



BHADA

Black Hills Area Decorative Artists



Jack's Rambles



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Here's hoping everyone is well and getting their Seminar pieces prepped. I, on the other hand, will be painting 'til midnight on Thursday. :-)
I have been going over your text and email responses and it looks like Lizbeth Stull and Sandy Leflore are the preferences. Lizbeth would be 2025 and I will check with Sandy about 2024. Hope to have more news at Seminar.
Happy Painting! Love ya, Jackie



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September Birthdays:

Connie—9/7

Karol—9/19

Bonnie—9/21

Happy Birthday!





Gorgeous smile on Nelda—the winner of the August door prize painted by Connie.

Memory Boxes generously painted and donated to the BHADA Memory Box program, Well done Club!



VP Joyce selling door prize tickets. Nelda will paint the door prize for the Nov. meeting





President Jackie showed off her raffle gourd— Santa has his eyes on Jackie!

This was a productive period for Club members ~ turning in Bunco prizes and showing all the talents with items finished; way to go members!





More items for Show and Shine and Bunco fun.



And we don't want anyone to go hungry or run out of energy. Dorothy and Joyce did an outstanding job!



Fall is Here!

Bunco;

Please bring your table favors and license plate door prizes to Seminar gathering Members—please remind your family and friends of our Bunco fund-raiser. We would love to get at least 48 players. Let's make this a success.

The price of the lunch is \$7.00 due to increase of meat prices.

Thank you,
Linda K and Nelda

Please bring your table favors for Bunco so we can get backsides stamped — also turn in license plates for the door prizes.

If anyone has pictures of Seminar or other events to offer, please send them to me for newsletter. All would be appreciated. JC



SAVE THE DATE

Black Hills Area Decorative Artists
Annual Artists' Education Fundraiser

Bunco Event Saturday, October 21, 2023

1:00-4:00 PM at the Moose Club

St. Patrick Street, Rapid City, South Dakota

Registration: \$15.00

All prizes are Hand Painted by BHADA members

Raffles, 50/50 \$\$, Silent Auction, Door Prizes for Everyone!!

Call Linda at 605-484-7628 to reserve your spot!

**2023 BHADA OFFICERS: President Jackie;
VP Membership Joyce;
Secretary Bonnie; Treasurer Mary; Newsletter Jo Ann**

August Meeting:

Members of Black Hills Area Decorative Artists met Aug. 19, 2023 at Terra Sancta. President Jackie H called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. with 13 members and 1 guest present. The first order of business was a call for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter. Motion was made by Linda H and seconded by Luann B. Motion was approved. Next was the financial report presented by Treasurer Mary Z. Report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Spring Retreat. Pres. Jackie H again reviewed the possibility of having our retreat in White-wood. She also volunteered to head this committee. Diane and Sally also volunteered to help. Motel rates are about \$55 a night. More details to come!

Fall Seminar: Deadline for registration is over. Janae H. reported 22 have signed up and only 9 rooms booked. This will mean we need to pay some rent for the classroom. Meals are fine.

Hospitality: Treats were furnished by Dorothy and Joyce. In September, everyone brings treats for the weekend.

Monthly Programs: Today Deb C will present the 'ghostly' program.

Membership: A former member registered for seminar and paid dues. It was voted that she would be credited for membership for 2024.

Ways and Means: Linda K reported that raffle tickets are out to be sold. Most table favors and door prizes are back. She reminds us to remind friends to make their registration ASAP. The lunch this year will be \$7 due to price increases for meat. Please be working on your door prizes.

Holiday Exchange: Nelda passed out round ornaments for the Christmas exchange. These may be painted with any subject and theme and exchanged at the Dec. meeting.

Unfinished Business: President Jackie asked for responses to her 'homework' assignment for members to contact possible teachers for a 2024 seminar teacher. Several teachers had been contacted. Many are doing only online classes, but several were interested in travel teaching yet. Nelda had several contracts from a few teachers. Nelda reported that the average cost for teaching is \$500-\$650 per day. Now, all we need is a committee chair\committee to take over this event.

New Business: Luann B reported that the UPS stores in Rapid City are discontinuing discounted copy cards. Deb C showed a small, paintable Matte and frame as a possible table favor or exchange.

Share and Shine: Those showing new painted projects were Linda H, Linda K, Luann, Janae, Jackie, Nelda, Sally, Diane and Joyce.

The **Door Prize** donated by Connie was won by Nelda, who will paint the prize for October. The President then adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m. so we could paint the project led by Deb.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Ellingsen, Secretary



SHARING MEMORIES



We have all heard about, or maybe have known, a grumpy old man who sat on his porch and hollered at the neighborhood kids, "Get off my lawn!"

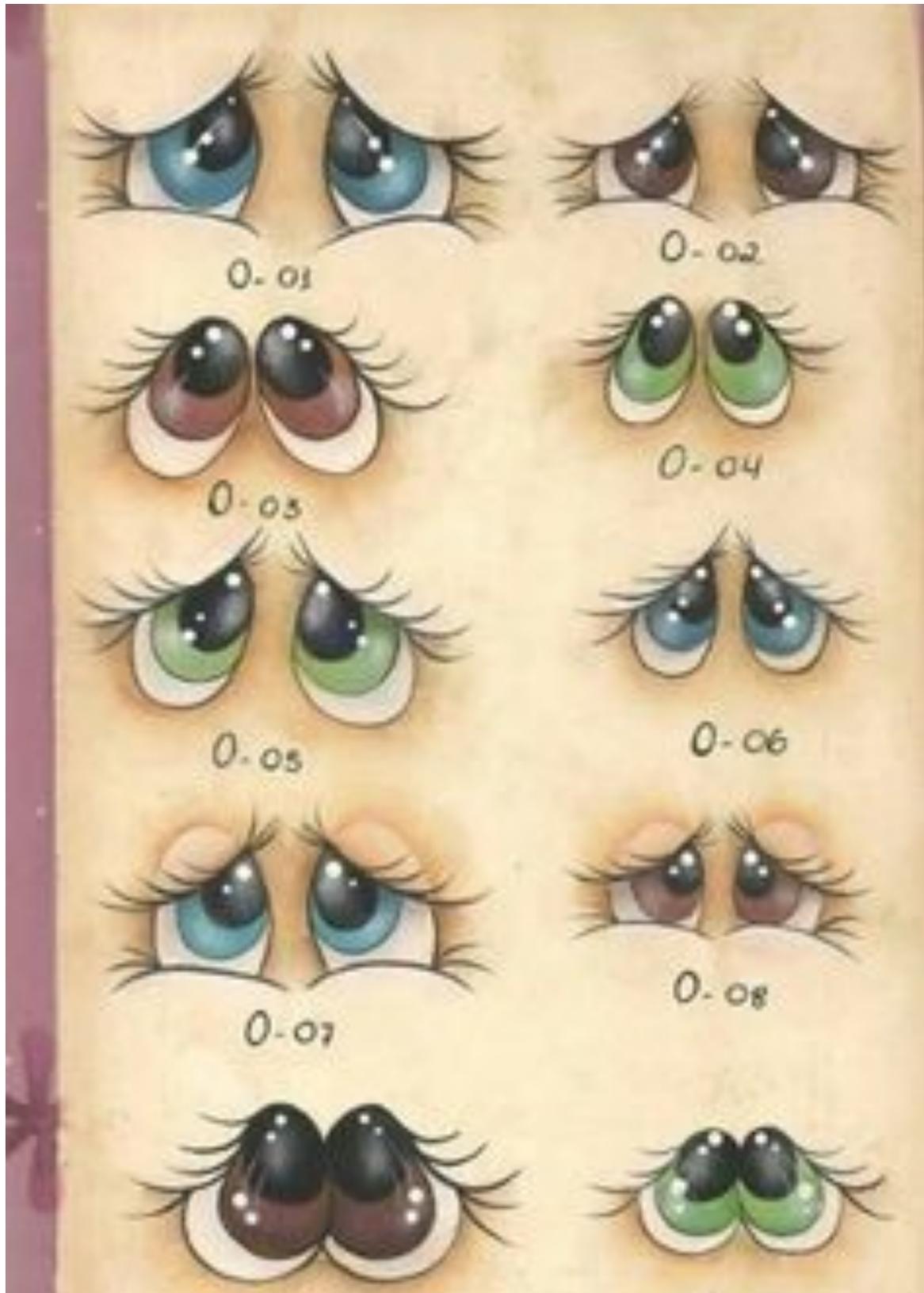
I was the grumpy old woman this week, not about the lawn, but about all the comments on the weather being so hot just when it was time for the kids to return to school. I did not say any of this out loud--I am pretty sure that is a sign of a mental lapse. In my thoughts, I was muttering--"These kids today! When I was in school, no schools were air-conditioned and no one said a word about it. The weather was the weather--why complain about it. You were going to walk in the heat or cold. We were just tougher." Later I realized that when I start a thought with the words "These kids today" or the words "In my day" I qualify for a grumpy old woman label. And speaking of air conditioning, nothing was air-conditioned so I didn't leave an air conditioned house to attend a hot school. When air conditioning did come in, the cafe or motel had a neon sign declaring "It's cool inside". I don't see those signs anymore on newer businesses. So, my mental apologies to the students in stifling schools. May this be the worst suffering you will have to endure.

Hot schools don't even register on the scale of suffering that our memory box families are experiencing. Their hearts are broken, their moods are dark, their faith and hope are threatened. The questions of 'how' and 'why' swirl in their minds. Will they ever feel happy again, they wonder. When a BHADA memory box is presented to them they will not instantly go from grief to gladness, but they will smile. They might not have realized that they had a smile left in them. But they do and there will be more in time. Let your heart be warmed knowing you have started them on the road to better days.



MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

A few eyes to spawn ideas and practice for use in all seasons.



BHADA Committee Chairs 2023

Memory Box Program – Bonnie and Mary
 Membership - Joyce
 Hospitality – Deb
 Monthly Programs – Betty
 Ways & Means – Linda K, & Nelda
 Fall Seminar – Luann & Janae & Diane
 Spring Retreat 2023 – Bonnie & Deb & Diane
 Webmaster & Facebook – Jo Ann
 Holiday Exchange – Nelda
 Newsletter – Jo Ann
 By-Laws—Jackie
 Sharing Memories—Mary



Monthly Programs For 2023

January 21	Bonnie E. Vet ornaments
February 18	Linda & Sally
March 18	Egg Exchange Jackie
April 14, 15, 16	Spring Retreat
May 20	Diane
June 17	Betty
August 19	Deb
September 15-17	Fall Seminar {Shara Reiner}
October 21	Bunco Party
November 18	Jo Ann
December 17	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats

HOSPITALITY LIST 2023

January 21	Janae & Luann
February 18	Connie & Deb
March 18	Sally & Diane
April 14, 15, 16	Everyone Brings Treats
May 20	Mary & Karol
June 17	Betty & Rita
August 19	Dorothy & Joyce
September 15, 16, 17	Everyone Brings Treats
October 21	Everyone Brings Cookies
November 18	Linda H. & Diane & Sally
December 17	Christmas Exchange-- Everyone bring Treats Installation of officers

The year is almost over. Time to be thinking about which committee or task to chair for 2024. Put your thinking caps on and your hearts to glowing with the anticipation of the new year to come.

