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Area
Decorative
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CONNIE'S COMMENTS



Wow! Spring retreat was a hit and every painter placed their own personal touches on the projects. We all learn something new from each other whether it is a product, style or paint color. The food was phenomenal and kudos to Sally and Diane for all the work that goes into a retreat or seminar. Thank you, thank you!!!!

We appreciate the teachers of course and their prep/supplies for all of the classes. (My projects still require finishing with more to paint, glue, varnish, etc.)

We did have an impromptu vote to pay the deposits for Paulette DiGesare to teach in 2026 and Sandy McTier in 2027. We will keep Shannon Miller in mind for another year as she is also interested.

In memory of Rita Holdhusen, many of her craft supplies were shared as prizes and rummage sale items. There was so much to choose from. Items that weren't purchased will be delivered to the Suzie Cappa Art Center-Black Hills Works by Luann and Janae for a great cause.

The vote was taken for fall seminar projects by our teacher Lisbeth Stull. Looks like we will be busy. Unsure about surface requirements, but Deco Art will provide paint.

Thanks Mary for your assistance in getting our bills paid and keeping track of all our expenses. It's always required as we close out the day.

Enjoy the spring palette, Connie

*** Next BHADA Meeting is May 17, 2025 at 9:30 at
Whitewood SD in the Fire Hall.**

Jo Ann will lead us in our painting project at the May meeting

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

BUNCO

Hope everyone had a productive retreat and hope all your projects are done. My birthday was great!

Nelda said quite a few bird houses were turned in and some silent auction items also. Thank you to everyone for painting. This is a group event and we all benefit from it.

More about BUNCO in next months newsletter.

Thanks

Linda K and Nelda

Lisbeth Stull will be our Fall Seminar teacher in 2025.



Nelda B.	May 3
Betty B.	May 5
Evie H.	May 8
Dorothy Z.	May 29

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May Painting Project



Colors needed

Tangerine; Joyful Pink; Light Buttermilk; Asphaltum; Sunset Gold; Jewel Green; Glorious Gold; Warm Sunset; Cherry Merlot; White; Green metallic/glitter or Folkart Color Shift Dragon Flash

Just received a thank you letter from Crouse Hospital, Bronx NY.
. Bonnie

Dear Bonnie and the members of BHADA,

Thank you so very much for the amazing memory box donation to our bereavement program. The boxes will be such an amazing memento to our families.

We appreciate you and the time spent to create such beautiful pieces.

Liz Dablock, Crouse Health



Cute Memory Box Idea



SHARING MEMORIES



It may go against the laws of physics, but I believe that some things are bigger on the inside than they are on the outside. I'm not talking about your house, your closets or your painting room. I realize that our painting supplies may be larger than a closet, a room or even a house, but that is a topic for our therapists. As an example of what I am talking about, I ask you to remember something. That, too, can be a challenge--the remembering.

Think back to the day, probably many years ago, when a child, grandchild or neighbor child presented you with a single dandelion or a bouquet of dandelions. See that sweet face and that big smile. Feel the emotion, the tears it brought to your eyes, the smile it brought to your heart. The whole day became brighter!!

The same can be said for a memory box. In the months and years since it was presented there might have been a successful pregnancy or an adoption. They might realize that their grief has lessened over time when at first they thought they would never have another happy day. They may have counseled and encouraged another family who were facing that same loss.

There is no forgetting but there is healing. Help with the healing- Paint a memory box. April showers bring May flowers and even dandelions can bring happiness, as you know.

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

Mother Nature apologizes for the
late arrival of Spring.
Father Time was driving and
refused to stop and ask for
directions



AWESOME SPRING RETREAT



Bonnie taught this beautiful frame



Linette taught the awesome tray





Memory Boxes

Sally and Diane did a fantastic job of organizing, Cooking and decorating!





Jo Ann taught this fun fall project



Janae & Luann sat around while everyone else painted turtles

