



JULY NEWSLETTER

Our next meeting is scheduled for
August 2, 2020

Doors open at 9:30, painting begins at 10:00.

We are planning a picnic potluck in August.
Bring your own sandwich, if you'd like.
We will add the following:



A-M – Please bring a side salad, such as cole slaw,
macaroni/potato/pasta salad, Jello salad, etc.
N-Z – Please bring desserts or snacks for the morning

Karen Yetter, Hospitality Chair

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The long months staying at home have allowed me to pull out some of those projects I just never got around to doing. One was a colored pencil project called "Monarch Migration" by Tina Sue Norris. It had eleven monarch butterflies on it, those dots on the wings drove me crazy! (Crazy times 11)....but it turned out beautiful, lucky I had all that extra time to devote to it. Painting on your own is great, but there is nothing like having a teacher around for answers to any questions on a project. I am looking forward to our seminar and the August meeting. I hope to see you there....don't forget your mask!

Fran Deah, President for now, fdeah@msn.com



PROGRAM

We have two wonderful projects scheduled for our August 2 meeting to help us get back in the groove of painting with our friends. The registration form can be found on the last page of this newsletter and on our web site. Please register by July 25.

Elaine's class: "Nest Egg" - Acrylic
- \$25.00 Surface is a medium canvas storage pouch with zipper
Approximate size: 12" x 7"
Supplies: Fabric brushes and blending medium if you use it.

Viki's class: "Whale's Tale Lighthouse" - Acrylic - \$15.00
Surface: Wood Regular Painting Supplies



If all goes well, Grace Fatchet will teach us Trees on a Pillowcase in October and Molly McKay will teach us a Snowman on a Double Coffee Pot. Of course, we always look forward to Make-It Take-Its in December.

Linda Lineman, 2020 1st VP, Program, lpmchina@gmail.com 814-671-6502

Check out our web site at www.townandcountrydecorativepainters.com



RETREAT 2020

Retreat was cancelled but we are still keeping the theme for next year's retreat or if we choose later in the year. Fran has sent back the money to those who have paid. Looking forward to getting together to paint.

Rosie Fallecker rosief5@yahoo.com and Fran Deah fdeah@msn.com, 2020 Retreat Chairs



PLEASE NOTE: You must wear a mask and practice social distancing at the meeting. If you are unable to wear a mask for that length of time, we respectfully ask you to wait until meetings are back to normal. We have members with medical issues that could put them at risk if we do not all practice safety measures. Thank you for your understanding.

**Show the Love.
Cover up for safety.**

MEMBERSHIP

There are currently 58 paid members.

Please send your membership dues to Viki or see her at the August meeting.

Viki Sherman
2020 Membership Chair, vsherman@zoominternet.net



WAYS AND MEANS

I am so thankful for our generous and talented members. If you have any time to paint an item to donate to Ways and Means, please bring it to the next meeting. It can be any theme.

Grace Fatchet, Ways & Means Chair gracefatchet@yahoo.com



SERVICE

We would appreciate it if you could bring the bag or bags that you painted for VOICe to the August meeting.

I like to photograph each one before we deliver. They are all so cute and very much appreciated.

They say the rate of domestic violence has increased during this quarantine. But our club will have a very nice donation for them.

In case anyone does not know, I pack all the donations and bags in shipping boxes. Each one has in large print, "Donated by Town and Country Decorative Painters." Donna and I are going to deliver the bags and all the toiletries we have collected at the very first chance we can. I am hoping for the end of June, if we are allowed at that time.

We were also given some cash that we will use to buy more toiletries to add to those that have already been donated.

Thank You for the work you put into the bags and for the generous donations of things to go in the bags.

Carol Sexton and Donna Michael, Service Chairs casexton@zoominternet.net

POINTS CHAIR

All points sheets that had been submitted by Feb. 1, 2020 were issued certificates and mailed to the appropriate members. There is a total of \$313.25 in credits that will be available to those members for use through Feb. 2022. This represents an increase of 12% over last year.



BASKET LUNCHEON

Vickie Kennedy has graciously volunteered to take care of the door prizes for basket luncheon. Instead of going stir crazy while you're quarantined, how about grabbing up your brushes and painting a few door prizes?! You can bring them to a meeting (whenever that might be) and give them to Vickie. Thank you, Vickie, for stepping up!

TOWN AND COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON JUNE 7, 2020 WAS CANCELED, SO THERE ARE NO MINUTES.



OFFICERS



We Still Need YOU!!! We have two open offices to fill!!! We need a **President & a Recording Secretary**. Fran and Marilou are continuing to do these jobs, but their terms in office are over. Please contact Fran, (412)- 491-9978, if you are able to contribute to your club.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

	<u>July</u>		<u>August</u>	
Carol Hill	July 15	Carol Fair	August 4	
Michelle Alesi	July 20	Jennifer Calvin	August 9	
		Geraldine Priester	August 11	
		Karen Yetter	August 15	
		Val Vandenberghe	August 20	
		Lynn Campbell	August 25	

I sent a Thinking of You card to Linda Lineman for some issues she is dealing with and sent birthday cards to those who had recent birthdays. If you know of anyone that would appreciate a card, whether for birthdays, get well, or a word of encouragement, please contact Cathy McKain at 724-287-7910 or at camckain519@zoominternet.net

2020 - SEMINAR

The Carol Hoffman seminar is Scheduled at the Butler Hampton Inn on Saturday July 18,2020 and Sunday July 19,2020. We have ten students attending on Saturday, and eleven students attending on Sunday. Painting begins at 9:30 am each morning in the Horizon Room located on the first floor near the hotel check in desk of the Hampton Inn. A more detailed email will be sent to those attending the seminar from Wendy Cornman (seminar chair).

NOTES FROM YOUR WEBMASTER & EDITOR

www.townandcountrydecorativepainters.com

Don't forget to check out the tab on our website called Check It Out. Painting World Magazine has featured some of our own members with their exciting projects. It's one of the few decorative painting magazines that you can still subscribe to. This month's free design is a seahorse cut out with a beach scene and lighthouse, designed by our own Linda Lineman! You can find it at <https://www.paintingworldmag.com/post/giddy-up-all-the-way-to-the-beach>.

Check the web site for information you need about the status of upcoming meetings, seminars, luncheons, classes and other club activities on the web site.



Stephanie Perne
Webmaster 2020
stephanieperne@gmail.com

Check out some online videos for classes and projects while you are social distancing. During the pandemic, teachers found that offering online classes and tutorials was easy for them and appreciated by us students. So why not look for some classes that you can do while in the comfort of your own home? I put these in the last newsletter, but they still are available.

Are you getting a little bit of cabin fever? Looking for something different to do? Would you like to practice your painting or learn some new techniques from the comfort of your home? Many of our favorite artists are offering free classes online during the pandemic!

- Louise Jackson teaches some free projects online including this one on painting tulips in watercolor. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KV7mqQLKtt4> She also has one on painting waterdrops in watercolor and blending with watercolor.
- Lydiasteeves.com has Lydia sharing some free colored pencil classes, including this one on basics for colored pencils at <https://tinyurl.com/y9n75e6w> . She has one on Beginner Basics 2 and others.
- Debbie Cole is sharing free classes on YouTube. Just go to [YouTube.com/c/DebbieColeDesigns](https://www.youtube.com/c/DebbieColeDesigns). Here's a link to one she did on painting realistic water drops in acrylics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4O2EB6XuaGs> She has a video on painting birch trees, on floating techniques, and painting realistic fur.
- Do you like gnomes? See Sandy LeFlore demonstrate painting her design in this free tutorial at <https://tinyurl.com/yd4vqtf>
- Here's a great free tutorial on upcycling old silver plated pieces.
- Just go to YouTube.com, type in decorative painting in the search box, and see what you find. Or type in the medium you want- acrylic, colored pencil, etc.
- Many teachers sell e-packets. These are pattern packets that you purchase and download to your own computer. You can then print them out and start painting! Some of the e-packets include access to videos, just like being in class with the teacher.
- Some teachers offer online classes that you can purchase, too.

Remember that when you watch the videos online, you can pause them at any time. Watch the teacher demonstrate, pause, do the steps yourself, restart.

Thanks to dailyarthub.com and clipart-library.com for their free clip art this month.

...Dot Hoffman, Editor 2020 tolebrush@aol.com

Town and Country Decorative Painters

August 2, 2020 Meeting at Tanglewood Center

Our August meeting will feature projects taught by Elaine Walker (“Nest Egg”) and Viki Sherman (“Whale’s Tale Lighthouse”). Classes are limited to the number of surfaces available. Sign up early to reserve your class. Remember you are not registered for class until Fran has received your registration and payment.

**Checks should be made payable to TCDP.
Deadline to register: Saturday July 25, 2020**

If you have any questions, please contact Fran Deah
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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please register me for: _____ “Bird’s Nest” taught by Elaine Walker Cost: \$25.00
_____ “Whale’s Tale” taught by Viki Sherman Cost: \$15.00

Mail to: Fran Deah, 2284 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101.