



# MAY QUARANTINE NEWSLETTER

Next meeting scheduled for  
**June 7, 2020 (or not)**

**Doors open at 9:30, painting begins at 10:00, or not.**



With the uncertainty of our meeting and attendance, we'll be planning more of a potluck in June. 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 salad, Jello salad, etc.
- N-Z – Please bring desserts or snacks for the morning

Karen Yetter, Hospitality Chair

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I know exactly where I was when JFK was shot (7th grade Sister Corda's Room), I remember vividly 9/11 (Wyland Elementary as a paraprofessional - parents coming in frantic to get their children home, not knowing what would be coming next,) but the year 2020 will be forever noted in my mind (non-essential businesses closed, churches locked, schools closed.) BUT, as with all the rest we WILL get through this! We need to be patient, stay informed, and accept changes as they occur. With that in mind, we will hope to be able to assemble again in June to enjoy our love of painting!

Stay safe....stay informed....see you in June.  
Fran Deah, President for now, [fdeah@msn.com](mailto:fdeah@msn.com)



## PROGRAM

*Editor's Note: We don't know yet if we will even be able to consider a meeting in June, since as of this writing, Butler County is still under Phase Red of our mandates for closures, and we will need to be in Phase Green. If we can have a meeting, you will receive an email. If the July seminar is canceled, those who have signed up will be notified. If we are able to hold an August meeting, that information will be in the next newsletter. We really are up in the air about upcoming classes and meetings, but we will do our best to get the word out on what is happening. Check the website! In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.*

**IF** we have a June meeting, it will be a class with Jeanine Stifler. Check the web site for information. It's not up now because... we don't know what's happening.

We have several great classes tentatively scheduled for this year. We are hopeful that we can paint in August with Elaine Walker on a small canvas tote and with Viki Sherman and one of her delightful lighthouses. 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. Let's hope we can paint together again soon.

Linda Lineman, 2020 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Program, [lpmchina@gmail.com](mailto:lpmchina@gmail.com) 814-671-6502

Check the status of meetings, seminars, and all activities at our web site. If unsure if we are having a meeting, please call Fran at 412-491-9978 or Linda at 814-671-6502 before heading out.

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## RETREAT 2020

Retreat was cancelled but we're 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](mailto:rosief5@yahoo.com) and Fran Deah [fdeah@msn.com](mailto:fdeah@msn.com), 2020 Retreat Chairs

## MEMBERSHIP

There are currently 58 paid members.

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 next meeting.

Viki Sherman  
2020 Membership Chair, [vsherman@zoominternet.net](mailto:vsherman@zoominternet.net)



## SERVICE

*We hope that everyone is safe and snug in their homes. Looking forward to seeing everyone when we can meet again.*

*We would appreciate it if you could bring the bag or bags that you painted for VOICe the next time we meet.*

*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 June 25, 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](mailto:casexton@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, please bring it to the next meeting. It can be any theme.



Grace Fatchet, Ways & Means Chair [gracefatchet@yahoo.com](mailto:gracefatchet@yahoo.com)



# FROM YOUR TREASURER

Our taxes have been filed. Woo hoo!

# 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!

# 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 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, [lpchina@gmail.com](mailto:lpchina@gmail.com) 814-671-6502

# UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



May		June	
Sharon Henson	May 3	Cindy Lamb	June 7
Gerry Olinger	May 8	Janine Stiffler	June 28
Stephanie Perne	May 18	Wendy Cornman	June 29
Karen Schnelle	May 20		
Marci Miller	May 23		

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](mailto:camckain519@zoominternet.net)

## 2020 - SEMINAR

The Carol Hoffman seminar scheduled for July 18 and July 19, 2020 is still scheduled as planned. Anyone who sent checks to Wendy, should see them cashed by the club during this month of May. More details about the seminar will be sent to those who have signed up over the next few weeks in their email.

See the last page of the newsletter for more information and to register for this wonderful seminar weekend.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON March 29, 2020 WAS CANCELED, SO THERE ARE NO MINUTES.**

### MANAGING CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) ANXIETY

**For You**

- Avoid excessive exposure to media coverage
- Connect through calls/text/internet
- Add extra time for daily stress relief
- Practice self-care
- Focus on your mental health

**For Kids**

- Reassure them that they're safe
- Let them talk about their worries
- Share your own coping skills
- Limit their news exposure
- Create a routine & structure

**For Quarantine/Isolation**

- Keep in contact with your loved ones via social media, texts, and phone calls
- Create a daily self-care routine
- Keep yourself busy: games, books, movies
- Focus on new relaxation techniques

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# NOTES FROM YOUR WEBMASTER & EDITOR

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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 cute beach tote. You can find it at [https://www.paintingworldmag.com/post/\\_mare](https://www.paintingworldmag.com/post/_mare).

Remember that you can find all the latest information you need about the status of upcoming meetings, seminars, luncheons, classes and other club activities on the web site. It is the best way to see the projects, and you can even print out the registration forms you need for classes. With the uncertainty of our scheduled events, it's the best way to stay in touch.



Stephanie Perne  
Webmaster 2020  
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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=KV7mqQLKt4> 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/yd4vqtfa>
- Just go to YouTube.com, type in decorative painting in the search box, and see what you find.
- 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.

If you are a member of Facebook, consider joining the groups Tole Painters Unite or My Painting Table. You'll find lots of ideas and projects that you can start working on now.

Also, if you are on Facebook, you can join groups that specialize in any medium. Just look up watercolor groups, pastels, colored pencil, etc.

Thanks to [craftbundles.com](http://craftbundles.com) and [clipart-library.com](http://clipart-library.com) for their free clip art this month.

...Dot Hoffman, Editor 2020  
[tolebrush@aol.com](mailto:tolebrush@aol.com)

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 by June 1, 2020.

- 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.)
- 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 if a student cancels. Any student canceling will be provided with a pattern and surface.

**Registration form for Carol Hoffman Seminar, Due June 1, 2020**

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.