FORT WORTH DECORATIVE PAINTERS

FWDP Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings fellow painters. Hard to believe that we are already in October and spooky season is now upon us. Based off of all the feedback and a majority vote, FWDP will no longer be using the Botanical Gardens after November 2026. It was decided that we would be using potentially 2 other locations for 2027 and our meetings will be on Saturdays morning in 2027. Just a reminder, we are not allowed to bring any water, food, and/or snacks to either our October or November meetings at the Botanical Gardens. Failure to follow this rule will result in a $250 fine to be paid by the member who violates this policy set by the Botanical Gardens. More information to come on the new meeting spots along with dates on this once everything has been finalized for 2027. Additionally, our Christmas party has been booked at the Tea Room. See details in the newsletter. We will start collecting Xmas party money and 2027 membership dues at the October meeting. As a final note, I hope everyone is finishing up their pieces that they want to teach in time for our November meeting as well as putting their final touches on their gifts of five and ornaments for the Christmas party. We have two more fantastic meeting projects left for 2026 and a seminar this month. I know we are all excited about our remaining 2026 painting calendar of events. I am sure there are a couple of additional reminders that are not mentioned in this paragraph, so please read this newsletter in its entirety. Thanks for everyone's participation, feedback, and helping to make 2026 a great painting year. Till we meet next, happy painting.

Dora

BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Board

President — Dora Jodoin

Interim VP Programs — Dusti Dancer

VP Membership — Sharlene King

Treasurer — Louise Smith

Secretary — Peggy Thomas

Committee chairs

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



HOSPITALITY

We will not be having refreshments at the October and November meetings. Botanical Gardens will not allow us to bring in any food or drink, even water. Please do not bring in any personal food or drink as it will be subject to a $250.00 fine.

Thank you, Louise Smith

SUNSHINE

October birthdays are: LeeAnne Looney, on the 9th; Linda McDonald, on the16th; and Janis Briggs on the21st. The upcoming birthdays in November are: Nancy Genetti on the12th and Peggy Thomas on the 16th.

Sunshine Committee
Becky Reed
Sunshine email: hrreed0820@gmail.com

RAFFLE

Thank you to Louise, Nancy, Dusti, Dora, Connie, Terri and Juanita for great raffle items in September! A special thanks to Nancy for the second drawing.

PROGRAMS

Thank you Louise for teaching your wonderful witch in September. We had witches in all sizes and even one on a bottle! Everyone had a good time!

The October project will be a Nutcracker taught by Sharlene! This is a minimum or no prep project depending on your surface. If you haven't painted a card for our outreach project this might just be the time to do it!

In November Louise will be teaching an adorable little chef project. More on that to come.

Also, November is the time to bring your projects for next year. Please bring a finished project you would like to share with the group. If you are not willing/able to teach the project please have a teacher lined up before you present it.

If you have questions please call or text me.

Dusti
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SATURDAY SPECIAL

Saturday specials are over for this year. We had a great time at each one. Thanks you all that attended and a special thanks those that taught.

SEMINAR OR SPECIAL EVENT

Fort Worth Decorative Painters



With Arlene Linton

October 24 & 25, 2026

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM each day

Saturday, October 24

White Poinsettia Project

8½" Round



Paint included except black background paint

Sunday, October 25

Touch of Grey Project

12" x 8" Oval



Paint included except black background paint and grey

Location - VFW

3409 Country Road 920, Crowley, TX

Fees

$150 for two-day seminar (includes lunch) - $100 for one-day attendance (includes lunch)

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.

Contact & Registration

Nancy Genetti
Email: ngenetti@tx.rr.com

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT

October Project – Nutcracker Watercolor Card



Watercolors – Orange/pink, brown, green, red, Indigo blue, yellow/gold, black
Dr. Ph. Martin's Bleed Proof White or other white paint or paint pen
Bring what you have – we can share

Round brushes
Waterproof black fineliner pen
Gold pen optional
Battery operated fan if you have one

Lightly trace nutcracker pattern onto watercolor card or sheet of paper using a light box or against a bright window. Extra elements are included to use as you wish to decorate order or inside of card.



JOY

NEWS THE CHAPTER MUST READ

Nominating

The proposed slate of officers for 2027 is:

President: Dora Jodoin
Programs: Dusti Dancer
Membership: Sharlene King
Treasurer: Louise Smith
Secretary: Peggy Thomas

The slate of names is the same as 2026. Vice President/President Elect is open. This will be voted on at the November meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor before the vote with permission from the nominee as stated in our bylaws.

Sharlene

COMING UP

CUPCAKE CHEF

Pattern by Chris Thornton;
taught by Louise Smith

Americana Acrylic Paint
Berry Red
Bleached Sand
Cadmium Yellow
Canyon Orange
Hauser Medium Green
Lamp Black
Light Cinnamon
Medium Flesh
Olive Green
Snow White





Brushes: #1 script liner, #4, #6 and #10 shader Your usual painting tools
Preparation: Any surface you choose; seal and base coat in Lamp Black. The original piece by Chris Thornton was a MENU chalk board. If your surface is a chalk board, do not base coat at all. Resize the pattern to fit your surface.
Trace the pattern. Apply only the outline of the pattern, using a stylus and white transfer paper.
Basecoat the following:
Chef's face and hands with Medium Flesh.
Chef's pants and shirt with Bleached Sand.
The plates with Snow White and a touch of Light Cinnamon.

AROUND THE CHAPTER

At the September Meeting





Out and about
with Mary Helen









Christmas Party



Mark your calendars we have reservations for the Christmas Party. Thank you to Sharon Thompson for calling to reserve our spot at the Mercantile Tea Room.
Saturday December 5, 2026 at 1:15 PM.
This is the same spot as last years party.



Oklahoma City Painting Palooza
August 8-14, 2027

MEETING MINUTES

Fort Worth Decorative Painters Meeting
September 21, 2026

The meeting of Fort Worth Decorative Painters membership was held at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas. Those in attendance were Dora Jodoin, Sharlene King, Peggy Thomas, Juanita Munoz, Jan Park, Dusti Dancer, Louise Smith, Connie Alexander, Nancy Genetti, Janis Briggs, and Terry Teague.

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

Dora Jodoin. A discussion was held to come to a decision about whether to renew the contract with BRIT and accept all their obnoxious rules or to find a place where we can meet during the day, preferably on Saturdays. A motion was made not to renew with BRIT by Dusti Dancer and it was seconded by Janis Briggs. All present agreed. We have three options available to fill in the date and times we need. Our first choice would be the VFW as their facility has the best price; however, we cannot know the dates available until January when they make up their calendar. Sue Davis checked with her church in Crowley and got a very positive response. They would charge the same hourly rate as BRIT but we would be responsible for cleanup and taking the trash out. It was suggested that we start bringing sack lunches and everyone was in agreement. Another option being considered was a community center near McPherson. On Saturdays the center is very busy, but it is still an option and they let you reserve six months in advance. We are searching for all possible venues that will suit our needs without too many changes month to month.

Programs: Tonight's project is the painting of a witch on a gourd taught by Louise Smith. October's project will be a nutcracker painted on a card and taught by Sharlene King.

Saturday Specials: Dusti Dancer. If we change our meeting days to Saturdays with the option of adding longer hours occasionally, we will not be needing Saturday Specials as such.

Hospitality: Louise Smith As we are no longer able to bring refreshments to our meetings, anyone scheduled to bring items for hospitality please note the new ruling. $250 fine threatened by BRIT.

Raffle: Juanita Munoz. At the October meeting, the following are signed up to bring raffle items: Peggy Thomas, Dora Jodoin, Sharlene King, and Becky Reed
At the November meeting, Jan Park, Juanita Munoz, Connie Alexander, and Peggy Thomas will bring raffle items.

Seminars: Nancy Genetti. The Arlene Linton seminar is scheduled for October 24 and 25. Sign up as soon as possible. We don't cash the checks until the seminar happens. Nancy is still trying to find reasonable hotel rates because she suspects there is something going on that weekend to drive the prices up.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm. Respectfully submitted, Peggy Thomas



January— Peggy

Pup on a Tote



February—Beth

Puffy Santa



March—Dusti

Pumpkin Patch

2026 Meeting Projects



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 of Ornaments



September 12 – Dora

Tic Tac Board

October 24 – UFO day

Changed to seminar with Arlene Linton

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 5 – Christmas Party

WHEN AND WHERE WE MEET

Third Monday of February, March, April, May, September, October, and November. January meeting is the fourth Monday. Christmas party is the second Monday in December, unless a Saturday is booked.

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