



March Newsletter

Next meeting
March 29, 2020

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



Thanks to Carol Sexton, Linda Lineman, and Elaine Walker for the great casseroles at the February meeting. In March, we will be having sandwich trays featuring sliders with meat and cheese. The cost will be \$2 per slider. Because we have to order them, I will need the names of everyone attending, so please contact me by email or phone. The board will supply the tossed salad and fixings. My email is yetter@consolidated.net or my phone number is 724-352-4597.

Karen Yetter, Hospitality Chair



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

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From the President's Desk



My brain knows it's cold outside, but sitting here and looking out at the bright sunshine I could almost think its April! And, since I have April on my mind, please remember to mark your calendars for March 29th. That is when we are having our April meeting due to scheduling problems. Hope to see you there!

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

Program



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I am working on the schedule for 2020 classes. Keep watch for them in upcoming newsletters & at the meetings. Contact me if you have a project you would like to share with us.

Upcoming classes include: June 7: Marilou Grace (acrylic) & Janine Stiffler
August 2: Elaine Walker (small canvas tote) "Nest Egg" & Viki Sherman "Lighthouse"
Oct 4: Grace Fatchet "Trees on Pillowcase" & Molly McKay "Snowman on Double Coffee Pot"
December 13: Make It Take Its

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

Officers

Officially the elections are over for this year.....**However**....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 or me if you would help us in either of these positions. Thank you to those that have stepped up for the club & are holding offices.

Linda Lineman, Nominating Chair, lpmchina@gmail.com 814-671-6502



Retreat 2020- April 24-26

Our mini retreat, "A Painting Fiesta," will be held April 24, 25, 26, 2020 at the Days Inn in Butler. We hope you have marked these dates on your calendars. If you did not get yours then, it was mailed to you. The retreat booklet is also available at our web site www.townandcountrydecorativepainters.com

on the Retreat tab. Just a reminder to get your registration in as soon as possible, so you will get your class choices.

You must make your own reservations if you are staying at the Days Inn. It does not have an elevator, so request a first floor room when you make your reservation if you can't do steps well. Thank you!

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

Membership

We had 21 members and 6 guests at the February meeting. There are currently 58 paid members. Our guests were Sue Hodak, Michaela Reamer, Kim Reamer, Bethany Nichols and Diane Sneeringer, all guests of Carol Sexton, and Rhonda Swanson who was a guest of Fran Deah. Rhonda becomes our newest member! Please welcome her when you see her.



If you haven't paid your dues, you missed the deadline. Dues is now \$20 for the year. Please send it in to Viki or see her at the March 29 meeting.

Viki Sherman
2020 Membership Chair, vsherman@zoominternet.net

Thanks

Service

In February, we painted bags for VOICE. Thank you to all of our generoud painters. If you took any bags home, please bring them to the March 29 meeting or the Retreat.

Our final collection will be at the June meeting, so the bags will not be due until then, although you can turn them in at the March 29 meeting or retreat.

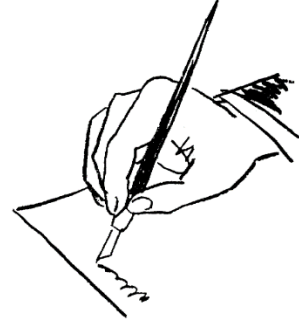
This has been a wonderful year for TCDP Service. You all deserve a huge hug. Thank you everyone!

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

Ways and Means

I was sorry I had to miss the February meeting. If you brought something to donate, please bring it to the March meeting. We would also really like other donations following a spring theme. I am so thankful for our generous and talented members.

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



Happy. Happy Birthday!

Upcoming birthdays...

March		April	
Sandy Cavalier	March 1	Eileen Bogacz	April 11
Maria Stewart	March 4	Elaine Walker	April 11
		Cathy McKain	April 16
		Dot Hoffman	April 23
		Gwen McDaniel	April 27
		Regina Zajac	April 28

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



TCDP will be hosting Carol K. Hoffman, CDA, BFA on July 18 and 19, 2020 at the Hampton Inn Community Room in Butler. On Saturday the 18th, Carol will be teaching "Turtles Marsh Reflection" in acrylics on a 14" x 18" canvas, with French mat included. On

Sunday the 19th, she will be presenting "White Pitcher and Lily" in water based oils. The size of this surface will be determined by Carol.

Painting will begin at 9:30. The class fee for each day is \$50. There is a \$10 discount if a student signs up for both days, which makes the cost of two days of instruction only \$90.

The registration form will be found on the TCDP web site under the Seminar tab and at the end of this newsletter.

2020 Seminar continued...

Lunch for both days is on your own with many restaurants nearby. If you wish to stay overnight at the Hampton, when you make your reservation with them, please let them know you are with the TCDP group in the Community Room to get a discounted rate. A block of ten rooms has been reserved for us. The last date to register with the discounted rate with TCDP is Friday, June 12, 2020. The hotel phone number is 724-431-2400.

In order to be fair to Seminar Teachers, there will be no refunds. Any student canceling will be provided with a pattern and surface.

For any questions, please contact Wendy Cornman, Seminar Chair 2019, winburt61@yahoo.com

2021- BIC Brush

Talks are in the works to have Mark Menendez come and teach in 2021. Although he teaches in oil, acrylic, or watercolor, he is best known for his colored pencil classes. Projects and dates are being considered. Check him out at <https://www.menendezartstudio.com>.

We are open for suggestions for the location of this seminar. The Hampton can only accommodate twenty painters. Tanglewood has been suggested, however, it may not be available. It would be nice to have a location with some flexibility, a larger room, and nearby lodging. Please let me know if you are aware of a community center, fire hall, church recreation room, or other possible venue. I thank you!

Wendy Cornman, Seminar Chair 2019, winburt61@yahoo.com

Notes from your Webmaster & Editor



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Don't forget to check out the t tab on our website called Check It Out. There have been great articles from two of our favorite artists- Linda Lineman and Viki Sherman. Diane Kellogg's blog is fun to read and often has free patterns. Click on All Posts and you'll be able to keep up to date with new products and designers. The most recent blog is about painting on fabric. They have an ongoing Wearable Art Contest, too. Go and see what else is new. What are you waiting for? [Check It Out!!](#)

Don't forget that you can find all the information you need about meetings, retreat, seminars, luncheons, classes and other club activities on the web site. It is the best way to see the retreat, meeting, and seminar projects, and you can even print out the registration forms you need for classes.



Stephanie Perne
Webmaster 2020
stephanieperne@gmail.com



Thanks to clipart-library.com for their free clip art this month. If you are looking for free clipart for your projects, check them out. You just need to acknowledge them on your web site. Not all “free” clip art is free. Be sure to go to the source. Don’t take Pinterest’s word on it. Royalty free is not the same as free. I know I say this all the time, but it’s important!
I hope to see you soon!

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

TOWN AND COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES HELD @ Tanglewood Hall, Lyndora, PA

DATE: Feb. 2, 2020

CALLED TO ORDER: 11:30 AM

ADJOURNED: 12:05 PM

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Frank Deah, Marilou Grace, Karen Schnelle, Linda Lineman, Viki Sherman, Karen Yetter, Elaine Walker, Carol Sexton, Donna Michael, Carol Hill, Rosie Fallecker and Jennifer Calvin.

QUORUM: Board – 3 voting members

Membership – 1/5 of total members

2020 ELECTED OFFICERS:

Recording Secretary, Marilou Grace advised minutes of last meeting on Dec. 8, 2019 were printed in the newsletter. There were no changes or corrections so they were accepted as published.

Treasurer, Karen Schnelle read the Treasurer’s report from Jan. 1, 2020 to Feb. 2, 2020 and presented a copy of the approved Budget for 2020. An audit of the treasurer’s books has been completed by a Board member and will now be audited by Carol Fair.

President, Fran Deah read a Thank You note from Beth Colon, Eileen Hildenbrand’s sister. She explained to the new members Ellen’s legacy. She then read the names of the 2020 appointed officers which were the same as 2019.

President-elect and Seminar Chair, Wendy Cornman was absent but sent pictures of the Carol Hoffman seminar in July along with registration forms. There were also pictures of future teacher’s projects.

First Vice-President and Program Chair, Linda Lineman announced teachers for the following months: March – Carol Sexton and Donna Michael, June – Janine Stiffler and Marilou Grace, August – Elaine Walker and Viki Sherman, October – Grace Fatchet and Mollie McKay. So far she has 6 projects for the December Make-It, Take-It meeting.

Second Vice-President and Membership Chair, Viki Sherman reported we have 27 present today. There are currently 58 paid members. New member is Rhonda Swanson and there were 5 guests painting today. They are Sue Hodak, Michaela Reamer, Kim Reamer, Bethany Nichols and Diane Sneeringer.

Newsletter, Dot Hoffman asked that reports be submitted to her by Feb. 20 so the newsletter may go out in a timely manner.

Ways and Means, Grace Fatchet was absent due to the weather so there was no Ways and Means table.

Corresponding Secretary, Cathy McKain, no report.

2020 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Webmaster, Stephanie Perne had no report. Fran gave website address for new members.

Parliamentarian (non-voting) Dot Hoffman, no report.

Hospitality, Karen Yetter thanked Linda Lineman, Elaine Walker and Carol Sexton for the casseroles provided for today's lunch. Since today is TCDP Founder's anniversary a decorated cake was provided by the Board. Viki Sherman and Mary Ann Dunlap are the two remaining members of that group started in 1989.

Service, Carol Sexton and Donna Michael, co-chairs thanked all who participated in painting bags for VOICE as our service project for February. She had a sign-up sheet for those who took bags home to paint and requested that they be returned no later than the June meeting. She asked that anyone who will be buying toiletries for the bags to please buy the full size items.

Point System, Marilou Grace advised today was the final day for the submission of completed points sheets from 2019. She gave a one week extension for those who forgot and might want to mail them to her. An explanation of the sheet and calculation of points to cash was given for the new members.

Nominations (non-voting) Linda Lineman and Carol Hill, co-chairs asked for anyone interested in filling an office to get in touch with them.

Retreat, Rosie Fallecker and Fran Deah, co-chairs have 13 registered for Retreat. Anyone requiring a first floor room at the Days Inn must request it as they have no elevator. They are looking for another large raffle item for Retreat.

Retreat Treasurer, (non-voting) Jennifer Calvin and Fran Deah, co-chairs reported on availability of funds.

Basket Luncheon, Lori Schaffner and Viki Sherman, co-chairs stated it will be a Fall theme. More info to follow at a later date.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Respectfully submitted by Marilou Grace, Recording Secretary.

Town & Country Decorative Painters presents a

PAINTING SEMINAR

with

CAROL K. HOFFMAN, CDA, BFA

July 18 and 19, 2020

Hampton Inn Community Room, Butler, PA

Come and paint with nationally recognized teacher Carol Hoffman. On Saturday, July 18, the project will be **"Turtles Marsh Reflections,"** an acrylic painting done on 14" x 18" canvas. A French mat is included.

On Sunday, July 19, Carol will be teaching us **"White Pitcher and Lily"** in water-based oils. The size of this project will be forthcoming. (You use acrylic brushes when working with water-based oils.)



Turtles Marsh Reflections



White Pitcher and Lily

The cost of the seminar is \$50 per day, with a \$10 discount if a student signs up for both days, for a weekend total of just \$90. To register for one or both days, please complete the form below, enclose a **check made out to TCDP**, and send it all to Wendy Cornman.

- Painting will begin at 9:30 AM.
- Lunch for both days is on your own. Many restaurants nearby including fast food, sit down, and delivery (pizza.)
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Registration form for Carol Hoffman Seminar

_____ Saturday, July 18, 2020 only: Turtles Marsh Reflections in acrylics, \$50

_____ Sunday, July 19, 2020 only: White Pitcher and Lily in water-based oils, \$50

_____ Saturday and Sunday classes, \$90

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ Check number _____ Amount _____

Mail your registration to Wendy Cornman, 264 Culberstown Road, New Bethlehem, PA 16242.



*Town and Country
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Calligraphy Seminar*



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- ❖ Be sure to sign up early to reserve your class seat.
- ❖ Remember that you are not considered IN the class until Linda receives your reservation money/check.
- ❖ The class is for right or left handed people!
- ❖ **The deadline to register is Saturday, March 14, 2020.**
- ❖ **Checks should be made payable to TCDP.**
- ❖ Questions? Contact Linda at lpmchina@gmail.com 814-671-6502

I would like to register for:

_____ **Calligraphy Mini Seminar** with Sandra Protzman-Cook
Members: \$13.00 Non-members: \$15.00

Name _____

Phone _____

Address: _____

Check number _____

Mail to: Linda Lineman, 1887 US 62, Oil City, PA 16301 by March 14, 2020.