



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Our next meeting is scheduled for **December 13, 2020.**
Doors open at 9:30 AM, and painting begins at 10.



Thanks to all who brought snacks to the October meeting, especially Barb Leffler for the Gnocchi soup.

As bad as this year has been, we are going to celebrate Christmas!!! We will be having our free Christmas catered lunch! The menu is ham, chicken breast, cheesy potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, iced tea, and assorted desserts.

If you plan on attending the December meeting, please sign up, by emailing me at, yetter@consolidated.net,

I must have your name by December 1st!! No exceptions!

I will be asking for a few goodies for the morning, if you would like to volunteer to bring something please let me know when you sign up.

Editor's Note: Thanks goes to Karen Yetter for making the stuffed pepper and the broccoli cheese soup for the last meeting. Yum-o.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Painting not only provides me with something to do, but it also provides the company of a great group of kind, sharing, and talented people to talk to and socialize with. We are moms, bakers, chefs, professionals, babysitters, homemakers, and caregivers. We each bring a host of talents to share with others. I'm looking forward to our December meeting, when I hope more of you can attend. We are fortunate that our hall is big enough that we can spread out and still paint together. See you in December!

Fran Deah, President for now, fdeah@msn.com, 412-491-9978

PROGRAM



Thank you to Grace Fatchet & Mollie McKay for teaching at the October meeting. We enjoy your classes & appreciate you both for sharing your talents with us. You both have contributed so much to this club, and it is very much appreciated.

Dec. 13th – Make-It Take-It... We need 4 teachers to teach projects for this year's MITI meeting. Please contact Linda Lineman to sign up. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the December Meeting! Let's finish this year as strong as we can! A big Thank YOU to all teachers that have taught this year. We will also be looking for teachers for our meetings in 2021. Think about it, please.

Please contact me soon to sign up to teach a Make it – Take it class.

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

MEMBERSHIP

We had 18 members present at the October meeting and have 50 paid for 2020. If you are a paid member for 2020, you will be a PAID member for 2021! The board voted to extend the membership dues for another year due to COVID-19. Please check with me to see if you did, indeed, pay for 2020. We have several members who have not yet paid.



Viki Sherman, 2020 Membership Chair, vsherman@zoominternet.net

Retreat 2021



Our upcoming retreat, A Painting Fiesta, will be in April 30 to May 2, 2021. We are excited to be holding it next year at the beautiful campus of the Crestfield Camp and Conference Center in Slippery Rock. Crestfield has a large room for our classes in addition to rooms for people to stay while attending- a true retreat center. Check it out at <http://crestfieldcc.org/>. Revised booklets will be distributed at the December meeting. If you registered for the retreat, you received a refund. You must re-register as class times may have changed.

Rosie Fallecker rosief5@yahoo.com and Fran Deah fdeah@msn.com, 2021 Retreat Chairs



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 and Cover Up for Safety.



SERVICE



Donna and I would like to again thank everyone that painted the bags for Voice and the wonderful donations of toiletries. It is very much appreciated.

Because of Covid, domestic violence cases have increased. Our donations mean a lot.

In February, we are going to paint bags again for VOICe. We will have the bags and paint.

We will also have a bunch of designs that have been collected over time. If you have a design you would like to paint on your bag, we would love for you to do so. We will also have cardboard to put between the layers. We would like to have a deadline of the June meeting to return the bags and any donations you may wish to add. I will collect the items at the March meeting as well as the retreat in April.

Since we are not having our basket luncheon and our December meeting is a week later than usual, it was decided that we would use money from the service balance to purchase toys for the children at VOICe and ask for monetary donations at the December meeting to replenish the service account. Donna and several of the ladies are shopping for toys to be donated to Voice. The plan is to be done shopping by the end of October, so the toys can be delivered in a timely fashion.

*See you all in December,
Carol Sexton and Donna Michael, Service Chairs casexton@zoominternet.net*

WAYS & MEANS



I want to thank everyone who donated to the Ways and Means table. Beautiful projects. I also want to thank those who bought tickets. The proceeds go the club.

Linda Lineman donated a floral porcelain necklace and a jewel dish. They were won by Dot Hoffman. Elaine donated a lily of the valley trinket box and Grace Fatchet won it. Jennifer Calvin painted a Halloween plaque and Fran Deah won it. Mollie McKay donated a metal pumpkin and Jennifer Calvin won it. Grace Fatchet donated a sunflower pillow and Karen Yetter won it. Fran Deah donated a paw plaque and a daisy journal and Jennifer Calvin won it. Barb Leffler donated a sunflower tray and Fran Deah won it. Mollie McKay donated "All Spook Inn" book and Donna Michael won it. Mollie McKay donated "Snow Boy's Winter Joys" book and Barb Leffler won it. Mollie McKay donated "Everyday Blessings" book and Linda Lineman won it.

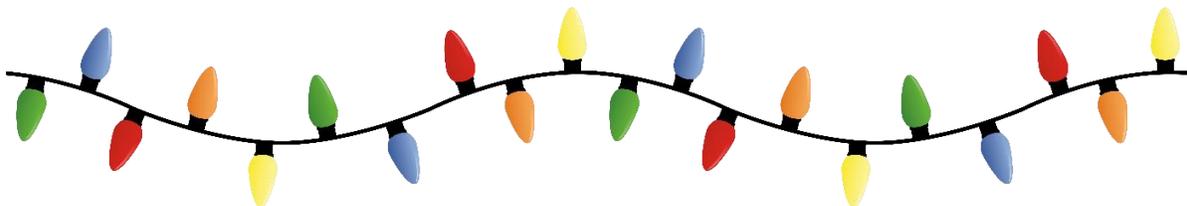
Grace Fatchet won the 50/50.

We need volunteers to paint for the December meeting. So far, Carol Sexton and Elaine Walker have volunteered. If you are bringing anything, please let me know.

Linda Lineman painted a beautiful side table for the big raffle. Unfortunately, we will not have a big raffle this year because of the virus. Keep your eyes open for it next year.

The last newsletter omitted the names of some of those who donated items for our raffle. Thank you to Wendy Cornman, Janine Stiffler, and whomever else we forgot to mention. Your generous donations make our meetings fun!

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





NOMINATIONS



Slate of Officers for 2020

The beginning of our October meeting found us worried about open offices that we had. I told everyone the following *“Unfortunately, I have to stress that our club has a serious problem. When we have elections, the offices are to be for 1 yr. Some of our members have gone above & beyond and held their office for many years. This year we have been working with 2 offices not filled, President and Recording Secretary. Due to many issues, we now have 4 offices, Pres., Recording Secretary, Seminar Chair & Treasurer that need to be filled. PLEASE consider stepping up and taking an office. People will help you. Maybe talk a friend into doing it with you. If we want this club to continue...to be able to join together...for fun...painting...learning...gifts...laughter, & great food....we NEED YOU!!”* I am delighted to let everyone know that members spoke up, stepped up & accepted 3 of the 4 offices. Our slate of officers is:

Elected Officers

President:	Linda Lineman
1st VP, Program:	Donna Michaels & Carol Sexton
2nd VP, Membership:	Viki Sherman
Seminar: (Wendy Cornman)	not filled
Recording Secretary:	Fran Deah
Treasurer:	Barb Leffler
Corresponding Secretary:	Cathy McKain
Ways & Means:	Grace Fatchet
Newsletter Editor:	Dot Hoffman

The following have agreed to accept positions as **Appointed Officers**:

Basket Luncheon: Lori Schaffner & Viki Sherman Co Chairmen

Points: Marilou Grace

Retreat 2021 Rosie Fallecker & Fran Deah

Service: Donna Michaels & Carol Sexton

Webmaster: Stephanie Perne

Parliamentarian (Non-voting): Dot Hoffman

Retreat Treasurer (Non-voting): Fran Deah & Jennifer Calvin

Hospitality: Karen Yetter

Nominations (Non-voting): Linda Lineman & Carol Hill

The slate was presented at the October meeting and published in this newsletter per our bylaws. Nomination will be taken from the floor at the December 13 meeting for any and all positions, and elections will be held. Please consider taking the position of Seminar Chair, perhaps sharing it with a friend. We need to have a national teacher come in for a seminar to fulfill Ellen Hildenbrand’s wishes. You can be part of it!

Linda Lineman, Nominating Chair

Check out our web site at www.townandcountrydecorativepainters.com

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to our November/December ladies.

Dawn Vitale	December 6
Carol Sexton	December 18
Andrea Kuhn	December 29

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



BASKET LUNCHEON

The theme for the 2021 basket luncheon will be "Time to Gather." We will be looking for door prizes, so if you are painting, please take some time to paint a few nice gifts for the guests. Vickie Kennedy will be collecting them.

More information will be forthcoming.

Viki Sherman, Lori Shaffner, Basket Luncheon Co-Chairs

NOTES FROM YOUR WEBMASTER

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 is one of the few decorative painting magazines that you can still subscribe to. Go to <https://www.paintingworldmag.com> to see what they have. If you investigate the Blog feature, you'll find free patterns of some great projects including Mini Autumn Bread Board and, Down on the Farm patterns and a neat marbling technique demonstrated. Check out our web site www.townandcountrydecorativepainters.com for information you need about the status of upcoming meetings, class registration, seminars, luncheons, classes and other club activities on the web site.

Stephanie Perne, Webmaster 2020 stephanieperne@gmail.com

NEWS FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

If you haven't looked into the many resources available online, you are really missing out. I have watched several classes free, including one on how to develop mandelas. (I saw that Mary Ann Dunbar watching, too!) 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? The list below has some repeats- because, hey, they are great resources- and some new ones. Happy painting, everyone

- Chris Haughey has been one of the many artists giving free lessons online! She has several free patterns and is also demonstrating some of her projects on Facebook. Go to <https://www.cdwood.com/collections/free-e-patterns> for 28 free patterns!
- Tracy Moreau is teaching a new project on YouTube every Saturday! She gave some great tips for adhering paper to wood cut outs recently in her video "Letters to Santa." <https://www.youtube.com/c/TracyMoreauDesign/videos>
- Several teachers are teaching in a Facebook group called CREATIVE INNOVATIONS in PAINTING. You can join the group or let me know and I will invite you into the group. Lisbeth Gordon Stull is teaching a beautiful ornament soon.
- Debbie Cole is also teaching in the CREATIVE INNOVATIONS in PAINTING Facebook group. She has the cutest gnomes. I got a free scarecrow packet from Laurie Speltz there.
- When you join CREATIVE INNOVATIONS in PAINTING, go to the main page and click on Media tab, then Videos. Some of them are hour long classes!
- Some teachers will sell you an e-packet (just download it) and then you can paint with them in a video. Not everyone can see the videos, just those who purchase the e-packets.
- Mark Menendez, a favorite of some of our members, is offering Zoom classes. Go to <https://www.menendezartstudio.com/> to see what's being taught.
- Check out the web sites of any of your favorite designers to see what they are offering.
- www.paintingwithdeb.com, and www.plumpurdy.com are two great sites.
- Also on YouTube is Patricia Rawlinson with some beautiful free patterns and videos. I'm definitely checking this one out.

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 clipart-library.com for their free clip art this month. ... Dot Hoffman, Newsletter Editor

The deadline for the next newsletter is December 28, 2020. PLEASE send in a report.

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

DATE: Oct. 4, 2020

CALLED TO ORDER: 11:35 AM

ADJOURNED: 12:21 PM

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Fran Deah, Marilou Grace, Karen Schnelle, Karen Yetter, Linda Lineman, Viki Sherman, Dot Hoffman, Grace Fatchet, Carol Sexton, Donna Michael and Rosie Fallecker.

QUORUM: Board – 3 voting members
Membership – 1/5 of total members

2020 ELECTED OFFICERS:

Recording Secretary, Marilou Grace advised minutes of last meeting on August 2, 2020 were printed in the newsletter. There were no changes or corrections, so they were accepted as published.

Treasurer, Karen Schnelle presented the Treasurer's report dated September 13, 2020 to October 4, 2020.

President, Fran Deah contacted Charlie of Tanglewood and confirmed the following dates for the membership meetings in 2021. They are: Feb. 7, Mar. 14 (which is the April meeting), June 6, Aug. 1, Oct. 3 and Dec. 5. The deposit we paid for this year's canceled Basket Luncheon will be carried over to Nov. 7, 2021 which is the next Basket Luncheon date.

Seminar Chair, Wendy Cornman is having a difficult time getting teachers for the painting meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

First Vice-President and Program Chair, Linda Lineman thanked Grace Fatchet and Mollie McKay for teaching today. She still needs teachers for the Make-it, Take-it projects in December. Since the virus has diminished the number of members attending meetings, she is looking for only 4 teachers instead of the normal 6.

Second Vice-President and Membership Chair, Viki Sherman stated we had 18 attending members. Currently there are 50 paid members. She stated the membership fee paid by members for 2020 will be extended until Feb. 2022 due to lack of meetings held in 2020.

Newsletter, Dot Hoffman requested all reports for the newsletter be submitted to her by Oct. 20. She needs these reports in a timely manner in order to produce an informative newsletter for the members. She mentioned that the last newsletter had information on free seminars and classes on You Tube and Facebook which members can utilize.

Ways and Means, Grace Fatchet had a wide array of painted items for the raffle. Donna Michael filled in for her this month and again next month. There will be no large item raffle at the December meeting.

Corresponding Secretary, Cathy McKain had no report.

2020 APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Webmaster, Stephanie Perne, no report.

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

Hospitality, Karen Yetter presented soups made by Barb Leffler and Karen Yetter. The Christmas lunch on Dec. 13 must have a minimum of 20 people attending as this is the least amount the chef will cook for. This is our annual free lunch for the members. The menu will be the same as last year and will be printed in the newsletter.

Service, Carol Sexton and Donna Michael, co-chairs delivered all painted bags and sundries to VOICE. They were very appreciative of the donations. The large bags will again be our February service project. There will be no Christmas toy collection this year as there is not enough time for delivery and distribution. SEE NEW BUSINESS.

Point System Chair, Marilou Grace is extending the expiration date on the 2018 and 2019 Points certificates. Whatever expiration date is shown on your certificate you may extend it by one year.

Nominations (non-voting), Linda Lineman and Carol Hill, co-chairs had to present the slate of officers for 2021. At the time of the meeting she had not filled some positions. After some discussion with the members present she read the finalized list. It is as follows: President – Linda Lineman, First V.P. and Program chairs – Donna Michael and Carol Sexton, Second V.P. and Membership chair – Viki Sherman, Seminar chair – Open, Recording Secretary – Fran Deah, Treasurer – Barb Leffler, Corresponding Secretary – Cathy McKain, Newsletter – Dot Hoffman and Ways and Means, Grace Fatchet.

Retreat Chair, Rosie Fallecker and Fran Deah, co-chairs have confirmed the retreat dates are April 30, May 1 and May 2, 2021 at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center in Slippery Rock, PA. They have a full complement of teachers and more information will be forthcoming.

Retreat Treasurer (non-voting), Jennifer Calvin and Fran Deah, co-chairs reported the balance in the account. Carol Fair will be auditing the last Retreat book.

Basket Luncheon Chair, Lori Schaffner and Viki Sherman, co-chairs have no specific plans in place for next year's Basket Luncheon yet. The theme will be "Time to Gather."

Unfinished Business:

New Business: A motion was made by Linda Lineman and seconded by Rosie Fallecker to use \$300.00 of the Service reserve for use by a committee to shop and buy Christmas gifts for VOICE. Gifts will be bought in a timely manner to ensure gifts will be delivered to the children in time for Christmas. Motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Marilou Grace, Recording Secretary.