



Volume 2  
February 2012

Hello Ladies,

WOW! What a great way to start off the New Year: 32 members and 2 guests present. What an exciting time to be a part of such an enthusiastic chapter—let's continue that momentum throughout the year. Needless to say, with the board and committee members we have, it's only going to get better. Let's make it a goal to have every member present at every meeting! If there was someone you did not see at Friday's meeting, please give them a call and remind them that they were missed and invite them to the meeting that we will be having February 3rd. As a reminder, the February meeting will be our 2012 Proposed Budget meeting when we will be voting on this very important issue. So remember, in order for you to be eligible to vote you must be a current member in good standing, meaning that your dues for 2012 have been paid. If you have not done this please do so at the beginning of the meeting.

In addition, since this is the month of Valentine's Day, at our next meeting let's all be in either pink or red blouses. I think it will be a lot of fun and, besides, these are such happy colors and it will enable us to keep the positive momentum going. Don't forget about our after-meeting project which will be taught by Rose Condon: Dogwoods with Dewdrops. Let's make it as much of a success as the January project.

In closing, it is often said that life is a marathon. This year I promise to do everything humanly possible to see that ADA has a successful year. However, it's going to take all of us to help each other to finish the race and the year on a high note. So, if you see a sister painter stumble and needs a helping hand reach out to her and help her to finish. Let's keep Patti Stemmerman in our prayers and do what God calls us to do to help. Thank you to all in this endeavor.

Keep Painting

*Susie Winter*

President



#### Special points of interest:

- General meeting, February 3rd, Lion's Field
- City usage \$5 fee due next mtg.
- March Newsletter deadline, Feb. 7
- Kathie George seminar March 23 & 24, Independence Hill
- Naomi Brown seminar April 20 & 21, Independence Hill

ALAMO DECORATIVE ARTISTS  
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# ALAMO DECORATIVE ARTISTS

## GENERAL MEETING

President, Susie Winter, called the January 6, 2012, meeting of Alamo Decorative Artists (ADA) to order at 9:30 am at Lion's Field.

Susan Herr, Treasurer, was absent, so no report was given. Sue Shehane and Sheryl Nelson volunteered to audit the books before the February meeting.

Melody Kidwell, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, announced the after meeting projects for 2012:

January - Martha Hennig	July – No meeting
February - Rose Condon	August – Ellie Vaughn
March – Carol Fereday	September – Auction
April – Kathy Swigon	October – Diane Weber
May – Martha Hennig	November – Melody Kidwell
June – Wendy Watson	December – Christmas Party

Sharyel Bradford, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP 2011, thanked the membership for paying dues and recruiting new members during 2011. Linda Merrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for 2012 was absent.

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Seminars:** Martha Hennig, Seminar Chair, reminded members to sign up for the Friday/Saturday, March 23 & 24, Kathy George seminar to be held at Independence Hill. She will teach member-selected watercolor batik projects both days from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. A delicious lunch may be purchased at Independence Hill for \$8.00. Independence Hill is a lovely facility and does not charge the chapter rent for the use of the room, but, gives us the privilege to purchase lunch there and help with their Christmas decorations as in-kind payment. Martha has maps to Independence Hill and is encouraging members to attend. A sign up sheet will be available at the February meeting for the Naomi Brown seminar. The Surprise Seminar will be held July 28, 2012. Martha has the demo board for the Rosemary West nativity scene.

**Ways and Means:** Wendy Watson, W&M Chair, reported that the Board would present the idea next meeting (Feb) to the membership for approval that ADA and HOTT chapters would pick up a portion of the cost of chartering a bus to Wichita for SDP Conference, May 14-19, 2012. She would hire a 36 passenger bus for \$5K. If 30 members would ride the bus and pay \$50.00 each for the round trip, the 2 chapters would pick up the remainder of the cost. The bus would leave at 6:00am on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> from Independence Hill and leave Wichita on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to arrive back at Independence Hill around 2:00 am. There would be a deadline to sign up to ride the bus.

Bonus Bucks will continue but will be revised. Wendy will provide a sign up sheet, but it will be the member's responsibility to sign signifying participation in a particular activity. No punches will be given, but members will receive points for participation if the sheet has been signed.

The September auction will not be held at Lion's Field. The location is to be announced at a later date. The aim is to promote ADA and the auction to the public. Ten of the highest artistic quality items submitted for auction will be selected by a jury of professional artists in the hopes that they will sell for higher bids. Items not selected in the 10 will be up for silent auction with a minimum bid and minimum raise for each item. The 2011 auction brought in \$1427.32. We will alternate auction and quilt projects to coincide with the San Antonio Quilt Show which happens every other year. The quilt brought in \$1,453.54. Thanks to Wendy who sold tickets at the shows in and around Blanco and to members who bought and sold the tickets. The drawing was held at the Christmas party.

**Service:** Lamont Vaille, Service Chair, reported that we should concentrate on the soldier boxes. ADA has participated in this event since Andrea Robertson started this project 4 years ago. Sixty two boxes were given out, no lottery, in 2011 at the Thanksgiving dinner. Wendy gave 6 boxes to Russian soldiers, 2 to chaplains, and 1 to a widow who became a volunteer at the center after her husband died. Our goal is to paint 65 boxes in 2012.

Carol Davidson delivered 38 baby boxes to hospitals in the area and in Fredericksburg. Carol Fereday has 20 boxes at home for distribution. She stated that January and February were the worst months for baby deaths. At this time, we do not need to paint more baby boxes.

**Newsletter:** Marilyn Graff, Newsletter Chair, stated she spent \$25.34 to print the Newsletter and spent \$15.84 in stamps to mail them to members. Copies are free to guests, but ADA membership must be current to receive a mailed copy. Member cost is \$5.00 if the member has access to a computer but requests a hard copy be mailed, or, at no cost if the member has no computer or access to one. Point of discussion: chapter dues should cover the \$5.00 cost for members who have access to a computer and request a mailed copy. The decision was made to keep the cost at \$5 for this month and vote next month when the budget comes up for approval.

**Hospitality:** Alicia Alfaro, Hospitality Chair, thanked the hostesses for January: Melody Kidwell, Sheryl Nelson, Marilyn Graff, and Alicia Alfaro. Alicia reported that we had 32 members present and 2 guests, Wendy Wilson, guest of Marlene McPeek, and Patricia Boyd who spoke with Wendy about coming to the meeting. Both ladies are joining. We have 42 members. When hostessing, only 1 door prize is expected, not one for everyone. Gwen Decker, retiring hospitality chair, reported that the supplies that were kept in the storage unit were in bad shape. Alicia can go through them and discard. The sign up sheet for the year requesting meeting hostesses was passed around to the membership.

**Sunshine:** Diane Weber, Sunshine Chair, did not have a report this month. **Website:** Susie Winter, Pres., stated she had tried to call Gerrienne Cheek, Webmaster, concerning the updating of the chapter website. Marilyn Graff is willing to be webmaster but needs access codes and will speak with Gerrienne. Not many people have accessed the website, which could be a tool to attract new members to our chapter. ADA is also posted on Facebook.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Susie Winter thanked the membership for participating and attending the Christmas Party at Alamo Café. We had 42 members attending and 1 guest. Members expressed they were pleased with the location and that the Christmas party was a success.

Susie reminded the membership to pay the \$5 fee to Lion's Field. Later, we were asked by staff to hold applications and money until next month when the supply of membership cards would be replenished.

Prospective ADA members must pay SDP dues before being eligible to join ADA.

Pennies for Painters was never approved by the ADA Board. Wendy has \$12.83 in contributions and will deposit this money in the general fund.

Wendy asked the membership to remember Patti Stemmerman, ADA past president, who lost many of her belongings, painting supplies, and paintings in the Bastrop fires last year. Wendy would like the membership to contribute or budget money toward her attending National in Wichita and will bring it up in the budget discussions next month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Vegas is coming up and Darla Vosburg's class is sold out. Congratulations.

ADA will provide 12 hand painted luggage tag favors to be given at the Friday night banquet of the SDP Conference in Wichita. Cost is \$.60 each. Member painters may choose anything to do with Flights of Fancy, the theme of the conference. Our chapter name will be in the party brochure for providing the favors. SDP will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and may possibly be the last conference in Wichita. **SHOW & TELL:** Members are encouraged to bring a Show and Tell project as often as possible. This month we had several outstanding pieces for exhibit. Those members who participated were:

Wendy Watson – brought a portrait of Columbia, her original design that was published in the current Decorative Painter. Columbia was a portrait on Confederate currency. Congratulations, Wendy. She also showed a dogwood box designed by Deanne Fortram, which she will teach at HOTT in Austin in February.

Ellie Vaughn – brought her framed watercolor batik from the surprise seminar taught by Marty Campbell. She also showed the bag made by Gail Wilson she won as a quilt raffle consolation prize at the Christmas Party.

Martha Hennig – also brought her framed watercolor batik from the surprise seminar.

JoAnn Johnson – brought beautiful red rose oil paintings on palette paper. JoAnn showed the membership the book she has written, The Chase.

Kathy Swigon – exhibited a watercolor batik designed by Kathy George. She stated it was a beginner piece and would be teaching it at Wendy's Red Door on January 28, 2012.

Sandy Wicker – painted a small chest covered in roses. She will be teaching the roses

January 31, 2010, at Wendy's Red Door.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT:**

**Time:** 10:40 am    **Motioned by:** Diane Weber    **Seconded by:** Alicia Alfaro

Respectfully submitted,

Rose R. Condon, Interim Secretary



**2nd Vice President—Membership**  
**Linda Merrell & Rose Condon**

**1st Vice President - PROGRAMS**  
**Melody Kidwell**

Thanks to Martha Hennig, January's after meeting was a huge success. She taught us how to paint beautiful stroke work flowers. Thank you Martha !

For February's after meeting program, Rose Condon will teach a Deanne Fortnam design called Dogwoods and Dewdrops. It's a beautiful design and can be put on any surface . I can't wait to paint it ! Plan to attend !

Pattern and prep instructions are on the following pages.

*Melody*



**Urgent Reminder:**

We still have a number of members who have not paid their 2012 dues of \$15. We have extended the grace period through Feb. 3, the next ADA meeting.

We are trying to have the directories available at the March meeting; and, only those members whose 2012 dues have been paid can be included in the directory. So, please get your dues in the mail to me or pay them at the February meeting. We want everyone included and eligible to enjoy all the benefits of being a member in good standing.

Also, remember SDP dues must be paid before joining ADA.

*Linda & Rose*  
2nd vice presidents

AFTER-MEETING PROJECT - FEBRUARY 3RD

Taught by Rose Condon

## Dogwood and Dewdrops

by Deanne Fortnam

*A Symphony of Classics Vol. 2*

### Paint Palette - DecoArt

Antique Gold	Hauser Medium Green	Antique White	Hauser Dark Green
Blue Mist	Jade Green	Charcoal Grey	Shale Green
Graphite	Evergreen	Titanium White	Raw Sienna
Napa Red	Splendid Gold		

### Preparation

Basecoat the bottom of the box with Hauser Dark Green. Let dry. Sand then mix Blue Mist + Hauser Dark Green to create a medium value blue-green. Sponge this mix on the bottom of the box. When dry, sponge Splendid Gold on the top of the blue-green sponging.

Basecoat the lid with Blue Mist. Sand then base with Blue Mist again. While this is still wet, use a large flat brush with a slip-slap motion of the brush, blend in Hauser Dark Green, working from the lower right to the upper left. Next, blend in Titanium White, working from the upper left toward the lower right. You are looking for a gradual value change from light to dark while leaving some of the brush marks showing for texture.

Using Splendid Gold, Hauser Dark Green and Maroon (mix Napa with Graphite), trim the edges of the box.

Transfer dogwood pattern to lid, placing them into the lightest section of the lid. Base flower petals with Shale Green. Base the leaves with Hauser Medium Green.

### Value Scales:

Very Light Grey: Light Grey mix = Titanium White 1:1  
Light Grey: Shale Green + Titanium White 1:1  
Medium Grey: Shale Green  
Dark Grey: Shale Green + Charcoal Grey 1:1  
Very Dark Grey: Dark Grey mix + Charcoal Grey 1:1

Very Light Green: Jade Green  
Light Green: Hauser Medium Green + Titanium White 2:1  
Medium Green: Hauser Medium Green  
Darker Medium Green + Graphite 3:1  
Very Dark Green: Evergreen + Graphite 3:1

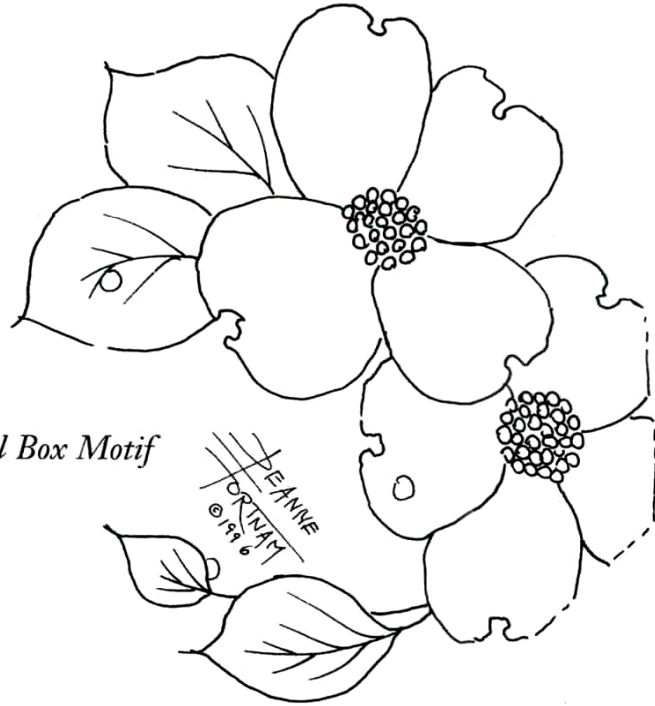
Maroon: Napa Red + Graphite 4:1



# DOGWOOD AND DEWDROPS

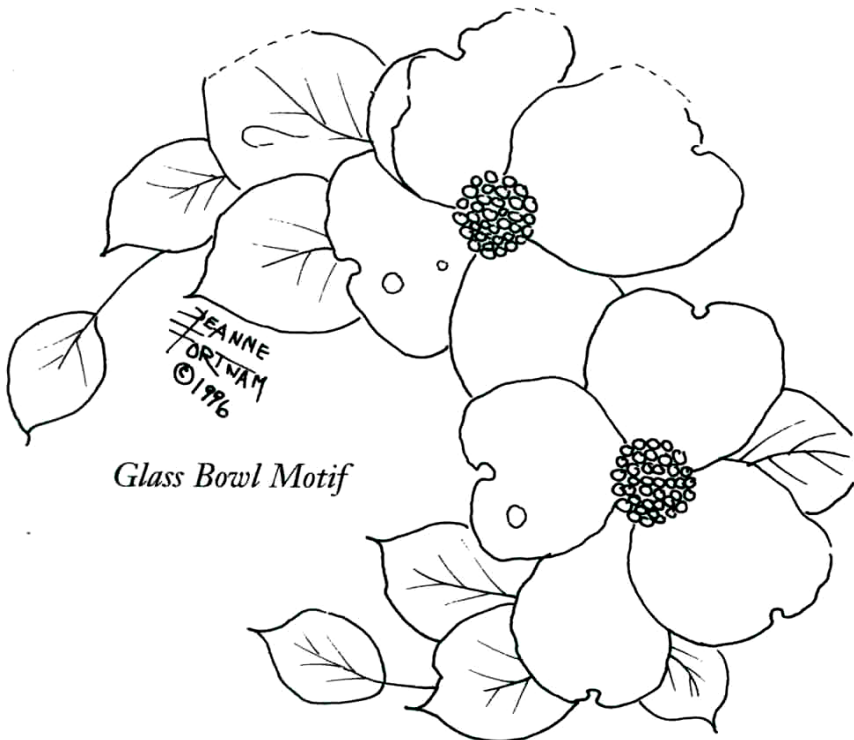
Instructions on Pages 25 and 26

*Small Octagonal Box Motif*



Dotted lines indicate edge of surface.

*Glass Bowl Motif*



## SEMINARS

Martha Hennig

Our first 2012 seminar is off to a GREAT-start. Kathie George will be teaching a watercolor batik **Friday, March 23** called "**Poppy Trio.**" **This class is full.**

The second class, **Saturday, March 24** is a mixed media project called "**The Hiding Place.**" There are only 5 places left in this class. If you are interested in taking "The Hiding Place" and didn't or couldn't be at the January meeting, I will be taking names via mail. Just snail mail me your \$36 ( \$30 class + \$6 supply fee ) check made out to ADA. The first 5 I receive according to the postmark will "make" the class.

Naomi Brown will be our second seminar for 2012. Her project will be "**Cluckin' Chickens.**" Naomi's is painted on a cake cover, but could also be put on a tray, canvas or box. "Cluckin' Chickens" signups will begin at the February 3 meeting.

This is a 2-day project, April 20-21, cost \$30/day or \$60. Come paint with these wonderful teachers!

*Martha*



## SERVICE

Lamont Vaille

The Soldier Box Project proved to be an amazing experience again this year. You really stepped up to the challenge by painting 62 beautiful boxes and then filling them to the brim with goodies and gift cards. I loved admiring all of your imaginative art work while working with the boxes.

Teaming up with Target was a neat experience. Not only did they make a nice donation, but they also provided a work area and helped fill the boxes. They are eager to work with us again next year.

Many thanks to all of you for getting so involved in this project. It was a real labor of love and I greatly appreciate your hard work painting, filling and delivering these lovely thank you gifts for the soldiers. A special thanks to Wendy for attending their Thanksgiving dinner and personally passing out the boxes. That had to be an amazing experience. You gals rock and I can't wait to see what we can do in 2012.

*Lamont*



## WAYS & MEANS

Wendy Watson

You spoke, we listened! We are going to make a concerted effort not to ask for money at every meeting. So, there will be fewer raffles and only one major fund-raiser for the year. Raffles will be announced in the newsletter, so you can plan to bring money to the meeting. We will be having an auction this year, but no quilt. The auction will be sometime in the fall and in a location open to the public. We would like to bring in some "outside" money and not have to depend on our members for everything. "Pennies for Painters" has been eliminated. We will no longer have "Skills Days". The attendance was poor and teachers difficult to find. There will be a "Paint Day" and/or a "Learn To Paint" day sometime in the fall for Toile Month. We will continue the "Bonus Bucks" program, but it will be New & Improved! You will no longer have to remember to bring a card with you to every meeting. Look for more information in another section of this newsletter. Anyone interested in helping with the Auction? I'd like to have a planning session very soon.

### **Bonus Bucks**

New & Improved! The Ways & Means chair will maintain a spreadsheet for your points. It will be your responsibility to sign in at the meetings, sign in for each memory box/soldier box that you turn in, sign in for each show and tell piece that you bring etc. The committee chairs will be responsible for providing a copy of guest lists, seminar lists etc. If you forget to sign in at a meeting; you may NOT come back later and ask for a point. Mid-year, you will be given a status report to see how you are doing. The maximum points that can be earned in one year is 25. You may use your points the following year for seminars, membership or the Christmas Party. Your 2011 cards may be used in 2012. 2012 points can not be utilized until 2013.

#### **Point System - Slim & Trim version!**

**Board members & Committee Chairs = 5 points**

**Serving on a committee = 1 point**

**Each memory box = 1 point**

**Each soldier box = 1 point**

**Attendance at meeting, seminar or special ADA function = 1 point**

**Wear name tag = 1 point**

**Attending annual Chapter's Gathering at SDP conference = 1 point**

**Attending annual SDP conference = 1 point**

**Teach after-meeting programs, Learn to Paint, and or Skills day = 2 points**

**Hostess for monthly meetings or special functions = 1 point**

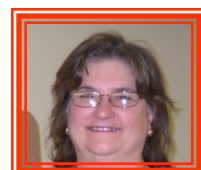
**Bring a guest = 1 point**

**Each Show & Tell item = 1 point**

**Provide painted item for Auction or special function = 1 point**

#### **Bus to SDP conference:**

We reported that we were trying to get a bus for the conference in Wichita. There are not sufficient numbers to contract a bus, so this has been **canceled**. Those who are going should plan to car-pool and possibly caravan. Wendy will create a list of those registered and who will be riding and/or rooming together. If you are planning to attend, please contact Wendy with details. [wendywatson@earthlink.net](mailto:wendywatson@earthlink.net)



**SUNSHINE**

Diane Weber

**February birthday go out to:**

**JoAnn Johnson - February 3rd**

**Isabel Howard - February 6th**

**Joan Wright - February 9th**

**A get-well card was sent to Dell Stevenson.**

**We have one new member, Sue Shahane.**

*Diane*

**HOSPITALITY**

Alicia Alfaro

The hostesses for the February 3rd general meeting are:

Wendy Watson

Kathy Swigon

Sharyl Nelson

*Alicia*



**NEWSLETTER**

**Marilyn Graff**

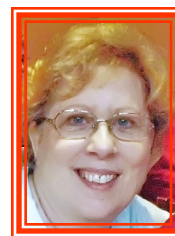
The January newsletter was emailed on January 13th and 22 hard copies were mailed to members without computer/printing capabilities. Two copies were handed out to visitors/new members at the general meeting. One member paid \$5 for a hard copy in 2012.

The printing cost was \$25.37 and \$15.84 for stamps, for a total cost of \$41.21.

Deadline for the March newsletter is February 7th.

The service article on page 8 by Lamont Vaile was inadvertently left out of the January newsletter. Sorry, Lamont.

*Marilyn*



## **Did you know?**

Did you know that you can apply for a scholarship from SDP for educational trips (SDP conference), seminars, workshops or college classes? Go to the SDP website [www.decorativepainters.org](http://www.decorativepainters.org), look at the top menu under Chapters. Deadline for applications is March 1, 2012.....

Did you know that you can nominate someone for an award? There are four awards given every year—Outstanding Chapter Service Award, Priscilla Hauser Business Award, Dedicated Service Award and the Silver Palette Award. Look at your recent Decorative Painter, page 114 for details. Deadline for nominations is March 1, 2012.

**This recipe was given to me by Joan Wright at the January meeting and I wanted to pass it on to the members for Valentine's Day:**

### **Chocolate Bread**

**1C. butter**

**2C. sugar**

**2 1/2 C. flour**

**1/4 tsp. baking soda**

**4 eggs**

**1 C. Buttermilk**

**2 tsp. vanilla**

**5 1/2 oz. Hershey's Chocolate syrup**

**10 1/2 oz. Hershey bar**



**Melt 10 1/2 oz. bar and butter in microwave.**

**Mix all dry ingredients and all wet ingredients to them. Grease and flour pans**

**Bake 1 to 1 1/2 hrs. at 350 degrees.**

From the kitchen of Dell Stevenson

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***PAINTING—  
 SEMINARS—  
 FRIENDS***



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Non-Members		1 page \$25
\$35		½ page \$15 \$25
¼ page \$10 \$18		1/8
	page \$ 8 \$10	

Money must accompany ad or it will not be placed in current issue. Check  
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