



BHADA

Black Hills Area Decorative Artists

Joyce's Jingle



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We have had a busy couple months with seminar and Bunco. Both events were successful and a lot of fun. Looking forward to all the events next year.

Seems this year has gone by so quickly. Here we are preparing for the holiday season already. Even though many of our group have faced challenges of various kinds throughout the year we need to remind ourselves to stop and reflect on all the things we need to be thankful for.

Wishing a blessed Thanksgiving to everyone.

Joyce

- * **Next BHADA Meeting is Dec 21, 2024 at 9:30 in the Galilee room at Terra Sancta.**

We will be having our installation of new officers

Christmas Ornament exchange! Remember to bring your painted ornament!

BHADA Pictures that you have taken and would like on the website, please send to Jo Ann our webmaster.



Door Prize won by Nelda and painted by Connie



Lisbeth Stull will be our Fall Seminar teacher in 2025.

Mary Z Dec 25
Deb C. Dec 28

2024 BHADA OFFICERS

President
Joyce V.

Vice-President
Membership
Connie M.

Secretary
Bonnie E

Treasurer
Mary Z.

Newsletter Editor
Luann B.
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Meeting Minutes



Black Hills Area Decorative Artists met Nov. 16, 2024 at Terra Sancta with 15 members present. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Joyce VS at 9:25 a.m. The first order of business was to ask for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. Deb C. made this motion and it was seconded by Rita S. Motion was approved. Next order of business was to hear the Treasurer's report from Mary Z. Mary and Linda K included a report on the Bunco Fundraiser. After discussion the report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Spring Retreat: Diane M has set the dates to be April 25, 26, 27, 2025 at the fire hall in Whitewood. This is a week after Easter.

Fall Seminar: Diane has set this to be held Sept. 19, 20, 21, 2025 at the fire hall in Whitewood. Lisbeth Stull will be the teacher. Her fee is \$600 a day plus lodging and airfare.

Hospitality: Today's feast was provided by Deb C and Mary Z. Everyone brings treats to the Dec. meeting.

Monthly Program: Betty B. reminded the group that next month is the ornament exchange.

Membership: VP Connie M passed the membership list for additions or corrections and reminded all that dues are due. We have 25 members and 2 honorary members.

Newsletter: The deadline is 11/22.

Ways & Means: Linda K gave a report on the Bunco fundraiser. She also said she will see if this can be held next year in the front room for easier set up.

Holiday event: Nelda reminded everyone to get their exchange ornaments painted. Bonnie reported that we have enough wooden eggs from Rita H for the Easter exchange.

Webmaster: Jo Ann C reports the website is up to date. Pictures for the site can be e-mailed to her.

Memory Boxes: Bonnie reported 18 boxes mailed out. She also delivered a check to Mary Z that was mailed to her as a donation to the Memory Box program.

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In **unfinished business** Karol J. reported that she has delivered 81 Vet ornaments to be delivered to Vets at Ft. Meade and this area before Christmas. She stated that they are very much appreciated.

In **New Business** the slate of officers for 2025 was presented. Diane M moved they be unanimously elected as given. Linda K seconded the motion. Motion carried! Officers for 2025 are Pres. Connie M., Vice President-Pres. Elect Janae H. Treasurer: Mary Z, Secretary: Bonnie E.

A sheet of all committees was passed and Committee heads remain the same for 2025.

Hostess and program lists were also filled. These will be in the newsletter and website.

Next order of business was a discussion on changing our meeting place. Diane M told the group that the Fire Hall in Whitewood would be glad for us to have our monthly meetings, retreat and seminar in their building for a donation for the use. After a lengthy discussion Rita S moved that we meet in Whitewood starting in January. Betty B seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously! Jo Ann C moved we pay \$75 a month for rent. Sally Seconded the motion. Motion carried. We will be responsible for making coffee and cleaning up after use. Seminar and retreat will be an agreed upon donation to the Fire Dept.

Connie M opened a discussion on the future raffle. Instead of painted items there will be the PRIZE of the honor of painting a Memory Box for the next meeting. After a short discussion Rita S. made this a motion to make this change. Seconded this motion. Motion carried.

After this motion the raffle painted by Connie M was won by Nelda B.

Show and Share: Those showing projects this month were Sally, Karol, Betty, Rita, and Joyce.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie E, Secretary





SHARING MEMORIES



Thanksgiving and Christmas bring to mind family, food and tradition-- you know, like a Hallmark movie. That is the picture in my mind. I come from a large family and we didn't need too many others to make a crowd. My Grandmother lived with us and we enjoyed the traditional turkey and all that went with it. I thought every family was like ours. A table for the grown-ups and a card table for the kids. Then I got married and there were other traditions to learn about. Aunt Tillie's (not her real name) deviled eggs were famous for--well, let's say, not a good reason. Then there is that famous oyster stuffing that was featured and enjoyed by many--but not enjoyed, by me.

So, if one wants to re-create the holiday meals of one's own past, one has to do all the cooking yourself. That puts a little crimp in the festivities. Of course, your children will assist by setting the table and perhaps peeling the potatoes. As they get older and come home from college for the holidays and would really be able to help, they are sleeping until noon. This gives you plenty of time to plan, in your next life, to have traditions that include store-bought pie, maybe store bought side dishes. Later on, eating at a restaurant sounds like a good idea.

As new parents, the nursery furniture occupied our minds--maybe our child's school days, making our own new traditions. Our memory box recipients had those same thoughts of their child's future and their happiness together. But those memories with that child are never to be. They might think happiness and joy are also never to be. The hows and whys this happened cast a cloud over every minute and every thought. But when the memory box is presented and explained, there is a change of focus. Why would people I don't even know do this for me? This is a beautiful box. There is a smile--the first smile. Thank you for making this happen.

MEMORY BOXES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED



Everyone
hard at
work
painting
the
Nov
painting
project



Thank
you
Diane
&
Sally
for
leading
the
project



Show and Share

&

Memory boxes



Beautiful quilt that Betty made. She pieced it together then had it quilted THEN color penciled the squares! She said hindsight she should have done the art work first than had it quilted.

BHADA Committee Chairs For 2024

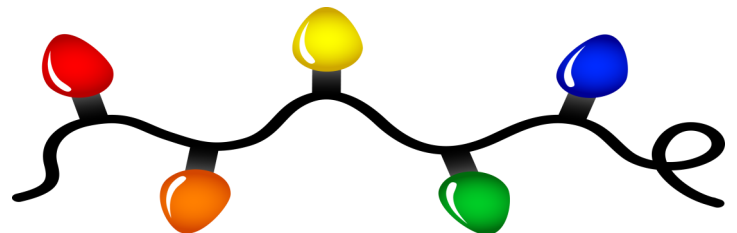
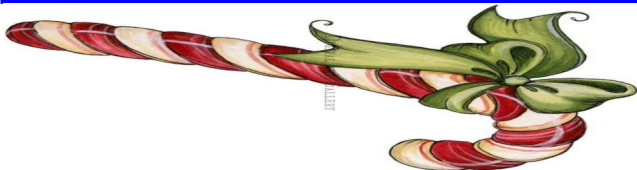
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 Hospitality – Linda K
 Monthly Programs – Betty B.
 Ways & Means – Linda K & Nelda
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 Spring Retreat 2024 – Jackie, Sally & Diane
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 Holiday Exchange – Nelda
 Newsletter – Luann & Janae
 Sharing Memories—Mary
 Publicity - Karol J
 Audit - Janae & Luann

Monthly Programs For 2024

January 20	Bonnie E. Vet ornaments
February 17	Debby C.
March 16	Easter Egg Exchange
April 19-21	Spring Retreat
May 18	Bunco Raffle project
June 15	Charlie
August 17	Jo Ann C.
September 26-29	Fall Seminar
October 19	Bunco Party
November 16	Sally & Diane
December 21	Christmas Exchange- Everyone Bring Treats

HOSPITALITY LIST 2024

January 20	Linda K. & Connie
February 17	Janae & Luann
March 16	Linda H & Deb
April 19-21	Everyone Brings Treat
May 18	Diane & Sally
June 15	Karol
August 17	Dorothy & Joyce
September 26-29	Everyone Brings Treats
October 19	Everyone Brings Cookies
November 16	Mary & Deb
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Cute Ideas for a Memory Box!

