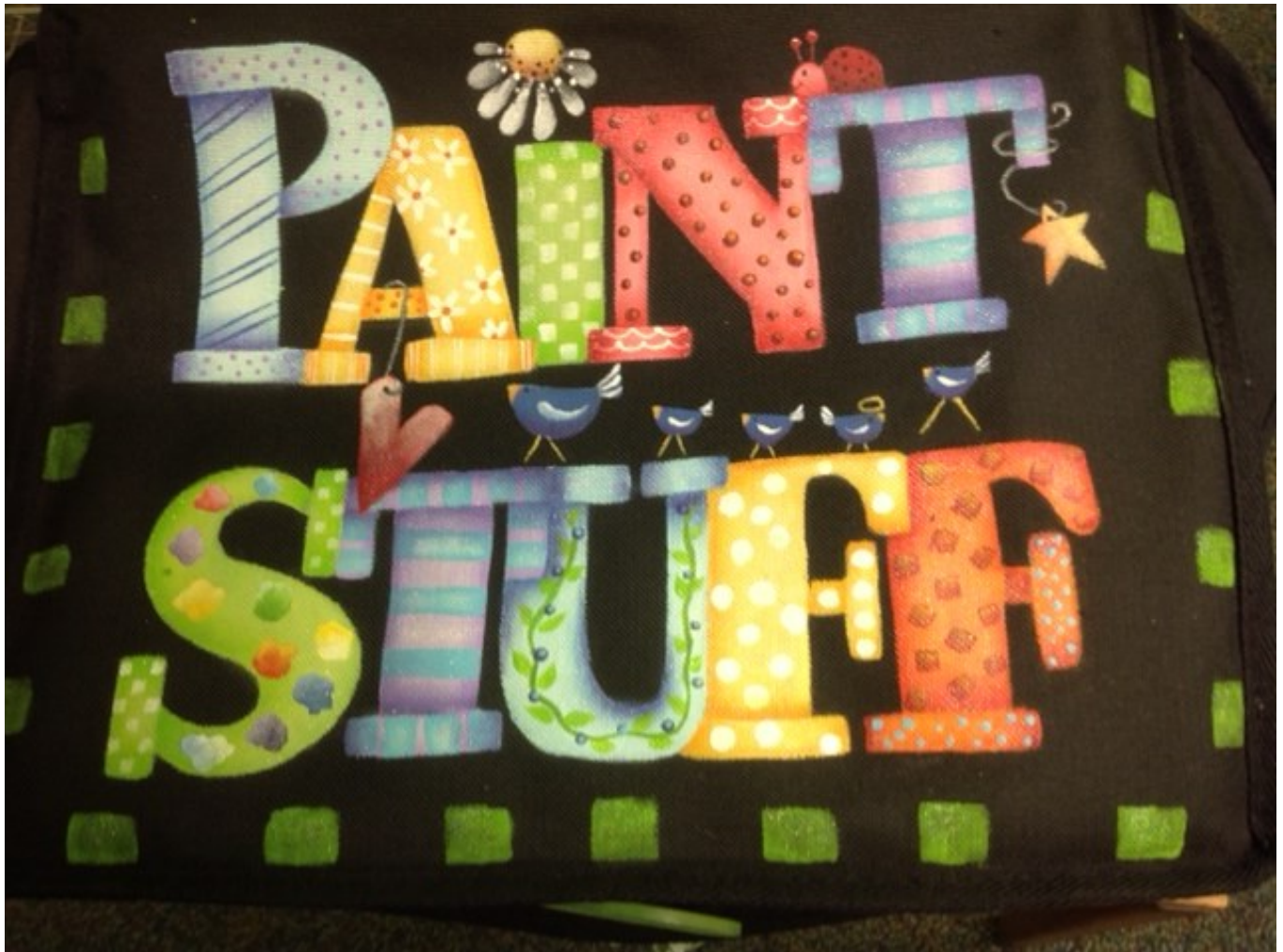




# The Raindrop Patter

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## Raindrop Chapter **March Madness!**

We are going to try something new and see how we like it. We are going *topsy turvy* and going to start our meeting with the paint in first and then have our business meeting after we are done painting.

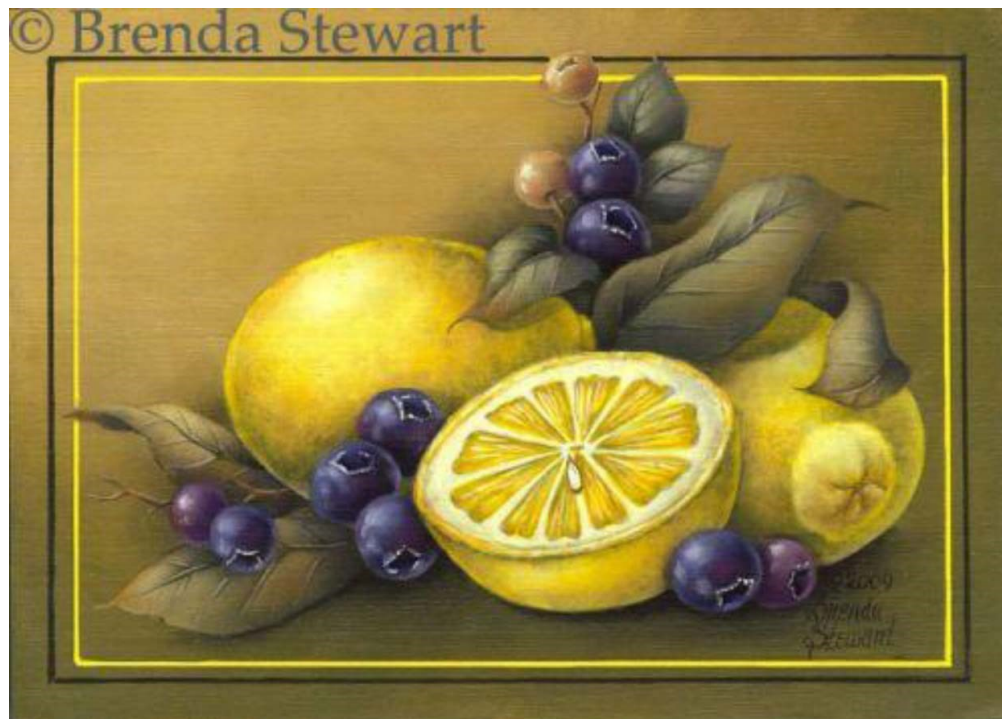
We are going to start painting at **9:00 AM** Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> Tualatin Union Hall

With Judy Meirow. Then at **2:00 PM** we will start our business meeting. If you are going to paint in March please contact Georgia Magarrell. Bring a lunch!

## Education Chair

**Debbie Gill**

*I want to invite all of you to come paint with me while we host the very talented BRENDA STEWART. She will be joining us Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> teaching the Santa and Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> teaching the Lemons and Blueberries. The fee is \$25.00 a class for Members and \$35.00 for Non-Members. It will be held at the Union Hall in Tualatin at 9:00-5:00 each day. Mail checks to: Debbie Gill, PO Box 83403, Portland OR 97283 or call 503 292 2722 for information. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful educator coming to our chapter. Please come and join me for this event. Hugs to all of you.*





## President's report

Well, hopefully the snow and ice is over and we will be able to get around to enjoy painting together.

Thank you to Becky Albeke for a great class as always in February! We all had a great time! Many apologies for the meeting change in February. Sorry to everyone that did not receive the information. The church had a funeral and we had to find a new place for the meeting. I think the problem has been addressed and it hopefully will not happen again. For the people who do have web access it might be a good idea to check the website before a meeting for any updates.

Thank you also to Mary Gibilisco for a wonderful three days of very informative classes. I think we have some new genesis paint lovers. It renewed my appreciation for the medium. Mary made it so fun to learn and we love her sense of humor. Mary works with the National Society for education and the committee she worked with recommended painting first and having the meeting after so that is where we got the idea to try our topsy turvy.

Don't forget to sign up with Debbie Gill for Brenda Stewart who will be here April 5 and 6!

I want to address our charities. I know we all give so much to our chapter and our charities. Please try to keep our charities in your mind in your day to day lives. Peggy talked about a charity of homeless youths. If you have some extra coffee cups you do not want, please bring them to the next meeting. They give them to the kids so they will have their own cup. Of course continue to paint memory boxes...we are going to buy some more when we find a source. Treasure boxes are still wanted for the kids. And lastly don't forget our women's shelter. I feel bad that I do not do enough for them. I want to donate my teaching fee in June to the shelter. Please bring the things you use around the home every day like shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products, diapers, toothpaste, toothbrush...let's think of others!

I would like to thank Joan Porter, Nancy Baur, and Lupe Vasquez Lewis for their hard work on the new directory! Thank you Helga for the cover art, it's so cute! Great job everyone. Everyone works so hard on all the committees but sometimes they go above and beyond and we want to acknowledge your hard work. And a thank you Lupe for the hard work on our website.

I am going to put a summary of raindrop committee chair information in the membership area on our website so members can know the job descriptions and possibly volunteer for committees or chair committees. Peggy Smith is our nominating committee chairman. Please contact her if you would like to run for an office in October or volunteer to help on a committee. We still need a Learn To Paint chairman for this year.

Please, when you need to be reimbursed for a purchase for the chapter, have your reimbursement form signed by a board member before giving it to Judy Elam.

The most recent newsletter is now available on our website for public viewing. Hopefully this will encourage new people to come and see what we are all about. Please think of inviting people and sharing our love of painting and fun! Our March meeting would be perfect for guests.



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Georgia had a great idea we started at the February meeting. The idea of sending around a notebook that the members could write out ideas or suggestions to make our chapter even better. The board will go over the ideas and see if we can implement the ideas. What a wonderful idea!

I forgot to include the ways and means for the vote on if it should be a standing committee or special committee at the February meeting. We can vote on this at the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Sorry so long winded this month. See you all on March 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM!

Terry Banton

President

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Hi,

I will be representing Raindrop Chapter at the SDP banquet by decorating a table. All tables are to have a gallon paint can painted and filled with goodies for the center piece. Then 10 small gifts - one for each table setting. I want to fill the center piece with goodies and an open painted umbrella. I'll do that.

I would like to recruit 10 people to each paint one umbrella for the table settings. They should be the short no handle umbrellas that can fit into your purse.

Paint anything you want on them by Just painting the front two panels.

Can I get you to help me represent us.

Email me. It's fun painting on nylon. Flowers are fun. Peggy Harris splashing birdies are fun. Anything you wish. Yes you buy the umbrella and donate it.

Thanks in advance for all the help I can get. Need your answer soon as I'm leaving in May.

Thanks again.

Blessings

Georgia

Raindrop Chapter

Vice President.



Hi Everyone,



Here is it the middle of February already heading for March. Is it only me that sees time passing so fast? Everyone was caught in the recent snow/ice storm we just had, just hope you survived without too much damage. My living room windows (all eight of them) were iced up so bad they all looked like bubbled shower doors. We could not see outside for 24 hours. The East county winds had snow drifts over 3ft high at our back door. It was crazy. Hope everyone has recovered. Was great weather for a cozy fire and lots of painting.

I'd like to apologize to those that did not get the email message of the last minute meeting change for our February meeting. With the New Year and positions making a transition some members email addresses were in limbo. These circumstances are rare, far and few between. Again we apologize to those that were inconvenienced and went to the Milwaukie Church only to find a Memorial Service going on. Please forgive the circumstances.

We did meet at the Red Lion for our February meeting. After the meeting, Becky Albeke taught her class in mixed media. It was a wonderful lesson and everyone enjoyed this class Becky. Thank you once again for being our teacher.

Our next "After Meeting" class will be March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Union Hall. Yes our next meeting is at the Union Hall with Judy Meirow and that wonderful, colorful paint project. If you did not see all the options for painting, displayed by Charmaine, thinks of your Paint Caddy....your Totes...Satchels...it can be painted on anything! Looking forward to it Judy.

The NEW Idea Book went around at the last meeting and I am pleased to say there were 13 entries. Of those entries, the suggestion of using a MIC at meetings was suggested. **YOU SAID IT, YOU GOT IT.** Thanks so much for letting us know. Also a suggestion for **HINTS AND TIPS** is put in the website. **YOU SAID IT, YOU GOT IT.** I am starting a little corner called **EDUCATION CORNER**. This will be on the website, under membership and I would Love it if you would email me any tips and hints you have to pass on to our readers regarding painting. This was a great idea! Don't forget to email your ideas to me. The board is listening!! We are still working on the others, but we want you to know we are here for YOU!!

Next up, painting with MARY GIBILISCO. Will report on that next month but we are all looking so forward to it! Looking forward to serving you this year!

Thanks,

Georgia  
Vice President



## Chapter Business Meeting Minutes– February 1, 2014

**Call to order:** 10:15 a.m. A quorum was declared with 39 members present. Introductions were made.

### Executive Committee Reports:

**President:** Terry Banton announced that a notebook will be provided at meetings for members to write down any suggestions or recommendations they may have. The board will review this information for possible recommendation to the chapter. The notebook was passed among members present.

Terry announced the convention wrap-up meeting will be held tomorrow, February 2, at 9:00 a.m., at the Red Lion Columbia River Hotel. All committee reports are to be submitted.

Sue Scheewe suggested that we put our newsletters outside of the Members Only section on our web site. This should be an edited version, with personal information and financials edited out. Consensus was reached that we post some of the dates and events from our newsletter on the web site.

**Vice-President:** Georgia Magarrell announced that Debbie Gill has volunteered to be our new Education Chair. Thank you Debbie! Contact Debbie for information regarding Education seminars. Georgia is organizing the after meeting paint-ins.

Becky Albeke is teaching today. Our March 29, meeting will be followed by a project taught by Judy Meirou on a surface supplied by the student. A sample of the project and instructions are available at this meeting. Terry Banton will be teaching a project after our June 7, meeting.

**Secretary:** Stephanie Graiff is out of town on Business today. Nancy Baur is recording the meeting in Stephanie's absence. **Motion made by Peggy Smith, seconded by Betty Jean Kendall, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2013, meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion Passed.**

**Treasurer:** Judy Elam reported that the chapter has a permanent Postal Box at a mail house in Gresham. The address is: 2229 NE Burnside Street, #28, Gresham, OR 97030. We now have Raindrop Chapter Gift certificates available for purchase. Thank you Lupe Vasquez-Lewis for designing our new gift certificates! *Monies were reported and details can be found on our website, under Members Only, Financials.* (edited by Editor)

### Standing Committee Reports:

**Retreat:** Cathy Schmidt and Pam Murphy. Pam Murphy showed the Friday evening and Saturday class projects which will be taught by Maxine Thomas. The dates of our retreat this year are June 13, 14, and 15. Cathy Schmidt will paint and teach the project for Sunday afternoon. The cost for retreat will be \$195.00, as we are using only lower bunks for sleeping. The theme will be "Nature."

**Education:** Debbie Gill announced that our next education seminar with Mary Gibilisco is full, with 30 students registered. Lunch will be potluck pot luck, with dishes assigned according to first letters of the last name. The Brenda Stewart seminar will be held April 5 and 6. Debbie is registering members today for both Brenda Stewart classes, held at the Union Hall in Tualatin. Arlene Linton is also scheduled to teach for us this year.

**Membership:** Joan Porter and Nancy Baur reported we have 103 members at this time. Nancy has completed and printed the 2014 Membership Directory and has copies to distribute today.

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**2015 Expo:** Terry announced that publicity flyers are printed and will be distributed at Las Vegas.

**Nominating:** Peggy Smith volunteered to chair the nominating committee. Thank you Peggy!

**Newsletter/Web Site:** Lupe Vasquez-Lewis reminded members that the deadline for the newsletter is February 15. She requested that all members respond to the invitation to join the [Raindropeditor@yahooogroup.com](mailto:Raindropeditor@yahooogroup.com). This will expedite our email blast announcements that Lupe is called on to send. It will reduce the time she must spend by about 300%. Her new email address for raindrop related messages is [raindropeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:raindropeditor@yahoo.com).

**Greeters:** Carol Klett and Marlene Roth recorded 39 members in attendance today.

**Ways & Means:** Betty Jean Kendall announced that she has lots of “stuff” for sale today, and will continue to accept donated items.

**Memory Boxes:** Helga Nichols and Dinky Davis. We will be ordering more papier-mâché boxes. Charmaine Bannister and Dinky Davis will research prices and report to the board. The boxes must be at least 6” by 4” in length and width, and must be at least 4” in height.

**Treasure Boxes:** The boxes are very much appreciated by the child patients, and the hospital staff.

**Librarian:** Dinky Davis volunteered to serve as chapter librarian. Thank you Dinky!

**Sunshine Lady:** Diane Lien will serve as our sunshine lady. Thank you Diane! Sharon Krupika has had knee surgery recently.

**Secret Pals:** Susan Maahs is gathering nice Secret Pal Stories to forward to the SDP per their request.

**Old Business:** Terry Banton referred to the proposed bylaw change printed in the newsletter regarding committees. The following **Standing Committees** shall remain: Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Advisor/Past President); Audit; Chapter Booth; Education; Membership; Nominating; Regional Convention (EXPO); and Retreat Committees.

**Revision:** The following committees shall be changed to **Special Committees:** Charities (Women’s Shelter, Memory Boxes, Treasure Boxes); Communications; Greeters Historian; Hospitality; Learn to Paint; Librarian; Newsletter/Web Master; Secret Pals; Sunshine Lady.

**Motion made by Peggy Smith, seconded by Susan Maahs, to approve the bylaw changes as printed in the newsletter.**

**Motion passed.**

**Announcements:** Peggy Smith is collecting personal items and clothing for homeless children living in downtown Portland. They can also use coffee mugs. Peggy will submit an article for the newsletter.

Pam Murphy announced that today is the day for the President’s raffle drawing. Monica Bayness distributed class registration catalogs for the 2014 Seattle Convention.

**Adjournment: 11:55 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Baur  
Secretary Pro tem





Raindrop Chapter 2014 Spring Fling  
June 13, 14, 15 Collins Retreat Center

32867 SE Hwy 211 Eagle Creek, Oregon

Registration fees: 195.00 per person double occupancy

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Room mate preference \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a special need for room request or if you need to get to a room without the use of stairs please note: \_\_\_\_\_

Come and enjoy a fun filled weekend with your painting friends. Good food, raffles, and door prizes are just a tidbit of the fun to come. Maxine Thomas has designed a beautiful tray for us to paint Friday evening and all day Saturday. Cathy Schmidt will teach a project which is a rendition of an old Mary Englebreit piece on Sunday am. Please bring a wooden surface at least 8x8 to put this project on. If you have a wood burning tool please put that in your painting supplies and bring it to retreat. Paint will be provided by DECOART. Wood for Maxine's tray is available through Judy Zogg and Smooth Cut Wood. 503-678-1318 or [www.smoothcutwood.com](http://www.smoothcutwood.com).

**Registration Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please make your payment and completed registration:

**Raindrop Chapter, Pam Murphy, 14460 SE 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Clackamas OR 97015, 503-658-6234**

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Please let us know if you have special diet requests:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

No Pork \_\_\_\_\_ No Beef \_\_\_\_\_ No Seafood/shellfish \_\_\_\_\_

Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_ Wheat Free \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_

Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Lactose Free \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Anyother \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to speak directly with the chef, please call 503-637-6411. **Please be prepared with attendance dates and group name.**



Cathy Schmidt's piece



Maxine Thomas' piece





**My Painting Sisters**, if you were unable to attend Mary Gibilisco's Seminar you missed a great one. She is the sweetest teacher and so generous with her knowledge. All that attended seem to have such a great time and I honestly never saw a bad painting in either of her classes. They all looked so fabulous. We have some great opportunities coming to us this year. We have Brenda Stewart in April and Mary Wiseman on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. I have been notified by Arlene Linton to come and teach for us this year also. I have cleared it with the Board and am trying to find a time to book her.

We are also going to have Maxine Thomas teaching us her picture that she designed for our Convention Cover 2015. It is amazing! I will be posting more information on the webpage soon. The cost will be \$25.00 for a Saturday Seminar with her. It will be combined with a farewell party for her that day as well because she is leaving us for her church mission this year. She will be gone for at least a year when she goes and she has given so much of herself to our chapter over the years. We will deeply miss her so please plan on attending if you can. I am thinking the last Saturday of May or first Saturday of June. Date to be announced soon.

Hoping you are all painting happily

Your Education Chair

~Debbie Gill~



### Fellow Mary Gibilisco

#### Seminar Attendees:

Please bring your projects to the March Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> Tualatin Union Hall, so we can see how you have finished (or not) your design.



# Thank YOU

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My

Dearest Secret Pal,

Élodie and I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful Valentine' s Day gifts you gave us! It was SO sweet of you to give to both of us! Your kindness and generosity are appreciated beyond words! However, we will try....Thank you, "woof-woof", thank you, "woof-woof", thank you, " woof-woof"! We will hold you close in our hearts, whoever you are!

With love and appreciation,

Secret Pal,

Thank you so much for all the goodies.

I really like it all and will enjoy using all the kitchen things.

Hugs,

Dinky



Secret Pal,

THANK YOU! I really enjoy all the stuff! From Sunflower kitchen towels (my favorites) to a note pad & everything in between.

You are amazing!

Much LOVE...Lupe



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AND on FACEBOOK listed as: The Raindrop Group

**REMEMBER** TO BRING SNACKS FOR THE  
MARCH 29TH MEETING!!!!



### March Birthdays:

- 4 – Janie Sevela
- 6 – Terrie Prestrud
- 7 – Mary Rankin
- 15 – Gayle Oram
- 18 – Cathy Schmidt
- 24 – Judy Zogg
- 25 – Bobbie Baugher
- 28 – Natalie McBrien
- 28 – Linda Robinson
- 29 – Lisa Ludwig
- 30 – Jeannine Varner
- 31 – Georgia Magarrell

### April Birthdays:

- 4 – Roberta Wells
- 12 – Cheryl Griffiths
- 19 – Marsha Boling
- 20 – Rosey Johnson
- 21 – Linda Finicle
- 21 - Stephanie Graiff
- 21 – Marian VanDomelen
- 25 – Jeanine Maurer
- 28 – Stan Brown



### Women's Shelter – Charmaine Bannister

Another year started with all the fun life brings. Can you believe the snow we got and now the rain, who says we are going to be short on our water this summer? I am so looking forward to all the lovely projects Raindrop Chapter is having and not even thinking that the weather will slow us down. Although I didn't get to stay for the whole class with Becky Albeke, it was so fun and as always great information. Can't wait to finish this project , thanks Becky.

I know I am so lucky that my year starts off with all you lovely painters. You all are so generous to the Women's Shelter, listening to what they require. We all have things we are no longer using that are in good condition that will help them when they can get on their feet again. Just remember diapers, sheets, kitchen items, cleaning products (no bleach) and blankets.

Thank you for the mittens, scarves, sheets, blankets, hair dryer, paper towels, canisters and more.

Those who are generous of spirit surely will receive rewards throughout their lives. Happy Painting Ladies!





# Shara Fall Seminar

Presented by Come Paint With Me--Judy Meirow

Friday & Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tualatin Union Hall *(directions will be in the packets)*

\$60 per day plus surface costs\*— lunch is included

Don't miss this opportunity to paint 3 wonderful pieces from an amazing teacher!

\*You are required to purchase surfaces for these classes.

The Surfaces will be ordered and you will need to pick them up with your packets. Once you pay and receive the pattern packets you will not be able to cancel the class. Class fees need to be paid to hold your spot, the surface fees can be paid when you pick them up with your pattern and prep instructions. You may take one or both classes.

Questions? Contact Judy at [comepaintwithmee@gmail.com](mailto:comepaintwithmee@gmail.com) or 503-969-6233

**Friday, November 21st Metal Tray with insert—one design on each side — \$26 for the tray**



**Saturday, November 22nd Metal Recycling can with lid— \$29 for the can**





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### Milwaukie Lutheran Church

3810 SE Lake Rd, Portland, OR 97222

- Take Exit 13 off I-205 heading toward Hyw 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 with large parking lot south of church

**MEETINGS ALWAYS START AT:**

**10 A.M.**

**BROWN BAG LUNCHES**

### Union Hall (UA Local 290)

20210 SW Teton Ave., Tualatin, OR 97062

Directions Going South on I-5

- Take **exit 289** turn right go toward Sherwood / Newberg (1.1 miles)
- Turn **left on Teton Avenue**
- Just **past the railroad tracks, turn left** into Local 290's fenced parking lot. (The building will say Local 290 on it.)

**Meeting TIME STARTS AT 10 A.M. If there is only a PAINT-IN DEPENDING ON TEACHER, THEN IT STARTS AT 9 A.M.**

**LUNCHES ARE USUALLY POTLUCK**



Lupe Vasquez-Lewis

Editor

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