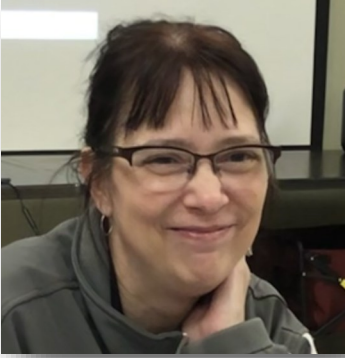


FWDP Newsletter

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**Fort Worth Decorative Painters
Celebrating 42 Years**



Greetings fellow painters! 2026 has had a lot of twists and turns for our group. Let's keep all of our members in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you Beth for teaching us our puffy Santa piece and having them all prepped for us. We all learned a lot and had a lot of fun. Thank you Beth for also adapting and taking the time to help our new member feel comfortable in our group and helping her to paint your piece last month. While she wasn't originally prepared to paint, your willingness and patience encouraged her to participate. She did a fantastic job and her piece turned out great. This month we have Dusti's Trio of Pumpkins. I am excited to paint this piece as I am sure everyone is excited as well. We also have Part 1 of Dusti's clay Santa later this month as a Saturday special. Dusti will be collecting for the Saturday special at the March meeting. More details can be found for both throughout this newsletter. It will be fun to do two projects with two of the main holidays in mind-- Halloween & Christmas. Lastly, don't forget to bring your painted egg to our March meeting and get one in exchange. I can't wait to see what our members have painted. As we strive to give back as much painting time as possible, remember that if you have something that you want to bring up for discussion, please don't hesitate to let a board member know so that we can get it addressed. Until we meet, stay well and happy painting.

Dora

Egg Exchange

Don't forget to paint and bring back your eggs for the exchange. Paint anything you want to on the eggs. something for Easter or something for Spring. Whatever makes you happy! This can be painted on the flat eggs that we passed out at the meeting or a wooden egg or an artist trading card. Your choice!

I look forward to seeing what everyone comes up with!

Dusti



This year's **2026 board** is as follows:

- President--Dora Jodoin
- Interim VP Programs-Dusti Dancer
- VP Membership--Sharlene King
- Treasurer--Louise Smith
- Secretary--Peggy Thomas

This year's **2026 Committee Chairs** are as follows:

- Newsletter--Nancy Genetti
- Saturday Specials--Dusti Dancer
- Seminars--Nancy Genetti
- Raffle--Juanita Munoz
- Service Project--Jan Park
- Sunshine--Becky Reed
- Publicity/Website--Suzane Godley
- Hospitality--Louise Smith
- Projector—Sue Davis
- Publicity and Website: Suzane Godley

Hospitality: A big thank you to Becky, Jan Sharlene and Louise for the food brought to the February meeting. March we have

- Non-Sweet - Beth and Connie
- Sweet - Juanita and Peggy



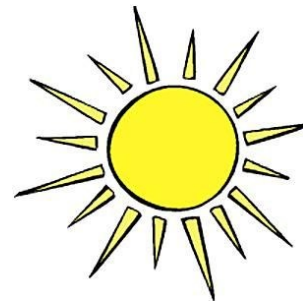
If you are unable to come or bring your dish, please notify me and we will arrange a substitute. Thank you, Louise

SUNSHINE

February, sent cards to Carolyn Martchenke LaRue Hughes, Janis Briggs.

March to Janis Briggs, Leanne Looney, and Yvonne Lowrie

Becky



RAFFLE

Thank you to Peggy, Terry Estep, Dusti and Dora for great raffle items in February!

The March raffle items will be provided by Sharlene, Beth, Dusti, and Becky.

We will pass around the sign-up sheet for the raffle pieces as some months are still short. We are looking to have at least 4 items per month. The raffle remains one of our main fundraisers so your participation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Juanita



Be a Lucky Winner!

PROGRAMS

Thank you Beth for the fun class in February.

In March Dusti will be teaching the Trio of Pumpkins. Instructions to follow in the newsletter.

Our April Program will be the JOY Bottle taught by Louise.

Program information will be in the newsletter the month before and the month of the project being taught.

If you have questions about programs please feel free to call me. Dusti

SATURDAY SPECIALS

We will be having four Saturday Specials again this year. Below are the dates and teachers.

March 28, 2026 Dusti is teaching the first half of the Clay Santa project

June 13, 2026 Peggy is teaching the Trio of Ornaments

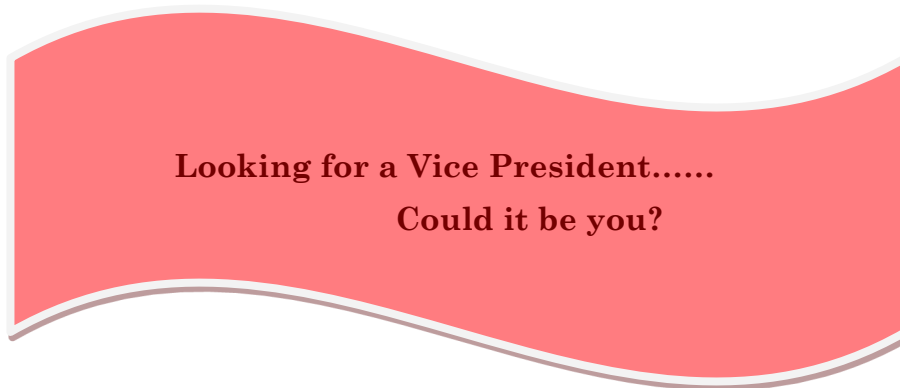
Sept. 12, 2026 Dora is teaching the Halloween Tic-Tac-Toe

Oct. 24, 2026 UFO day

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us, we always have a lot of fun!

If you have any questions let me know.

Dusti



Service Project

We've changed our project this year. Our group will be making cards for Senior Living Centers. Some seniors don't have families or visitors, so cards would be greatly appreciated! Thinking of you!, Hello Spring, Happy Easter, Hello Summer are just a few suggestions. I will have cards to paint and will collect cards at each meeting.

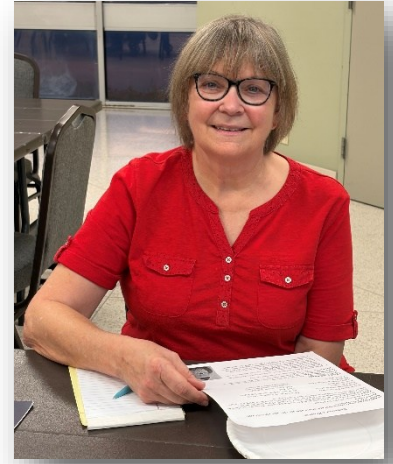
Happy Painting!! Jan

Membership News

Welcome to new member Terry Teague who joined at our February meeting.

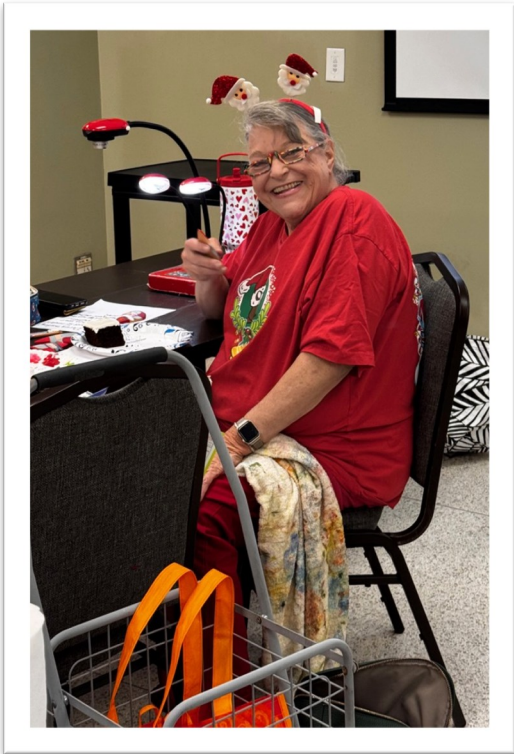
Terry recently retired from teaching and is excited she has time to begin painting. She has some painted treasures from her mother-in-law who also gifted her books and surfaces.

She jumped right in at our meeting and painted the Santa on a puffed heart and did a great job!



Valentine Heart Exchange





February meeting—Beth teaching puffy Santa





March Program: A Trio of Pumpkins

Pick your surface of choice and adjust the pattern to fit. My original was painted on a 9.5x7.5 chalk board. It works great on an oval bentwood or paper mache box. Use something from your stash.

Americana Paints: Light Buttermilk, Antique White, Marigold, Primary Yellow, Burnt Sienna, Country Red, Honey Brown, Milk Chocolate, Spiced Pumpkin, Burnt Orange, Irish Moss, Neons Torrid Orange, Antique Maroon, Jewel Green, Black Forrest Green, Soft Black, and Lamp Black

Bring your regular painting supplies including your favorite brushes and a few dry brushes and a liner brush.

Before Class prep: Sand and seal surface, basecoat Lamp Black. If you are painting a box or surface with a base you may want to paint the base/bottom Burnt Orange.

Basecoat the following:

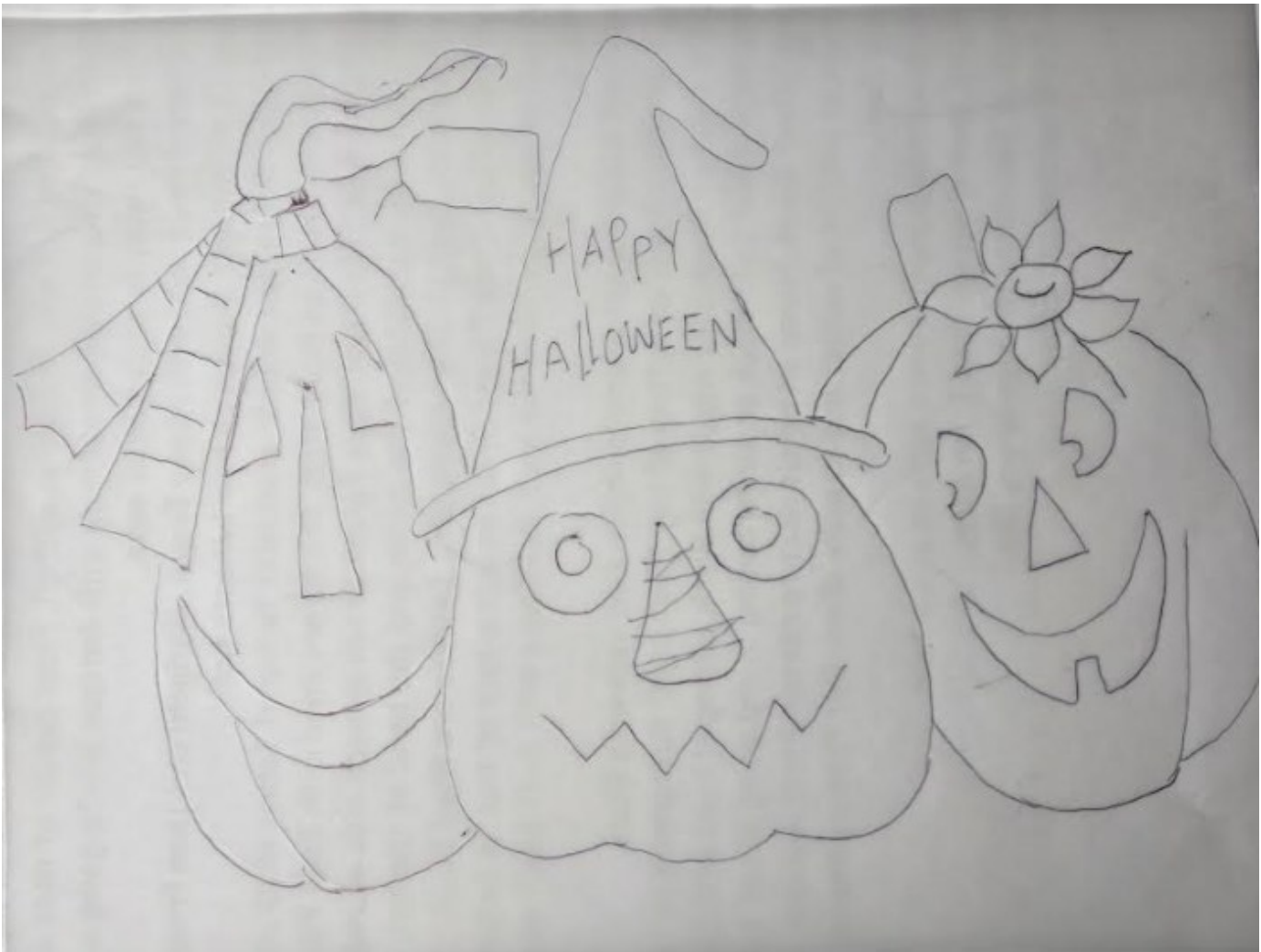
Pumpkins - Burnt Orange

Hat, Fabric Tie, and Leaf - Jewel Green Note: the Tie has Jewel Green and Black checks

Stems - Milk Chocolate

Sunflower Petals - Marigold Sunflower Center - Burnt Sienna

Tag - Antique White - If you don't have Antique White use Lt Buttermilk or Bleached Sand or something similar.





This is what your pumpkins should look like when you come to the meeting.
I will have detail instructions available at the meeting.



January— Peggy
Pup on a Tote



February—Beth
Puffy Santa



March—Dusti
Pumpkin Patch



April—Louise
Joy/Noel on Bottle



May—Dusti
Clay Santa—painting



September—Louise
Witch on Gourd



October—Sharlene
Nutcracker Card



November—Louise
Cupcake Chef

January 2027 Meeting—Peggy
Swan Lake



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Trio Ornaments



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Tic Tac Toe Board

October 24—UFO Day

Come paint what you want.....finish a
project, start a new one...come for com-
panionship and fun!

APRIL PROJECT WITH LOUISE



If anyone is looking for wine bottles for Louise's project, Sue Davis has a lot of them available.





Wine Bottle Centerpieces

by Sue Allemmand

Preparation

Note: Follow all manufacturers' label instructions for proper product usage.

1. Soak the wine bottles in water to loosen and remove the labels. I left the thick black cork seal wrapper on the neck because I liked the look. Allow the bottles to dry thoroughly.

2. Trace the designs onto tracing paper and cut them out separately. It's easier to wrap around the bottle when you don't have excess paper.

3. Rip pieces of newspaper in varying shapes and sizes. Smaller pieces are generally easier to glue down on the round surface of the bottle.

4. Use the glaze/wash with some Decou-Page to brush on the bottle in a small area. Apply a piece of the newspaper and brush more of the medium over the top. Repeat all over the bottle until it is totally covered. Let dry. Brush more medium to fill any holes or repair any lifting of the paper as needed. Let

dry thoroughly. No other prep or undercoat is necessary.

5. Transfer the rectangle background onto the bottles with the graphite paper and stylus.

6. Basecoat the rectangle background with Winter Blue. Let dry.

7. Transfer the remaining basic design.

Painting

Note: Use the appropriate-size brush for the area in which you are painting.

"Noel" bottle

1. Base the snowman with Light Buttermilk and shade with Asphaltum.

2. Base the hat and sweater with Antique Gold, and shade with Asphaltum. Apply the holly leaves with Celery Green, and add the plaid lines with Wasabi Green. Shade the center vein and the outside edge with Plantation Pine, and highlight the vein with Light Buttermilk. Base the collar, bottom of the sweater, and holly berries with Rookwood Red. Add the stripes on the sweater and highlight the berries with Light Buttermilk, and shade with Lamp Black.

3. Use Lamp Black to base the letters, buttons, pom-pom, eyes, mouth, and eyebrows. Highlight the eyes, mouth, and pom-pom with Light Buttermilk. Add the dots on the buttons and letters with Light Buttermilk.

4. Apply the stick arms with Asphaltum. Use Light Buttermilk to add the snow on the stick arms, hat, and pom-pom.

5. Use the stylus and Uniform Blue to dip-dot the sets of three dots in the background.

6. Base the nose Red Iron Oxide. Add dots to the nose, sweater, and holly leaves with Light Buttermilk.

"Joy" bottle

1. Base the snowman with Light Buttermilk and shade with Asphaltum.

2. Base the hat and lettering with Lamp Black. Add the stars with Antique Gold. Add the dots on the letters with Light Buttermilk. Base the scarf and hatband with Rookwood Red. Add the lines on the scarf with Antique Gold. Shade the scarf and hatband with Lamp Black. Dip-dot Light Buttermilk on the ends of the scarf.

3. Base the tree with Celery Green, add plaid lines with Wasabi Green, and shade with Plantation Pine. Apply the tree trunk with Asphaltum.

4. Base the nose with Red Iron Oxide. Apply the stick arms with Asphaltum. Base the eyes, mouth, and eyebrows with Lamp Black, and highlight with Light Buttermilk.

5. Use Light Buttermilk to add snow on the stick arms and the hat, and to apply random dots on the hat, scarf, and tree. Use the stylus and Uniform Blue to dip-dot sets of three dots in the background.

Details—both bottles

1. Use Asphaltum to shade around the inside and outside edges of the rectangle, down the right sides of the letters, and around all other unshaded features.

2. Use a short liner with Lamp Black to apply the squiggly double lines, around the edges of the rectangles.

3. Use Light Buttermilk to add snow on the edges of the hats and stick arms, and to dip-dot random flurries on and around the snowmen. Let dry. Erase any extra graphite lines with the kneaded eraser.

Finishing

1. Spray the painted areas with Sealer/Finisher, and allow the surface to dry thoroughly.

2. Knot the E beads onto the 24" of thin jute rope. Leave approximately 1" between beads. Wrap the rope around the neck of the bottle and knot off. ✱

Supplies

- Wine bottles (11" tall and 12" tall, one of each)
- *DecoArt*
Americana Acrylic Paint: Antique Gold, Asphaltum, Celery Green, Lamp Black, Light Buttermilk, Plantation Pine, Red Iron Oxide, Rookwood Red, Uniform Blue, Wasabi Green, Winter Blue
Acrylic Sealer/Finisher, Matte (spray)
Decou-Page, Matte
- *Royal & Langnickel*
Majestic 1/8", 1/4", and 3/8" angular (Series R4160); #10/0 and #20/0 short liner (Series R4595); 1/2" glaze/wash (Series R4700)
Kingslan #2 magnificent mop (Series R4999) (for dabbing shading)
Graphite Paper, Gray
- *Miscellaneous:* E beads ([Size 6/0]—brown, gold, green and white), kneaded eraser, newspaper, ruler, scissors, stylus, thin jute rope (approximately 48"), tracing paper

Tech Tips – Resize line drawing/pattern

I've always used Word to resize patterns but after a quick test run of Google Docs while writing this article it looks easier than Word to use.

Go to: docs.google.com

1. Click Insert on top menu line
2. Click Image, Upload from computer, and find saved line drawing (.jpg file). Double click to insert into document. (see tip #2 below if your drawing is a pdf).
3. Enter image Size on right side of screen (height and/or width)

Print button is on the 3rd row.

Tip # 2

If your line drawing is a pdf, search your computer for an app called Snipping Tool or Snip It and click to open it. The icon is a pair of scissors.

1. Open pdf file of line drawing
2. Click New on the Snipping program, use cursor (left mouse button) to draw a box around area you want to capture
3. Right click on image you just captured, then click Copy.
4. Go to Google Doc, Right click and Paste.

Your line drawing is now in Google Doc and can be resized as needed.

Disclaimer: This worked for me. Your results may vary. 😊

Fort Worth Decorative Painters Meeting

February 16, 2026

The meeting of Fort Worth Decorative Painters membership was held at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas. Those in attendance were Dora Jodoin, Louise Smith, Sharlene King, Peggy Thomas, Juanita Munoz, Connie Alexander, Becky Reed, Jan Park, Dusti Dancer, Beth Stodieck, Sharon Thompson, Sue Davis, and new member Terry Teague.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Treasurer: Louise Smith. The proposed budget for 2026 was voted on and approved. Jan Park made the motion to approve and that was seconded by Sue Davis. It was then ratified by all in attendance.

Programs: Tonight's project is being taught by Beth Stodieck. The project is a cute Santa which Beth will teach as well as give us lots of additional tips and info that we've come to look forward to. Thanks Beth.

March and April projects were displayed on a table. Dusti will teach a "Trio of Pumpkins" project in March and the instructions will be in the newsletter. In April, Louise Smith will teach her "Joy Bottle" project and said if you didn't want to paint it on the bottle, you could paint it on a wooden tag.

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Saturday Specials: Dusti Dancer polled those who desired kits for the upcoming Saturday Special. She will demonstrate a rusting technique at the Special, but members voted to do the project without doing the rusting on their pieces.

Membership: Sharlene King. Sharlene passed out the new 2026 directories. We have 13 members in attendance tonight which included our newest member, Terry Teague. Welcome Terry!

Hospitality and Raffle: Louise Smith and Juanita Munoz Signup lists were passed around for the upcoming meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Thomas



LaRue Hughes was a long-time member and beautiful painter. She passed away February 21, 2026. She leaves us with many happy memories of painting together, sharing life experiences and of course great food!

Some memories from our members:

The first time LaRue taught one of our monthly projects I was so impressed at how patient she was with all of us. Sometimes we can be quite “chatty”, even when the teacher is talking. She calmly repeated instructions that we missed and encouraged us to keep going, saying it would turn out just fine. And it always did. We had a good laugh when she told us she used to teach Sunday school to kindergarteners. Her teaching experience served her well as she inspired us to keep trying new techniques and projects.

LaRue was the quiet one of the group, but she was also the one you paid attention to when she spoke. She was a wonderful teacher, but she was an even better person. There was always a smile on her face and a kind word on her lips. Fortunately for us she was eager to share her talents with us, by teaching and sharing her ideas and patterns. Her calm steady demeanor was like an anchor. It was a pleasure to have known her and an honor to call her friend.

LaRue and I would often paint together in her home and share a meal. We would talk endlessly about the good old days. We would exchange ornaments at Christmas time and artist trading cards. I was always amazed that she would paint 45 to 60 ornaments every year, one for each of her grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends. Louise

My favorite memory of LaRue is when I went to her house to take some painting surfaces. The plan was to drop off, but we started talking about painting and life in general, needless to say we talked for almost two hours which seemed like a few minutes. That is the day she became not only my friend but my inspiration.

LaRue was an inspiration. Always ready with a smile and sharing her faith. It was a joy to paint with her and Janice. She was ready to share her knowledge of painting and help to improve a technique.

LaRue never met a stranger who didn't leave feeling a warm friendly acceptance. She made you feel so special and was so interested in everyone personally. She was quick to laugh and have fun — a real joy to be around. She will be sorely missed in painting and playing “Hand and Foot”.

Precious memories. ♥Peggy

LaRue was a wonderful artist and a very kind soul. She was always willing to share her painting knowledge and experience to anyone who needed help. LaRue was always adventurous and willing to try something new—even colored pencils. Her willingness to try new things in painting demonstrated that everyone had something that they could share. She made members who were new to teaching feel at ease and always thanked them and let them know how much she enjoyed painting the pieces. Her painting pieces were phenomenal and members including myself would always try to win them and receive them in trades. If you were lucky enough to win them, you felt like you hit gold and won the lottery. I will never forget her smile and the dedication to FWDP that she had. I will miss her dearly and treasure the time that we all had with her. Dora





To Check Out:

Facebook page for Artists: Artful Ties

Check out Zoom Classes at *Decorative painters academy*

It is so fun to have lots of photos in the newsletter and be able to look back on them. We also put in some very old pictures which are quite fun to see! I would like different members to take photos at the meetings, paint-ins etc. and send to me for the newsletter. It is great to have photos from different members to show different perspectives.



Oklahoma City Painting Palooza

Aug 9-15, 2026

FWDP Meets the Third Monday of February, March, April, May, September, October & November.

January Meeting 4th Monday and the Christmas Party 2nd Monday in December.

At the

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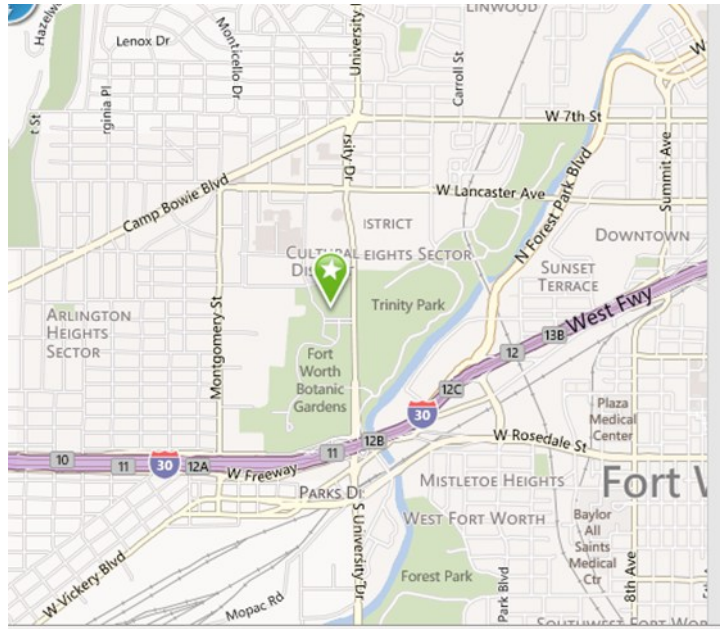
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2026 Dates to Remember

January 26 – Chapter Meeting

February 16 - Chapter Meeting

March 16 – Chapter Meeting

March 28—Saturday Special—Clay Santa with Dusti

April 20 – Chapter Meeting

May 18 – Chapter Meeting

June 13 —Saturday Special—Trio of Ornaments with Peggy

September 12—Saturday Special—Tic Tac Toe board with Dora

September 21 – Chapter Meeting

October 19 – Chapter Meeting

October—tentative seminar

Oct 24—Saturday Special—UFO Day

November 16 – Chapter Meeting

December – Christmas Party