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## *The Great Blue Heron*

By Mark Menendez

**THURSDAY  
ZOOM SEMINAR**

**JULY 24, 2025**

**8:30 A.M. (PST)**



ZOOM ONLY CLASS

PREP WILL BE SENT AFTER REGISTRATION

**\$25 MEMBERS  
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**PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR MARK MENDENDEZ SEMINAR: "THE GREAT BLUE HERON"**

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# MEMORY BOX PAINT-IN

**AUGUST 2, 2025**

**MILWAUKIE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
IN-PERSON & ZOOM MEETING AT 9:30 A.M.  
PAINTING AT 10:00 A.M.  
PICNIC POTLUCK AT 11:30 A.M.  
PAINT WHILE WE EAT & HAVE FUN!**

## **Free Raindrop Member's Memory Box Day!**

**Bring a Memory Box , Paint it and have fun!**

Please bring your paper mâché box, which can be in sizes- approx. 12 inch, 10 inch, or 8 ½ inches in diameter and about 3 to 10 inches deep. (Raindrop will have some boxes to paint, if you don't have one.) You can paint bears, bunnies, animals, rosemaling, angels, flowers, scenery, things that are typical of children's decorations - whatever you think would comfort you if you were a recipient of the box. (No holiday, people, or religious paintings).

By participating in this project, you are creating a generational keepsake box for a family, that had a loss of an infant or child.

We are so proud to be a part of this very worthy project with the Randell's Children's Hospital.

### **OUR SUMMER POTLUCK:**

## **GOOD OLE' AMERICAN PICNIC**

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If coming, Please bring one of the following and email Cheryl what you will bring:  
[ponygirlcl@yahoo.com](mailto:ponygirlcl@yahoo.com)

Potato Chips  
Baked Beans  
Potato Salad  
Hamburger Buns - 1 Pkg  
Hot Dog Buns - 1 Pkg  
Condiments - Mustard, Ketchup, Pickles  
Watermelon  
Apple Pie  
Soda Pop



# *The Three Christmas Cute Birds*

*by Lydia Steeves*



**SATURDAY  
ZOOM SEMINAR**

**SEPT. 27, 2025**

**9:00 A.M. (PST)**



**ZOOM ONLY CLASS**

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# One Stroke Peace Rose

with

*Beckie Underwood*

SATURDAY

**OCTOBER 4, 2025**

11 A.M. PST

(Directly following meeting)

### **Zoom Class Only**

Paint with your own colors!

Paint on any surface.

Perfect for a Memory Box.

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\$20 for Non-Members



PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR BECKIE UNDERWOOD'S "One Stroke Peace Rose"

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# The Presidents Message

Hi Raindrop Members,

I need to say that the Mad Hatter Tea Party, with everyone in their Hats, dresses, sparkly shirts and beautiful smiles was just what the Dr. Ordered!! If you were not there, you missed out on wonderful sandwiches, desserts, Tea and the fantastic punch especially made by Mary Peasley. The Teachers, Kim Falk and Lucy Gertscher, gave us each two hour technique lessons. The Cross taught by Kim was beautiful. The stroke-work was fun, easy and Kim gave us such wonderful pointers. Lucy's face technique was amazing and beautiful! These teachers are sure to come back to teach more than a two-hour class. All participants, both on zoom and live received free prepped surfaces along with some fun surprises. The paint tables were all dressed in Pink tablecloths. The dining tables were dressed with Mary Peasley's white table cloths and the table decorations were made by Cheryl Ledford & Mary Berube. Cheryl has such a knack for decoration...everything was set the night before, so we all enjoyed the "WOW" when they first came in the door. (Cannot wait for Christmas now) The "togetherness" was abundant with everyone getting a Raffle prize, desserts to die for and the warm company of sister-painters. I'm still smiling at all the committee's hard work putting this together. Thank you all so much!!

Coming up next is the Mark Menendez Seminar July 24th. We have 20 signed up so far and this is excellent. It's the GREAT BLUE HERON, in Acrylics. You do not want to miss this. It will be recorded. Then Lydia Steeves on September 27th. - This is going to be a very fun Seminar too.

THEN CHRISTMAS.....THIS WILL BE FUN!! We just have two seminars left, but also have two paint-ins also. Those that won a Seminar in any of the drawings need to sign up for one now or it will expire in December.

Remember to send me an email if you want to sign up for an office also. You might want to perhaps go side by side now to share the duties and thoughts.

Next year we want to have a Live Teacher come to Raindrops as a two-day Seminar. Remember, like we used to. We plan on a Friday and Saturday Seminar, so now is the time to be sending your ideas of WHO you would want. We already have Paulette DiGesare as one to consider. Teachers plan their schedules a year out, so start thinking about who you might want.

Last but certainly not least HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY to JOAN PORTER!! Joan is one of our oldest members and deserves all the happiness we can give her. Make sure to send her a card if you think of it. She was at the Tea Party and we LOVED it!!!

Thanks to all the Officers and Committees for all you do all year long. You have brought Raindrops around full circle. We want to keep going with our 74 members so far.

Again, thanks

Georgia



# The Vice-Presidents Message



## VP Message

It's hard to believe we're halfway through the year. That saying time fly's is so true. The tea party was a great success—two teachers, delicious food, giveaways and plenty of laughs. That behind us we are already planning a woodland themed Christmas party. But between now and December there's two seminars and a meeting paint in. The August meeting we are painting memory boxes for the children's hospital. Contact Mary Rankin if you need a box and pattern to paint.

The October meeting will have Becki Underwood (zoom) teaching a stroke class. Have a safe and happy summer.

Cheryl



**AUG 15TH  
DEADLINE**

for Sept / Oct 2025  
Newsletter  
Contact: Crystal Samuels  
raindropeditor@gmail.com

**WE HAVE A NEW FACEBOOK  
& INSTAGRAM PAGE**

 Raindrop Decorative Painters

 Portland Raindrops

**Don't forget to  
check out our  
website!**

**portlandraindrops.org**

# No-Bake Cheesecake Peach Pie

Peach Cheesecake Pie is a 30-minute no-bake recipe with a crisp graham cracker crust, sweet whipped filling, and juicy summer peaches!

## Ingredients:

### **Cheesecake Cream Cheese Mixture**

- 1 graham cracker crust store-bought or homemade (see below)
- 2 - 8 oz cream cheese, softened room temperature cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar (confectioners' sugar)
- 4-5 large ripe peaches yellow peaches
- ¼ cup honey
- optional whip cream

### **Graham Cracker Pie Crust**

- 1 ½ cups crushed graham crackers about 2 individual packages of graham crackers (3 come in a box)
- ⅓ cup white granulated sugar

## Instructions

1. Pull both blocks of cream cheese out of the fridge, and place on the counter. You will want them room temperature for this recipe.
2. Make or buy store-bought graham cracker crust.

### **Graham Cracker Pie Crust**

Crush 2 packages graham crackers in sealed a zip-top bag using a rolling pin or pulse in a food processor into fine crumbs. In a medium bowl, add the graham cracker crumbs, ⅓ cup granulated sugar, and 6 tablespoons melted butter, mix well. Place crumb mixture into a 9-inch pie plate. Use a small measuring cup to smooth and press the crust evenly around and up the sides of a 9-inch pie dish. Chill for 30 minutes to get it nice and firm while you make the filling.

### **No-Bake Cheesecake Filling**

In an electric mixer on medium-high speed, whip the softened cream cheese and 1 cup powder sugar for about 3 minutes until it is a fluffy texture. Scrape down the sides of the bowl. You can also make this in the bowl of a stand mixer with a whisk or paddle attachment.

Spread the cheesecake filling into the prepared chilled graham cracker crust using a rubber spatula. Even out to edges using a mini spatula. Chill while you slice the fruit.

Slice each peach into 16 thin slices. Cut each peach in half, remove the pit and slice each half into 8 slices. Arrange peach slices into a pretty pattern spiral in the pie dish. Start in the center, lay the slices going out in a spiral ending at the edge of the dish.

Brush honey onto peaches all over the entire cheesecake using a small brush.

You can serve it right away, but it will set up in the fridge in about an hour so it slices neater. It's best to eat the same day with lots of whip cream or cool whip. A chilled cheesecake is easier to slice with a sharp knife, then lift each slice of cheesecake with a pie server.



# Raindrop Decorative Painters

## Statement of Activity

April - May, 2025

	APR 2025	MAY 2025	TOTAL
<i>Revenue</i>			
<i>Interest Earned from Savings</i>	0.34	0.35	\$0.69
<i>Membership-Dues</i>	41.25		\$41.25
<i>Seminars</i>	257.05	343.05	\$600.10
<i>Special Events-Fundraising</i>	40.00		\$40.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$338.64</b>	<b>\$343.40</b>	<b>\$682.04</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$338.64</b>	<b>\$343.40</b>	<b>\$682.04</b>
<i>Expenditures</i>			
<i>Banking-Fees &amp; Service Charges</i>		40.00	\$40.00
<i>Banking-Paypal Fees</i>	8.28	13.05	\$21.33
<i>Donations-Cash</i>	250.00		\$250.00
<i>Meetings-Facilities Costs</i>	125.00	125.00	\$250.00
<i>Meetings-Other</i>	25.00		\$25.00
<i>Meetings-Teacher Fees</i>	150.00	300.00	\$450.00
<i>Professional Fees-Accounting</i>	57.00	114.00	\$171.00
<i>Seminars-Teacher Fees</i>		400.00	\$400.00
<i>Subscriptions-Accounting</i>	35.00	35.00	\$70.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$650.28</b>	<b>\$1,027.05</b>	<b>\$1,677.33</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -311.64</b>	<b>\$ -683.65</b>	<b>\$ -995.29</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -311.64</b>	<b>\$ -683.65</b>	<b>\$ -995.29</b>



# Raindrops General Meeting Minutes - June 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9 am PDT, by president Georgia Magarrell

CO-VP -- Mary Berube reported that there were 15 members in attendance which is a quorum. A quorum of 1/5 of the membership of 74 is 15. There were 4 members joining the meeting on-line.

Secretary -- Minutes of the last meeting -- April 2025 -- were in the last newsletter. As there were no corrections or additions, the minutes stand as written.

Treasurer -- Georgia reported for Emma. The checking account balance is \$606.81, we have \$40,513.07 in savings. All bills have been paid as of May 31. Emma and Georgia went to KeyBank to discuss transferring our savings to CD's but no one could answer their questions. CIT bank, which is part of Citizens Bank and is FDIC insured, was discussed at the board meeting. They offer a savings interest rate online of 4.10%. After some discussion this was tabled until more information can be learned. Emma will visit a Citizens Bank branch close to her and report back what she learned.

Vice President -- Cheryl reported that today's paint-ins at the Tea Party will be taught by Kim Falk and Lucy Gertscher.

August 2 -- Memory Box Paint-In  
October 4 -- Beckie Underwood  
December 6 -- Christmas Party at the church  
Membership -- Camille reported we have 74 members.

Newsletter/Facebook Website - Crystal Samuels - Everything is current

Education -- Georgia reported that July 24 is Mark Menendez and September 27 is Lydia Steeves. We need to spend more on education. We need the members to get more involved with the seminars.

Financial Audit -- No report

Raffle -- Cheryl Ledford -- Bobbie Baugher won the \$25 gift certificate to Pinecraft, Camille won a free seminar.

Sunshine -- No report

Memory Boxes -- Mary Rankin -- the church and hospital need them. Please check out with Mary then check them back in when finished.

Charitable Donation

OLD BUSINESS

-- No report

The Standing Rules change will be in the coming newsletter. Georgia will send out a vote.

Voting on the hats for the Tea Party, best hat was won by Mary Peasley Requests for money require 2 signatures. If you don't hear back from the treasurer, resend the request.

Nominations are coming up, consider running for an office  
The board will choose a date to revise the budget is TBD.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am PDT.

Nancy Welch  
Secretary

# Raindrop Standing Rules Change

Raindrop Decorative Painters Portland, Oregon

## PROPOSED STANDING RULES CHANGE

Original Rule: Before correction

3. Membership Fees shall be as follows:

- a. Individual Member \$20 annually
- b. Business Member \$25 annually
- c. Sponsor Member \$30 annually

Corrected Rule: After Correction

3. Membership Fees shall be as follows:

- a. Individual Member \$20 annually
- b. Business/**Sponsor** Member \$25 annually
- c. **Delete as Sponsor is a business member that provides discounts to the club and should not be billed at a higher rate.**

Original Rule: Before correction

8. Teaching Fee:

- a. Raindrop Decorative Painters Meeting Paint-Ins \$150.00
- b. Raindrop Decorative Painters All Day Seminars/Retreat Workshops \$150 (6 hours)
- c. Retreat \$75.00=1/2 day of 3.5-hour classes

Corrected Rule: After Correction

8. Teaching Fee:

- a. Raindrop Decorative Painters Meeting Paint-Ins **for both members and Non-members - \$150**
- b. **All Seminar teaching will be per contract with board approval for both members and non-members**
- c. **Delete as we do not schedule retreats currently.**

Original Rule: Before correction

9. Fees from non-Raindrop Decorative Painters individuals will be as follows:

- a. Retreat Fee will be an additional \$50.00 and/or per teacher's contract outside of the Raindrop membership
- b. Seminar fees will be an additional \$15.00 (per day) for each class.

Corrected Rule: After Correction

9. **Delete in its entirety as pertains to retreats which we do not schedule currently**

9. **The old #10 is now #9 with no changes** - These Standing Rules may be amended by a majority vote at any meeting wherein there is a quorum.



# More News & Thank You's

## **JOIN the Christmas Committee:**

We need someone to organize the **Silent Auction** - Those duties will be sending out a message to the members asking for "Painted" items....have the donor bring the item to the church, but set up sheets for each item. It's fun. Set a time for the auction to be over, Give the winners their goodies, collect the money and wa-la.... (The membership will decide what to do with the monies)

**Photographer** - Picture taking person - (black-mail person-hahaha) just go around the room taking pictures on an Ipad (I have) and send them to Crystal for the newsletter.

## **Christmas Party Food:**

Mary Rankin is in charge of organizing the Christmas food and desserts - so we don't have 20 of one thing. Contact Mary on what you will be bringing: [mary\\_ran@msn.com](mailto:mary_ran@msn.com)

## **Getting Involved:**

We want to keep growing! The committee chairs we have now have all been there two to three years. We need an auditor to help out. We are going to need a Secretary next year, a Vice President and a President. We are at a serious point of losing officers and chairs and I don't want to see us going backwards. Not when I see the potential, like I did at the Tea Party, of this group working together for Painting and fun!! We are a group now where we are relaxed, have fun, work with each other and can create events!

If any of these positions that are on the Agenda appeal to you, please email me: [presidentraindrop@gmail.com](mailto:presidentraindrop@gmail.com)  
Any committee person that will stay and have a co-partner to train, this will be welcomed!

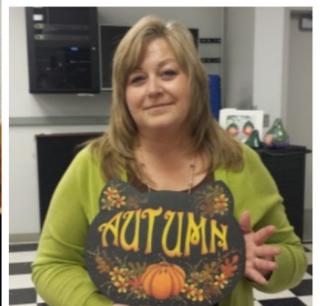
## **August Potluck:**

Our August Paint-in Potluck will be a Good 'Ol American Picnic! See Flyer on Page 2. Contact Cheryl with what you are bringing on the list: [ponygirlcl@yahoo.com](mailto:ponygirlcl@yahoo.com)

***If you have an announcement you would like to make or there is any member you would like to send a Thank You too, in our next Newsletter, please contact:  
[raindropeditor@gmail.com](mailto:raindropeditor@gmail.com)  
and I will happily include your note!***

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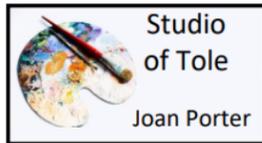
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## \*\*\* Membership Reminder \*\*\*

**ATTENTION!!!** ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE **NOT** RENEWED:

Hey, you! Yes, you! We noticed that you have not renewed your membership. We don't want to see you go! We also don't want you to miss out on the fun seminars, paint-ins, and parties this year, having a relaxed, happy time of being a member of our painting group. That's why you need to renew your membership today, so you don't regret it for the rest of your life! \*smiles\* Trust us, you don't want to be that person who forgot to renew and missed out. It is only \$20 for a one (1) year membership. Most classes out and around town these days are \$35-\$45 each class! So, this is an extraordinary deal! Hurry and renew your membership now! We don't want to miss your beautiful, smiling face!

To Renew, please go to:

[www.portlandraindrops.org/join-us](http://www.portlandraindrops.org/join-us)

Fill out the membership form and pay with Paypal or fill out a printed copy of the membership page attached to this newsletter with a check.

Hope to see you real soon!



# Raindrop Decorative Painters

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ARTIST DESIGNATION \_\_\_\_\_

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BIRTHDAY ( MONTH / DAY ) \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

STANDARD MEMBER \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership fees are for the current year if received prior to October 1st. After Oct 1st, dues are processed for the following calendar year. Dues are not prorated.

Make checks payable to Raindrop Decorative Painters

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:**

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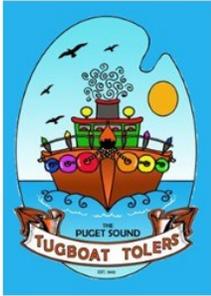
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August 23rd 9:30am PST

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The design can be enlarged or reduced

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# Raindrop's 2025 Mad Hatter Tea Party!



## JULY

- 5 Lorinda Behrman
- 13 Susan Lockwood
- 14 Cheryl Branin
- 14 Brenda Erickson
- 16 Ann Clardy
- 19 Corina Fitchhorn-Baber
- 22 Linda Tolan
- 23 Linda Samson
- 30 Geri Burnett



## AUGUST

- 1 Tina Rosling
- 2 Yvonne Kresal
- 11 Linda Hart
- 14 Pam Murphy
- 19 Cheryl Ledford
- 23 Nancy Ellenbueger
- 28 Sally Varwig

# A Little Goes a Long Way

## Raindrops Loves to Give...



### Treasure Boxes for Shriners Children's Hospital

Patients and families greatly appreciate your kind donations to help them while they are an in-patient at the hospital. They consistently need new toys, art supplies, books and other items to help their patients and families feel more comfortable and relaxed while they are there. Receiving toys, crafts, books and other activities can bring such joy to patients while they are hospitalized and make the hospital an easier place to be. Shriners always needs help to replenish their stock and are grateful for your donations. All donations must be brand new, unused items. Raindrops helps support Shriners by donating "Treasure Boxes". Put items in a "shoe size" box container that have lids. (e.g.; a plastic container with a lid from the Dollar Store.) If you would like to donate, please bring a box or boxes to one of our meetings. Some suggestions to put in your boxes are:

#### Toys for children ages 3-5 years

Hot Wheels – cars and trucks, Playdough, Look-and-find books, Dinosaur figures, Coloring books and crayons, Character toys such as: Paw Patrol, Bluey, Disney princesses, Unicorns, Superheroes.

#### Toys for children ages 6-10 years

Lego sets (such as Minecraft, Star Wars, Jurassic Park), Fidgets, sensory toys, pop-its, Barbies, Coloring books and colored pencils or markers, Action figures (such as Spiderman, Batman), Arts and crafts kits, Puzzles, Young Adult chapter books (such as Captain Underpants, Diary of a Wimpy Kid)

#### Toys for children ages 11-18 years

Lego sets (7+ boxes), Diamond painting, Jewelry kits, advanced art kits, Anime books, graphic novels, Young Adult chapter books, Journals or sketch book – spiral-free, Coloring books, colored pencils or markers, Fidgets, sensory toys, Advanced puzzles.

*Any Questions please contact our Treasure Box coordinator, Georgia Magarrell - [georrog@aol.com](mailto:georrog@aol.com)*



### Donations for The West Woman's and Children Shelter of Portland

Women's shelters are often the first-stop safe location for women who are seeking refuge from abusive relationships. Shelters are houses where many women and children get their first reprieve from a life filled with fear and pain; where they get their uninterrupted night's sleep in days, months, or even years; and where they can take their first steps in their journey towards healing from their trauma and rebuilding their lives. While shelters do provide a roof over the women and children's heads, they are also chronically underfunded and always overstretched, relying on the surrounding communities and generous donors to provide some of the basic necessities needed to help get survivors back on their feet again. Whether it's providing items to meet a baby's needs or just some necessities like toilet paper. We can all give a little something to support the efforts of shelters to help victims survive and thrive. Some suggestions to donate are: **Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Body Wash, Soap, Pads, Tampons, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, new packs of Diapers, and Baby Wipes.**

*Any questions please contact our charitable donations coordinator, Marsha Holte - [holteimage0987@yahoo.com](mailto:holteimage0987@yahoo.com)*



### Memory Boxes for Randall Children's Hospital

This project is for the families left behind. The thing the parents most seek after the death of an infant or child is an acknowledgment of the child's life. It may have only been a few moments, or it may have been years. They cling to the precious times they shared with their child. We cannot hope to help these families through the tremendous loss, but we can give them a small gift to hold the things that touched their child; the birth certificate, crib card, bonnet or cap, gown, wrist band, foot and hand casting, etc. This is the purpose of the Memory Box Program. We coordinate with Randall Children's Hospital. Please bring your painted paper mâché box(es) at one of our meetings, which can be in sizes- approx. **12 inch, 10 inch, or 8 ½ inches in diameter and about 3 to 10 inches deep. (Raindrop Supplies these boxes for you to paint.) You can paint bears, bunnies, animals, rosemaling, angels, flowers, scenery, things that are typical of children's decorations - whatever you think would comfort you if you were a recipient of the box. (No holiday, people, or religious paintings).** By participating in this project, you are creating a generational keepsake box for the family. We are so proud to be a part of this very worthy project with the Hospital.

*Any questions please contact Mary Rankin— [mary\\_ran@msn.com](mailto:mary_ran@msn.com)*

# 2025 PORTLAND RAINDROPS UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS



Our Meetings are held the **1st Saturday of February, April, June, August, & October** with our Christmas Brunch in **December.**

Our Meetings and Classes are now In Person & on Zoom!

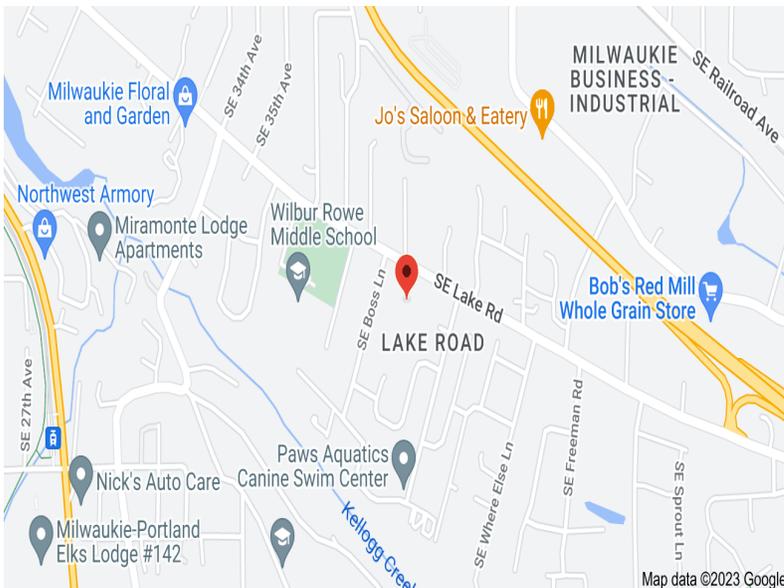
We welcome Members &



**Milwaukie Lutheran Church**  
**3810 SE Lake Rd.,**  
**Milwaukie, OR 97222**

### Directions from I-205:

Take Exit 13 off I-205 heading toward HWY 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.



<b>JAN 25</b>	<b>BETH WAGNER</b> "Butterfly & Coneflower" - Seminar - Zoom Class
<b>FEB 01</b>	<b>BOBBIE REDINGTON</b> "Miss Tilly Cottontail" - Zoom & Live Class after meeting - Potluck
<b>APR 05</b>	<b>HEIDI ALLISON</b> Tea Pot - Zoom & Live Class after meeting - Potluck
<b>MAY 24</b>	<b>JAMIE MILLS PRICE</b> Seminar - A Tisket A Tasket - Zoom class
<b>JUN 07</b>	<b>"TEA PARTY" LUCY GERTSCHER &amp; KIM FALK</b> Zoom & Live technique classes after meeting
<b>JUL 24</b>	<b>MARK MENENDEZ</b> Seminar - The Great Blue Heron - Zoom
<b>AUG 02</b>	<b>MEMORY BOX PAINT IN</b> Zoom & Live after meeting - Potluck
<b>SEP 27</b>	<b>LYDIA STEEVES</b> Seminar - 3 Christmas Cute Birds - Zoom Class
<b>OCT 04</b>	<b>BECKIE UNDERWOOD</b> One Stroke Peace Rose - Zoom & Live Class after meeting -Potluck
<b>DEC 06</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AT MILWAUKIE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Zoom & Live Meeting - Make glass ornaments - Ham lunch / Potluck

## **SUGGESTIONS to Bring to the AUGUST Meeting:**

- **Memory Box and your supplies for paint-in.**
- **What you are bringing for potluck.**
- **Any donations for the Woman's Shelter or Treasure Box's for Shriner's.**
- **Positivity with A BIG SMILE!**

