



West Michigan Decorative Artists

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2024 Board Members

President:

Jeanne Ladd

Vice President-President Elect:

Open position

Education:

Lynne Deptula

Treasurer /Newsletter Editor/Webmaster:

Louise Hastings

Secretary

Bonnie Phebus

Membership:

Louise Hastings & Lynne Deptula

Board Members-at-Large:

Jeanine Reimer (**Sunshine**)

(1 position open)

Due to privacy concerns, addresses and phone numbers are not shown. Please refer to your Membership Directory for details.

2024 Schedule – please save these dates:

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| January | no class |
| February | no class |
| March 16 | Nancy Blaauw – Easter Eggs |
| April 20* | Louise Hastings – Flower Pots? |
| May 18 | Marcia Lengkeek - TBA |
| June | no class |
| July 20* | Judy Diephouse – Christmas Watercolor Cards |
| August | no class |
| September 21 | Joan Schneider - TBA |
| October 19 | Darlene Fitzgerald & Jane Brinkman – Dot Day |
| November 9 | Lynne Deptula – Votive Angel & Christmas Luncheon |
| December | no class |

***Note change in April & July classes.**

Once again, I apologize for this abbreviated edition. If I missed anything, please let me know.

Louise Hastings, editor

The 2023 Board members all will continue in their current positions through 2024. Anyone objecting will automatically be assigned a Board position with much rejoicing.

Nancy Blaauw Paint-In
Wooden Easter Egg Painting
Saturday, March 16, 2024 10 am



Paint yourself a basketful of wooden eggs to decorate for spring. You can supply your own eggs, or Nancy can provide the eggs for **\$1.00 per egg**. They are 2.5 inches long and can be ordered from several sources including Amazon.

Supplies requested Wooden eggs, normal painting supplies. See above for surface information.

Palette Your favorite acrylic spring colors. Your egg may be base coated before class, but it is not necessary.

Pattern: No pattern provided. Nancy will show how to paint the lace ribbon and flowers.

Let Nancy know how many eggs you would like her to order for you if any. Email nblaauw1@msn.com or text to 269-397-0156. Checks made out to Nancy Blaauw – you can pay her in class.

For more information, **contact Lynne Deptula at 616-540-2348 or email: dbrush1@aol.com**

☐ Please sign me up for Nancy Blaauw's March 16th class. **Deadline to order eggs is March 5.**

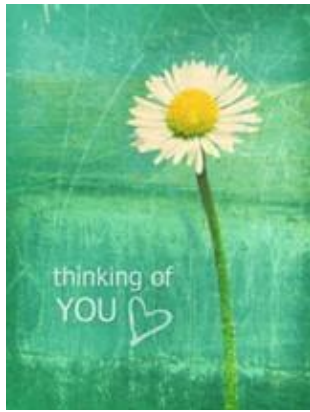
Class fees (check to WMDA): \$20 **Non-members add \$5**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone #: _____

Send check to: Lynne Deptula, 6034 Parview Dr. SE., Grand Rapids, MI 49546



Sunshine Report

Our thoughts and prayers go out to JoAnn Smith, whose husband Mike passed away on January 3.

If you know of any Chapter member that needs a card or prayers, please contact Jeanine Reimer, our Sunshine Ambassador.

Be sure to check out our Facebook pages:

WMDA:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/496185720421022/>

Feel free to post anything painting (project photos, classes) related there.

"Michigan Mixer, What Is Happening In Decorative Painting!"

See what is going on around the state:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/813088055449935/>

PayPal Option available

We accept dues, event & supply payments with PayPal. Click on this link to use this feature:

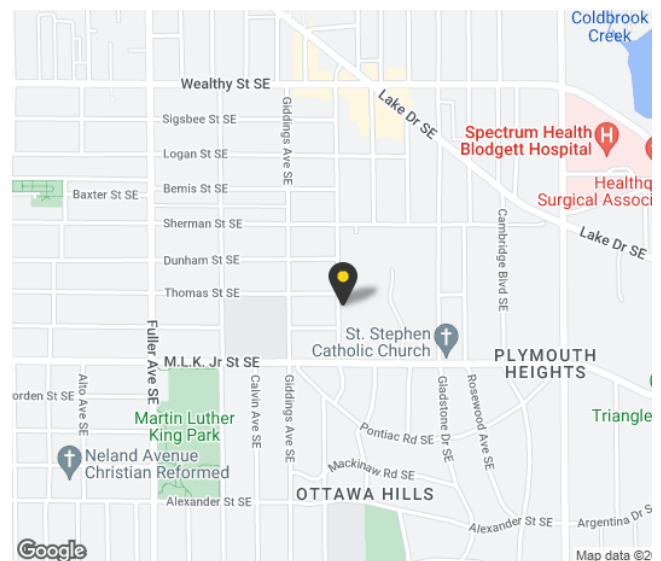
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New Member Incentive - First time visitors will not have to pay a class fee [surface fee still required]. They just need to get us a registration, so we can be sure to have packets and a head count for the paint-ins. They will still need to have brushes, surface and supplies, just like normal, but we want to get more folks to join us.

WMDA has a new meeting place,

**Calvin Christian Reformed Church,
700 Ethel SE,
Grand Rapids, MI**

**Set your GPS for
1515 Martin Luther King Jr. St SE
(Parking Lot)**



2024 West Michigan Decorative Artists Membership Application (WMDA)

Name: _____ Spouse's First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State & Zip Code: _____ E-mail address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: (Month & Day Only) _____

Please check all that apply:

_____ New Member

_____ Renewal

_____ Certified Decorative Artist

_____ Student

_____ Teacher

_____ Master Decorative Artist

_____ Shop Owner

Name of Shop: _____

Do you paint primarily with: _____ Oils _____ Acrylics _____ Watercolors _____ Pencils _____ Other _____

What do you consider your painting level? (Optional information)

_____ Beginner

_____ Intermediate

_____ Advanced

WMDA would very much appreciate it if you would volunteer to help in one of the following ways:

_____ Teach a paint-in (you get paid for this)

_____ Hospitality by being a hostess at a monthly meeting-

_____ Help with a Fund Raiser

making coffee, getting help with a potluck

2024 dues are payable October 1, 2023 and are delinquent on Jan. 1, 2024.

Annual dues are \$15.00, payable to WMDA.

Renewals paid after January 1, 2024 are \$20 - **delinquent charges not applicable for new members.**

Please send this application and membership fee to our 2024 Membership Chairman:

Lynne Deptula, 6034 Parview Dr. SE., Grand Rapids, MI 49546