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### Brushed Blooms

By Maya Anthony

On canvas stretched, colors bloom,  
Art captures garden's sweet perfume.

Petals painted, hues so deep,  
Artwork's promise, secrets keep.

Brush dances, mimicking bee,  
Flitting 'tween blooms, wild and free.

Shadows and light, perfectly cast,

Online art courses

Moments in gardens, forever last.

Where art meets earth, beauty grows,

A painted garden, nature's prose.

Each stroke tells of sun and rain,

Merging life, art's gentle gain.

**\* Next BHADA Meeting is Aug 16, 2025 at 9:30 at  
Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

**Bonnie will lead us in our painting project at the Aug meeting;  
we will be painting on aprons to wear at the bunco party.**

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

## Fall Seminar News

If you need to order surface's & stencil's for the seminar, **please** have your order to Diane by July 15th (*if you didn't order at the meeting*). She wants to have them by the August meeting so you can pick them up then!

Diane checked in with Lindsey at Cupboard Dist. and the Sign board will be \$5.96 and the Tombstone board \$2.98 Plus Tax and Shipping. We do not know what discount Pine Craft will give us on the Slot Board it is based on the number of boards we order. Regular price is \$14.99 plus tax and shipping. They both stressed it is far better to order in bulk.

Email Diane at: [Glassman.6776@gmail.com](mailto:Glassman.6776@gmail.com)



*Linda H won Drawing to paint a Memory box May. Connie painted this month's box.*

**July**

Janae

July 10

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

2025 BHADA OFFICERS

**President**  
Connie M.

**Vice-President**  
**Membership**  
Janae H.

**Secretary**  
Bonnie E

**Treasurer**  
Mary Z.

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# Meeting Minutes



The Black Hills Area Decorative Artists met June 21, 2025 at the Whitewood Fire Hall with 17 members present. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Vice President Janae. A correction to the May minutes printed in the newsletter was discussed---In Fall Seminar, Sandy McTeire will be teaching not Shannon Miller. Diane made a motion to approve the May minutes as corrected. Linda K. seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Treasurer Mary Z. gave the financial report, including the report from the Retreat committee. The report was filed for audit.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Spring Retreat:** Diane reported that all happened slightly under budget.

**Fall Seminar:** Diane handed out registration forms. They also can be printed from the website. This year class size is somewhat limited to 25. All who register after that number is reached will be required to pay teacher's required fee over 25 students.... which is \$20 more than the regular fee. Diane is also able to get some surfaces cheaper by ordering bulk. She needs to know who wants surfaces IMMEDIATELY. Future teachers Paulette D for 2026, and Sandy M for 2027.

**Hospitality:** Treats were provided by Jackie, Sally and Diane today. August treats will be provided by Joyce and Dorothy.

**Membership:** Linda K. reports that she no longer has a home phone number.

**Ways & Means:** Linda K reported that we get to use the larger room this year at the Moose. There will also be the same lunch before playing Bunco. 14 silent auction items have been turned in and there are still some table favors to be turned in. Keep painting, ladies.

**Memory Boxes:** Bonnie reported that the last boxes to be mailed went to New York and Wisconsin. She also reported that she had received a \$20 donation for the program. Pat K. also brought several nice "Wallies" that will work nicely for decorating the boxes.

**New Business:** Sally suggested that we have some sort of matching shirts, etc. to wear at Bunco so attendees know who the BHADA members are. After much discussion Rita moved that we paint aprons with sunflowers on them with BHADA on all aprons... Diane seconded the motion. Motion carried. We will paint these at the Aug. Meeting.

**Show and Share:** Betty B. showed a beautiful mixed media Fall project. Cindy showed her beautiful 'vacation' projects. Painting projects were shown by Jo Ann, Diane, Linda H.

The meeting was adjourned to paint a beehive, bee and flower project with Cindy.

Submitted by Bonnie E. Secretary



## SHARING MEMORIES



I don't think it is just me, but I make lists. Mine are usually written on the back of an old envelope. I'm saving the nicer notepads that various charities send, along with a donation request, for some important missive, if I ever have to send one. You fine folks who use your phones for list making still understand the usefulness of lists. The days of fading memories are visiting some of us so reminders are helpful.

Packing lists, grocery lists, lists of errands are part of my life. If I left a list on the table, I might as well go back and retrieve it—or plan on making two trips to get the items I forgot.

When going to a BHADA meeting, we collect our items in a cart or tote bag for transportation. We might have a list of what we need and hopefully we remembered to look at the list and collect the items right away. On rare occasions, brushes get left behind, or a water receptacle or paper towels. This is not a disaster because chances are very good that other members have extras of just about everything. Sharing is a feature of the members.

There is one thing we all bring—to every meeting. We all attend with a kind and loving heart. At the last meeting we heard comments on loss, on illness, on gratitude for recovery, on plans for future fun, on the importance of seeing members who rarely attend, and the value of friendship. The warmth and caring—member to member—carries over to memory boxes. We understand loss, confusion, and dashed hopes. We have also experienced progress, recovery and better days.

We paint hope and love into every memory box. We paint a first step to recovery. It is who we are to the recipients and to each other. Be proud! Be humble! Be grateful that we can make a difference!

**MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED**

**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	Cindy R.
August 16	Bonnie
September 19-21	Fall Seminar
October 18	Bunco Party
November 15	Jo Ann
December 20	Christmas Exchange-- Everyone Bring Treats

**Cute Memory Box Idea**



# CINDY TAUGHT THIS BEEHIVE





*Show And Share Projects*



Memory Boxes





# RECIPES

## Rhubarb Dump Cake

9x13 Cake Pan

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray baking dish with cooking spray(Pam)

### Ingredients:

4 cups diced Rhubarb

3 - Ounce box of strawberry jello (day)

1 1/2 cup water

1 box of Yellow Cake Mix (dry)

1/2 cup butter or Margarine

Arrange Rhubarb on the button of the pan. Sprinkle Sugar over Rhubarb, Sprinkle dry Jello over Sugar, Poor water over all of the above. Sprinkle Yellow Cake Mix over all then pour melted butter over the cake mix. Do not stir or mix together, just layer all.

Bake for 45 Minutes

use a little less water when using frozen Rhubarb. **store in the refrigerator ... very important**

## BUNCO NEWS

Thank you all again for painting bird houses and silent auction items for BUNCO. Just a reminder to those who have items yet to be painted please get them turned in at August meeting. Raffle tickets will be ready soon so be prepared to sell tickets!

Start reminding friends and family of our BUNCO Party

Thanks to an awesome group of ladies.

Nelda and Linda K

# Black Hills Area

## Decorative Artist

### 2025 Fall Seminar



#### Lisbeth Stull

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

Whitewood Fire Hall

911 Thompson Street

Whitewood, SD 57793

**Bring your regular painting supplies.**

Prep instructions will be given out when you Register for the classes.

Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>



## Sleigh Ride Sign

Class Price \$50.00

None Members \$60.00

Includes Pattern

One piece board 24" not included

Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>



## Be Thankful Sunflowers

Class Price \$50.00

None Members \$60.00

Includes Pattern

7" x 22" Grooved Board not included

Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>



## Believe in Santa Claus

Class Price \$50.00

None Members \$60.00

Includes Pattern

Tombstone board 14" x 10" not included

Surfaces can be purchased from Cupboard Distributing or Pine Craft.

You can use your own surface, but Lisbeth stated all patterns should be left at 100% do not size to fit your piece.

Deco Arts is supplying a set of paints for every 6 students to share.

## Fall Seminar 2025

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

Fire Department Hall

911 Thompson Street

Whitewood, SD

Prep Night September 18<sup>th</sup>

Dinner at 5:00pm

Hotel Rooms available at

Iron Horse Inn

600 Whitewood Service Road

Whitewood, Sd

605-722-7574

2 Queen Beds \$75.00 plus tax or

1 Queen Bed with desk & chair \$75.00

If we book 10 rooms the price goes down to \$65.00 per night.

Reservation needs to be made by

Labor Day September 1st, 2025

You will be responsible for making & own reservations.

You will pay for the hotel directly.

## Meals

Breakfast to 8:00am

Class starts at 9:00

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Dinner: Pizza

September 19<sup>th</sup>

Friday Breakfast: Egg Bake - Fruit

Friday lunch: Pulled Pork & Macaroni Salad

Friday Dinner: Taco Bar

September 20<sup>th</sup>

Saturday Breakfast: Breads, Fruit, Yogurt & Granola

Saturday Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup & Jello Salad

Saturday Dinner: Lasagna &

Garlic Toast

September 21<sup>st</sup>

Breakfast : Carmel Rolls & Fruit Lunch:

Lunch: Whimpies & Chips

**We will have Fruit and Relish tray's**

Register Early: Per Lisbeth's contract any registration received over 25 students will be required to pay \$20.00 per class in excess of the registration fee.

## Seminar Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Deadline August 16<sup>th</sup>

Mail Registrations & Payment to

Diane McNary

3230 Ridge Road

Spearfish, SD 57783

Lisbeth Stull Class Fee

Sleigh Ride \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

None Member \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Be Thankful Sunflowers \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

None Member \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Believe in Sata Claus \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

None Member \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Member class total for all 3 \$150.00

None Member class total for all 3 \$180.00

All Meals \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Thurs Dinner \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday B \$8.00 L-\$8.00 D-\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday B \$8.00 L-\$8.00 D-10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday B-\$7.00 L- \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Classes \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Pay \_\_\_\_\_

Student registration over 25 per class add overage fee of \$20.00 classes fees per class