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Raindrop Chapter
is an
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Society of
Decorative
Painters
since 1978

Just when the
Caterpillar
thought the
World
was Over...
it became a
Butterfly.



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Pam Murphy designed this lovely lily pattern and will be teaching it after our June 4th Chapter Meeting at the Union Hall

Please note change of location • Driving directions on Page 14



These fun to paint lilies can be painted on a surface of your choice - Pam's is done on a notebook 8" wide x 9" tall.

Murphy, Pam

14460 SE 142nd Avenue, Clackamas, OR 97015

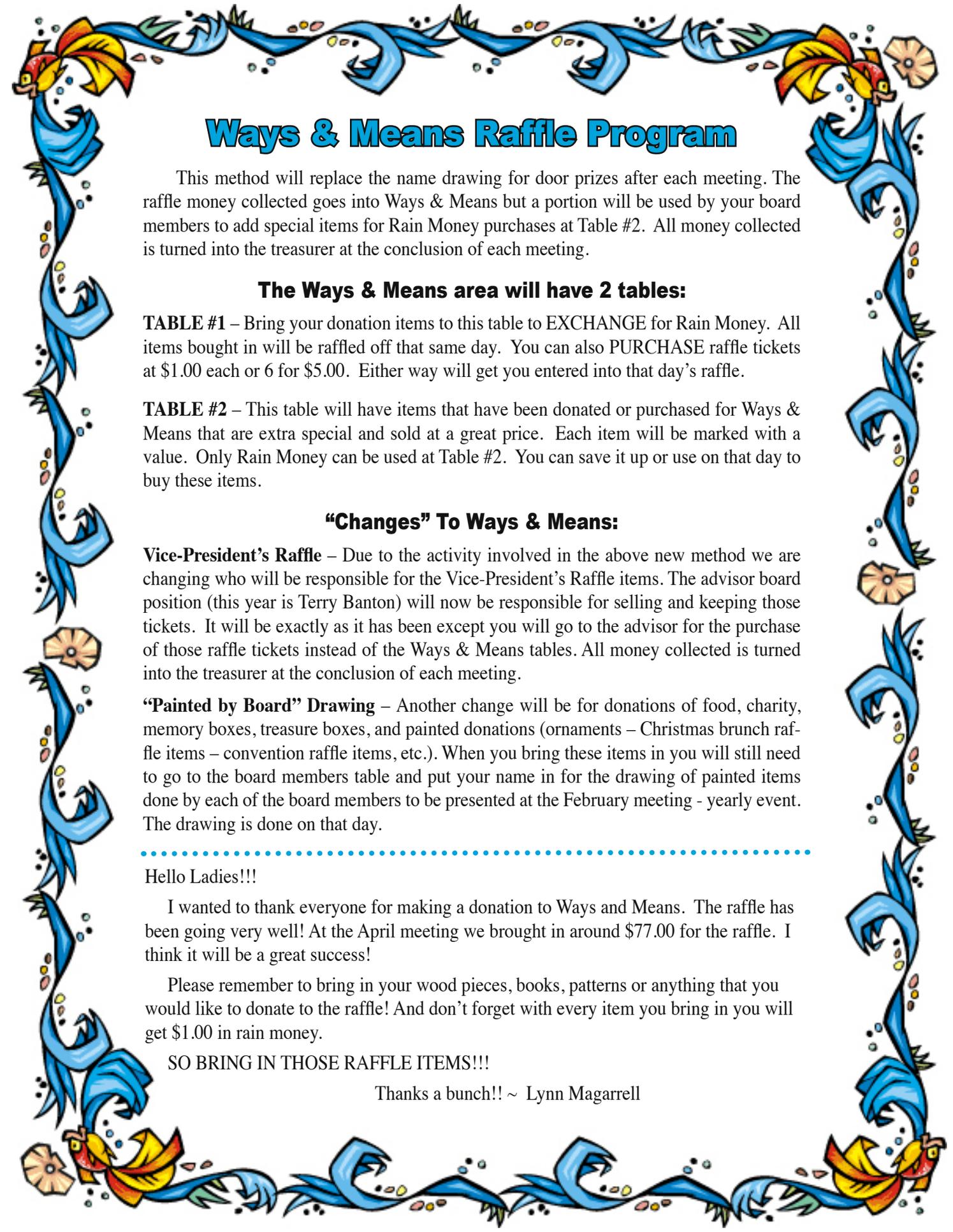
p.murphy48@yahoo.com

We hope you will join in with us and invite a friend or friends to enjoy the meeting and paint-in as non-members. We are having a **potluck lunch** and hope that even if you're not bringing guests with you that you will make some extra so that our guests can enjoy lunch with us.

All members who bring a guest will get to enter in a drawing for a **\$25.00 gift certificate** from Artist Club. Two names will be drawn.

The **cost for members to sign up is \$4.00 and your guest fee will be \$2.00 for the directions and photos.** Their cost is payable at the meeting. You will need to sign up ahead of time to register and receive your pattern, paint colors and prep. Information can be sent by mail or emailed once Pam has received your payment. It is important for us to have seating for all so please send your guest names to ***p.murphy48@yahoo.com*** ~ several of you have already signed up but Pam needs to hear from you on bringing guests.

You can copy the pattern and information sheet to hand out to guests. If you would rather have Pam send out the pattern, she will need their address or email information.



Ways & Means Raffle Program

This method will replace the name drawing for door prizes after each meeting. The raffle money collected goes into Ways & Means but a portion will be used by your board members to add special items for Rain Money purchases at Table #2. All money collected is turned into the treasurer at the conclusion of each meeting.

The Ways & Means area will have 2 tables:

TABLE #1 – Bring your donation items to this table to EXCHANGE for Rain Money. All items bought in will be raffled off that same day. You can also PURCHASE raffle tickets at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Either way will get you entered into that day's raffle.

TABLE #2 – This table will have items that have been donated or purchased for Ways & Means that are extra special and sold at a great price. Each item will be marked with a value. Only Rain Money can be used at Table #2. You can save it up or use on that day to buy these items.

“Changes” To Ways & Means:

Vice-President’s Raffle – Due to the activity involved in the above new method we are changing who will be responsible for the Vice-President’s Raffle items. The advisor board position (this year is Terry Banton) will now be responsible for selling and keeping those tickets. It will be exactly as it has been except you will go to the advisor for the purchase of those raffle tickets instead of the Ways & Means tables. All money collected is turned into the treasurer at the conclusion of each meeting.

“Painted by Board” Drawing – Another change will be for donations of food, charity, memory boxes, treasure boxes, and painted donations (ornaments – Christmas brunch raffle items – convention raffle items, etc.). When you bring these items in you will still need to go to the board members table and put your name in for the drawing of painted items done by each of the board members to be presented at the February meeting - yearly event. The drawing is done on that day.

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Hello Ladies!!!

I wanted to thank everyone for making a donation to Ways and Means. The raffle has been going very well! At the April meeting we brought in around \$77.00 for the raffle. I think it will be a great success!

Please remember to bring in your wood pieces, books, patterns or anything that you would like to donate to the raffle! And don't forget with every item you bring in you will get \$1.00 in rain money.

SO BRING IN THOSE RAFFLE ITEMS!!!

Thanks a bunch!! ~ Lynn Magarrell

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Debbie Gill

Spring is here and the beautiful colors are everywhere. I hope you all had a fabulous Easter Day and Happy Mother's Day to all of the special Mothers we have in our chapter. I want to wish you all a joyful day with your families.



Thank you to all who attended the fabulous two-day seminar with Karen Hubbard. She was a joy to take from and she made putting feathers and fur on animals seem pretty easy. She did state that it was a technique that took practice to get your brush loaded just right. I do have to apologize for the temperature in the hall that weekend. I will make sure the heating system is turned on for us the next time we are there and thanks for hanging in there with me. I am so sorry but there always seems to be little bugs to work out when trying out new places.

Retreat-what a blast-you ladies who attended were a hoot. Thank you Marie Morris and Connie Gunston for all the hard work you both put in on the retreat this year. We had such awesome teachers this year. Big hugs to Judy Meirow, Maxine Thomas and Helga Nichols for designing such great projects for us to paint. We always learn from your excellent teaching skills. Also thanks to Georgia Magarrell for getting the entertainment lined up for our evening event. We really appreciated them coming out and what spectacular voices they had. I totally enjoyed listening to the brave ladies who got up and sang karaoke for all of us. You were great!! We also want to thank all the people and companies who donated such wonderful pieces to be given away and raffled off. And what can we say about the three ladies who entered the western theme items to be judged. Great job Melinda Dickson, Terry Banton, and Tracy Tallman! They were all outstanding. Good times, good food, and good memories from this cozy retreat center. Hope to see you all there next year for another great time. We have Jeanine Maurer in charge of it next year and we know it will be fun!

I would love to see all of you at the upcoming events in the next few months. You know the more the merrier and there is nothing more fun than painting with our chapter full of friends. Thank you for being my chapter sisters.



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's spring at last ~ the sunny day we're having as I am writing this is wonderful & I hope will be followed by a lovely Easter day. (Fingers crossed).

*I want to thank all of you who painted with Marian after the last meeting - she does make strokes look easy. Our next after meeting paint-in is June 4th and the location has changed to the * Union Hall Location * It's a potluck lunch and we are feeding all the extra guests you invite so please bring a little extra for them to enjoy. I hope as many of you as possible will paint that day. The incentive gift certificates have been purchased so two of you lovely members will win one each for bringing a guest.*

Another reminder is the upcoming all day paint-in with Sue Scheewe in July on Saturday the 16th. That class will also be at the Union Hall. Look for that information in an email the first part of May and online at our website (raindropchapter.org).

I have placed the new explanation for our Ways & Means raffle at each meeting in this newsletter (See page 2) ~ and a huge THANK YOU to everyone for giving it a try ~ WOW! I want to let you know we have brought in more money so far this year than we did all of last year ~ Please join me in thanking Lynn for all her efforts. Also ~ it would not work without your wonderful donations ~ your "when will I ever use this" is another member's treasure.

And last but not least, our convention hard work is paying off ~ we have a strong registration so far and it has not yet slowed down so CHEERS to all involved.

As I am moving into my 5th month I want to mention how very much I love being your vice-president. I am looking forward to gathering information on my trip to the National Convention in Wichita, Kansas that I can bring back and share with all of you. Now if you could just help me fit 40 lbs into a 20 lb. bag...

Smiles to all ~ Pam



RAINBOW CHAPTER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 16, 2011 • Milwaukie Lutheran Church

Members present: Debbie Gill, Pam Murphy, Doris Beck, Roberta Wells, Terry Banton, Georgia Magarrell, Lynn Magarrell, Sue Snethen, Rayma Stewart, BJ Schmader, Marian VanDomelen.
Meeting called to order 8:30 AM.

PRESIDENT: Debbie and Pam brought up the idea that the advisor does not really have much to do so could be doing other jobs, such as cochair for the retreat. To fill in where needed and possibly take registrations for the retreat. The other idea would be for the advisor to sell raffle tickets for the Vice President's raffle. The board will put the information in the newsletter about change of duties for officer to be voted on at next meeting. (See Page 15)

VICE PRESIDENT: Pam Murphy states that making a change for how ways and means operates. Decided that all donations to charities will go to the chairmans of each committee and then the chapter member can put their name in the bag at the board of directors table for the drawing in February for a handpainted piece to be painted by the board members. All other items to be donated to ways and means will get fun money from Lynn. To purchase items that are designated for sale by Lynn. The chapter members can also buy tickets from Lynn for the raffle drawings at the end of each meeting. Also possible purchase of items if needed to sell within the ways and means budget.

TREASURER: Doris Beck reported a total of \$75,956.80.

SECRETARY: Betty Jean Kendall not present. Terry Banton filling in. No changes or corrections to the newsletter.

EDUCATION: Georgia Magarrell states that the Karen Hubbard seminar went great and everyone had a fun time. Great facility! Projector, screen, and camera purchased for use by the chapter.

CHARITIES: Georgia Maggarrell states treasure boxes are doing well. Have more today to take to hospital.

MEMBERSHIP: 127 members - 18 new!

NEWSLETTER: Next deadline is April 22, 2011 due to late meeting in the month. Roberta will no longer be doing the newsletter. Looking for a new editor. Still having to mail 67 newsletters to chapter members not wanting it electronically.

RETREAT: Chairman not present.

WAYS AND MEANS: Changes as noted in Vice President report. Also clearing out old stock. Pins and charms from old stock to be sold today at half-price to chapter members, so the remaining stock can be sold at the Chapter Marketplace at the National convention.

WEBSITE: Getting updated as needed.
Meeting adjourned 9:21 AM.

Submitted respectfully,
Terry Banton

Shriner Treasure Box Donators:

Thank you so much for your contributions to the Shriner's Hospital. I just delivered 29 boxes and the children were overwhelmed. There are so many of you who have donated I do not want to forget anyone, so just want to personally thank each and every one of you. You have no idea what such a small gift means to these children.

Georgia
Shriner's Co-ordinator for Oregon

RAINDROP CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING

Milwaukie Lutheran Church - April 16, 2011

Meeting called to order 10:08 - 47 members attending today

PRESIDENT: Chairmen of committees to make a guideline for jobs. Please bring to next meeting. Change in standing rules motion Debbie Gill states that she would like a motion from the floor to support standing rule #4 as it reads now. We can not find a motion in our motion log of 2007 to support it when it was changed and printed in our directory.

It states that the Executive Committee meetings will be held 2 weeks prior to each regular meeting and/or one hour before each business meeting.

Motion given by Susan Maahs and seconded by Judy Elam.

VICE PRESIDENT: Pam Murphy states that we are making a change for how ways and means operates. It was decided that all donations to charities will go to the chairmans of each committee and then the chapter member can put their name in the bag at the board of directors table for the drawing in February for a handpainted piece to be painted by the board members. All other items to be donated to Ways and Means will get "Rain Money" from Lynn. The rain money is to be used to purchase items that are designated for sale by Lynn. The chapter members can also buy tickets from Lynn for the raffle to be drawn at the end of each meeting.

Marian VanDomelen to teach today after the meeting. Next meeting will be on June 4th. Pam Murphy will be teaching a pink Lily design. Members should bring guests to learn how to paint. Pattern and photo for members is \$4.00. Guests are \$2.00. Try to find people who are interested in learning to paint and bring them as your guest. Age appropriate please. Photo of piece will be online for viewing.

We now have a camera, screen, and projector for our Raindrop classes.

The Christmas Brunch will be at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion on 12-3-11. Anyone have ideas for entertainment?

TREASURER: Doris Beck reported a total of \$75,956.80.

SECRETARY: Betty Jean Kendall not present. Terry Banton filling in. No changes or corrections to the newsletter.

NOMINATIONS: Susan Maahs states that she is needing volunteers for nominating for the offices of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Must be a member for two years and served on a committee in the past.

EDUCATION: Georgia Magarrell states that the Karen Hubbard seminar went great and everyone had a fun time. Great facility! We now have a projector, screen, and camera purchased for use by the chapter.

CHARITIES: Georgia Magarrell states treasure boxes are doing well. Have more today to take to Shriners. Paint them or use stickers.

Lupe Vasquez-Lewis states that she is collecting Cleo Chase's donations for the woman's shelter today. Cleo is also wanting suggestions for other charities we could donate to.

MEMBERSHIP: BJ Schmader states that we have 127 members - 18 new! BJ has directories available online for printing or viewing. She also has printed directories here today for those of us who do not have a computer.

NEWSLETTER: Next deadline is April 22, 2011 due to late meeting in the month. Roberta will no longer be newsletter editor. Looking for a new editor. Still having to mail 67 newsletters to chapter members not wanting it electronically. No cost for members to thank secret pals in newsletter. Thank you so much for your hard work Roberta! We will miss your wonderful newsletters!

CHAPTER BOOTH: Rayma Stewart advised group that she is having a ornament paint in at Come Paint with Me on Monday from 9:30-2:00. She is still wanting people to paint ornaments and also looking for larger items to raffle at our convention. Please contact her if you have a item to donate.

LIBRARIAN: Georgia Magarrell to be librarian. Go check out patterns from her after the meeting. Please return by next meeting. If you have any old patterns that need returning, please give them to Georgia.

RETREAT: Chairman not present. Everyone loved the food! We had 27 attendees on Friday and 38 at

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tended the rest of the weekend. Everyone loved the entertainment and had a blast! Debbie stated that for next year we could go on Saturday morning and leave after dinner on Sunday, or stay till lunchtime on Monday. Voting at the meeting was for the Saturday/Sunday option.

WAYS AND MEANS: Changes as noted in Vice President report. Also clearing out old stock. Pins and charms from old stock can be purchased today from Lynn for half-price to chapter members, so the remaining stock can be sold at the Chapter Marketplace at the National convention. BJ Schmader gave motion for clearing out of old items and Rayma Stewart seconded. We are drawing for the Vice President's raffle today.

WEBSITE: Getting updated as needed.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Maahs needing volunteers for security at our convention. Please let her know if you are interested.

OLD BUSINESS: Pam Murphy and Joan Porter emptied out the storage.

Lupe Vasquez-Lewis states that Cleo is looking for a roommate for our convention.

DRAWING FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S RAFFLE: Linda Bourland won the Lily painting by Terry Banton, Susan Maahs won the DAC book donated by Linda Aten, Marian VanDomelen won the plate painted by Lois Mueller donated by Terry Banton, Cleo Chase won the Dorothy Dent painting purchased for the Vice President's Raffle by Debbie Gill, and Leslie Bossen won the Brenda Harris painting donated by Marie Morris.

Thank you everyone for buying raffle tickets to send our Vice President to National!

Submitted respectfully,
Terry Banton

Rules of Use for Raindrop Chapter's CAMERA ~ PROJECTOR ~ SCREEN

Equipment is for Raindrop Chapter use only. No member will use any or all of the above equipment other than at chapter meetings, events or our conventions.

Equipment will be stored only by board members & when not in use or in prep to be used it will be the vice-president's responsibility. The vice-president must know where it is at all times. Example: At convention she would need information on what day, time, and room number it would be used and by what member. The member using the equipment must be responsible for it until she signs it over to a board member or Teacher Selection chairman.

When multi classes are being held at the same time it will be determined by the class enrollment as to who will be eligible to use the above equipment. The largest class has priority. In case of a tie the board will make a judgment for use by using all the information at hand. Example: room size, noise level in room, lighting problems, etc.



COME PAINT WITH ME

~ PRESENTS ~

SHARA REINER & SANDI STRECKER

SPECIAL WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2011



September 19 Sandi Strecker has outdone herself with a gathering of all her favorite characters for fall. This picture is a work in progress but is very cute as you can see. The cost for her class is \$60 plus surface fee.



EVENT DETAILS:

Classes will be held at Come Paint With Me
21107 Hwy 99E, Aurora, OR 97002

Surface materials must be ordered by July 30, 2011.

~Cost of class admission includes catered lunch~



September 20 Shara Reiner is back her fourth consecutive year with her new tall Santa board. We all love her trademark whimsical Santas, and this one is very unique with all her little extra touches framing the jolly old elf. Cost for her class is \$60 plus surface fee.



• **TO ENROLL, CONTACT JUDY MEIROW AT (503) 969-6233** •

I asked Lupe to tell a little about herself so you will get to know her faster and see with all her amazing talents that a wonderful job will be done for the Raindrop Patter Newsletter ~ Roberta

Dear Raindrops,

I was sorry to hear that Roberta was leaving; however, I would love to have the opportunity to be the editor of the Raindrop Newsletter. I believe that I can bring a lot to the table in terms of working with a diverse group of people, old and young.

The reason I feel this way is my background includes from an early age in high school, being newsletter editor for my junior and senior years and newsletter editor for the local twins club (yes, I have twins, they are 40 now).



I've also taken many college courses, over the years, which included computer, drafting and drawing. For many years, I compiled, edited and put together extensive training manuals for a team of attorneys. This included putting together database software packages, page layout, flow of information, photos, instructions and editing to make sure that the manuals were easy to follow, comprehend and use.

I'm a solid team player, good at gathering information, organizing into a logical and understandable format. I have very good organizational skills, honed by working for the above attorneys.

I have extensive computer experience that includes Word, Excel, Illustrator, Photoshop and many other smaller drawing software programs.

I enjoy painting in oils and acrylics, my first love remains working with oils. Recently, I've been trying the oils that you can mix with water. It is different, but green; and hopefully better for our environment. Some of my favorite artists include Helan Barrick and Dorothy Dent and creating some of my own designs.

One of my other interests includes working on genealogy. I have discovered that I'm 8th generation Californian. I have worked on both sides of my family and those of my husband's tracing his lineage to early 1600's, Scandinavian ancestors.

I look forward to my first newsletter and your input.

Sincerely,
Lupe Vasquez-Lewis

Thank You Raindrop Members ~ Roberta

Raindrop Members -

Thank you for all the kind words of appreciation for the work I have done the last two years and half years on the Raindrop Patter Newsletter. Your messages were also so uplifting. It was a privilege to do these 15 issues and to get to know you all better.

I have loved doing it as my favorite thing in life is designing. The time I have spent doing the newsletter allowed me to gain more practice and skills in a new typesetting software program that I had to start using three years ago which I was finding extremely difficult to learn at my age.

It was extremely hard to resign from doing the newsletter but my personal life needs attention. LOTS!!! The joys of home ownership has turned into something that reminds me of the movie comedy, "The Money Pit." Thirty days of Oregon's monsoon rain has caused my office ceiling to collapse plum dab on top of my computer desk. This problem is a little hard to ignore since the hole in the ceiling plaster is a 5' diameter. LOL

This has caused me to look around as see that I need to Get My Act Together Now! Only by focusing am I going to find the time to achieve new things that need to come into my life. Love, Roberta



RAINDROP CHAPTER FINANCIALS

FEBRUARY 1-28, 2011

Beginning Balance	\$51,022.91
Income	5,333.00
Subtotal	56,355.91
Expenses	715.36
Ending Balance	\$55,640.55

MARCH 1-31, 2011

Beginning Balance	\$55,640.55
Income	1,648.10
Subtotal	57,288.65
Expenses	4,053.70
Ending Balance	\$53,234.95

NOMINATION INFORMATION

As chairman of the Nomination Committee, I approached the subject of the upcoming elections for our chapter at the last meeting. I know it is a few meetings away, but we all must decide, if we would like to hold one of the offices or chairmanships.

Our elections are held annually at the October meeting and officers are installed in December. They will serve a term of one year. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office with the exception of the Treasurer. This means that I am looking for someone to run for all offices. If someone wants to run for Treasurer, she can, but Doris also can and will run for the office. I hope each of you will think about running for an office or will let the incoming President know you would like to be a chairman for a committee or just help with a committee.

We need everyone's help. I apologize for confusing those at the meeting and hope this explains the election better.

I am also looking for 4 persons to count ballots, please let me know if you are interested.

Susan Maahs

To the Raindrop Membership:

I was recruited by the board to continue on as treasurer if you the membership also want me to serve. This also requires you to vote for me at election time. I look forward to serving you. Love, *Doris*



PAINT A SEASON OF MEMORIES

FEBRUARY 1-28, 2011

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,202.35
Income	20.16
Subtotal	7,222.51
Expenses	6,679.28
Ending Balance	\$ 543.23

MARCH 1-31, 2011

Beginning Balance	\$ 543.23
Income	20,404.12
Subtotal	20,947.35
Expenses	907.30
Ending Balance	\$20,040.05

SECRET PAL



Remember there is no charge to put a thank you to your secret pal in the newsletter. Just let your editor know.

NEED A ROOMMATE FOR RAINDROP CONVENTION

I would like to share a room with one, two or three people, the more the better. I do want to stay all three nights. Thank you, Cleo

Cleo B. Clark-Chase
cell 503-267-8587

Email: cleo-chase@sbcglobal.net

RETREAT APPRECIATION:

Thank you for the opportunity to teach at the retreat this year. I enjoyed it, and hope you did too. What a wonderful setting for a retreat and an honor for me to be the first teacher to teach there!

Thanks again.
Judy Meirow

Dear Secret Pal - Thank you for the great welcome roosters and the chocolate to the extreme - I am on a sugar high and its "WOW". Thank you once again for thinking of me. You made my day. ~ *Rayma*

Thank you to my secret pal for the Easter Goodies. The flowers are on our table. I will plant the basket later on. ~ *Doris*

To my Secret Pal. A very big THANK YOU for my pretty things. I did name that cute little lamb Martin. The squirrels that came to the door for bread are not too sure of him yet, but they will get used to him. Thank you again that was really a great idea. ~ *Helga*

To my secret pal-- thank you for the Easter basket with all the goodies. It will take me a year to eat all of the candy, but I will enjoy it so! ~ *Judy Meirow*

Dear Secret Pal - Hope you enjoyed Easter. Just wanted to say Thank you. I put the peanut butter cups in the freezer, frozen, my favorite way to enjoy. The elephants, so cute, I thought I would change blue pads to red, bow to white and they will have a new home on my kitchen table. The box is wonderful.

Thank you again, *Dinky*

FOR MY SECRET PAL - Thank you for all my great "blue" gifts. They fit in so nicely in my decor.....the chocolate fit in well too!! *Bj*

Secret pal you're so thoughtful and kind, generous beyond the thoughts in my mind. If I could give back the fine feelings I have I would share them with you and make you glad. For your gifts still remind me of your generosity, and nurture good feelings inside of me. Thank you, *Bobbie Baugher*

RETREAT THANK YOU!

Thank-you to all the Chapter members for granting me a scholarship to attend Retreat this year. I have attended all since I have been a member and would not have gone this year. As always it was so much fun! Something I really needed as this year has been overly stressful. I am refreshed and feeling inspired after hanging with all the talented wonderful painters for a weekend.

Sincerely, *Bobbie Baugher*

RETREAT PHOTOS BY DEBBIE GILL CAN BE VIEWED AT OUR WEBSITE

www.raindropchapter.org

Raindrop Chapter Convention Meeting

February 15, 2011 - Monarch Hotel

Called to order: 5:40

Attendees: Debbie Gill, Pam Murphy, Doris Beck, Judy Meirow, BJ Schmader, Roberta Wells, Sue Snethen, Hannah Long, Lois Sutton.

Secretary: Doris Beck gave the financial report.

Class Selection: BJ Schmader stated we had 205 submissions and the teacher selection committee selected 55. BJ Schmader is checking with the teachers to see if they require a monitor.

We talked about having the monitor chairperson connected with registration by cell phones and all volunteers (including monitors) under one chairperson. That way we could distribute them evenly where needed. It was stated that the last convention security along with the exhibit hall had almost no volunteers.

Exhibit Hall: Judy Meirow verified we were charging Jamie Mill-Price for one and a half booths because of a illness in the family at the convention of 2009. Judy Meirow stated that security was needed after 8:00 on Wednesday evening. She talked about the lighting on the trade floor and it was decided we would provide a few of the dark booths with lighting. Judy Meirow redid the floor plan to make more room in some of the aisles. She has 6 deposits on booths and 13 booths paid in full. She has 36 other vendors who have requested to hold booths for them. Judy Meirow and Debbie Gill will be going to Las Vegas (at their own expense) to try and get more vendors to fill the trade floor. Judy Meirow is checking on vendors goodie bags. She is checking on canvas bags with June Houck's artwork printed on them to sell at the registration booth.

Buffet Decorations: Hannah Long and Lois Sutton stated that they have their plans underway for the buffet decorations.

Registration: Sue Snethen will be working on the nametags. She will get 5 boxes of catalogs to Judy Zogg to transport to Las Vegas for Judy Meirow and Debbie Gill to pass out. She will also get the green postcard size announcements to Judy Meirow and Debbie Gill to hand out to all vendors and attendees at the Las Vegas Convention. Sue Snethen is getting a new program from Judi Mecham for registering attendees for our convention. She has already started to receive registration forms. Doris Beck requested a list

of all names that register at the gate.

It was stated that you must be registered for the convention to attend the preview party.

Registration Book: Roberta Wells is working with Judi Mecham to get the convention book on our website.

Debbie Gill stated that our convention is out growing our facility for both teachers and vendors. She stated that the board would be checking out other facilities in March.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20

Minutes were taken by Debbie Gill in the absence of Secretary Betty Jean Kendall due to surgery.



Raindrop Chapter Convention Meeting

April 18, 2011 - Monarch Hotel

Called to order 5:40 PM

Attendees: Debbie Gill, Pam Murphy, Doris Beck, Terry Banton, Marlene Roth, Carrol Klett, Roberta Wells, Susan Maahs, Lois Sutton, Hanna Long, Sue Snethen, Rayma Stewart, Judy Meirow, and Joan Porter.

Treasurer: Doris Beck gave financial report.

Class Selection: BJ Schmader states that we had 207 submissions, and 55 selected. We will need to rent a room at the Marriott next door due to high class sign ups. BJ turned in the selection committee report showing that 7 people with different specialties in painting were the people choosing the classes. BJ does not vote because she knows who the pieces were submitted by. They choose alternates in case a teacher has too many chosen or needs to drop out.

Exhibit Hall: Judy Meirow states that 29 merchants are signed up so far. There is 49 booths total. 9 booths left to fill. If someone is wanting a half of booth, contact Dinky Davis. Ron Flores is doing the set up.

Registration: Sue Snethen states that we have 204 people registered so far and have some classes filled already. Sue has the badge holders and found pink paper to print the name, city, and state for the attendees. May need a shuttle if have to book other classrooms at the Marriott. Judi Mecham did the registration program for us and it works great. Raindrops will be giving a gift to Judi.

Art Director: June Houck not present.

Monitors: Linda Aten not present.

Classroom Set up: Betty Jean Kendall and Dinky Davis not present.

Buffet Decorations: Hannah Long and Lois Sutton state that the decorations are very elegant and progressing well. The colors are gold, black, and white. They are also using June Houck's artwork. They will bring a sample to the next meeting.

Registration Book: Joan Porter and Roberta Wells - Job completed.

Student/Teacher Art Show: Tracy Tallman not present but wanted to know if we are keeping the same categories for the show. It was agreed to keep the same as last year. Student, Teacher, and Original art. Sue Snethen and Becky Albeke are redoing the student teacher art show letter that will go out with the confirmation letters.

Security: Susan Maahs states she will be signing up volunteers for one hour increments. Have badges, vests, and hats in storage for the convention. Leslie Bossen is cochair.

Information: Will have lots of candy for our conventioners.

Volunteers: Terry Banton will be making a master list of volunteers that she will receive from each committee chair before the convention so we will know where we are still needing volunteers. The list will be at the information table if conventioners have free time to volunteer. Chairman should have a cell phone listed if there are any problems. Terry will have a cell phone listed on volunteer sheet also.

Publicity Chair: Sue Snethen states there was an ad in the Paintworks magazine and will be in the Country Register.

Demonstrations/Make it and Take it: Demo's will be on the hour. Question brought up as to price limit for make it and take its. Also if we can get a microphone for the teacher.

Convention Program Booth: Nancy Baur not present.

Consignment Booth: Joan Porter states that The Raindrop Chapter keeps 25% profits of sold merchandise. Not sure yet if we will have booths available for consignment booth. Should there be a limit as to how many items to put in per artist?

Chapter Booth: Rayma Stewart states that she is still needing more ornaments painted to sell. Can do-

nate ornaments and pins. June Houck is donating a fall chair, Jeanine Mauer is donating a snow chair, and Marian VanDomelen has donated a strokework box. Rayma is still looking for donated items to be raffled at the convention.

Gate: Needing a chairman. Should hang our banner at sales table. Also decorate the table.

June 7th is the next convention meeting at 5:30 PM at the Monarch Hotel.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Banton



**Recipe
for
TORTILLA
SOUP**
by
Rosey Johnson

This soup was brought to Karen Hubbard's Seminar

1/2 onion, diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

Cooking spray

4 oz. can chopped green chilies

1 can Green Giant shoe peg corn (or Hominy)

1 (16 oz.) can Mexican style diced tomatoes
with chilies

4 C. chicken broth (or more if desired)

1 tsp. each: lemon pepper, chili powder,
ground cumin

2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

1/2 tsp. Tabasco sauce

1/2 bunch fresh cilantro, chopped

1 pre-cooked chicken, boned. (Rotisserie cooked)

Toppings: Frito chips, grated cheddar cheese,
chopped little green onions.

Chopped avocado is good, also.

Saute' onion & garlic in a soup pot until soft. Add chilies, corn, tomatoes (+ the juice in cans), broth, spices, sauces, cilantro and the cut up chicken. Simmer 15 min. or more. Top with the grated cheese, green onion, diced avocado and Fritos. (Don't forget the Fritos!)

*I've adopted this recipe as my "welcome soup"
to all guests.*

MAY

1 - Sharon Krupicka
 4 - Marie Morris
 14 - Gina De La Cruz
 21 - Gwen Bennett
 22 - Becky Albeke
 25 - Emma Banton

Happy Birthday!



JUNE

5 - Myrna Steiner
 6 - Susan McIntire
 6 - Kay Van Beek
 7 - Marsha Holte
 15 - Nancy Hughes
 16 - Joan Porter
 29 - Debbie Gill
 29 - Sue Snethen
 30 - Sherry McLain

***BIRTHDAY GALS** - Please provide a snack or a door prize at the next meeting.*

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Location of Raindrop's June 4th Meeting:

UA Local 290

**20210 SW
 Teton Ave.
 Tualatin, OR**

Address Directions

by Debbie Gill:

Going South on I-5
 take **exit 289**,
 turn right go **toward
 Sherwood/Newberg**
 (1.1 miles),
 turn **left on
 Teton Street**,
 and just **past the
 railroad tracks**,
 turn **left into
 Local 290's
 fenced parking lot**.
 The building will say
 Local 290 on it.



**She's always late because her ancestors
 arrived on the Juneflower!**



MESSAGE FROM EDUCATION CHAIRMAN - GEORGIA MAGARRELL

Karen Hubbard Seminar was a Blast, with all of us finishing three projects in one weekend. Well, I do have a touch more to do on the birds, but so close to being done.

Thank you all for bringing the crock pots of soup for Sat. and Sunday...and all those cakes, cookies, junk food, fruits and veggies. Just could not have made it without all the junk food.

Saturday we had 26 of 28 that signed up and Sunday we had 28 of 30 that signed up. So thanks so much everyone for making this a huge success.

And.....the Teacher!! Karen taught so relaxed and was so much fun. So many lessons we learned..from stroke work to bird feathers. Can you beat it? That's what I call a true lesson. She was running a "perfect" pace for all of us and stressed many times to come up and watch her as she showed us the feather strokes on the birds or the fur on the cat. Oh, oh, oh....the Cat...I cannot believe I painted that!! My husband thought I bought it from Karen. I was very nice to him as I hit him over the head with a spatula.... Was that painting (theory) a blast or what.

Also, Debbie, please thank your hubby for such a wonderful facility!! Geeeezzz we have never had it so good. The Raindrop camera did not function as expected but your hubby came thru with a camera from the facility. Hugs and Kisses from all of us. We now know we could not have done all these projects without the aid of the camera. Everyone, please send thank you kudos to Debbie and Hubby for a fantastic contribution to our education.

It was fun being your Education Chair for 2010-2011. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Thanks so much.



Free Rosemaling Stroke Video on SDP website:

The Perfect Stroke video by Raindrop member, Gayle Oram MDA

This short video shows the different brushes Gayle prefers, paint consistency and loading of the brushes. She demonstrates how to achieve various rosemaling strokes making it look ever so easy to do with the closeup views.

Talented Gayle Oram has earned the prestigious VESTERHEIM GOLD MEDAL in rosemaling.

See at http://www.decorativepainters.org/mmo_pages/login.html

You will have to do a Member Log in which is easy. Just use your membership number and the password is your last name (capitalize first letter). On the right side of the opening page is a bright red NEW! and a green video camera image next to Gayle's name.

————— LOVE VISITING ART MUSEUMS??? —————

Art Project, powered by Google - Explore 17 famous art museums from around the world with thousands of artworks photographed in extremely high resolution. Info at www.googleartproject.com

2011 CALENDAR

MLC - Milwaukie Lutheran Church

Board Meetings in small classroom upstairs • Chapter Meetings held in large meeting room

MAY

May 24

Executive Board Meeting
5:30 at MLC

JUNE

June 4

**Chapter Meeting/Potluck/
Lilies Paint-in with Pam Murphy**
10 am at Union Hall
(note change of location)
with non-member guests invited.

June 7

Convention Meeting
5:30 at Monarch Inn

June 15

Newsletter Deadline

June 16

**Chapter Booth Ornament Painting at
Come Paint with Me in Aurora**
9:30 to 2:00 ish - Potluck.
Call Rayma if you plan to attend.

JULY

July 16

All Day Painting with Susan Scheewe
teaching watercolor class.
Potluck Lunch.
9 am at Union Hall Location

AUGUST

August 6

**Chapter Meeting and
Paint-in with BJ Schmader**
10 am at MLC
“Halloween Project” taught.
Bring sack lunch.

MORE EVENTS:

September 22-25, 2011
“Paint a Season of Memories”
Raindrop Convention
at the Monarch Hotel

**OCTOBER 1 - Chapter Meeting/
Market Day Sale Event** at MLC
Bring sack lunch.



**NOVEMBER 5 - All Day Painting with
Georgia Magarrell** teaching “Giraffe
Project” - Sack Lunch - 9 am at Union
Hall Location.

**DECEMBER 3 - Chapter Christmas
Brunch** - 10 am at Jantzen Beach Red
Lion PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF
LOCATION.

**DECEMBER ??? - The Christmas
House Tour.**

Big Brush Future Teachers:

2012 - May 5 & 6 CARLA STARK
2012 - July 21 & 22 SARAH FREEMAN
2013 - April 20 & 21 BRENDA STEWART

❖ SCHOOL KIDS RETREAT PROJECT ❖

Helga has sent these instructions for attendees that were unable to finish this project at the Retreat so they will be able complete it on their own.



It makes painting any project much easier if you have the picture in front of you and look at it often.

Boy: his hair was base coated with Dk. Burnt Umber. Highlight it with a wash of Burnt Sienna and float the parting with Black.

Shade his shirt with Black along his coveralls. Float with Black just below his knees on the inside of his legs, under the buttons of his coveralls and above the cuffs of his pants.

Do some Drybrushing with white on places that are protruding. Make sure that you remove most of the paint on a paper towel and use a scruffy brush.

Girl: Shade the dress with black or a very dark blue around the apron, make a cuff on her raised arm and some folds going down. Look at the picture where the folds are on the apron and use a darker blue than the dress you can dampen the apron with water or Extender (which will give you a little more time) float the blue down on one side and then the other

(flip flop) MAKE SURE THE FLOAT GOES OUTWARD do the same thing with the dress.

Her hair is Antique Gold and should be Highlighted with Cad.Yellow or you can mix a lighter yellow with some white.

2nd Girl: Dampen the white dress with water or Extender. Using the same color as the collar do a light wash over the dress and with a # 8 or 10 square shader (all the water squeezed out) hold it straight up and start on the bottom of the dress and move the brush up, keep doing that until the dress is striped. You can embellish the rest any way you want to, of course. Keep looking at the picture.

If you have a problem please let me know.

Thanks, Helga

Coast to the Cascades Retreat 2011

October 7th - 9th

Aldersgate, Turner, OR

Now Open to Raindrop Members!!!



"Holiday Wreath"

Cost: \$235 Includes 2 nights, all meals and FUN painting with

TRUDY BEARD



"Bluebird on Gathering Basket"

Visit <http://www.coasttothecascades.org> for more information about this event

ADVISOR'S POSITION

Any amendment to the Raindrop By-Laws has to be published in the Raindrop Patter newsletter prior to voting at the next meeting.

The Board would like to make three changes to the By-Laws concerning the duties of the Advisor's position.

When the Advisor's job is finished she just seem to move into the crowd and is there to act as Parliamentarian and Sergeant-of-Arms to settle any questions concerning procedure and order which might arise at a Chapter meeting. We would like to give her a few tasks to handle through her last year on the Board so she still feels involved.

Under **Article VI - Duties of the Officers - number 5** we would like to add:

The Advisor will be responsible to sell raffle tickets for the Vice President/President-Elect fund raiser in Ways and Means, Cochair Retreat with the Chairperson that year, and fill in for any of the Board members during their absence at any meeting.

Now we must go to **Article IX Standing Committees - number 1**, go to "G" **Ways and Means Committee** and add:

The Advisor will be responsible for the selling of raffle tickets for the Vice President/President-Elect's fund raisers.

Now we must go to **Article IX and go to "M" Retreat Committee** and add:

The Advisor shall be Cochair with the Retreat Chairperson that year.

 **Raindrop Chapter Convention Committee: 2011 Paint a Season of Memories**
June 7th (Tuesday) next meeting at Monarch Hotel - 5:30 pm

Reminder to all the convention chairs that if you cannot make the meeting then send a report to Debbie or Pam so your information will keep everyone updated.

(even if you don't have much info.)

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CHAPTER BOOTH: We had a small but joyful turnout to paint ornaments - a little over a dozen ornaments were painted with some being taken home to complete or add to the stack. Thank you to all the ladies that came: Judy Elam, Nancy Hughes, Jeanine Maurer, Judy Meirow, Becky Albeke, and Marie Morris. If you think you missed out - well I have good news for you! Another ornament paint-in has been scheduled for Thursday, June 16 at 9:30 - 2-ish. Potluck once again and we will paint at "Come Paint with Me" in Aurora . Hope to see many more of you then. Please let me know if you plan to come.

Also, don't forget that we still need items to raffle. I would like to have them by the August meeting. If you are planning to donate but aren't quite finished - at least get the info to me (you know - name/item/designer/painter etc., etc.). Let's all work to make this a wonderful raffle with lots of good goodies.
 Thanks! *Rayma*

2011 RAINDROP CHAPTER OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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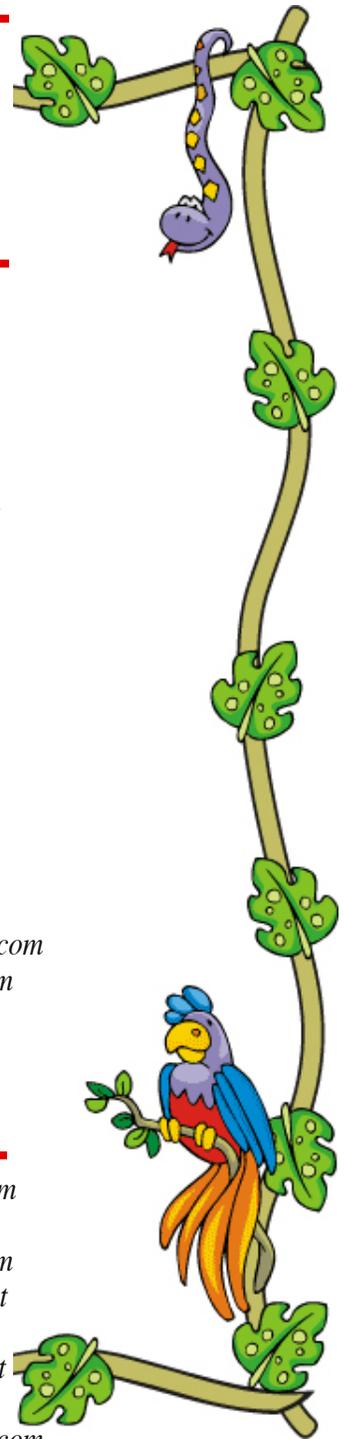
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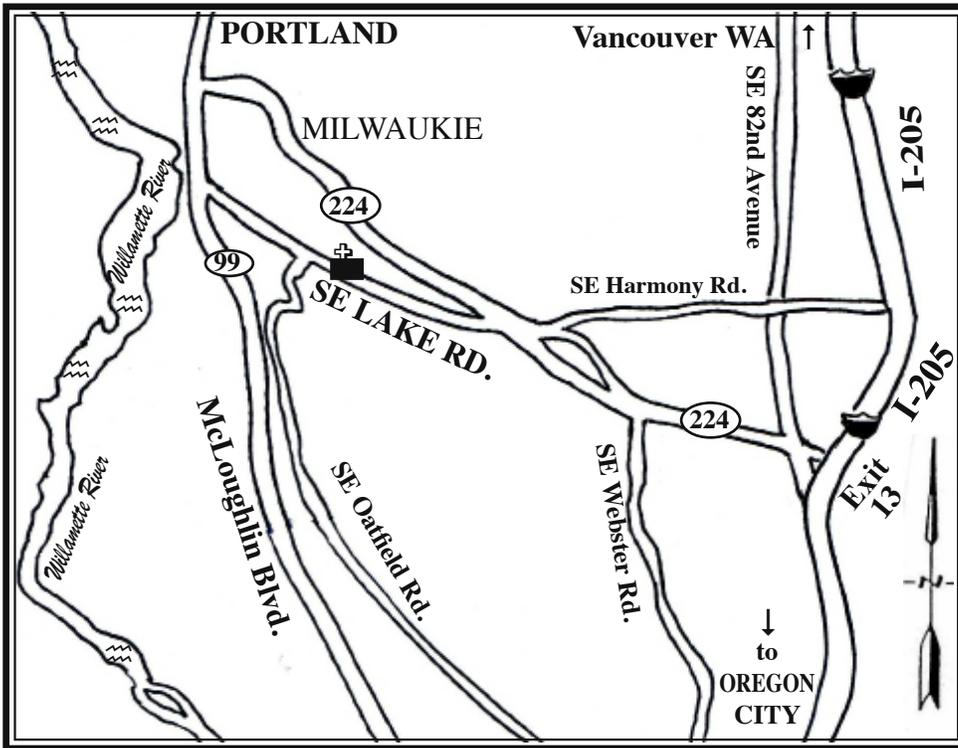
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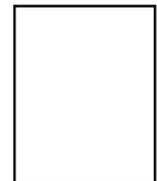
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