



May Newsletter

Our next meeting is scheduled for **June 6, 2021**.
Doors open at 9:30 AM and painting begins at 10.



Thanks to all that brought goodies to the March meeting.
For June we will be having ham BBQs.
Members A-L are asked to bring desserts
M-Z are asked to bring side dishes like potato salad,
pasta salad, tossed salad, baked beans, etc.

Karen Yetter, Hospitality Chair
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From the President's Desk

Spring is coming up all around us! Flowers are bursting out of the ground, and the trees are getting the beautiful chartreuse buds and starting to lose the dull gray look of winter. Robins and birds are singing their welcome to spring. Now is the time to get your camera or phone out and take pictures of all this beauty, and then use those to create your paintings.



Many of us are excitedly looking forward to attending the retreat, *A Painting Fiesta*. We sure hope to see you there.

Our club has need of an individual or a team to step up and take the position of Seminar Chair. We need YOU! Wendy has lots of information and help for you. Please consider helping with this.

Board members, please note that the King's Restaurant in Sarver has closed permanently. For the May 8th board meeting, we will meet at Eat 'n Park in front of the Clearview Mall. We'll meet at the regular time, 10:00-11:30. Hope to see you there. Bring ideas of where to hold our meetings, if you have some.

Until then, keep painting!

Your President, Linda Lineman
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Program June 6, 2021

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Donna Michael & Carol Sexton
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Program Chairs

Membership



We had 20 in attendance at the March 14 meeting. We currently have 52 paid members. We hope to see you soon at the retreat or at the June 6 meeting.

Viki Sherman
Membership Chair, vsherman@zoominternet.net

Retreat 2021



We will have 42 attendees at our retreat at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center in Slippery Rock. Those 42 painters will collectively take one hundred and five classes. Twenty-six of those attending are current members of TCDP. Seven of those 42 will be painters who have not attended our retreat in the last two years. All are looking forward to 3 days of painting fun!!! **Remember to bring your own sheets (twin) and towels.** We are so looking forward to seeing

everyone.

Anyone who has any retreat expenses that they wish to be reimbursed for, please ask Fran for a voucher and turn in your receipts before the end of May, so that the books can be closed and audited.

And lastly, we are looking for a co-chairperson to help Rosie with next year's retreat. If you think you could lend a hand, please let her know!

Rosie Fallecker rosief5@yahoo.com, Retreat Chair
Fran Deah fdeah@msn.com, Retreat Co-Chair

Ways and Means



What a great response we had to our Ways and Means table at the last meeting. Thank you to our generous donators and congratulations to the winners. Viki Sherman donated a paint carrier, apron, canvas bag, and paint brush that was won by Carol Hill. Carol Sexton won the two books donated by Marcie Miller. Grace Fatchet donated a painting that was won by Janine Stiffler. Grace also donated a wallet that Carol Hill won. Deb Laney won the bunny basket donated by Mary Jane Griffith. Mary Lou Grace donated a painted bunny that Barb Leffler won. Kathy Schweikart was the lucky 50/50 winner!

If anyone would like to donate for the June meeting, the theme will be patriotic. So, get out your red, white, and blue paints!

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



PLEASE NOTE: You must wear a mask and practice social distancing at the meetings. 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.

Service Report

Thank you to everyone who has given us your painted bags for VOICe. We will have some available at the retreat, but we would like them all back at the June 6 meeting.

If you would like to donate toiletry items, VOICe will take the regular sized bottles and containers, and the Jean Purvis Health Clinic, Butler's free clinic, would love to have the small travel sized bottles. Bring those in June, as well.



Thank you all again for your kindness and generosity for these very important projects.

Carol Sexton and Donna Michael, Service Chairs
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Basket Luncheon



The Basket Luncheon is back this year! YAY! The theme will be "Time to Gather" and will be held on November 7, 2021 at Tanglewood.

We would appreciate any donation of painted items for the gift bags. Vickie Kennedy has graciously agreed to handle those. Each person who attends receives a gift bag with a donated painted item. Also, a thank you for everyone who took one (or more) centerpieces to paint. Everyone's support, talent, and generosity makes all this possible.

Also, be thinking about donating a basket! You always come up with some wonderfully themed baskets.

Viki Sherman and Karen Yetter, Co-Chairs
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Check out our web site at www.townandcountrydecorativepainters.com

Cheer

March and April birthday cards were sent. 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

Cathy McKain, Corresponding Secretary

Upcoming Birthdays

May

Sharon Henson May 3
Gerry Olinger May 8
Stephanie Perne May 18
Karen Schnell May 20

June

Cindy Lamb June 7
Janine Stiffler June 28
Wendy Cornman June 29



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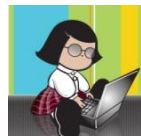
We still have a few spots open for teachers for 2021 membership meetings. We will be hosting Sandy Protzman-Cook on August 1 for the postponed class on Calligraphy. Linda Lineman will be teaching a poinsettia class in October, but we could use another teacher. Make-It Take-Its are scheduled for December. We need six teachers and have only 2-3 signed up. If you'd like to teach in October or December, please contact Donna Michael or Carol Sexton! We'd love to have you. Teaching a MI-TI is a great way to get your feet wet as a teacher.



Notes from Your Webmaster

Check out our web site www.townandcountrydecorativepainters.com for information you need about the status of upcoming meetings, class registration for the upcoming meeting, seminars, information on the Basket Luncheon, classes, and other club activities on the web site. The retreat booklet is up as well, in case you need to access it when you don't have your paper copy!

Stephanie Perne, Webmaster



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News from Your Newsletter Editor



If you have any sort of computer skills, you can take online classes with teachers all over the country. The classes are done through Zoom, which is a free program that you download to your computer or tablet. You can register through the teacher's web site for the class. You will either get a list of needed materials and receive the pattern in an email, or you can sometimes purchase a pattern packet. Note that these classes are not free, but they are great opportunities to paint with some wonderful teachers. You will receive an email either the day before or the day of the class. You just click on the link to the class and you're in! You'll want to turn your microphone off unless you are asking or answering a question. You can adjust your screen to view just the speaker, which would be the teacher.

You can also go to youtube.com and enter the name of a teacher. Many have free videos available demonstrating projects.

There are so many FREE classes available if you are on Facebook. If you aren't interested in being on Facebook for communicating with friends and family, just join for the painting opportunities. Priscilla Hauser, who is one of the ones who built decorative painting into a large following, has recently taught two free classes on painting beautiful roses and leaves. She also has taught a free class on Zhostova painting, a Russian style of painting, and has Part 2 coming up. You can watch the classes live, or you can go back into the files and watch it at your convenience. My favorite Facebook group for these free classes is CREATIVE INNOVATIONS IN PAINTING. You can go to their home page and click on Guides. All of the classes are available for you to watch! The classes and demos run the gamut from painting landscapes, gnomes, flowers, birds, lighthouses, ornaments, pets, and cats' eyes to brush care, sideloading properly, doing lettering, prepping surfaces, developing textures in backgrounds, and using new products. Some of the teachers have been Priscilla Hauser, Louise Jackson, Donna Dewberry, Maureen Baker, Debbie Cole, Lisbeth Stull, Peggy Harris, Sharon Cook, Debbie Mashima, Kathi Henson, Debby Forshey, Tammy Carmody, Kerry Barnes, Marco Aguilar, with representatives from several companies. The Society of Decorative Painters is also offering Zoom seminars with nationally respected teachers. If you have a favorite teacher, check out their web sites. Mark Menendez and Pat Lentine are amazing teachers with colored pencil. To our newer members, check out the names of some of the teachers mentioned above.

Remember that, aside from a live seminar, when you watch the videos online, you can pause them at any time. Watch the teacher demonstrate, pause, do the steps yourself, restart. Some teachers include the video of the class with the purchase of the class!

Bear with Us is retiring and closing shop in July but still have lots of pieces available. They have been a great place to find a lot of our decorative painting supplies. Check out their web site for some items at <https://www.bearwithusinc.com/>

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

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

Editor's Note: Perhaps the new seminar chair could plan a Zoom class with a national teacher? We really need someone to step up and be seminar chair and doing a Zoom class would be easier than finding a venue and dealing with travel.

TOWN AND COUNTRY DECORATIVE PAINTERS GENERAL MEETING

DATE: March 14, 2021

Held at: Tanglewood Center CALLED TO ORDER AT: 11:43 a.m. ADJOURNED: 12:03 p.m.

Board Members attending: Linda Lineman, Barb Leffler, Fran Deah, Carol Sexton, Viki Sherman, Grace Fatchet, Karen Yetter, Marilou Grace, Rosie Fallecker, Jennifer Calvin,

Quorum: Board meeting: 3 voting members

General Membership meeting: 1/5 of total members

-----2021 ELECTED OFFICERS-----

Recording Secretary – Mary Frances Deah

Fran reported that the minutes from the January 7, 2021 meeting were published in the March Newsletter. There were no corrections or additions, the minutes were accepted as published and filed.

Treasurer – Barb Leffler

Barb gave the report for the period of February 6 thru March 13, 2021. We had income of \$15 for membership and \$38.00 from the February meeting ways and means table for a total income of \$53.00. Expenses were \$120.00 for our storage locker at Tanglewood for a 6 month period (Jan thru June, 2021), \$140 for today's rent, \$27.52 for hospitality supplies and \$2.00 for banking fees for a total expense of \$289.52.

President – Linda Lineman

Linda thanked everyone for coming today. She also thanked Carol for bringing the bags and patterns back, so that anyone who wasn't able to attend the February meeting could still take bags to paint.

Seminar Chair –

Linda reported that we still need someone to chair this position. Wendy has loads of information to share on possible teachers and would be available to share her expertise.

First Vice-Presidents and Program Chairs – Donna Michael and Carol Sexton

Carol thanked Linda for teaching her acrylic project "Easter Sunrise" today. Six people signed up for the project. The June meeting will feature two teachers: Jennifer Calvin and Lynn Campbell. The August meeting will feature Master Calligrapher, Sandy Protzman-Cook. If you would like to teach at our October Meeting or have a Make It Take It project to teach at the December Meeting, please contact Carol or Donna.

Second Vice-President and Membership Chair – Viki Sherman

Viki reported that we now have 52 members and that we had 20 members in attendance today.

Newsletter – Dot Hoffman

Barb Leffler reported that Dot would like all the board reports by the 20th for the May newsletter.

Ways and Means – Grace Fatchet

Grace thanked those who donated for our ways and means table today. Viki Sherman donated a tiered paint holder, Marcie Miller donated 2 books, Grace Fatchet donated a Carol Hoffman oil painting, Grace also donated a clutch purse she painted, Mary Jane Griffith donated an adorable Easter Basket filled with goodies, Marilou Grace donated a patio painted bunny statue. If anyone is able to donate items for our June raffle, please let Grace know.

-----2021 APPOINTED OFFICERS-----

Hospitality – Karen Yetter

Karen thanked anyone who donated goodies for hospitality today. Karen is unable to be here for our June meeting, so Carol Sexton and Donna Michael will be filling in for her. The menu will be ham barbeque. Linda Lineman and Debra Laney volunteered to provide their favorite ham barbeque.

Service – Carol Sexton and Donna Michael

Carol thanked all those who either took bags or brought back painted bags for VOICe. She reminded everyone that she would like all the bags back by the June meeting at the latest. She also thanked those who brought any toiletries for the bags.

Point system Chair – Marilou Grace

Marilou report that she only received 9 point sheets. The certificates were mailed out by February 7th. She reminded everyone that the points earned in 2019 were extended to 2022 for use, and that the points earned in 2020 would only expire in 2023.

Nominations Chair (nonvoting) –

Linda asked for volunteers to fill this position.

Retreat– Rosie Fallecker

Rosie reported that we now have 32 people signed up for retreat. The 2-bed rooms are all claimed, but we have quite a few 3-bed rooms available. She reminded everyone who was staying at Crestfield to bring their sheets and towels (pillows and blankets are provided).

Retreat Co-Treasurers (nonvoting) – Jennifer Calvin/Fran Deah

Fran reminded everyone that the deadline to register is March 28, 2021.

Basket Luncheon – Viki Sherman and Karen Yetter

Viki reported that the theme is “A Time to Gather” and that she had centerpieces and needed 17 painters to volunteer to paint them anything “FALL”, but not Halloween! She would like volunteers to sign out the surfaces and return them by the October meeting. Karen and Viki also requested the members to please donate painted surfaces for the door prizes. In 2019, there were 114 attendees, so that is quite a few small painted surfaces needed!

Unfinished business:

None

New Business:

Grace asked that anyone who still wanted raffle tickets to please get them right after the meeting, because she was going to draw the winners in about 10 minutes.

Respectfully submitted by Fran Deah, Recording Secretary

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You will need to send your completed registration with money to Donna Michael by **Friday, May 21, 2021**. We recommend sending your registration as soon as possible, as the teachers need time to get the surfaces and materials prepared. You are not registered for class until Donna receives your registration and check.

_____ **Gnome Uncle Sam**– Lynn Campbell Member \$14 Guest \$16

_____ **Summer Daze Frog**– Jennifer Calvin Member \$12 Guest \$14

Name _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Check number _____

Checks should be made payable to TCDP and sent to

**Donna Michael
109 Stepp Road
Sarver, PA 16055**