



THE RAINDROP PATTERN

Newsletter for Decorative Painters

The Raindrop Chapter is an affiliate of the Society of Decorative Painters since 1978



A Free Class to all who volunteered to work at the Convention will be held November 5th, 9:30 a. m. at the Union Hall (and it's a potluck) taught by Yvonne Kresal.



Contact : Debbie Gill to register (503-292-2722).
The class is also opened to monitors.
Thanks again for all your hard work on this enormous job.

Just a reminder that 2012 memberships are due!
Must renew with SDP in order to belong to Raindrops.
We have a lot of great things coming up in 2012.
You don't want to miss out!

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November & December 2011

Christmas Brunch

DECEMBER 3, 2011

10:00 AM

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JANTZEN BEACH

MEETING – INSTALLATION OF 2012
BOARD MEMBERS –BRUNCH –
AWARDS – SECRET PAL REVEL –
ORNAMENT OR PIN EXCHANGE
RAFFLES & LAUGHTER !

COST IS \$15.00 PER PERSON

SIGN UP BY SENDING YOUR CHECK
MADE OUT TO RAINDROP CHAPTER
TO PAM MURPHY

DEADLINE NOVEMBER 21

~ HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE & WISH
YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS ~

President's Page



Happy fall to all of you. We made it – we had an awesome convention with so many smiling faces and lots of happy painters. A huge thank-you to all the wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to make it so successful. Also to Maxine Thomas for her wonderful contribution to our banquet at the convention. She donated 300 books for our tables. We really could not put this kind of event on without all the time and energy the volunteers put into it. I personally appreciate all of you. I had so many people come up to me and tell me how pleasant everyone was and how they felt a warm and happy feeling when they attend our convention.

I have contacted Yvonne Kresal and she has agreed to come and teach a fabulous project to all our volunteers on November the 5th at the Union Hall to thank you all for your hard work. The class will start at 9:30 and it will be potluck. It is free to all volunteers. Contact me to sign up. If you were a monitor at the convention it will be first come first serve so please call me and get on the list also.

We also had a very nice showing for our marketplace and a great turn out for our election for our new officers that will be taking over the first of January. Congratulations to our new Board: President Pam Murphy, Vice-President/Elect Rayma Stewart, Secretary Nancy Baur, Treasurer Doris Beck, and Advisor (myself) Debbie Gill.

Just a reminder if you are participating in our secret pal program and you can not make it to the meetings please mail your Secret Pal her gift or send it with a friend to the meeting. Also don't forget to bring a token of thank you or a card to give to the person who has been giving you your gifts all year. This should be done at the Christmas Brunch when we reveal your Secret Pal. Which I hope you all can attend.

Pam and I have asked Georgia Magarrell to stay on as the Education Committee because we have so many volunteer positions open to fill this next year. Georgia Magarrell has graciously accepted the position. However, to do this we have to change the wording in our By-Law rules to allow this.

It is Article IX, standing Committees, #1, and third line down.

It states "No chair shall be eligible to be chosen for the same chairmanship for more than two consecutive years".

We would like to ask the chapter at the next meeting to vote to change it to read: No Chair shall be eligible to be chosen for the same chairmanship for more than two consecutive years. However an appointed Chair may continue for one additional year where necessary to fill a position by vote for the membership due to lack of volunteers.

I do want to share with all of you what a great year I have had being your President. I have such a wonderful board and I have had such fun with Pam Murphy sitting next to me. We have bounced ideas off each other so much we can finish each other's thoughts and sentences. We really are in sync with each other. You are the best group of painting sisters I could ever have. You have been so very kind to me and I have learned a lot from all of you. Thanks and big hugs to you.

Now it is time to seriously start painting for Christmas again. I hope you enjoy the beautiful fall colors, a rich and blessed Thanksgiving with lots of friends and family. Hope to see all of you in December at the Christmas Brunch and tour of decorated homes.

Your President , Debbie Gill

Vice President's Corner



Fall leaves are showing their wonderful colors and it looks like we are well on our way to cooler weather and, of course, the "Raindrops" we are named for!

We had a wonderful convention and thanks to each and every one of you who made that happen. Each job ~ big or small ~ made the whole a delightful event!

In this newsletter you will find a couple of items that I would like you to take the time to complete ~ Read a raindrop by-laws waiver & print and fill out a commended service award/ Stan Brown award entry. The by-law waiver/ change will need to be done by a membership vote at our next meeting and the award information can be mailed or emailed to me as we need this information for our Christmas Brunch ~if you are attending the Yvonne workshop for convention workers I would be glad to have you turn it in to me then. Emailing the information can be done by just voting for each entry without the form as long as you sign it with your full name.

The Christmas Brunch at the Red Lion Hotel @ Jantzen beach is coming up fast~ My grandmother always told me time goes faster with every passing year..... so please make sure to sign up soon. The same is true with the following Sat. for the Christmas House Tour / Bus ride~ Please check out all the information in this newsletter for the detail information on both of these fun events.

It has been a very rewarding year as your vice-president and it's hard to believe it's almost over. I learned a lot and look forward to continuing on as your President and I am so very glad to know that Debbie will be an active advisor because we worked very hard to show we were united towards doing everything we could to update and keep the wheels running smooth. We both welcome Rayma and Nancy to the board and know that they will also have more ideas and sparkle to add!! Volunteering adds much warmth and joy to your membership and yourself~ Not to mention getting to know members much better. ~ Happy Fall & Thanksgiving ~Pam

RAINDROP CHAPTER MEETING

October 1, 2011

PRESIDENT: The meeting was called to order and introductions were made. Debbie Gill said the Georgia Magarrell paint-in will be replaced by Yvonne Kresal doing chickadees. The date and place is the same.

VICE PRESIDENT: Pam Murphy thanked all who helped to make our convention such a success. She explained how our next convention will have much more room and we will be able to have our classes all in one building. The Make it-take it went very well and we would like to bring it back next convention. Pam will also be taking money for the brunch and the bus tour after the meeting and any time you can get it to her.

SECRETARY: Joan Porter made a motion and Linda Aten seconded to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

TREASURER: Doris Beck reported a total of \$80,558.47. She asked for all reimbursement forms to be turned in as soon as possible. The budget for next year was accepted as printed.

GREETERS: There were 41 members present and 1 visitor. Our renewal time is here again. BJ Schmader will be collecting renewals after the meeting.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: BJ Schmader moved we accept the new officers as presented and Nancy Baur second the motion. Motion passed. The new officers are President, Pam Murphy, Vice President, Rayma Stewart and the Secretary will be Nancy Baur, with Doris Beck as Treasurer.

CHARITIES: Helga Nichols will be retiring from memory boxes. We need someone to fill this position. There were 41 boxes turned in this year and we were asked to keep painting more for next year.

The women's' shelter always need more donations. It was voted on and passed to give a cash donation again from the Raindrop Chapter to the women's shelter. BJ Schmader suggested a donation of mittens and hats be brought to the Brunch meeting. Georgia Magarrell said the treasurer boxes have been well received at the children's hospital and it is so fun to see the kids faces light up when they get their boxes.

EDUCATION: Georgia Magarrell has Sarah Freeman and Carla Stark lined up to teach for next year and Brenda Stewart for 2013.

LIBRARIAN: The very old patterns from convention are in books in the back and anyone who wants them can take the ones they want. The newer ones will be here for you to check out patterns from. If you have checked out patterns in the past and not returned them please do so as soon as you can.

HOSPITALITY: Kitchen help is needed and you are encouraged to volunteer for this position.

HISTORIAN: Sue Snethen has the pictures on line and said she is still putting them all in the scrapbook.

NEWSLETTER: The deadline is Oct. 15. Please be prompt with your submissions.

RETREAT: Time to register for the retreat. We always have lots of fun. Hana Long will be teaching our Saturday class and Sunday we have Terry Banton and Rayma Stewart as teachers. The date is set for March 31, 2012 and you are asked to make a spring/ Easter bonnet to model.

SECRET PAL: Jeanine Maurer asked everyone to keep remembering their secret pals and get ready for the big reveal at the Christmas Brunch. The sign up forms will be updated for next year so we have more information on them.

SUNSHINE LADY: Susan Maahs had hip surgery and Carol Thornberrys' brother passed away.

WAYS AND MEANS: Lynn Magarrell will be relinquishing her position and needs someone to take her place. PLEASE! We need everyone to help where they can.

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NEW BUSINESS: There was a bag lost at convention with an ott light and other items. If you know where it might be please let a board member know. We had our new microphone for convention and it needs to be used for our regular meetings too. BJ Schmader gave a big thank you to those who donated a painted piece by Michelle Zweifel at convention. BJ was the happy winner. Meeting adjourned followed by market place shopping.

Respectfully yours,

Betty Jean Kendall



COME JOIN THE FUN

CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

DECEMBER 10TH

BUS LEAVES @ 9:15 AM – YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR LOCKED VEHICLE

& WE WILL RETURN AT TOUR END

FOUR HOUSE TOUR

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY MARIAN VANDOMELON

VISITING:

LETA ANDERSON HOME IN GRESHAM

MARIAN VAN DOMELON HOME IN BANKS

LINDA FINICALE HOME IN VANCOUVER

MARY JO TUTTLE HOME IN VANCOUVER

COST IS \$15.00 PER PERSON

LOTS OF RAFFLE ITEMS @ \$1.00 PER TICKET

(WE HAVE GREAT DONATIONS)

A **MYSTERY GIFT** YOU'LL RECEIVE IN PIECES ALONG THE WAY !

BUS LOCATION: 1625 SE HOGAN AVE. GRESHAM 97080



TO JOIN IN THE
ORNAMENT OR
PIN EXCHANGE

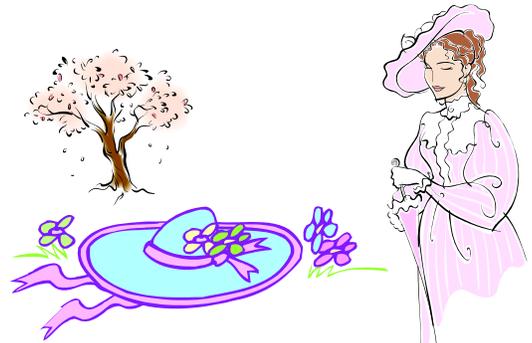
AT THE **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** –

BRING ONE & RECEIVE ONE !

COME WITH A WRAPPED ONE &
PLACE IN THE EXCHANGE AREA ~
LATER YOU WILL GET TO CHOOSE
ONE FOR YOUR SELF

THINK ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR
OPEN CHAIR POSITIONS:

1. MEMORY BOX
2. WAYS & MEANS
3. LIBRARY



Spring Fling 2012 Retreat

Our retreat is starting to take shape!! We have three great teachers for our big event at the Collins Retreat Center :

- **Hannah Long** will teach a full day seminar on Saturday
- **Terry Banton** will be having a morning seminar on Sunday
- **Rayma Stewart** will be leading a Lettering workshop Sunday afternoon – a great chance to learn how to use lettering to enhance our painted projects.

We have great door prizes and surprises in store for you!! Be thinking about your “Easter Bonnet” for our hat contest. Let your imaginations run wild – all you creative girls!! As always we will raffle off our Christmas tree of hand painted ornaments. Please paint us an ornament when you are in the holiday mood. You can bring the ornament to the Christmas Brunch, February meeting or to the retreat itself. We are open to all your good ideas and suggestions for a fun filled weekend of fellowship with our painting pals!

So get out your calendar and circle March 31st and April 1st 2012

Any questions or concerns contact: Jeanine Maurer – 360-574-0179 or jeaninem@g.com



Blast from the past...



Can you name the five ladies who took a weekend getaway to paint?

Left to Right Back Row: Barbara Hemphill, Katrina Peterson, Kathy Anderson.

Front Row: Lupe Vasquez-Lewis & Cleo Chase

Last two names were different but still the same.

Don't Forget to Visit our Website:

www.raindropchapter.org

Address Correction .

FOR:

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November Birthdays

Edna Hawes 11/7

Mary Scott 11/8

Nancy Kliewer 11/10

Judy Meirow 11/10

Dottie Hole 11/12

Judy Elam 11/18

Jane Williams 11/20

Linda Aten 11/27

Lucy Gertscher 11/27

Sally Stadelman 11/28

Bunne Mooney 11/30

December Birthdays

Sandy Tate 12/4

Debbie Carrell 12/7

Peggy Smith 12/8

Connie Mott 12/12

Connie Gunston 12/15

Carol McCann 12/20

B. J. Schmader 12/20

Trisha Tyler 12/23



Thank You

We have received the remembrance boxes that you lovingly made to hold the cherished mementos for families who have experienced the death of their baby.



Thank you for your generosity.

Chaplain Jill

Chaplain Jill James

Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital

Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Health Care Center

(over)

07/28/11

Dear Helga and all,

Thirteen of the beautiful boxes all of you painted made it to me. Later today they will go to Labor & Delivery and the Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU). Each one is beautiful and will be treasured by the parents who receive one. The staff also sends their thanks for providing these. Please keep up the amazing work you do!

Blessings.

Raindrop Chapter Financials
August 1--31, 2011

Beginning Balance	\$47,928.26
Income	221.35
Subtotal	48,149.61
Expenses	1,196.82
Ending Balance	\$46,952.79

Paint a Season of Memories
August 1--31,2011

Beginning Balance	\$76,731.60
Income	3,730.98
Subtotal	80,462.58
Expenses	643.50
Ending Balance	\$79,819.08

Raindrop Chapter Financials
September 1-30,2011

Beginning Balance	\$46,952.79
Income	3,860.08
Subtotal	50,812.87
Expenses	94.24
Ending Balance	\$50,718.63

Paint a Season of Memories
September 1-30,2011

Beginning Balance	\$79,819.08
Income	4,628.59
Subtotal	84,447.67
Expenses	54,390.31
Ending Balance	\$30,057.36



Chapter Booth

Well, folks. It's me again. And this time I just want to express my thanks to all who painted ornaments for our tree - we had quite a selection - I must say, the Halloween/Fall ones were very well received. As for the raffle pieces - Ladies, you out-did yourselves! All the pieces were just beautiful. So to all of you who helped - "THANK YOU" very much.

From the bottom of my heart, "Thank you".

So no more 'begging' until next year.

Rayma



@ big thank you to everyone for the great amount of food and tote bags etc. that you brought for the West Women's Shelter. They say they can use all the food they can get and truly appreciate our kindness. It was suggested by BJ that we donate hats and gloves and I will throw in scarves also for the December meeting. I called them to make sure they have room for that and she said they do quite an extensive outreach during the winter and that they would appreciate the cold weather items,,,,, but this is the only time of year that they take any clothing. Again, if you have clothing, it can go to Salvation Army which is where they go for their needs. Food is their main need and also this time of year, presents for Christmas also.

Thank you so much, ladies,,,,, Cleo

Big Thank you should go to Monica? a new member who donated quite a few boxes to be painted for Memory Boxes.

Thank you,
Helga

Dates to Remember!

November

5th...Free Paint in with **Yvonne Kresal**

15th...Board Meeting...5:30 p m at the church location

December

3rd...**Christmas Brunch**...Red Lion Inn @ Janzen Beach, 10 a m

10th...**Christmas House Tour**

Next Year

January

23rd...Convention 2013 meeting @ Holiday Inn by the Portland Airport (8439 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR 97220 this location is near the airport but not AT the airport).

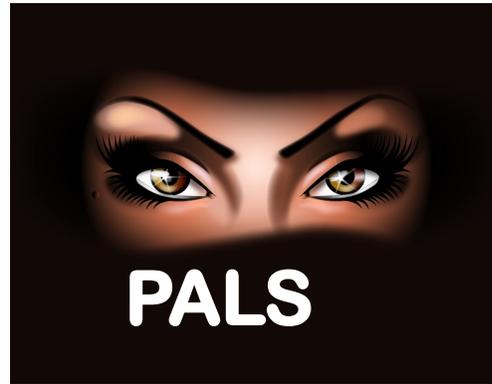
February...4th....Meeting at Union Hall, Paint-In with Maxine Thomas (details in next newsletter)

March 31 & April 1st..**Spring Fling 2012 Retreat**

May 5th & 6th....Carla Stark Paint-In (details in next newsletter)

July 21st & 22nd...**Sarah Freeman** Paint-In (details in next newsletter)

A BIG THANK YOU for all the wonderful Fall things you stuffed into the basket. That wonderful chocolate. A moment on my lips and forever on my hips. You spoiled me again. Can't wait to find out who you are.
Helga Nichols



Dear Secret Pal.

I know it's time for "Trick-or-Treat" and I certainly want to say thank you for the bountiful treats! Now the 'trick' will be to not eat them all at once. My grandson saw them and thinks I should share - with him, of course - and I know I will. Once again, I want to say "thank you" for all your thoughtfulness and I can hardly wait to discover just who you really are. Rayma

Secret Pal notice – At our next gathering (our holiday brunch) we will be drawing for new secret pals for the new year 2012. Please see Jeanine Maurer for a new form to fill out for your new secret pal, be thinking about what you would like to put on your information sheet - It asks for favorite colors, hobby's (other than painting) , music styles that you like, and other info that will help a secret sister know how to surprise you in the coming year. For the first time we will be adding what style of decorative painting you enjoy for your home such as Maxine Thomas a country primitive look, Jamie Mills Price a cute whimsical look – etc Be thinking about these things so that you will know what to put down on your form. The more and better information the happier it will make your secret pal!! We celebrate all the effort put out everyday by our secret pals to surprise and delight us!! Jeanine Maurer

To My Secret Pal

Thank you so much for the cobalt blue canister full of yummys...they definitely didn't last long! The canister is perfect for storing my coffee. Love it, love it. ...B.J.

To my secret pal - I love your gifts. All the chickens are just wonderful and I love the painting book. I have everything out and I am using all of it.

Thank you so very much!" Lorinda

• PLEASE WRITE CAREFULLY SO YOUR INFORMATION CAN BE READ CORRECTLY •

Raindrop Chapter Membership Application 2012

New Renewal Teacher Sponsor Business

Last Name:

First Name: CDA, MDA
or TDA _____

Business Name: _____

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Fax: _____ - _____ - _____

Email:

Website: _____

Birthday - Month: _____ Day: _____ SDP# _____ (Membership in SDP is required)

Fees: Membership/Renewal: \$20.00 Business: \$25.00 Sponsor: \$30.00

Membership fees are for the current calendar year if received prior to September 1st.

After September 1st, dues are processed for the following calendar year. Dues are not prorated.

You must be a member in good standing of the **Society of Decorative Painters** to join the Raindrop Chapter.

Please enclose self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment and this form
to receive your membership card. If no envelope, you will receive your card at the next meeting.

Please make check payable to: Raindrop Chapter

Mail application & check to: **B. J. Schmader, Membership Chair** Phone **(503) 263-7706**
P.O. Box 1101 email - **beejay@canby.com**
Canby, OR 97013

I would like to save the chapter money:

- send my newsletters and membership directory by email only
 will read online (reminder email will be sent when it is available on website)



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January 15, 2012

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Sherwood, OR 97140

Or Call: 503-810-2085

Milwaukie Lutheran Church

3810 SE Lake Rd., Portland, OR 97222

Directions From I-205:

- Take **Exit 13 off I-205** heading toward **Highway 224** West to Milwaukie
- Take **off ramp to Lake Rd./Harmony Rd.**
- Turn **left at top of ramp** onto Lake Rd.
- Turn **left onto Boss Lane**
- **Milwaukie Lutheran Church** is on left with large parking lot south of church

Union Hall (UA Local 290)

20210 SW Teton Ave., Tualatin, OR

Directions Going South on I-5:

- Take **exit 289** turn right go toward Sherwood/Newberg (1.1 miles)
- Turn **left on Teton Ave.**
- Just **past the railroad tracks, turn left** into Local 290's fenced parking lot. (The building will say Local 290 on it.)



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