treas. Nelda B be approved as printed. Motion was seconded by Charlie B. Motion carried. **Committee Reports: Decorative Painting Month**-Debby C collected items for display at the Journey. **Seminar**-Earlene requested checks for deposits for 2014 and 2013 seminars. Projects for the Patty Stouffer seminar will be voted on at the Feb meeting **Historian**-Connie M reported that the scrapbook is up to date. **Monthly Programs**: Debby C will have the project in Feb. We will also have the Egg exchange in March. **Hospitality**-Linda K thanked Luann and Janae for treats today. Deb C, Luanne T and Cindy will bring treats in Feb. **Membership**-The new membership list should be available in Feb. **Public Relations**-Karol J has been sending email reminders and several members thanked her for this. **Newsletter**-Luanne T set the deadline for submissions for Jan 25. **Ways and Means**-Committee members are Cindy, Debby, Luanne T. Several ideas were presented from the board meeting. Charlie moved that we continue making cards, do the Bunco party at the Journey and have a booth at Wilson Park. Paint wearable items for the booth and donate part of the proceeds to the KOTA Care and Share program. Motion carried. Charlie volunteered to check on a sales tax license for our chapter. **Wild Bills**-Earlene passed the list to sign for Dec & Jan. **Christmas Exchange**-We voted to do the Brown Bag Exchange in Dec. Bonnie will bring bags. **New Business** Charlie reported the cost for renting the facility in Pierre has gone up. Jackie H moved to have the Aug meeting in Pierre. Motion carried. Charlie will check on availability. **Door Prize**-the door prize was painted by Jackie H and won by Cindy R who will paint the prize for next month. **Memory Box drawing and report**-Pat mentioned that Toile Friends has no more funds for postage. So far we have funds in our budget for this. Janae and Luann gave a talk on the MB program at their church women's group and this group gave us a donation. Bonnie also reported a donation from a woman in Rapid City who had requested an MB for the mementos of two baby boys she lost. This really underscores how appreciated the boxes are. Winners of the MB drawings were Luanne T, Linda K, and Karol J. **Show and Share** – Linda H, Carol D, Betty B, Pat K, Maxiene V, Cindy R, Jackie H, Linda K, Luanne T. Meeting was adjourned to paint snowmen with Bonnie E. Respectfully submitted, Bonnie E, Sec.

REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP DUES

If your membership dues have not yet been paid, this is the last newsletter you will receive.



SHARING MEMORIES

In January Bonnie **mailed 88 Memory Boxes** to hospitals in Maryland, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota and Virginia. We are off to a good start this month towards our new goal of 1,000 Memory Boxes each year.

We received requests from two hospitals who wished to be added to the list to receive our Memory Boxes. Brenda Rickman, the current Memory Box Coordinator has contacted them and soon they will be receiving boxes for their families.

Here is a note from Brenda that I received this week:

"We now have many hospitals that are west of the Mississippi River and are in need of boxes. We also have quite a few that are east of the Mississippi River in need of boxes. I hate having to report that most of our hospitals are reporting an increase in the number of infant losses and are begging for boxes for the parents. The nurses are sending me into tears with the descriptions of parents leaving the hospital with their few precious mementos is a hospital plastic trash bag because there are no more Memory Boxes.

I understand that the cost of shipping is horrendous but it breaks my heart that we aren't helping so many grieving parents. Please, please... create some boxes and then let me know they are ready to ship by creating a new record in your Memory Box Account.

My love and respect to each and every one of you."



Other letters to share with you:

"Thank you to all of you. I recently a shipment of boxes last week that are beautiful! We do so appreciate your compassion and talent. My staff nurses helped me put them into safe storage in my office and they were very touched."

"Thank you and your group for the Memory Box. My son's keepsakes fit in there just great. What a wonderful mission you all have."

Ann Kingslan and Mary Gibilisco shared **tips** to increasing your productivity in their newsletter. Here are some that will help all of us Memory Box Artists. Just substitute the words 'Memory Boxes' for 'painting'

If space allows, leave your art materials and the painting you're working on out to avoid having to unpack before you can start working again.

Clean up every time you finish painting, so that your brushes waiting ready to be used when you've time again.

Organize your art materials so you don't waste time searching for something when you're painting. If you need to pack things away, keep essentials in one crate and infrequently used item in another.

Work on more than one painting at a time; this way if one is giving you trouble you can turn your attention to another until you've renewed enthusiasm or inspiration for the 'problem painting'.

Grab a half hour each day for yourself, by getting up a bit earlier (hard in winter!) or staying up a bit later (this can be difficult to claim for yourself as family may still be awake).

Be more choosy in the television you watch — would the time be better spent painting?

Daydream about painting. Think through process and visualize the results; think about what you're going to do next in a painting.

Plan ahead so you've ideas for several paintings you'd like to do. Keep them in an ideas file or make keep a separate sketchbook for working out ideas for paintings.

Thanks to all of you for donating your time, talents & supplies to the Memory Box Program. Together we are touching many families lives by sharing our caring spirit with them in the form of a Memory Box. Your efforts are very much appreciated!! *Pat*