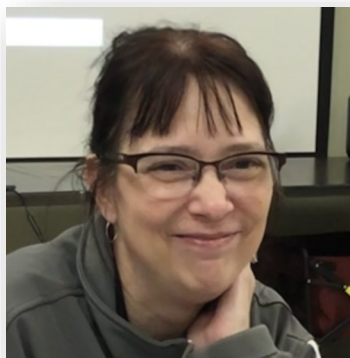


FWDP Newsletter

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**Fort Worth Decorative Painters
Celebrating 42 Years**



Greetings fellow painters! We are about to embark on our summer break. There are many important updates throughout this newsletter that you will need to know. Please read in its entirety. We will have a Saturday special this coming June as well as a planned upcoming seminar later this year. People need to sign up and pay if planning to attend so we can get an accurate headcount. May will be the last meeting before our Saturday special for June so be prepared to sign up and pay if you are planning to attend. This month we will be painting our clay Santa at our meeting. If you have not already, might want to look for and patch up any cracks. Remember to bring your instructions with you at the May meeting. While on break, everyone might want to start planning on what they are going to want to present for teaching in November; might want to start painting those projects for submission. Also might want to paint/prepare your gifts of 5 for those who will want to participate at our Christmas party. Finally, thanks to our teachers and for everything that everyone has done to make the first part of our painting year fun. We couldn't do this without your participation and dedication to FWDP. See you at the May meeting. Happy Painting my friends.

Dora





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:

THANK YOU to Connie, Dusti, Jan and Sharon for the refreshments at our April meeting.

Our May committee is Juanita and Sharlene for a non-sweet .

For a sweet we have Dora and Terri.

I will not be able to attend the May meeting, but Dusti will have the hospitality bag with the plates, napkins and cutlery.



Happy Painting, Louise

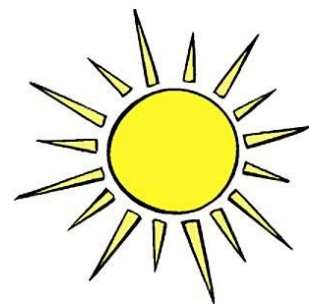
SUNSHINE

Cards were sent to Janis, LeeAnne, and Peggy last month.

The May birthdays are:

Armida Guzman May 13

Louise Smith May 15.



My new email address is: hrreed0820@gmail.com

Becky

Raffle

Thank you to Jan Park, Beth, Louise and Terry Teague for great raffle items in April! A special thanks to Louise for the door prize second drawing.

The May raffle items will be provided by Sharon Thompson, Dora, Connie and Dusti. There will be a second chance drawing provided by Nancy.

The raffle remains one of our main fundraisers so your participation is greatly appreciated.



Be a Lucky
Winner!

Thank you
Juanita

PROGRAMS

Many thanks to Louise for teaching her adorable snowmen in April. Everyone did a great job. Louise always weaves extra lessons and information in when she is teaching, so it pays to listen!

The May program will be the second part of the clay Santa taught by Dusti. If you were in the first class you already have your instructions and colors. For those of you that weren't in the first part of this class you may want to bring an unfinished project to work on or if you have your surfaces picked out for Peggy's Saturday Special project this could be a good time to prep.

In September we will have another project from Louise. She will be teaching her witch on a gourd.

Dusti
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Saturday Specials

We had a good turn out for the UFO Saturday Special on May 2nd. Thank you to all that attended. A big thank you to Louise for making brownies for our dessert!

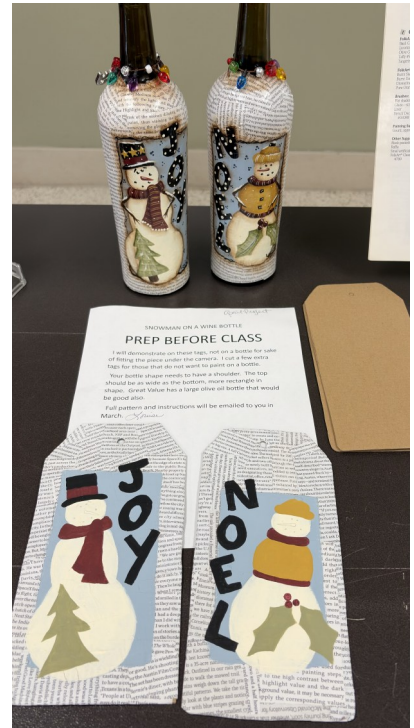
Our next Saturday Special will be on June 13th. Peggy will be teaching her Trio of Ornaments. I will be taking names and money at the meeting. It is \$40 for the day including lunch or \$25 if you don't want lunch.

Don't miss out, come join us. We have a great time.
If you have any questions please call or text me.

Dusti
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April Meeting
Louise Teaching



Service Project

We've changed our project this year. Our group will be making cards for Senior Living Centers.

Keep painting cards!

Jan



Fort Worth Decorative Painters Arlene Linton Seminar

October 24 & 25

Saturday



White Poinsettia and Lace

8 1/2 Round surface

Sunday



A Touch of Gray

Original Surface 12 x 8 Oval

Your choice of surface, rectangle
would also be good

Due to the generous donation the Bluebonnet Chapter gave us we are able to offer the seminar at the same price as the last few years

The Cost will be \$150 for the two day seminar and will include lunch both days.

New: offering one day (your choice) for \$100.00 , including lunch.

Prep instructions and color lists will be handed out when you sign up.

Arlene is known for her unique style of linework. She makes it so easy! She is also a fun and relaxing teacher!

Seminar will be at the VFW 3409 Country Road 920, Crowley, Texas 76036

10:00 – 4:30 each day

For further information and to sign-up contact

Nancy Genetti at ngenetti@tx.rr.com

Will start sign-ups at the May meeting. Remember we don't meet in the summer except for a Saturday paint in.

Please sign up soon so we know how many to plan for.



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



SATURDAY SPECIALS



March 28—Dusti
First half of clay Santa (Clay
part)



June 13—Peggy
Trio Ornaments



September 12—Dora
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!

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

September project is Witch on a gourd, taught by Louise Smith.

Clean your gourd if it has not been cleaned already and paint it black. The instructions have Folkart colors and I noted a conversion to Americana on the instructions. I included a picture for the newsletter but will have a pattern packet with a color photo for you at the meeting. This is a beginner level project and you should be able to complete it at the meeting.

I have three more gourds if anyone wants one. They are three dollars each. I will be at the June Saturday Special.



Witchy-Poo Pumpkin

HALLOWEEN DECORATION

This good little witch brings happiness and good luck to all who paint her. Try it and see!

1 Gather These Supplies

FolkArt® Acrylic Colors: *American*
 Basil Green #645 *Eggshell*
 Licorice #938 *Lamp Black*
 Olive Green #449 *Avocado*
 Taffy #902 *Sand*
 Tangerine #627 *Tangerine*

FolkArt® Artists' Pigment Colors:
 Burnt Sienna #943 *Burnt Sienna*
 Burnt Umber #462 *Burnt Umber*
 Dioxazine Purple #463 *Diox Purple*
 Pure Orange #628 *Tangelo Orange*

Brushes:

Flat shaders—sizes #4 and #10

Glaze—size 3/4"

Liner

Stencil Decor® stencil brushes—sizes 1" #34088 and 1/4" #34028

Painting Surface:

Gourd, approx. 12-1/2" high x 8" diam.

Other Supplies:

Black posterboard or felt for hat brim

Raffia

Small artificial blackbird

FolkArt® ClearCoat™ Matte Acrylic Sealer #789

2 Preparation

1. Basecoat entire gourd with Licorice, using a 1" stencil brush. Let dry.

Apply Pattern For Pumpkin. Base with

Tangelo Orange. Apply Pattern For Face - basecoat with eggshell.

3 Paint the Design

Pumpkin:

1. Basecoat with double loaded Tangerine and Pure Orange, using the 3/4" glaze brush. Keep Tangerine in the center of the pumpkin and Pure Orange on outer edges. Let dry.
2. Shade with Pure Orange. Reshade with Burnt Sienna.
3. Paint eyes, nose, and mouth with Licorice. Highlight with Tangerine.
4. Paint pumpkin stem with double loaded Burnt Umber and Olive Green. Highlight with Basil Green. Reshade stem with Licorice. Outline where top opening of pumpkin would have been cut with Licorice (refer to photo of project).
5. Paint leaves with multi-loaded Olive Green, Tangerine, and a touch of Taffy. Let all dry.

Witch:

1. Transfer or sketch witch's hands and arms with chalk. Paint over the pumpkin in these areas with Licorice. Let dry.
2. Basecoat arms and hands with Basil Green.
3. Highlight witch's clothes with Dioxazine Purple double loaded with a touch of Taffy.
4. Paint witch's fingernails with Dioxazine Purple double loaded with a touch of Taffy.
5. Shade witch's face with Olive Green.
6. Paint whites of eyes with Taffy. Coat Burnt Sienna irises. Paint pupils with Licorice.
7. Paint eyelashes, eyebrows, and mouth with Licorice.
8. Coat in teeth with Taffy, using the #4 flat brush.
9. Brush in cheeks with a tad of Pure Orange, using the small stencil brush.
10. Paint neck bow with inky Taffy, using the liner brush.

4 Finish

1. Spray with acrylic sealer. Let dry.
2. Using pattern, cut witch's hat brim from black posterboard. Glue in place on head as seen in photo of project.
3. Tie raffia around gourd at top of hat brim, tying ends in a bow. Glue the blackbird on bow. □





MARCH MEETING



Prep Instructions for the Ornament Trio Saturday Special

Paint Palette: All Americana. Antique Gold, Antique Maroon, Avocado, Buttermilk, Cadmium Orange, Country Red, Dark Chocolate, Lt. Hauser Green, Midnight Green, Plantation Pine, Raw Sienna, Titanium White, Winter Blue.

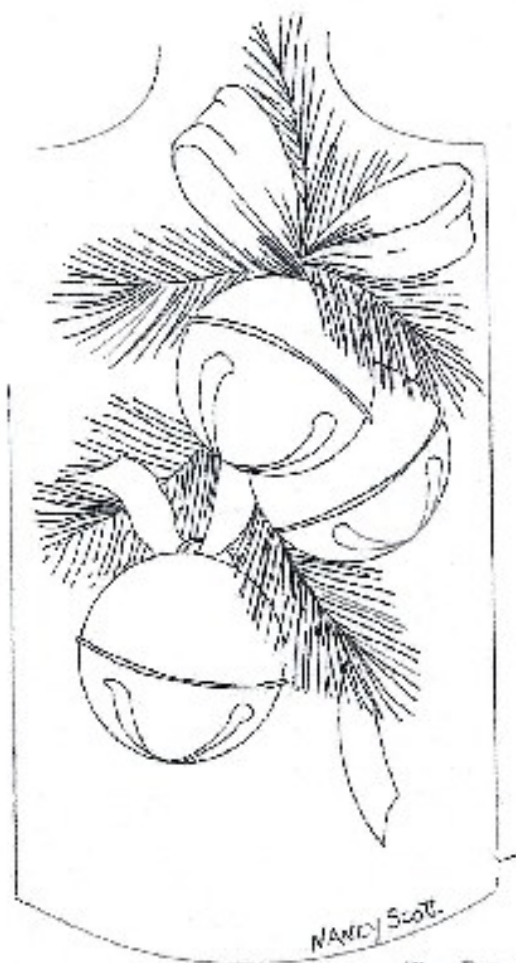
I painted mine on mini charcuterie boards from Hobby Lobby. They are out of stock online but you may find some in local stores. Hulen did not have any. Originals were painted on Rectangular Bread Board ornaments from Bear With Us Item #2503. You could check with Pine Craft since they took over from BWU.

I basecoated mine with Lamp Black but the pattern called for Midnight Green.

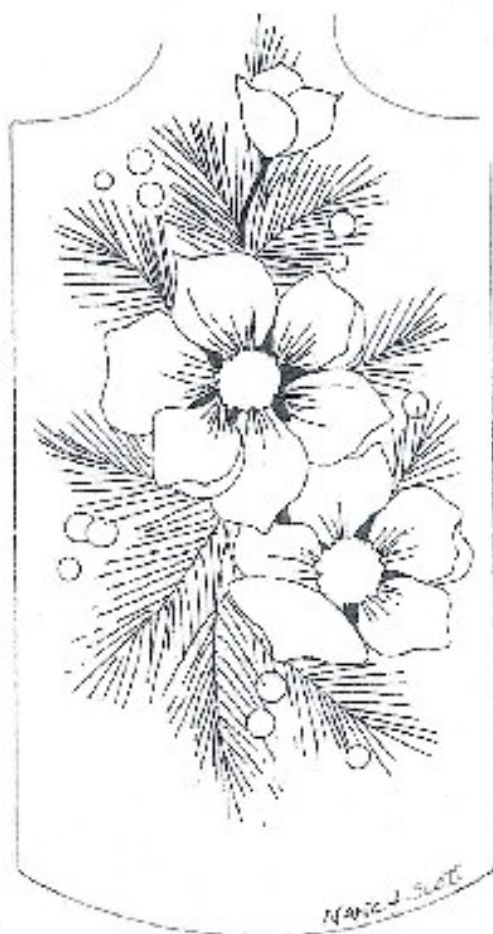
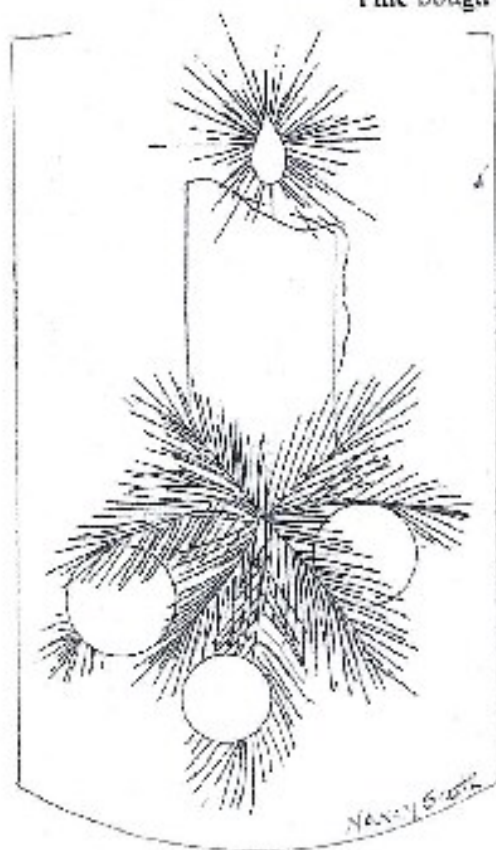
Trace the pattern on and basecoat the bells Antique Gold, the flower petals and candle with Buttermilk, and the ornaments on the candle board with Country Red.

The rest we will do at the Saturday Special.





Pine Bough Paddles



TECH TIPS FROM SHARLENE

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. 😊

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

**Botanical Gardens
3220 Botanic Garden Blvd.
Fort Worth, TX 76107**

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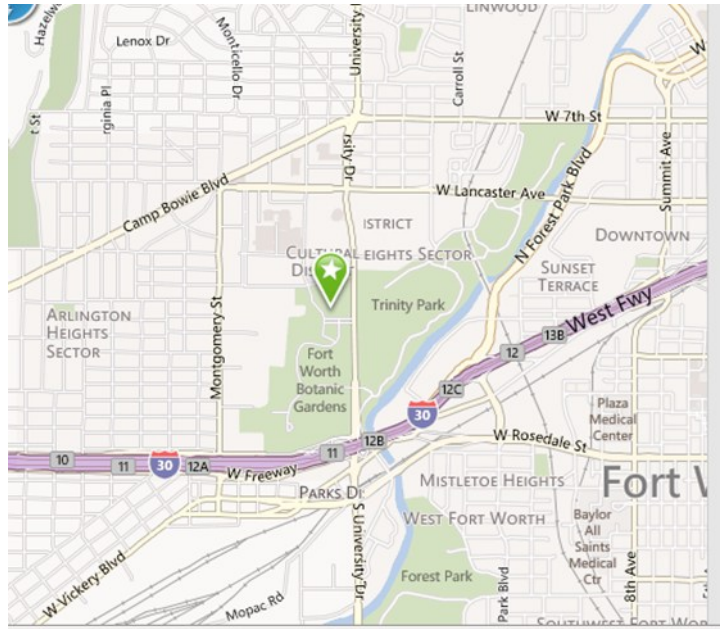
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2026 Dates to Remember

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—24 & 25 Seminar with Arlene Linton

November 16 – Chapter Meeting

December – Christmas Party