



# BHADA

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Area Decorative  
Artists

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## Connie's Comments



Thank you all for coming to the first monthly meeting in Whitewood. We are starting out 2025 with optimism that this will be another great year. Ornaments to paint for the Vets, (including the elusive 1/2" tape), Valentines to design for February and Easter eggs soon to follow. I have been looking at Lisbeth Stull's patterns on her Cottage Caboodle web site to get some ideas as to what we might like to paint at our fall seminar. Please check her site out and let us know what it is you would like to learn/paint. Jackie is checking on instructors that might be interested in coming to the Black Hills and I have had a suggestion of Shannon Miller. We will need teachers for 2026 and 2027.

Diane has been a big help in storing items in our carts including some of our history. This is very much appreciated until a permanent home can be found. Also thank you to Betty and Rita for getting carts to Whitewood. On a hospitality note, it was decided those of us that are not coffee drinkers can bring our own tea/cappuccino/etc. We have options for hot water and there is a microwave available. The treats are always scrumptious, so continue that tradition.

The new paints for 2025 can be pre-ordered on a couple of web sites, so if you just can't wait let us know if you ordered them and your thoughts. I'm finding that I have to mix more than I used to. After all, it can be done. DecoArt has come out with Deco Earth brushes that are vegan & cruelty-free with bamboo handles in 3 and 5 piece sets. If anyone has tried them, rate them for us. After all, we do like our brushes.

See you at the February meeting. Happy painting!  
Connie

\* **Next BHADA Meeting is Feb 15, 2025 at 9:30 at Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

**Deb will be leading us in painting on a charger plate**

**BHADA Pictures that you have taken and would like on the website, please send to Jo Ann our webmaster.**



*Connie won Drawing to paint a Memory box next month. Janae painted this months box.*



Lisbeth Stull will be our Fall Seminar teacher in 2025.

Joyce V	Feb 6
Diane M	Feb 9
Sally C	Feb 22
Rita S	Feb 26

**2025 BHADA OFFICERS**

**President**  
Connie M.

**Vice-President**  
Membership  
Janae H.

**Secretary**  
Bonnie E

**Treasurer**  
Mary Z.

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# Meeting Minutes



18 members of the Black Hills Area Decorative Artists braved the cold, snowy weather on Jan.18 to attend our monthly meeting in Whitewood. The first order of business was for Pres. Connie M to ask for a motion to approve the minutes of the Dec. meeting as printed in the newsletter. Linda K made this motion, Diane M seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mary Z, treasurer presented the financial report and it was filed for audit.

## Committee Reports:

Spring Retreat Chair, Diane M reports that Linn W will teach at retreat again. Room prices in Whitewood will remain the same for Spring retreat but will go up with 10 rooms required. Registration will be ready at the Feb. meeting. Dates are April 25, 26, 27/

Fall Seminar: Chair, Diane M presented pictures of some of Lisbeth Stulls projects and asked members to check her site for possible project ideas. One of her specialties is lettering. Dates are September 19, 20, 21.

Hospitality: Today's treats were brought by Karol J and Linda K. Next month Sally C and Diane M will bring treats.

Monthly Program: Today Bonnie E will lead the Ornaments for Vets and next month Deb C will lead the project.

Membership: We now have 25 members with 2 Honorary members.

Newsletter: The deadline is Jan. 24.

Ways & Means: Linda K has booked the Moose Lodge for Oct 18. We can use the larger room this year. Linda is waiting to hear if a light lunch will be available before Bunco.

Webmaster: JoAnn C will update this weekend.

Holiday Events: Nelda distributed Heart shapes for a Valentine exchange in Feb. and let the group choose wooden eggs and holders donated by Rita H. for the easter exchange.

Memory Boxes: Bonnie E reported 7 mailed to Kansas this month and now we also have some smaller sizes available.

In Unfinished business Pres. Connie M reports that our insurance has been renewed. The Fire Hall needs a copy of this form. Mazy Z will mail them a copy.

Show and Share: Those showing new projects painted were Janae, Karol and Connie.

The Door Prize was a Memory Box painted by Janae. The lucky person to paint a box next month is Connie!

The meeting was then adjourned to enjoy our treats and start painting ornaments for the Vets.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie E Secretary.





## SHARING MEMORIES



Every season is associated with certain colors. As painters, we are likely to have our favorites for autumn, Christmas, and Easter. Of course, Valentines Day features red, white and various shades of pink on all manner and shapes of hearts. Conversation hearts were popular in my youth--I wonder if they still make them. But a heart shaped box of candy was the ultimate expression of true love --very, very meaningful.

Now we are wiser and know there are all varieties of love--family, children, (even in-laws, for our children's sake) pets, music hobbies. True love is not just a comment but that warm feeling of love put into action. I think there are extra blessings when love in action goes out to strangers. That is the extra special beauty of the Memory Box program.

The hearts of the Memory Box recipients are not bright, joyful and decorative. The colors of grief that come to mind might be black, gray--anything dark. The darkness is a somber realization of their loss, their hope and their anticipated joy. But the Memory Box brings light into their hearts. There is a distraction to a different space--Who painted this? Is it anyone I know? Why would someone paint this for me? Why would a stranger care about me? That warmth of experiencing love will always be with the recipient. We will never know the effect it has on their present and future life. Kindnesses at these pivotal moments in a person's life are not forgotten. Thank you for putting your love and talent into action and changing a life. Your heart is blessed with love.

**MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED**

# Bonnie leading the group in painting the Veteran's ornaments



# Memory boxes

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# Show and Share



Jackie with the Quilt she won



Our Past President, Joyce with her signed apron

## **BHADA Committee Chairs For 2025**

Memory Box Program – Bonnie and Mary  
 Membership - Janae & Deb  
 Hospitality – Linda K  
 Monthly Programs – Betty B.  
 Ways & Means – Linda K & Nelda  
 Fall Seminar – Diane & Sally  
 Spring Retreat 2025 – Diane & Sally  
 Webmaster & Facebook – Jo Ann  
 Holiday Exchange – Nelda  
 Newsletter – Luann  
 Sharing Memories—Mary  
 Publicity - Karol J  
 Audit - Dorothy and Karol

## **HOSPITALITY LIST 2025**

January 18	Linda K. & Karol
February 15	Connie & Sally
March 15	Deb & Dorothy
April 25-27	Everyone Brings Treat
May 17	Rita & Betty
June 21	Diane & Jackie
August 16	Dorothy & Joyce
September 19-21	Everyone Brings Treats
October 18	Everyone Brings Cookies
November 15	Mary & Deb
December 20	Christmas Exchange-- Everyone bring Treats Installation of officers

## **Monthly Programs For 2025**

January 18	Bonnie E. Vet ornaments
February 15	Debby C.
March 15	Easter Egg Exchange
April 25-27	Spring Retreat
May 17	Jo Ann
June 21	Kimber
August 16	Bonnie
September 19-21	Fall Seminar
October 18	Bunco Party
November 15	Jo Ann
December 20	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats

Want to feel old?

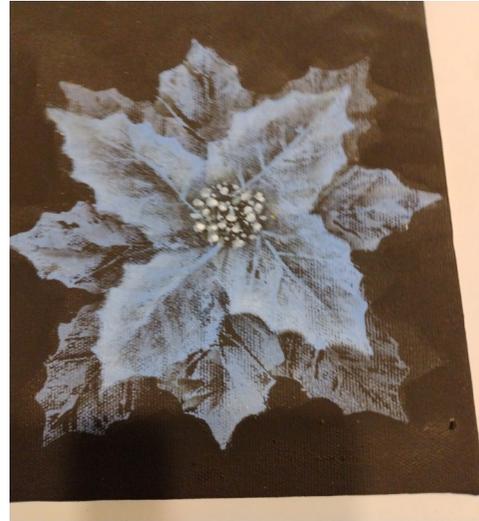
Bonanza premiered 60 yrs ago.  
 The Beatles split 50 yrs ago.  
 Laugh-In premiered nearly 52 yrs. ago.  
 The Wizard of Oz is 80 yrs old.  
 Elvis is dead 42 yrs. He'd be 84 today.  
 The Thriller video is 36 yrs old.  
 Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin dead 49 yrs.  
 John Lennon dead 39 yrs.  
 Mickey Mantle retired 51 yrs ago.  
 Back to the Future is 35 yrs old.  
 Saturday Night Fever is 42 yrs old.  
 The Ed Sullivan show ended 47 yrs ago.  
 The Brady Bunch premiered 50 yrs ago.  
 The triplets on My Three Sons are 50.  
 Tabitha from Bewitched is 55.  
 The Corvette turned 66 this year.  
 The Mustang is 55.  
 Alexander's closed 27years ago.  
 If you were born in the 50's, you've had 12 presidents.

## Cute Ideas for a Memory Box!



## February Paint project:

This project is painted on a charger plate with black background. They are done with a leaf. The plates will be furnished and prepped. Class will be \$2.00. A Supply list will be on Karol's email reminder for the meeting.



**A Thank You note  
for the Veteran's  
Ornaments we  
painted last year.**

The Spearfish American Legion  
Auxiliary Unit 164 would  
like to thank you and the  
BHADA for the beautiful  
hand painted patriotic ornaments.  
They made so many happy  
Veterans.

Blessings for a  
Happy New Year!

Micheline Nelson  
Unit President