



## January Newsletter

happy new year

# 2023

Our next meeting is scheduled for **February 5, 2023**  
**Doors open at 9:30 AM and painting begins at 10.**



## IS IT SOUP YET???



We had a great Christmas luncheon in December with 25 people in attendance. For February, we will be having two kinds of soups made by Donna Michael and Elaine Walker. The club will be providing crackers and bread.

Members are to bring as follows:

A-H: desserts, (chance to get rid of those leftover Christmas cookies in the freezer?)

I-O: sides-veggies, fruit, salads

P-Z: morning snacks

We hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. Stay safe & healthy!

Vickie Kennedy, Hospitality Chair, 724-831-8624, [vickie.ann.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:vickie.ann.kennedy@gmail.com))

## *From the President's Desk*

I don't know about you, but I can't believe that it's the end of 2022 already!!!! There is so much that I haven't got done that I wanted to get done. But instead of looking on that side of things, let's look on the up side! Look at everything that we were able to do this year at club. The painting together in classes, the friendships (old and new), the good food, raffle prizes, baskets, the fun times at retreat— I could go on & on. I hope you are as excited as I am and are looking forward to next year's retreat! If you have never gone, you are missing out on a wonderful, fun time. If you have gone before you will definitely want to not only go again, but to invite others to go also—and go for the extra days, too. I will be there for the whole time. "THANK YOU" to my fellow officers, volunteers & members for everything you have done for our club this year, and I thank you for everything you will be doing to help our club next year. Together we can continue to keep our club growing stronger.



Always read the wonderful newsletter that Dot puts together. It's full of news. Don't forget to let Carol & Donna know what month you would like to teach/demo next year. You can do it- it's fun. If you get snowed in this winter... keep painting, If you are wondering what to do...get painting, if you need some encouragement call me & I'll tell you to "keep painting" HAHA

See you in the new year.

The next Board meetings are January 14 and March 12 at 10am- 11:30am at Panera's in Butler.

Your President, Linda Lineman 814-671-6502 [lpmchina@gmail.com](mailto:lpmchina@gmail.com)



## *Program- Service Project*

Carol and I would like to thank all of our December MITI teachers for their terrific projects—Janine, Linda, Mary Jane, Carol, Elaine, and Fran. Thanks to all who painted in December, too.

At our February 5 meeting, we will be painting toiletry bags for VOICe. I will have the bags, cardboard, and loads of patterns that have been donated. Fran will bring the paint.

If you have anything you would like to donate to put in the bags, we will deliver the bags and those items the end of June. The painted bags are not due until the June meeting. I know a lot like to take them home and work on them. In January, we will be taking the items we have been given to the Voice cupboard.

We will be working on the class schedule for the remainder of the year and would like to hear from any of you who would be willing to teach.

Please feel free to contact me (724-353-3023 or [dcm2@zoominternet.net](mailto:dcm2@zoominternet.net)) to volunteer. I would love to hear from you. I will also have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting, so please come prepared to sign up!. We look forward to seeing you in February!

Donna Michael and Carol Sexton, Program Co-Chairs  
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# Membership

## Dues are Due AND Get a Free Class Too!!!

Membership dues are due in February. They are still \$15 for the year, and this year we are offering a bonus for paying on time. You will receive a coupon for a free class to be redeemed between June and October 2023, if your dues are paid by the deadline of February 28, 2023.

Dues for this year can be paid at the February meeting or sent to me.

Viki Sherman Membership Chair,  
[vsherman@zoominternet.net](mailto:vsherman@zoominternet.net)

# Nominations/Election/Parliamentarian

Officers for 2023 Elected Officers elected at the December meeting:

President – Linda Lineman

1st Vice Presidents & Program Chairs – Donna Michael & Carol Sexton

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Membership Chair – Viki Sherman (until someone steps up to take her place)

Treasurer – Barb Leffler

Recording Secretary – Fran Deah

Seminar Chair – Stephanie Perne

Newsletter – Dot Hoffman

Ways & Means – Wendy Cornman

Corresponding Secretary – Cathy McKain



# Retreat



Our 26th annual retreat, *Under the Sea*, is set for April 28-30, 2023 at the Crestfield Retreat Center. Members and last year's attendees should have their

booklets by now and ought to be picking out classes already. We truly have classes for everyone – brand new painter, beginner, intermediate, advanced, acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, and colored pencil classes. Our creative teachers will have us painting on everything from paper, wood, canvas, and slate to feathers and cork! You can even come up a few days early and paint on your own in peace and quiet. There are room packages this year to save you some money! Yay! Register early to be sure you get a room!

We already have 2 large items for raffle, but one more would be really nice. We also have a few small items needing to be painted that we hope to have at the February meeting.

We are still really in need of some volunteers for our committees. Come and join the fun!

Mary Jane Griffith and Cindy Lamb, Retreat Co-Chairmen  
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## Service

Thank You to all that participated in the ornament project. Each ornament was more beautiful than the next. Many of the comments that I heard were from people that were in awe of the beautiful painting. The Jean Purvis HC sent us a beautiful letter of thanks. It was addressed to me, but it was a big Thank You to our club. I will bring the letter to the next meeting.

Thank You for your continued generosity.

Blessings,  
Carol and Donna



*Carol Sexton and Donna Michael, Service Chairs*

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## Ways and Means

I would like to thank everyone who generously donated and participated in our Dec. 4th Way and means !

Karen Schnelle was our 50/50 prize winner of 17 dollars.

Item donated	by	winner
Live poinsettia	Charlotte Rankin	Cathy McKain
Needle point stocking	Janine Stiffler	Carol Sexton
Porcelain plate and cup	Linda Lineman	Stephanie Perne
Christmas candle hand sewn mat	Donna Michael	Dot Hoffman
Live poinsettia/soup and mug	Dot Hoffman	Linda Lineman
Tea towel scarves	Wendy Cornman	Cathy McKain
Cozy soup mugs	Wendy Cornman	Janine Stiffler
Lighted Wooden Tree	Wendy Cornman	Barb Leffler



I thank you for the donations. Congratulations to the winners!

I am eager to see what February has to bring. Winter, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, spring- we'll appreciate any theme. Please continue to make our Ways and Means a success and exciting.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Wendy Cornman, Ways and Means Chair, [winburt61@yahoo.com](mailto:winburt61@yahoo.com)

## Basket Luncheon

Many thanks to Mary Jane Griffith and Cindy Lamb for organizing the November Basket Luncheon. It was a big success. Thank you to everyone who painted or crafted for it whether it was a centerpiece, a door prize, a favor, or a basket item for the raffle. Your work was beautiful and very much appreciated by all who were lucky enough to win it.

We had a great turnout for the VOICe tor drive, as well. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

Look in future newsletters for information on the next Basket Luncheon scheduled for November 5, 2023.

## Cheer



### January

Deb Laney  
Viki Sherman  
Jaime Homison  
Vickie Kennedy

### February

January 3  
January 7  
January 10  
January 27

Donna Michel  
Mary Ann Dunbar  
Mary Jane Griffith  
Sandra Protzman-Cook

February 7  
February 18  
February 20  
February 21

Get well wishes go out to Grace Fatchet, Mary Jane Griffith, and Lynn Campbell.

If you know of anyone that would appreciate a card, whether for birthdays, get well, accident, or a word of encouragement, please contact me at 724-287-7910 or at [camckain519@zoominternet.net](mailto:camckain519@zoominternet.net)  
[Cathy McKain, Corresponding Secretary](#)

## Seminars

We are awaiting replies from several popular national teachers for seminars in 2023. If you have any favorites, please let me know!

Stephanie Perne, Seminar Chair  
[stephanieperne@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieperne@gmail.com)



## Points

Anyone who turned in a Points Certificate at the December meeting will get their certificate sometime in January. You can still turn them in at the February meeting.

Marilou Grace, Points Chair

NOTE: THE MEETING DATES ARE A BIT DIFFERENT FOR 2023. THEY WILL BE FEBRUARY 5, MARCH 26, JUNE 4, AUGUST 6, SEPTEMBER 24, AND DECEMBER 10. BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

Check out our web site at [www.townandcountrydecorativepainters.com](http://www.townandcountrydecorativepainters.com)



TCDP President, Linda Lineman, had a wonderful article written about her and her studio in a *Painting World Magazine* article written by Diane Kellogg. Her painting history and discovering porcelain painting makes for a fascinating story. You can read all about her at this link

<https://www.paintingworldmag.com/post/painting-history>

Included in the story are some photographs of Linda's amazing pieces of her studio's historic location in the National Transit Building in Oil City.

Congratulations, Linda, on the article and on your successful career in painting. We are so lucky to have you as part of our club.



## News from Your Webmaster and Newsletter Editor

Don't forget that our web site has all the latest information on meetings, classes, and upcoming events. If you need another copy of the retreat booklet or another registration form, that's where you need to go!

There are still many wonderful classes available online. So many things are available for you to download now including pattern packets (e-packets) and classes. Your favorite teachers may be teaching through a Zoom class or offering classes. An e- packet would be downloaded and printed out at home for use at your convenience. Do yourself a favor and look them up. If you aren't sure where to start, go to YouTube and type in Debbie Cole. She has some very easy to follow videos –free! Chris Haughey has some great new designs at <https://www.cdwood.com>. We'll be having some winter weather where you won't want to be out and about. Why not develop your painting skills and be productive? Previous newsletters have given you specific sites for classes with various teachers, but we can help you find what you need. You can even paint a watercolor class along with Louise Jackson! If you are looking for anything in particular, please let one of us know. If you are on Facebook, I strongly encourage you to join the group CREATIVE INNOVATIONS in PAINTING. They have classes (many free) a few times a week. You can go to <https://www.cdwood.com/collections/free-e-patterns> to see some great free patterns. Now is the time to find a new design you like and paint! You can always paint two and donate one to Ways & Means or the Basket Luncheon!

Thank you to clipart-library.com and creativefabrica.com for the free clip art this month!

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## **TOWN AND COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2022**

**HELD @ Tanglewood Hall, Lyndora PA.**

**CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:35 A.M. ADJOURNED AT: 12:04 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Fran Deah, Barb Leffler, Linda Lineman, Donna Michael, Carol Sexton, Viki Sherman, Dot Hoffman, Wendy Cornman (for Grace Fatchet), Cathy McKain, Vickie Kennedy, Marilou Grace, Janine Stiffler, Mary Jane Griffith, and Cindy Lamb**

**Quorum: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1/5 OF TOTAL MEMBERS – QUORUM PRESENT**

### **2022 ELECTED OFFICERS**

#### **Recording Secretary – Fran Deah**

Fran reported that the minutes for the October 9, 2022 meeting were published in the November newsletter which was posted on the TCDP website. There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were accepted and filed.

#### **Treasurer - Barb Leffler**

Barb reported that we received \$30.00 in dues and paid out \$141.85 as the last expense for the basket luncheon. The basket luncheon income was \$3,854.00, the expenses were \$2,408.14, leaving a profit of \$1,445.86.

#### **President – Linda Lineman**

Linda wanted to welcome back long-time member, Marie Uncapher. Linda thanked the teachers who provided MITI projects for our meeting today. This is our last meeting for 2022. When the new year rolls around don't be afraid to try a new medium. Linda related a story about being in Michael's shopping and came upon someone who had painted before and was wanting to get back into it. Linda happened to have one of our business cards and gave it to her and invited her to come see what we are all about. She hopes we all extend our friendship and love of painting with others. Fran will print more cards and have them available at the February meeting. If anyone ever has a question, please reach out to Linda or another board member.

#### **First Vice-President and Program Chairs – Donna Michael and Carol Sexton**

Donna thanked our MITI teachers today, Janine, Linda, Mary Jane, Carol, Elaine and Fran. Two teachers, Grace and Lynn, were unable to make it today due to illness. February's meeting will be for Service.

#### **Second Vice-President and Membership Chair – Viki Sherman**

Viki stated that we had 24 members attending today and a total of 40 members on our roster. A few members paid their 2023 dues and were given their membership card and a voucher for one free class next year (JUNE, AUGUST, AND OCTOBER MEETINGS ONLY) Voucher must be sent in with their class registration form. The free class was the Board's way of thanking the membership and giving a little back for all their support.

#### **Newsletter – Dot Hoffman**

December 20<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline for committee reports for publication in the newsletter. Since February is our service month and doesn't have projects offered, she hopes to be able to enjoy the holidays and have some extra time to put out the newsletter.

### **Ways and Means – Wendy Cornman**

Wendy thanked all those who brought something today for our raffle. There were quite a few donations. February highlights President's Day and Valentine's Day and March highlights St. Patrick's Day. So you can take your pick - patriotic, love or shamrocks and pots of gold. Wendy will accept it all. It would be nice to give her a heads up if you are bringing something, so she knows in advance she will have items to raffle.

### **Corresponding Secretary - Cathy McKain**

Cathy sent a card to Carol for her December birthday and cards will be going out to Deb Laney, Viki Sherman, Jamie Homison and Vickie Kennedy in January. Get well cards will be sent to Lynn Campbell and Grace Fatchet.

## **2022 APPOINTED OFFICERS**

### **Hospitality – Vickie Kennedy**

Vickie had 25 people sign up for today's Holiday Luncheon. February will feature soups. Donna Michael and Elaine Walker volunteered to bring a crock pot of soup.

### **Service – Carol Sexton and Donna Michael**

Carol thanked everyone for all their donations that she dropped off at VOICe. The cupboard is now closed and items will not be able to be dropped off until January. She will send a picture to Dot of the tree decorated with all of our hand painted ornaments that was donated to the "Signature Sensations" fundraiser for the Jean B. Purvis Community Health Center, so that it can be included in our newsletter. She will have the bags and patterns at our February meeting.

### **Point System Chair – Marilou Grace**

The yearly point sheets can be turned in now, and quite a few have been. The deadline will be by or at the February meeting.

### **Nominations Chair (non-voting) – Janine Stiffler**

Linda read proposed slate of officers: Linda Lineman- President, Seminar Chair – Stephanie Perne, First Vice-Presidents and Program Chairs – Donna Michael and Carol Sexton, Second Vice - President and Membership Chair – Viki Sherman (Viki will fill in until someone steps forward to fill this post), Recording Secretary – Fran Deah, Treasurer – Barb Leffler, Newsletter – Dot Hoffman, Ways and Means – Wendy Cornman, Corresponding Secretary – Cathy McKain.

**Elaine Walker made a motion to accept the slate of officers as read, Carol Sexton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, the motion passed. The officers will be inducted at our February meeting.**

### **Retreat – Mary Jane Griffith and Cindy Lamb**

"Under the Sea" A sign up sheet is on the registration table to sign up for a number of positions for the retreat. It takes a lot of people helping out in some way to make retreat enjoyable for all. Dot handed out the booklets to all in attendance and the rest she will mail. NEEDED: large painted items for the Large Raffle, Volunteers to paint other surfaces (stars and mermaids) for class boards, etc.

### **Basket Luncheon – Mary Jane and Cindy Lamb**

20 baskets were donated. It was a learning experience, but the end result was very similar to last year's profit.

Fran noted we need to ask Tanglewood if there is a sound system. Karen Schnelle noted that we need more member support in attendance, baskets, and painting.

**Respectfully submitted by Fran Deah, Recording Secretary**