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Greenhill Baptist Church
1734 Augusta Road
West Columbia, SC
Program: Pam Spurrier – Hummingbird Feeder



President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Wow, we painted right through 2011. Didn't we have fun! This year 2012, is also loaded with new and exciting programs. I hope you all will come and join in the fun.

A couple of volunteers are still needed for the Christmas Committee. Brenda Gray will be the Chairperson. We are also looking for a few brave souls for the State Fair Committee. Mary Hartfield has agreed to help but does not want to be Chair. So if you are not already heading up a position

please volunteer, today! Give me a call, and I promise I will sing your praise.

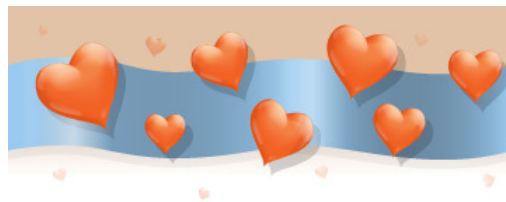
Just one last time, hats off to Carol Blackwood, for being a terrific President for the last two years.

I hope to have lots of painters at the Chapter Meeting on February 11. So be sure to come ready to paint and ready to expand your skills.

Keep those brushes wet,



Chris



Procedures to Establish Membership in Good Standing 2012

“Our by-laws state that General Members “must attend one (1) business meeting per quarter per year AND must participate in a community service project and fundraiser to qualify for MIGS (membership in good standing) status. The privilege of holding office, making motions, debating and qualifying for lower seminar fees is limited to MIGS for the current calendar year. New members must attend one business meeting before a seminar to qualify for MIGS fee.” In addition, our Standing Rules state that annual dues “shall be payable beginning October 1st thru December 31st for the next calendar year”; our by-laws state that “Failure to pay annual dues within 30 days of December 31 shall result in termination of membership.”

In order to bring our club practices in line with our standing rules and by-laws – and to annually remind members of the requirements for MIGS so that they will not lose this status – the Board adopted the following “Procedure to Establish Membership in Good Standing” on January 8, 2012.

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For calendar year 2012 only, the Board agreed to amend the Dues component as follows:

- (1) Pay dues to Palmetto Painters by January 31, 2012;
- (2) Provide verification of dues paid to the Society of Decorative Painters by January 31, 2012.

In addition, for 2012, MIGS will be established by the end of February, 2012 for calendar year 2012. ..”

This is only a section of information that is important that all members read. You will find the whole document as an attachment to this newsletter.



FEBRUARY PROGRAM

We will create a hummingbird feeder from a recycled beer bottle as our February program. The hummingbird feeder tube, the wire and the paint will be supplied at a cost of \$3 plus \$2 for the club.

You will need to bring a beer bottle (any color), needle nose pliers (if you have them - we can share these), small brushes (size 12 flat, liner, etc) and normal painting supplies.

A Styrofoam plate makes a great palette; bring something that will work for you

Pam Spurrier will be our instructor for this project.

“Legends say that hummingbirds float free of time, carrying out hopes for love, joy and celebrations. The hummingbird’s delicate grace reminds us that life is rich, beauty is everywhere, every personal connection has meaning and that laughter is life’s sweetest creation.” Author Unknown

SEMINAR HAPPENINGS

The projects for Tina Sue Norris' colored pencil workshop were chosen at the January meeting. The Chickadees on suede board and the Goldrush on suede board will be the projects for Friday and Saturday, April 20 & 21. The packet is included in the class but there will be an extra charge for the suede board and a mat if you would like to purchase one.

The class will be held at Greenhill Baptist Church, where we hold our meetings, and will begin at 9 am and run until 5 pm.

The seminar registration form is now on our website and I will have some forms at the February meeting. Hopefully, the pictures of the projects will be on our website soon so check back to see them.

You can use a bonus card for one day per seminar. If you do not have a bonus card, the cost for members in good standing is \$45 per day. Otherwise, it will be \$55 per day. This is based on your participation in the club in 2011. If you are a new member for 2012, you are considered in good standing for the first three months of this year. You can mail me your registrations at the following address: Linda Frick, 319 Regatta Rd, Columbia, SC 29212. A bonus card or a check for one day will hold your place.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in February.

Linda Frick

\$\$\$\$ TREASURER'S REPORT \$\$\$\$

We ended 2011 in the black. We are carrying forward into 2012 , which is \$616.65 more than we carried into 2011. This figure includes \$380 in 2012 dues paid in 2011 so we actually ended the year ahead by \$236.65.

The board approved the budget for 2012: total budget expenses of \$2,470 against total budget income of \$. New to the budget are funds allocated for a major recruitment activity probably to take place in November...look for details as this develops as we will need everyone's help to make this a success.

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Both the 2011 End of Year Summary report and the 2012 Approved Budget are attached in pdf files to the newsletter. The 2011 End of Year Detail report is 14 pages long. I have it as a pdf file; to get a copy of the file sent to you by e-mail, just send an e-mail request to PamS@sc.rr.com.

NEW FOR 2012: Requesting reimbursement is easier in 2012. The Request for Reimbursement form (our voucher form) and the Request for Check to Be Issued form (used primarily by the State Fair Committee and the Seminar Committee) are available on our website. Just go the website, click on "Free Stuff" and then on "Forms". Print the forms, attached the appropriate receipts and either (1) mail them to my home address or (2) scan the form and the receipts into a pdf document and e-mail them to me.

Please see attached PDF files for related reports!

Pam Spurrier,
Treasurer



PALMETTO PAINTER CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2012

Call to Order: President Chris Hall called the meeting to order at 10:00 am at Greenhill Baptist Church. 17 members were present.

Minute of Silence for Jo Anne Hutto: Members paused to silently reflect upon the passing of member Jo Anne Hutto. Afterward, several people offered remembrances of her and her years as a member of Palmetto Painters.

Minutes: A change was made to the minutes that Edna McClain will be president in one year and not two as written. Pam Spurrier made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, and Edna McClain seconded.

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Treasurer's Report: Pam Spurrier reported a balance of \$ to start the new year. She noted that the cost of bonus cards was almost covered. The club brought in adequate money from raffles and fundraisers to meet our expenses. For the upcoming budget, money was allocated for memory boxes and recruiting activities. Pam asked for 2 people to audit her records so her report can be mailed to SDP.

Member in Good Standing (MIGS): The board's decision to keep better records concerning membership status was discussed. Committee chairs and officers will use a form to keep track of member's attendance and contributions in order to ensure that our bylaws about MIGS are being upheld. Chris Hall assured everyone that this was, by no means, meant to be a penalty as active members can easily achieve MIGS status. A suggestion was made to include all guidelines for MIGS in the February newsletter. Brenda Gray made a motion to accept the board's recommendations. Charlotte Scurry seconded.

Pass-Around Box: Brenda Gray's husband will make the pass-around box and Brenda will decorate the top. The theme for the box this year is Art. Chris Hall discussed the importance of making sure the pass-around box is a special part of our fundraising and not just get lost with the monthly raffle in December. She reported the board's decision to raffle the pass-around box separately each month at \$1.00 per ticket. Then a drawing will be held just for the box in December. The winner will not have to be present to win.

Tacky Wood and Christmas Ornaments: Chris Hall asked how members felt about these two programs and whether they should be continued. Most comments about the two programs were positive. No changes were decided upon.

Call for Committee Chairs: Chris Hall requested members come forward to serve as committee chairs for state fair, auction, and Christmas party. New ideas are needed.

Seminars: Linda Frick put out the selection sheet and displayed the paintings Tina Sue Norris is offering for her colored pencil seminar April 20-21. There will be two 1-day projects. Linda reported that she has contacted Kathi George and asked her to send sample paintings of what she will be teaching in her October 26-27 seminar.

Sunshine: Regina Swygert gave an update on sick or injured members. Betty Salley has not been coming to meetings due to not being released by her doctor to drive, but she hopes to return next month. Beth Cotten broke her foot during

the holidays. Mary Anne Cospers had emergency surgery in November and had to go to a nursing home for rehab.

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Programs: Edna McClain showed our projects for January and February. January – winter beach scene taught by May Hartfield; February – hummingbird feeder taught by Pam Spurrier. Edna announced that Shirley Chipman will teach in April and Tweedy Rauch is also set to teach (TBD). Edna requested members' help in setting programs for the remaining months – March, May, June, August, September, and November.

Show and Tell: Linda Frick, Regina Swygert, and Pam Spurrier brought items for Show and Tell.

Adjournment: Following an acknowledgment of January birthdays (Barbara, Wanda, and Regina), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Allyn Bedenbaugh, secretary



HOSPITALITY

February 11 - Barbara Klemme (hostess), Carol Blackwood, Allyn Bedenbaugh, Linda Frick

March 10 - Pam Spurrier (hostess), Phyllis Anderson, Wanda Millians, Sheryl Miner

April 14 - Beth Cotten (hostess), Liz Locklair, Tweedy Rauch, Mary Hartfield

May 12 - Charlotte Scurry (hostess), Cindy Mesimore, Shirley Chipman, Brenda Gray

Hospitality Reminder: If you are assigned to a month and you will not be able to provide food, YOU will be responsible for finding a replacement.

Thanks, Barbara

FYI – Yummo! Recipe Requests!

From: Pat Varner

Apple Streusel Cheesecake Bars

1 pouch (1lb 1.5 oz) Betty Crocker oatmeal cookie mix
½ cup firm butter or margarine
2 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened
½ cup sugar
2 tablespoons gold Medal all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 egg
1 can (21 oz) apple pie filling
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ cup chopped walnuts (I used pecans)

Heat oven to 350* F. Spray bottom and sides of 13x9-inches pan with cooking spray.

Place cookie mix in large bowl. With pastry blender or fork, cut in butter until mixture is crumbly and coarse. Reserve 1 ½ cups crumb mixture, press remaining crumbs in bottom of pan. Bake 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in large bowl, beat cream, sugar, flour, vanilla and egg with an electric mixer on medium speed until mixture is smooth.

Spread cream cheese mixture evenly over partially baked crust. In medium bowl, mix together the pie filling and cinnamon. Spoon evenly over cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle the reserved crumbs over top. Sprinkle with walnuts or pecans.

Bake 35 to 40 minutes longer or until golden brown. Cool about 30 minutes. Refrigerate to chill about 2 hours and cut into bars; 6 rows by 4 rows. Store covered in refrigerator.

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From: Beth Cotten

Eezy-Pezy Yummy Candy

- 1 pkg Ghiardelli's White Chocolate Chips
- 1/2 c Dried cranberries [Craisins]
- 1/2 c cashew nuts [or nuts of your choice]

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler over medium heat, stirring frequently. When the chocolate is easy to stir, add the other ingredients and mix well until all ingredients are covered with the melted chocolate.

Using a teaspoon, make mounds of the mixture on a sheet of parchment or on a cookie sheet sprayed with Pam. Allow to sit until candy is firm. It should remove easily and can be stored in a cool place or in the refrigerator.

This recipe makes approximately 24 pieces of candy. Of course, if you want more you can easily double the recipe.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



Our February Birthday Divas!

Christine Hall 2/01
Marina Sekula 2/09
Judy Tabor 2/12
Charlotte Scurry 2/24
Gail Hoover-Smith 2/27