

Brush Benders

Issue 5 --- 2013

September - October



A Harvest hello from our President!

How can it be September already? I guess it must be that time of year, as the students have returned to school and football season is upon us. I hope you have some time to enjoy all the wonderful happenings and festivities that come with autumn: the charming fall festivals, colorful trees, pumpkins, yummy apples, cooler days and crisp nights.

As we all return to our fall schedules, please give some consideration to serving on the board for 2014. Judy Holmes and Janice Wright are heading up the nominating committee this year. I know they would appreciate your help in volunteering to serve on Brush Benders board this coming year!

This is also a busy time of year for Brush Benders as it is time to renew your membership with Lisa Neely. We will also be hosting our first seminar with Sonja Richardson this coming October 26th and 27th. It should be a couple fantastic days of painting! It is still not too late to join in on the fun if you have not already done so. We will need treats to share with our guests so please consider signing up.

Tammy Kubat has been busy working on our Christmas party all year and I know it promises to be a wonderful evening of celebration! Please make sure to get your invitation filled out and returned as you don't want to miss out on all the fun.

Sharon Cerne and her husband did an outstanding job turning your beautiful artwork in to a gorgeous quilt! Many thanks for all your hard work, you out did yourselves!!!!!! Don't forget to start buying your tickets as there are three prizes that will be given away at our Christmas party.

Many thanks go out to Paula Bullington, Prudy Hogrefe and Joan Mueller for all the work that went into our Christmas in July round - robin. It was a wonderful evening and a great way to get a head start on Christmas.

Special thanks also to Diane Glover who taught our August frog pin project. What a cute pin! I also want to thank everyone for their warm welcome and kind words to my nieces who attended the August meeting. They had a fun filled evening painting with Brush Benders!

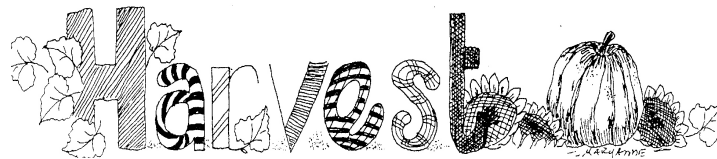
On a sad note we have had to say good bye to another one of our members, Barb Sanch. She was a sweet lady and will be dearly missed by her painting family.

I look forward to painting memory boxes in September and our Zentangle snowman project in October with all of you. Hope to see you there!

Enjoy Autumn,

Sandy

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Meeting Schedule

September 23, 2013

6:30 Social

7:00 General Meeting

Memory boxes with Rondi Bur

October 26 & 27

9 am - 5 pm

Sonja Richardson Seminar

More info in newsletter

October 28, 2013

6:30 Social

7:00 General Meeting

Project with Dianne Hogrefe

November 4, 2013

7:00 pm

Board Meeting

at Paula's

September Project shared by Rondi Bur....

REMINDER!

We will be painting Memory Boxes at the Sept 23rd meeting. Please come and join us to paint and have a good time.

Thanks to all who took home boxes to base coat - don't forget to bring them with you! I look forward to seeing everyone on the 23rd.

Another reminder to anyone that has outstanding memory boxes, the Sept meeting would be a great time to turn them in.

Thanks to all for painting!
Rondi

October Project shared by Dianne Hogrefe....

Original Design by Golda Rader in the February 2013 issue of Paintworks



The original pattern is approximately 13" x 11" but you can make it any size you'd like. It can be put on anything. Box, notecards. Whatever you have in your stash of fun things to paint on! If you would a birch plywood surface cut out of the pattern you can contact Dianne. The price will be \$12.

Zen Snowmen Preparation: Base coat entire surface with white.
Repeat for opaque coverage. Trace and transfer the pattern.

Paint need at class: White / burnt sienna / black / burnt umber / slate grey / tangelo orange

Supplies: The usual brushes, micron pigment pens 02 or 03. The willingness to do this cute project. :)

Treat Volunteers

September

Dessert -- Prudy

Fruit or Veggie -- Janice
wright

Snack -- Judy Holmes

October

Dessert -- Carolyn Roberts

Fruit or Veggie -- Doris
Cohon

Snack -- Rondi

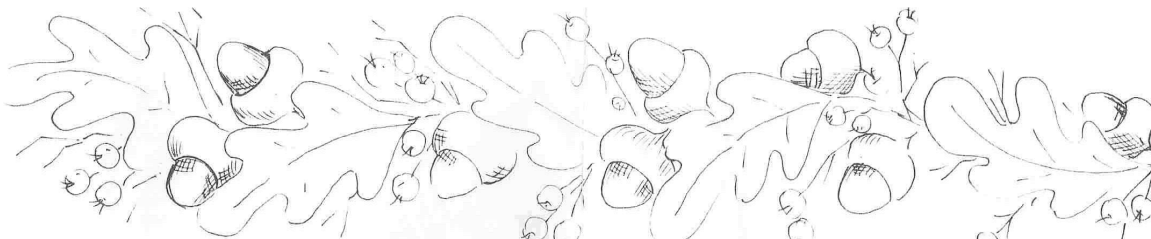
Thanks in advance for the
delicious goodies.

BrushBenders Financial Report		
July and August 2013		
Income:		
Food Bank		\$44.00
Raffle		\$56.00
Special Raffle		<u>\$45.00</u>
		\$145.00
Expenses:		
Christ. Party		\$115.85
Sunshine		\$40.00 (Kur)
Special Raffle		\$112.07
Richardson Sem.		<u>\$360.00</u> (surfaces)
		\$627.92
Opening Balance:		\$3,114.69
Ending Balance:		<u>\$2,743.54</u>
Difference		\$371.15
Respectfully Submitted		
Joan Mueller		

Pam Wittman has volunteered to organize snack/treats for our seminar with Sonia Richardson, October 26 & 27. Some suggestions are cheese & crackers, fruit, veggies, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins, anything you would like.

If you are attending either or both days and could bring a snack please let Pam know. (810) 229-2177 or email pw4545@att.net

Pam is also making arrangements to take Sonja out to dinner on Saturday. The restaurant has not been decided on yet but it will be somewhere close to the hotel. More info will be sent out closer to the date. If you think you would like to go, please contact Pam.



The Christmas Party will be here before we know it, even though as I'm putting together the newsletter it is 91 outside. Please send in your registration form as soon as possible. Also, consider participating in the ornament exchange. It's so fun to get a new ornament for the tree. This year we will have a WRAPPED ornament exchange. Just put a tag on it tell who it's from.
Tammy Kubat, Christmas Party Chair

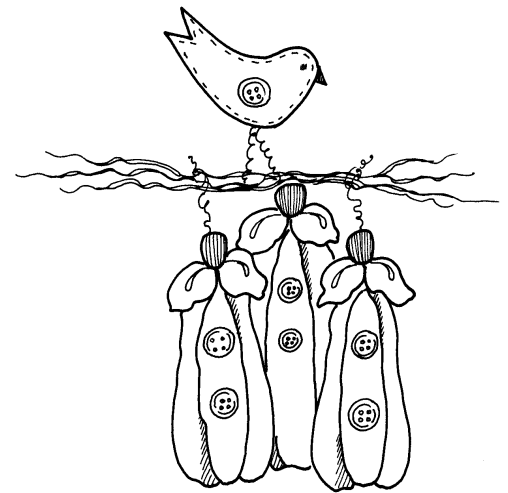
BRUSH BENDER'S
General Meeting
July 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Tilt at 7:00 p.m. Sandy updated members on the following: 1. Sonja Richardson seminar. Registration is now open to other groups. September 13th is the deadline for all reservations. Hotel reservations can be made up until September 25th. The Sunday project – Snow scene on tray – will be available for viewing at the August meeting. 2. After a short discussion it was favorably decided that we would have a general meeting on Monday, October 28th. Dianne Hogrefe will share the ZEN snowman project. 3. Diane Glover will share the Frog pin in August. The surface & directions will be \$4.00.

Sharon Cerne was approached by Huron River Quilt Shop to see if anyone was interested in painting 20 quilt squares for them. Leslie Williams expressed an interest.

Rondi Bur needs Memory Boxes base-coated for the September 23rd meeting. She has six boxes available this evening.

Tonight's program is "Christmas in July". Prudy Hogrefe will share an ornament; Joan Mueller, a candle wrap and Paula Bullington, a hang tag.



BRUSH BENDER'S
General Meeting
August 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Tilt at 7:00 p.m. Seventeen members were present. A moment of silence was given for Barb Sanch. We had two guests – Sandy's nieces Laney & Lydia. Sandy reported on the following: 1. Sonja Richardson seminar: patterns will be sent to those not ordering surfaces prior to seminar. 19 people have signed to-date.

Sharon Cerne displayed the Special Raffle quilt to be drawn at the Christmas party. It has 25 snowman squares – each one different. Tickets are \$5.00 each. After purchasing 4 tickets (\$20) a 5th ticket will be given to individual. Drawing will take place at Christmas party. Lisa Neely and Sandy Tilt were tonight's regular raffle winners.

Tammy Kubat informed members that the Christmas party will be \$15.00. Registration form will be in the upcoming newsletter. There will be an ornament exchange and all participants are asked to wrap their ornament.

Dianne Hogrefe had patterns of various sizes for the October ZEN snowman. The board will be \$12.00.

Rondi Bur requested help in base-coating Memory Boxes for the September meeting. All boxes go to local hospitals: St. Joseph's (Ann Arbor) and St. Mary's (Livonia).

Diane Glover shared her Frog pin for the evening's program.

Paula Bullington
Secretary

Christmas Party Raffle Reminder from Sharon Cerne



Prizes --- Hand painted snowman quilt; Wood paint rack; Wire paint rack

Tickets are \$5.00 each...
with a purchase of \$20 worth of tickets anytime during pre-affle sales, you will receive one free ticket.

Pre-affle sales at September and October meetings. Additional tickets will be available for purchase at the Christmas party.

And do not forget about the monthly raffles.

It's that time of year.....its time to pay your dues.

Dues are \$15 annually, with \$5 of each membership being donated to St. Pat's church for their generosity of letting us use their facility.

Dues can be given to Lisa Neely at the next meeting with a *completed membership form* and *exact change or check* made out to Brush Benders or you can mail it to:

Lisa Neely 13700 Palmer Rd Willis, MI 48191

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Birthday Month/Day _____

Please print clearly.

Happy Birthday to our
painting friends....



Lisa Neely Sept. 16

Trudy Daberko Oct. 10

Kathy Armstrong Oct. 22

Joanne Bellmard Oct. 29

Please consider volunteering to be a part of the board this coming year. We're always looking for new ideas to build upon and improve our group. Contact Janice Wright jmw1565@yahoo.com or Judy Holmes jbolmes20@yahoo.com for more info.