



www.windybrushes.org

Don't Forget:

- **Renew your SDP and Windy Brushes membership for 2011.**
- **January chapter meeting will be our installation of officers.**
- **Purchase WB gift certificates for your friends, family.**
- **REMINDER-NEW VENUE IS CHANDLERS IN SCHAUMBURG.**
- **Send in your registration for our future meetings and seminars.**
- **Check out all the photos from our Christmas party.**
- **Sign up for at least one of our wonderful education seminars**

Blessings and prayers to all our member and families for a healthy and happy 2011! On behalf of all our Windy Brushes Chapter Members, I wish to express our deepest gratitude to all the Chairwomen who planned and designed our beautiful folk art tables representing Christmas Around the World. Most sincere thanks to Debie Gajewski for her work coordinating and planning this festive event. Her choice of entertainment was so much fun. Everyone certainly deserves rave praise and thanks for a job well done.

I regret the food left much to desire. I am grateful for your understanding, knowing we have made the change of venue for this reason. While most everyone commented, no one complained. We would have had a large financial penalty if we chose not to honor our contract. Sometimes in life we just have to tighten our belts, take a deep breath, and stand up to the challenge. This was one of them. Thanks to Toni who worked so hard to be successful with the catering staff. She has been in contact with Chandler's setting up room arrangements and menus. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

We look forward to a year filled with activities and creative projects to promote decorative painting. Please read the newsletter for information regarding our upcoming seminars and various activities planned for 2011.

Everyone is invited, encouraged, and needed to participate as these efforts will strengthen the Chapter and promote its growth to share the joy of decorative painting.

I am looking for a Chair for our 2011 Christmas Party. Please call me if you would be willing to chair this event.

One of Windy Brushes many projects this year is to raffle our exquisite painted quilt. Be sure to read the information regarding this raffle. For every book sold, the seller's name will be entered into a raffle for a three day seminar of choice in 2011. Be sure to return the green cover of the raffle book with your tickets. We look forward to a successful outcome in this project. Thanks in advance for your good will and cooperation.

Our next meeting will be January 8th. The 2011 Officers will be installed. Sue Jacobs has planned a very creative program. Remember, the meeting venue has changed to Chandler's. Toni has all the information printed in this newsletter. Put on your snuggies, sweaters, gloves, and scarves. Bundle up, and warm up the car. I always say we Midwestern women are tough! Snow, sleet, ice never stops decorative painters. We go outside and wonder how we can paint the beauty before us. We'll see you at Chandler's.

Sincerely,
Dorothy



WINDY BRUSHES 2011 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

President	Dorothy Carbonara	Ronni Benedetti	31-Mar
1 st VP—Education	Ann Johnson	Carol Buck	22-Jan
2 nd VP— Programs	Debi Gajewski	Stephanie Calabrese	25-Feb
Treasurer	Toni Girten	Dorothy Carbonara	2-Feb
Secretary	Chris Lee	Deborah Cole	24-Mar
Newsletter	Toni Girten	Danette D'Angelo	15-Feb
“	Dorothy Carbonara	Mary Kay Fischer	7-Mar
Membership	Camille Anzelmo	Colleen Gates	4-Feb
Hospitality	Bobbie Good	Suzanne Hoyne	27-Jan
Chapter Display	Kathy Miller	Jack Kniaz	24-Mar
Parliamentarian	Billie Morrow	Phyllis Kohnke	9-Feb
Ways and Means	Mary Kay Fischer	Theresa Krohn	5-Feb
Raffles	Sue Jacobs	Kelly Lovewell	3-Mar
“	Judy King	Betty Jane Miller	23-Feb
“	Jennifer Rader	Cyndi Monroe	17-Jan
“	Pat McClone	Jan Pritchert	7-Mar
May & December Raffles	Betty Burns	Martha Ruhland	22-Feb
Sunshine	Cindy Miller	Merilee Sawusch	30-Dec
Website	Toni Girten	Jo Schwalboski	18-Jan
Publicity	Kathleen Crow	Karen Seehausen	17-Mar
Christmas Party	TBA	Bettie Slazyk	1-Feb
Caring & Sharing	Barbara Marshall	Judith Theisen	8-Feb
Library/Videos	Doris Burdick	Doris Tomaszewski	7-Mar
Vintage Books	Debbie Cole	Maxine Wallisch	10-Mar
Favors/Centerpieces	Ronni Benedetti	Madonna Wilson	19-Mar
Historian	Carol Buck		
SDP Liaison	Ann Johnson		

SHUTTERFLY—WINDY BRUSHES PICTURES

Toni has set up a Shutterfly.com account for Windy Brushes of Northern Illinois, which allows all our members to have access to photos from past meetings, seminar photos, etc. This gives everyone the ability to download photos for use in our newsletter and for chapter members to access the photos. The photos are online, so it does hold the files on the website and doesn't take up space on anyone's hard drive, except those you choose to download. It also allows you to select the size of each photo that you wish to download.

Thank you to our Webmaster, Jim Rupany

I would like to thank and acknowledge our Webmaster, Jim Rupany (husband of our member, Bev Rupany) for his support of our chapter. Jim does a great job of keeping our website updated. We will be revising the website as an ongoing project, when time allows. Toni.

Vintage Books—Debbie Cole, Chair

Members and guests, Vintage Books returns in January, so bring all your books, magazines and patterns, recycle them to another painter! Lots of great ideas, lots to choose from for your next project.

Raffle Report—Sue Jacobs

Thank you to everyone who brought things for the holiday party. We had 43 donations and raised over \$1000.00. The decorated Christmas tree that Dorothy Carbonara put together was a spectacular special raffle. We are happily accepting new donations for the regular raffle now. We also want to remind you to save up your donations for the White Elephant sale in March. You can bring your raffle items to the January meeting but please save the White Elephant items for the March meeting. For those of you unfamiliar with White Elephant, It's a great way to redistribute some of those half finished projects, paint you will never use, or excess supply of small wood pieces. At the beginning of the meeting we will sell you bags and you can fill those bags up with all the goodies. It's lots of fun to see what turns up in the White Elephant sale.



Ways and Means—Mary Kay Fischer, Chair
I will be traveling in January to Hawaii and will not be at our first meeting of the new year. I will see you at our March chapter meeting.



CONGRADULATIONS DEBI, GREAT JOB!

"OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO ATTEND A WINDY BRUSHES CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD PARTY!"

What a great Christmas Party. Every table was more beautiful and exciting than the last one you looked at. Everyone participating deserves a pat on the back. The favors & centerpieces were traditional and colorful. My pick to paint was the French table, and with the help of Billie Morrow we had a beautiful French designed coffee pot with a big French bow and bells that chimed "Joyeux Noel" Red candles, mistletoe for luck, tiny tin pots with greenery and some French candy to enjoy. To top it off I brought some Bueche De Noel dessert for my tablemates, the traditional log cake eaten Christmas Day in France. That was just my table; you should have seen the rest of the tables...WOW! The entertainment was tops as we sang along and tapped our feet to the songs of the Andrew Sisters and the music of the 40's. What a wonderful party. Everyone enjoyed the atmosphere and fun. How are we going to top this next year? I'll be there for sure.



Hugs, Bettie Slazyk – 2nd Vice President (Programs)



Congratulations to Christine Wood,
winner of the Holiday tablescape
special raffle!

January Program - Zentangle Taught by Sue Jacobs

Suitable for beginners through advanced artists – Guests Welcome

Zentangle is an easy to learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. I call it artistic doodling. Anyone can do it! While it seems abstract, Zentangle is sufficiently structured and organized so you can enjoy it and find immediate gratification. Creating a Zentangle is an easy to understand process of simple deliberate strokes which build on each other in beautiful, mesmerizing and surprising ways.

For a sneak peak of hundreds of Zentangles, visit www.zentangle.com

Call Sue with questions 847 363-5278 or 847 363-5278 or sj60010@gmail.com

Supplies needed –

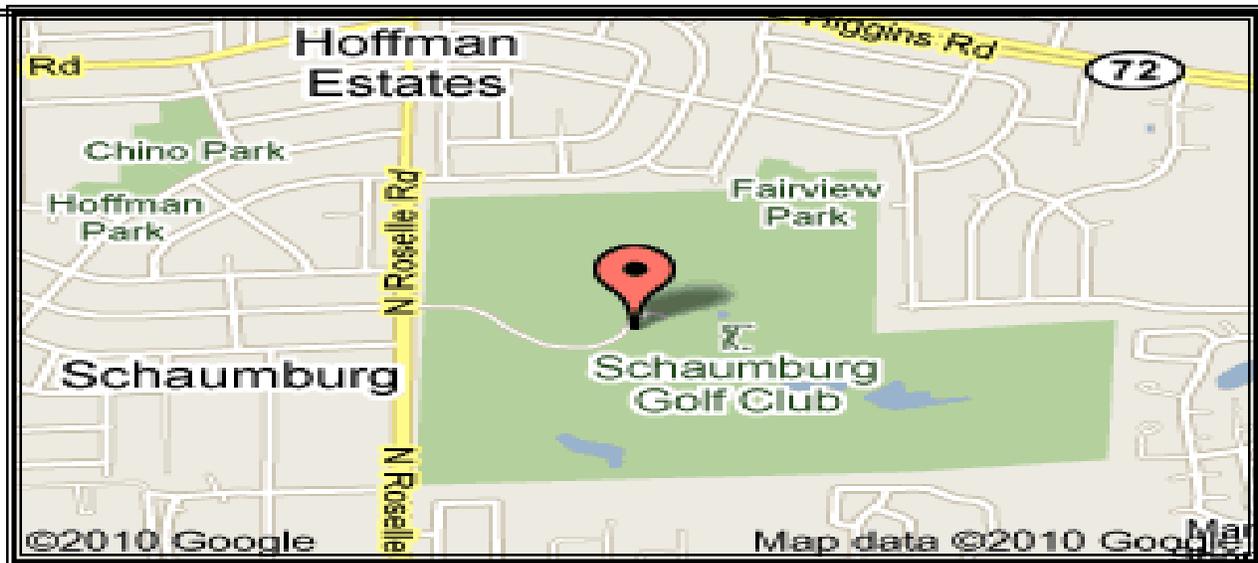
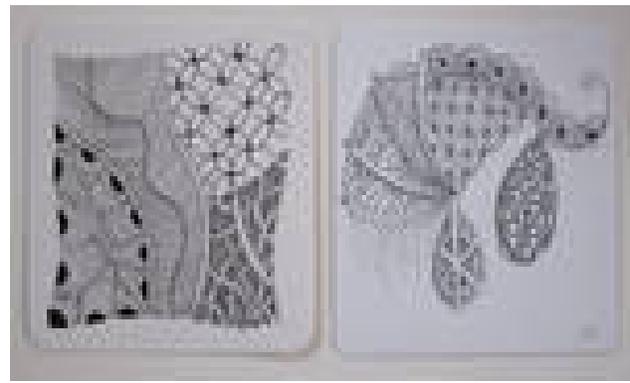
Sakura's Pigma Micron 01 black pen

(Sue will have a few for sale)

Pencil and good eraser (white vinyl)

Small sketchbook or blank paper

Class fee \$5



Chandler's 401 North Roselle
Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194-3529 (847) 885-
9009 () www.chandlerschophouse.com

AN EXCITING PAINT CLASS WITH RICHARD HELLAND AND 52 OUTSTANDING & BEAUTIFUL "MY STUFF" BOXES TURNED IN BY OUR WONDERFUL MEMBERS

Our November meeting was very successful with the attendance of 30 members. Richard Helland taught a watercolor class with vibrant colors. His technique was very different from what we are used to and most important challenging. The watercolor paper was submerged in water so the paper was very wet and kept wet by spraying the backboard continuously to keep the paper saturated and the paint moving.

Richard is an excellent teacher with a paint shop is in Palatine. This was a great opportunity to try a new painting technique to continue to expand our knowledge. Once we stop experimenting with new ideas the fun of painting will diminish. So ladies keep trying new techniques no matter what the medium. We are very lucky to be in a Chapter that offers such a variety of classes.

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THANK YOU LADIES, the boxes for the St. Joseph Carmelite Homes for Girls were beautifully painted. We collected a total of 52 "MY STUFF" boxes that were painted with love. We received everything from boats, pirates, a train engine, racing cars, cute animals, beautiful ladies of color, crafted boxes, gorgeous flowers and frogs were in abundance. It was a very warm experience to view all the boxes as they arrived, you could hear the Oh's and Ah's of appreciation. Ladies you have been twice blessed, first with the enjoyment of painting the boxes and secondly for experiencing the love you shared with those less fortunate. That includes the diapers and items that were donated.

These little children will never know each of you but their hearts will and they will never forget you. God bless you and thank you. What a wonderful way to end the year 2010. GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE HEART ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN.

HUGS, BETTIE SLAZYK, PROGRAMS



SDP UPDATE by Ann Johnson

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE SDP BLOG? Go to www.decorativepainters.org and click on Blog in left hand column, sign up and don't forget to confirm when the email is sent to you. An easy way to keep up-to-date with SDP

**Windy Brushes Cookbook Update—Ronni Benedetti, Chair**

Thanks very much to all the members who purchased the Windy Brushes cookbook and made our fundraiser such a great success! I have a few books left, once they are gone, they're gone.

Centerpieces and Favors for 2011—Ronni Benedetti, Chair

As chairperson for the centerpieces and favors, I have listed the names of the members who agreed at the November 2010 meeting to do centerpieces/favors for the 2011 chapter meetings:

January—Debi Gajewski
 March—Susie Cozzi
 May—Bettie Slazyk
 July—None Required
 September—Ronni Benedetti
 November—Toni Girten

I will be in touch with you again as we get close to the meeting you have volunteered to do centerpieces/favors.

Thank you ladies! Ronni Benedetti, Chair

Sharing and Caring—Barbara Marshall, Chair

Due to the Midwest winter cold, we would like to collect at the January chapter meeting for the homeless shelter. Any gloves, mittens, scarves, coats, etc. is greatly appreciated at Journeys on Northwest Highway (just off Route 53}, a block from the Palatine USPS Mail Distribution Center (Toni Girten will bring those donations to the center). We will also continue to collect for the Carmelite Home for Children (Bettie Slazyk to continue accept donations for this project). Schaumburg Township collects eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Lions Club.

CHAPTER DISPLAY—Kathy Miller, Chair

I want to remind you that Chapter Display will return at the January meeting. So, please bring in any project to display that has been done at a recent seminar or that you finally finished from a previous one or Convention. We would all like to see what you have been doing. Not only will you get praise for your painting, but you will also get a free raffle ticket.

**Windy Brushes Gift Certificates**

Remember to purchase your Windy Brushes Gift Certificates for that special painter in your life...a great gift for any occasion. Please see Toni Girten for your certificates.



2010 Programs—Bettie Slazyk, Chair

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WINDY BRUSHES SEMINAR CALENDAR Education Chair—Ann Johnson

2011

Feb. 4-6 **Mark Polomchak**, Watercolor
March 4-6 **Sandy Scales** – Acrylic – in the Maureen McNaughton style
Oct. 21-23 **Lynn Deptula** - Acrylics

MARK YOUR CALENDAR-IPP SEMINAR SCHEDULE

All Painters Wanted—Sister Chapters & Non-members are invited to attend IPP seminars.

See the projects on our website at www.illinoisprairiepainters.org

Contact information is listed below:



2011 January 28 Nancy Simpson – watercolor
January 29 Nadine Buck, CDA–OS Rosemaling
January 30 Nancy Simpson—oils
March 25-27 Karen Hubbard – acrylics
Sept. TBA

CONTACT:

Bettie Slazyk – eslazyk@cs.com / 219-972-9439

2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The \$15.00 annual membership fee in Windy Brushes of Northern Illinois entitles one to receive six informative bi-monthly newsletters and a Chapter membership directory. It also gives the right to participate in the meetings, programs and educational activities planned by the Chapter. It affords an opportunity to meet other painters throughout the area.

- **Renewal Applications for Windy Brushes membership received after December 1, 2010 requires an additional \$5.00.**

ONE MUST BE AN SDP MEMBER TO BELONG TO A CHAPTER.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

SDP Membership #: _____ (on mailing label of your DP)

Receive newsletter via e-mail Yes _____ No _____

Home Phone: _____

Bus. Ph: _____ List in directory? Yes ___ No ___

Cell #: _____ List in directory? Yes ___ No ___

E-mail: _____

List in directory? Yes ___ No ___

Birthdate: _____ (Month & Day)

Spouse: _____ (Name)

Teacher? Yes ___ No ___

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check Amount \$ _____ (*See note below) New Member _____

Please make check payable to: **WINDY BRUSHES**

Mail check along with your membership application to:

Camille Anzelmo, 1146 Grissom Trail, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3011

Please fill in all blanks, even if you are renewing and all information remains the same.

Many of you belong to multiple SDP chapters. Do you? If yes, please list other chapters

_____, _____

**PLEASE PRINT
FILL IN COMPLETELY**

PUBLICITY—Kathleen Crow, Chair

What good things have you been doing? Would you share them with me so that they can be printed in your local paper or *The Decorative Painter* (SDP Magazine), or our newsletter? Please include pictures (jpeg or pdf. file). I would love to hear from you.



Historian for 2010—Carol Buck

Carol Buck, Chair – Please remember to send any photos or mementos you would like to share with the Chapter and add to our historical scrapbooks, via email (cabuck@comcast.net) or snail mail. Thank you.

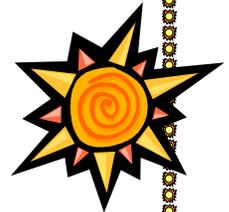
Windy Brushes Quilt—2011 FUNDRAISER

Members that did not attend the Christmas Party or did not receive a raffle book at the party, will receive their raffle books via USPS. Those that requested additional raffle books, those will be mailed after the Christmas holiday.

SUNSHINE—Cindy Miller, Chair

***Please remember the following members and their families:**

- *Lynn Parsons (a member and Kathleen Crow's granddaughter)
- *Nancy Carley's husband/Cheryl Putz's father
- *Dorothy Robertson celebrated her 96th birthday!!!
- *Maxine Wallisch recuperating from surgery.
- *Keep those members that are homebound and unable to attend our meetings in your thoughts and prayers.



Thank You Notes

- Nancy Carley and Cheri Putz for the cards and prayers for their husband/father.
- Kathleen Crow and Lynn Parsons for the prayers during Lynn's treatments.

2010 Windy Brushes—Financials December 18, 2010

Submitted: Toni Girtten-Treasurer

Checking: \$ 6,227.16

Savings: \$ 6,942.53

Total: \$13,169.69

Checking Balance contains deposits of checks for future teacher seminars. tg

SPD UPDATE – by Ann Johnson

[SDP Scholarship forms available](#)

[Scholarship forms are available on the SDP website](#) for individual members, chapters, and community outreach. These are for those who are interested in developing their skills and/or increasing their knowledge of the decorative painting field via academic courses, seminars, or workshops.

The scholarship is awarded by the Education Committee from the SDP Foundation. Submission Guidelines and Candidate Eligibility Criteria are listed on each application form. **Application must be postmarked by Tuesday, March 1, 2011.**

[Membership Card](#)

In order to save on postage fees and better utilize your membership dollars, we are sending your 2011 SDP membership card with Issue #1 of the 2011 *Decorative Painter* magazine instead in a separate mailing like we've done in the past. Issue #1 will mail in late February. All chapter presidents have been notified about this change. If your president has any questions about this change in policy, she is welcome to email elizabeth@decorativepainters.org.

[ADD SOME BLING TO YOUR WARDROBE](#)

Add some eye-catching splash to any outfit with this fashionista painter's necklace! It includes a generous 32" double silver plate chain. The stylish heart-shaped pendant acts as a focal point to the dangling charms. A faux pearl and crystal bobble, two paint brushes, and a rhinestone-encrusted palette makes this a CHARMING gift for only \$18!



Make A Donation The economic situation has had a devastating effect on not-for-profit organizations. SDP is no exception. The stock market tumble has reduced our investment reserves. We have had to lay off employees and are still looking for cuts to make our budget balance.

Consider giving a one-time donation* to help us through the hard times. How much is up to you. \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more. If every member could give only \$5 extra this year, it would make an enormous difference. Don't hesitate because you cannot give a lot, do what you can. Send donations to: Society of Decorative Painters, 393 N. McLean Blvd., Wichita, KS 67203-5968

Windy Brushes of Northern Illinois
Saturday, January 8, 2011

NEW VENUE—CHANDLER’S COUNTRY CLUB
OWNED AND OPERATED BY SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT
401 North Roselle Road
Schaumburg, IL 60194-3529
847-885-9009

SCHEDULED TO MEET IN THE ATRIUM, MAIN FLOOR

Registration, Coffee & Tea Service—9:00
Meeting 10:00—11:15
Lunch 11:15—12:30

Program—Immediately Following the Luncheon until 3:00

Luncheon—Soup: Cream of Chicken with Rice, Lemon Wedge
Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

Main Entrée: Chicken Alfredo with Broccoli and Fettuccine **OR**
Vegetarian: Penne Pasta Primavera in Garlic and Oil **OR**
Fruit Plate

Dessert: Raspberry Sherbert
Coffee/Decaf/Hot Tea

REGISTRATION AND DRAWING FORM

For Saturday, January 8, 2011

***Reservations Due by: Friday, December 31, 2010**

*Reservations received by the due date will be eligible for table centerpiece drawing

Number of Person (s) _____ @ \$24.00 each for the luncheon
Separate check-amount \$ _____

I will participate in the Program: YES _____ NO _____
Program Details in the next newsletter

The paint program is \$5.00 per participant, which will cover participation in the program.
Please see article regarding the 01/11 program and the suggested supply list.
Number of Person(s) participating in the January program _____ @ \$5.00 each,
Separate check-amount \$ _____

Name _____
Guest(s) _____, _____

Dietary Restrictions or Food Allergies:

Return:
REGISTRATION AND DRAWING FORM ALONG WITH CHECK(S):

PAYABLE TO – WINDY BRUSHES:
Checks will be deposited upon receipt.

To: Bobbie Good, C/O Toni Girten
1066 Carpenter CT
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3011
Phone: 847-494-8318 or email at ixgood@yahoo.com for additional information.

Thank you for following our new reservation deadlines/guidelines

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Saturday, March 12, 2011

NEW VENUE—CHANDLER’S COUNTRY CLUB
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Meeting 10:00 – 11:15

Lunch 11:15 – 12:30

Soup: Minestrone

Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

Main: Beef Brigolle (rolled flank steak/stuffed w/pine nuts/bread crumbs) served with Zucchini Squash and Peppers/ Sauce on the Side **OR**

Vegetarian: Penne Pasta Primavera in Garlic and Oil, Seasonal Vegetables **OR**
Fruit Plate

Dessert: Spumoni Ice Cream

Program—Immediately Following the Luncheon until 3:00

REGISTRATION AND DRAWING FORM

For Saturday, March 12, 2011

***Reservations Due by: Friday, February 25, 2011**

*Reservations received by the due date will be eligible for table centerpiece drawing

We will no longer accept ‘Pay at the Door’ reservations

Main Entree _____ Vegetarian _____ Fruit Plate _____

Number of Person (s) _____ @ \$24.00 each for the luncheon

Separate check for luncheon - amount \$ _____

I will participate in the Program: YES _____ NO _____

Program Details in the next newsletter

The paint program is TBA per participant, which will cover paint, pattern.
More details to follow in the next newsletters. Number of Person(s) participating in the paint program

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