



West Michigan Decorative Artists

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(2 Positions Open)

Hi: Another year in the books!!

Here is wishing you and all your family and friends a wondrous holiday season!

If no one has stepped up by the luncheon, I am going to be putting out another request, looking for a Vice President for 2019. Please contact me, if you have any interest in this position.

The plans for the mixer are coming along well, and so many people are doing so much work! Thanks to everyone!

We will be needing donations of painted and unpainted items for Raffles/Door Prizes and Auctions. If you are willing to paint some of the surfaces that are accumulated, let us know. Most the Board has a stash they would love to reduce!

Some of the other items that are being accumulated are for some baskets. If you have anything you would like to contribute to one of them, or want to do one yourself, let me know.

Some of the baskets under way:

- Colored Pencil (already have the large set of PrismaColor and a number of accessories)
- Sherry Nelson-A book or two, set of her brushes, paints, packets.
- Lydia Steeves-DVD, maybe books and packets?
- Arlene Linton-Book, Brush, finished piece and more

Is anyone who teaches interested in setting up a display of possible classes for the other chapters to see? I saw this in the notes from another chapter, and think it is a great idea! Anyone who wants to participate, just let me know, so we can make the room!

Remember: Let all your friends and family know they will be welcome to the Mixer! Lots of goodies to be had! If there is anything that you can contribute, please contact a Board member, we will put you to work!

Kathy Blough, 2018 WMDA President



Don't forget to pay your 2019 dues. After January 1, dues are \$20. Send your \$15 check to Linda Wing ASAP, or pay with PayPal. Thanks.



"Look at life with the eyes of a child."

Henri Matisse

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**Important Notices & Deadlines –
Please Read!**

We are hosting Michigan Mixer on April 27, 2019.

We need members to help with Michigan Mixer. If you help, you pay only for class fees. Please contact Kathy Blough.

New Member Incentive - First time visitors will not have to pay a class fee. 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

January Birthdays



12th Judy Diephouse
19th Nancy Blaauw

February Birthdays



8th Nadine Miller
14th Jane Brinkman

MYSTERY WOOD PROJECT 2019

- Put an unpainted project from your stash (we all have at least one) in a brown bag.
- Inside the bag put your name and colors you like that will go with your house. Tape, tie or staple the bag shut.
- At the **February 16** or **March 16** meeting, exchange your bag for one that is not yours.
- Open the new bag at home and have fun painting something on the mystery piece.
- Return the painted piece nicely wrapped with a card on it for the recipient at our December 7, 2019 Christmas Luncheon. That gives you almost a year to paint it.
- Oh happy day! You get a painted piece from a Chapter painting friend **AND** your stash is reduced by one piece!

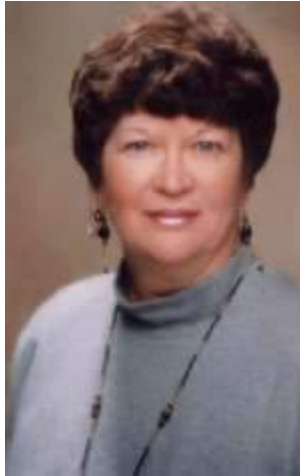
Planning for WMDA's April 27, 2019 Michigan Mixer

We will need lots of support making this 2019 Mixer a success. If you would like to help out, please contact Kathy Blough. Our theme is A "Michigan" Mixer and will cover all things Michigan.



Sherry Nelson Seminar – September 20 -22, 2019

WMDA is hosting the fabulous Sherry Nelson for a three-day seminar, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.



Sherry is known throughout the USA and across the world for her paintings of realistic birds, wildlife, and floral designs which she has taught for over 40 years, perfecting her teaching techniques to ensure student success.

WMDA is in the process of selecting beginner to intermediate oil painting projects to appeal to our lucky seminar participants! Look for the class offerings and sign-up info in our January 2019 newsletter. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this lovely opportunity!



2019 Upcoming projects:

Sneak Peek



March 16 – Acrylics

"Give Thanks" taught by Lora Haberstroh

Other project photos are not yet available.

2019 WMDA Schedule - mark your calendars

- January: No meeting due to WINTER
- February 16: Mixer meeting/Painting for Mixer - Hobby Lobby
- March 16: "Give Thanks", Lora Haberstroh - Acrylics
- April 21: Easter
- April 27: **A 'Michigan' Mixer, Rockford Reformed Church, Rockford, MI**
- May 12: Mother's Day
- May 13-18: "Party in the Heartland", SDP Conference, Wichita, KS
- May 25: Project not yet determined, Louise Hastings - Watercolor
- June: No meeting
- July 14-18: Last HOOT; Heart of Ohio Tole Convention, Columbus, OH
- July 20: "Christmas in July" celebration with Judy Diephouse - Acrylics
- August: No meeting
- September 20-22: Sherry Nelson Seminar - Oils
- October 8-13: New England Traditions Convention; Massachusetts
- October 19: "Witchey Pumpkin Gourd", Jeanne Collick - Acrylics
- November 16: "Fall Still Life", Karen Pung - Colored Pencil
- December 7: Christmas Luncheon



Michigan Mixer, April 27, 2019, Rockford, MI

Link to forms & information (under 2019 events):

<http://www.hastingscountry.com/wmda2.html>

2019 Membership Application (WMDA)

Name: _____ Spouse's First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

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

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

National Membership #: _____ **(You must be a member of SDP to join WMDA)**

Please check all that apply:

New Member Renewal Certified Decorative Artist
 Student Teacher Master Decorative Artist
 Shop Owner (If checked) Name of Shop: _____

Do you paint primarily with: Oils Acrylics Watercolors 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

2019 dues are payable October 1, 2018 and are delinquent on Jan. 1, 2019.

Annual dues are \$15.00, payable to WMDA.

Renewals paid after January 1, 2019 are \$20 – delinquent charges not applicable for new members.

Please send this application and membership fee to our 2019 Membership Chairman:

Linda Wing, 2519 Eastern Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49507

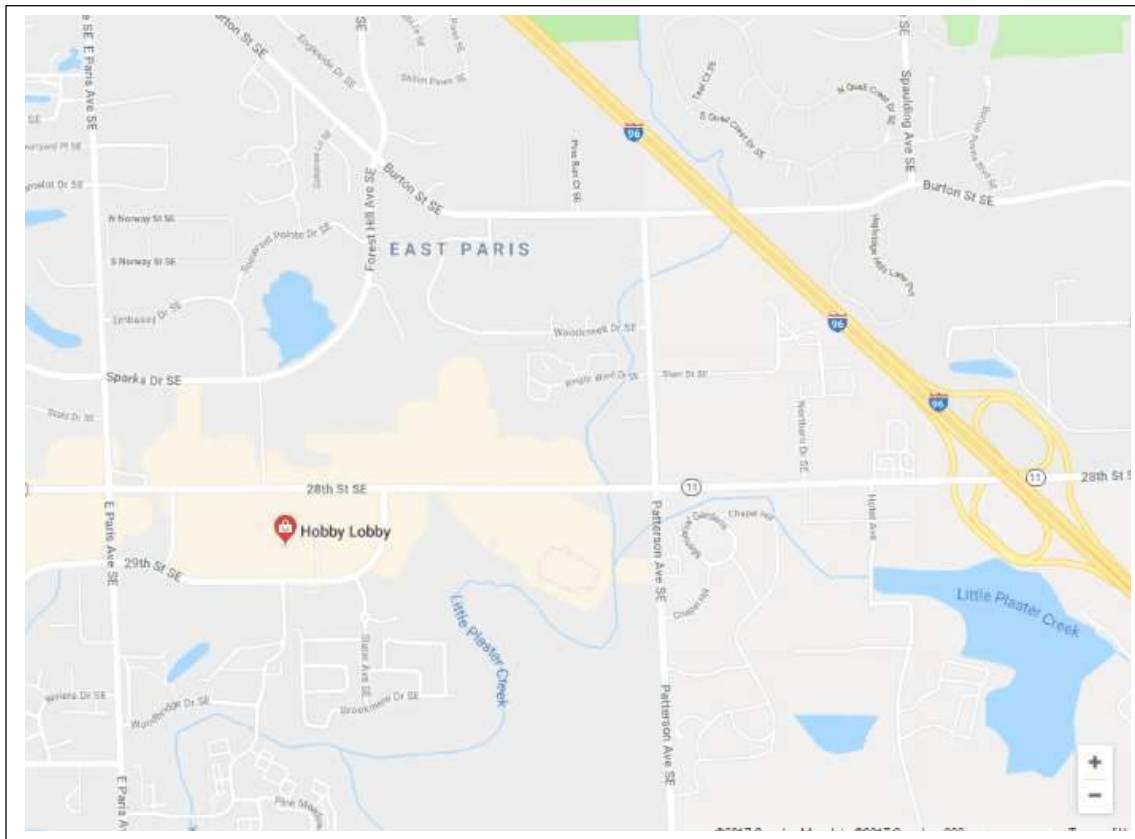
SDP membership application is available in the "Decorative Painter" magazine.

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