## 2025 Meeting Dates

## Fort Worth Decorative Painters

January 27 - Chapter Meeting

February 17 - Chapter Meeting

March 1 - Saturday Special - Pumpkins by Dora

March 17 - Chapter Meeting

April 21 - Chapter Meeting

May 10 - Saturday Special - Paper Clay Santa with Beth

May 19 - Chapter Meeting

June - Saturday Special - Date to be announced

July 12 - Saturday Special - Chickadees with Linda

September 13 - Saturday Special - UFO Day

September 15 Chapter Meeting

September 13 - Saturday Special -UFO Day

October 20 - Chapter Meeting

November 17 - Chapter Meeting

December 8 - Christmas Party

Seminars are scheduled each year - various dates.

Saturday Specials - bring a project and paint - scheduled as time allows.

<u>Service Project</u> - Members will paint cards for service members. An organization will be chosen to send the cards. Blank cards will be available at the meetings, and will be due back the following month.

Operation Gratitude - operation gratitude. com is the website to get tips for writing a heartfelt note to a Military or First Responder. Every care package includes multiple notes, letters, cards and colorful drawings to remind those who serve, we care. Tips for writing a heartfelt note: EXPRESS GRATITUDE, acknowledge their selfless service, dedication and sacrifice. KEEP IT TIMELESS. Avoid dating your letter as it may take several months for care packages to be delivered. STAY INCLUSIVE. Refrain from discussing politics or excessive religious content, though mentioning that you are praying for them is appreciated. MAKE IT PERSONAL. Share a bit about yourself. FOR ADULTS (over 18) feel free to include your contact information (mail or email) if you'd like to give them an option to reply. Not sure what to say? Even a simple Thank you means the world to those who serve. A colorful drawing or painting can also brighten their day - just add a short note to explain the artwork. Important reminder, all letters go through a screening process before they are sent, therefore envelopes are not needed.

Hugs for Soldiers - hugsforsoldiers.org - The instructions are very similar to the above. Please do not use glitter or confetti or any product that could come loose when we open the box or envelope.

We encourage you to look up the websites and see more inclusive tips.