



**Special points of interest:**

- Calendar of Events
- September meeting
- Dumpster Diva 2008
- 2008 Dues



## Greetings from the President

Hi – I hope everyone is having a great summer. It's hard to believe it's almost over. I'll miss all the fun family activities but I can't wait for the quiet days when school starts again.

Ann Johnson tells me that the convention was very successful. Windy Brushes was the lucky recipient of a chapter scholarship award for \$450. That money will go towards the equipment we use at our seminars.

We had a fun July meeting. Carol Buck had summery beach totes filled with goodies on each table and we all had fun visors. Classes, taught by *Connie Meisinger* and *Lorraine Liautaud*, were a big hit. Thanks to *Merilee Sawusch* for organizing it.

Our next meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup>. We have a great program planned with *Trudy Beard*. It's such a thrill to have Trudy – a nationally known teacher – do a program for us! Look for Merilee's article for the details. I'll be diving into my supply stash to hunt for my 6x6" surface – Send a search party if you don't hear from me. All the other activities; raffles, vintage books, library, Banbury Fair, Dumpster Diva, etc. will be at the meeting too. *Linda Kinaman* may take some last minute signups for the *Roxanne Jarvis* seminar.

We have received a challenge from National to increase our membership. There are prizes involved! So please ask a friend, relative, or neighbor to join you – hopefully they will enjoy the meeting so much they will want to join!

It is important that we recruit new members for our club's financial well being too. We are at a point that we need to consider either raising the dues or develop other fundraising alternatives. The board has been wrestling with issues of increasing attendance at meetings and seminars, and how to encourage participation in activities. We would like all chapter members to be involved with solving these problems. We need YOU!

We will have a special vintage books sale at the September meeting. Hardcover art books will be there thanks to Merilee. Because these are extra nice hardcover books, we will charge \$2.00 for them. If you have special hardcover art books that you are ready to donate from your own library this would be a great time to pass them on to another artist!

At the September meeting the theme is *Fall Round-Up!* Join in the fun by wearing your best cowboy gear, denim, boots, a cowboy hat, or just a bandana.

Sue Jacobs

## Education Dept. News

Chapter seminars, what a wonderful way to learn from some of the best decorative arts painters in our Society, right in your own back yard. I know I am looking forward to painting at our future seminars, and you sure can't beat the price! I

also know that I wouldn't have these opportunities if my chapter, and sister chapters didn't hold seminars each year. However, there is the possibility that these opportunities will become harder to come by if attendance does not improve. Just a few short years ago, Windy Brushes sponsored 4 seminars per year and had a healthy check book in order to do so. Now, circumstances are changing. We have reduced our seminars to 3 per year, and will need to go to 2 per year in 2009 if things do not improve. Sister chapters are reporting the same difficulties as well.

I would like to give our members something to consider. If each one of us signed up for just one Windy

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Brushes seminar a year, we could quickly turn things back around. Perhaps each of us could also donate a finished project to our raffles to further strengthen our chapter. Just imagine what we can do if we all pitch in a little bit together!

The September meeting sure will be a busy one! Just look at all the things Education has to offer:

- Information and surfaces should be picked up for the **Roxanne Jarvis** seminar at the September 8<sup>th</sup> member meeting. All registration and surface fees are due at this time. If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements with a friend to pick them up for you. Roxanne's seminar is **October 12 - 14, 2007** at the **South Barrington Park District**. There may be a few spots available for last minute registration, so check with me ASAP. Myrna Patterson is my seminar assistant for this seminar and is organizing the volunteers. If you are able to help out please let her know. This will be a very fun seminar and I hope you are planning on joining us.
- Registration for the **Martin / F. Weber sponsored "Susan Scheewe Chapter Seminar"** will open at the September meeting, and will close at the December meeting. Scheduled for **February 8 - 10, 2008**, at the **Immanuel United Church of Christ (Red Door Church)** in Bartlett, IL, it will be taught by our own **Jane Drynan**. She is very much looking forward to teaching in her own "neighborhood". Cost for this 2 ½ day seminar, is \$90.00 and includes paints, mediums, all surfaces, and a liner brush, you will only need to bring your basic painting supplies. A \$35.00 deposit is required to hold you spot, with the balance due in January. We will meet on Friday to prep our surfaces and learn about the Martin / F. Weber products, then paint 3 acrylic projects on Saturday and 2 watercolor projects on Sunday. There are a limited number of spots available, so be sure to sign up early.
- We will also have project voting for the **Peggy Harris** seminar, which is scheduled for **April 10 - 13, 2008**. Peggy is known for her detailed animal paintings in acrylics and her work is so delightful. If you plan to attend this seminar, please stop by the education table to cast your vote.
- Last, but not least, there will be an Education survey at each table. Please fill one out while you chat and catch up with your friends.

See y'all at the Fall roundup!

Linda Kinnaman

## Membership

Hi Everyone-

As summer closes I want to remind everyone that dues will be delinquent after December 1<sup>st</sup> - So I will be accepting 2008 dues at the September meeting. You can also mail them- the application being in the newsletter. Thanks Misty

New:

Margaret Roystom  
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630-968-6888  
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11/16  
William

Changes:

Cindy Miller  
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McHenry Il 60050

## Traveling Display

The Windy Brushes Travel Library will finish out the month of August in both, the Elk Grove Village Public Library and the 130 S. Roselle Road Branch of the Schaumburg Library  
*Please try to visit either one.*

The next display will be in October at the Bloomingdale Public Library.

Thanks to Camille Anzelmo, Dorothy Carbonara, Barb Cierny, Toni Girten, Mary Ann Giovannelli for their extra contributions to the library this month. Special thanks to Cindi Monroe for Permanent donations to the Travel Library

## Windy Brushes 2007 Calendar of Events

### August

- Friday 31 - Reservations due for September Meeting

### September

- Saturday 8 - Meeting

### October

- Tuesday 2 - Board Meeting
- Friday 5 - Newsletter cut off
- 12 - 14 Roxanne Jarvis seminar
- Tuesday 16 - Mailing

## Secretary's Report

Windy Brushes of Northern Illinois  
**General Meeting – July 14, 2007**  
 Popular Creek Country Club

**President-Sue Jacobs**-Sue called meeting to order at 11:19 a.m. Sue welcomed our guest, Heather Gray, member, *Jacqueline Gray's* daughter to our meeting. Sue thanked Carol Buck for the centerpieces and the sun visors given to all attendees.

\*Sue announced that we were awarded a \$450.00 SDP Scholarship at the SDP Conference in June. These monies will be used to offset the costs to purchase additional video equipment used for seminars.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP-Linda Kinnaman**- Linda reported that the seminar registration and attendance counts are down. Linda recommended the possibility of reducing the costs of the seminars and reducing the number of seminars per year, from three to two. *Toni Girten* recommended putting an article in the next newsletter asking members their feelings on what they are looking for in future seminars, why they attend or do not attend seminars. Seminars help you grow as an artist and the chapter as a group. *Diane Puste* asked why groups aren't attending; multiple groups/chapters offering seminars which conflict with chapter meetings and other events. *Nancy Simpson* recommended chapters sharing seminars with sister chapters, coordinating event dates. Diane recommended restricting counts minimum/maximum. *Connie Meisinger* recommended limiting seminars to 2 per year.

\*Linda has booked *Jane Drynan* for February 8-10, 2008 for 2 1/2 day seminar; \$90.00 will be complete cost of seminar. The registration for Jane's seminar will begin at the September 9, 2007 chapter meeting.

\*Linda also reported that we received \$42.00 in revenue from the sale of Tastefully Simple products sold at seminars.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Merilee Sawusch**-Sue Jacobs reported that due to paperwork not reaching Plaid in time for the program cut-off that was planned to be used at the September meeting, we will not receive the kits. Sue did make some contacts and has arranged with *Trudy Beard* for her to be the guest artist at our September chapter meeting. Merilee will have an article in the next newsletter explaining the planned paint program, along with costs to the members. *Barb Wagner* is instructor for the November program. Merilee will have more information as the program is finalized. Colored pencil is tentatively scheduled for the January 2008 chapter meeting.

**Treasurer-Judy King** reported that we have had losses from the seminars this year, refer to financial statement. The May Raffle was off due to low meeting attendance. Financials as of May 29, 2007: Checking \$6,094.75, Money Market \$5,087.59, Total Cash \$11,182.34.

**Secretary-Lora Haberstroh**-Absent Approval of the minutes were tabled for the next general meeting. *Toni Girten* took the minutes for today's meeting in Lora's absence.

**Newsletter-Barb Cierny**-Newsletter articles are due by next board meeting. August 7, 2007

**Membership-Misty Witt**-Absent

**Hospitality-Toni Girten & Billie Morrow**-Toni and Billie arranged to have our first meeting buffet. If the feedback is positive, we will try another buffet that the venue offers for future events.

**Ways & Means-Kelly Lovewell**-Absent

**Raffles-Beth Roden & Barb Marshall**-There will be a special raffle today. The wheeled tote was donated by *Linda Kinnaman*, which also contained lots of 'goodies'. Due to the paint program today, the regular raffle was abbreviated.

**Parliamentarian-Misty Witt**-Absent

**Publicity-Phyllis Kohnke**-Absent

**Mailings-Connie Meisinger**-thanked *Toni Girten* for updating email addresses for the membership listing.

**May-December Raffle-Betty Burns**-Absent

**Traveling Display-Billie Morrow**-We are Elk Grove Village Library through August 31. We will also be at the Schaumburg Township Library in August.

**Holiday Party-Nancy Simpson**-Things are going well.

**Sharing and Caring-Darlene Neuman**-Due to time constraints, Sue asked Darlene to table the updates and members could talk to Darlene after the meeting.

**Library-Doris Burdick**-Absent-Tabled for next meeting.

**Sunshine-Cindy Miller**-Absent- *Pat McClone* was able to attend the meeting, she continues to recover. *Lora Haberstroh's* father passed away after a long battle with cancer. *Kathy Miller's* husband died unexpectedly. *Carol Wiksten's* husband is recuperating from surgery. Please keep all your fellow chapter members in your thoughts.

**Historian-Peg Brennan**-Please check out the photos.

**Vintage Books-Denise Teson**-Tabled for next meeting.

**Website-Sue Jacobs**-Nothing to report, website is doing well.

**Table Favors-Cathy Kamp**-Absent

**Old Business-Toni Girten** reported that the Nominating Committee met in June, selected a Chair for the committee, and will represent the 2008 Slate of Officers to the members at the September 2007 meeting.

**New Business**-Sue reported that each SDP chapter was given a challenge; to increase membership numbers. Each member should try

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to bring a guest(s) to the September 2007 meeting. There will be prizes awarded to chapters with the greatest increase in membership (%).

**Announcements**

\*Linda Kinnaman reminded members about Bartlett's, 'Art in Bartlett', July 28 and July 29, from 10-5 daily. Linda will be a participant. Ontarioville Art Gallery is looking for teachers. The Gallery is located on Devon Avenue, near the Hanover Park train station. They will have a fine art fair on September 16, 10-5.

\*Banbury Fest will be September 8-9, 2007.

\*Art Expo continues in Lisle through Sunday, July 15, which is sponsored by Dick Blick.

\*Dumpster Divas please bring your finished items to the September chapter meeting, the members will vote on the pieces at that time.

\*Ann Johnson reminded members to send a birthday card to Doxie Keller on her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ann will email Toni Girten, Doxie's address for members to send a card. Doxie helped form the SDP Scholarship, donations are always welcome.

**Adjournment-** Next Windy Brushes' Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at Sue Jacob's home at 7:00 p.m. Next chapter meeting will be Saturday, September 9, 2007 at Poplar Creek Country Club. A motion was made by Merilee Sawusch to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Denise Teson; meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Toni Girten

**Hospitality**

We will be offering another type of buffet for the September 8, 2007 meeting. This will give us the opportunity to try something new and we look forward to your feedback.

Please remember when you send in a reservation, email or call in a reservation after Wednesday, the week of the meeting we are responsible for the cost of that order. When you are a 'no show' you are responsible for the cost of the reservation. If you are a 'no show' more than once you will be required to pay in advance for your reservation, we will not accept a 'pay at the door' for that member.

NOTE: The reservation deadline to qualify for the centerpiece drawing is Friday, August 31, 2007. If you have any questions, please call my cell at 847-494-8318 or email me at [toni\\_girten@yahoo.com](mailto:toni_girten@yahoo.com) or [ixgood@yahoo.com](mailto:ixgood@yahoo.com).

Gentle reminder: NO outside food or beverages, it violates our contract with the venue.

Thank you,  
Toni and Billie

I want to thank the members of Windy Brushes for their mass cards, cards and donations made in to the American Cancer Society in my Dad's name. It is times like this that make all of you extra special.

Lora Haberstroh and Family

**Treasurer's Report for June/July 2007**

	CURRENT	YR TO DATE	Budget	Over/Under
REVENUES	1,398.37	13,136.90	24,275.00	-11,138.10
EXPENSES	877.02	14,826.77	24,275.00	-9,448.23
Net Income/{Loss}	521.35	-1,689.87	0	-1,689.87

CHECKING ACCT BALANCE = \$ 5,584.60  
 MONEY MARKET BALANCE = \$ 5,101.58  
**TOTAL** \$ 10,686.18

Outstanding Vouchers \$557.00  
 Education Deposits not Applied \$1,101.00

Visit these sites!!

Beth Wagner.....<http://bethwagnerdesigns.com>

Michael Cheek.....<http://www.palette-creations.com/>

**September Used Book Sale** There will be a number of hard cover "art books" available for sale at the September meeting. These books will be part of the vintage book sale, but will be priced at \$2.00 per book. If you have any hard cover books you would like to donate, please bring them to the meeting.

# SEPTEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

Our Sept program will be a basket of sunflowers taught by Trudy Beard.

The original is painted on a 6" x 6" x 1 1/2" gallery wrap canvas. You may paint on anything in a similar size. This is the new FolkArt HD paint. It is water-based acrylic paint. The main feature of this paint is that it has much more body and intensity. It needs no varnish and dries to a nice even sheen. Trudy painted the background with the same paint. There is as much build-up in this paint as you like. The focal point was enhanced by adding more texture there. Different artists use it in different ways with differing techniques. It is fun and not hard...just different. You can achieve an "oil painting" look with the advantage of fast drying time and non-toxicity. Trudy is sure everyone will enjoy playing with the new formula paint from Plaid. Trudy will supply a line drawing for everyone, but you will need to bring your own surface This will be a good time to do something with some of those little surfaces. If you bring a wood surface, it should be sealed and sanded ahead of time.



Trudy will bring a large screen, camera and projector along with the cables, cords, etc. and set up so that everyone will have a good seat. She can zoom in and get a close-up view of what She is doing. It is more fun and everyone can see!

*Please bring your standard acrylic painting supplies, graphite paper and surface. The charge for the class will be \$5.*

Our Nov program will be the gre-saille class taught by Barb Wagner, details will follow in the next news-letter.

Our Jan program will be colored pencils using the moths design by Kelly Horning . The photo is in the May, '07 (?) issue of the Decorative Painter. Please save your copy in case you decide to take this class.



Merilee Sawusch, 2nd VP

## 2007 Board

President	Sue Jacobs
1st VP	Linda Kinnamon
2nd VP	Merilee Sawusch
Treasurer	Judi King
Secretary	Lora Haberstroh
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	Billie Morrow
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Table Centerpieces	Cathy Kamp
Membership	Misty Witt
Web Site	Sue Jacobs

## Sharing and Caring

An update to the PADS facility in Woodstock, they received through a third-party donor, under Windy Brushes name, several thousand dollars worth of food, paper products, etc. This large donation was divided between the PADS facility and the food pantry.

I did receive a 'Wish List' from PADS, although, they are thankful for any donations they receive:

**\*COFFEE (their #1 request)**

- \*Batteries (all sizes)
- \*Paper Products – Paper Towels
- \*New Only - Women and Men’s Underwear – all sizes, along with socks
- \*Blankets – easy to wash
- \*Towels – Large
- \*Kitchen Towels

\*New or Slightly Used; backpacks, duffle bags, tents, sleeping bags; for living outside the shelter during warm months.

\*Miscellaneous: Sharpie Markers, Ziploc Bags (all sizes), notebooks (spiral), cleaning supplies (Windex, 409, dish soap, etc.)

Thank for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated.

Darlene Neuman



## Windy Brushes of Northern Illinois

Poplar Creek Country Club  
Phil Stefani's - Tuscany on the Green  
847-884-0219  
Poplar Room – Upper Level  
1400 Poplar Creek Drive, Hoffman Estates, Illinois

Saturday, September 8, 2007

Registration, Coffee and Tea Service, Fresh Fruit - 9:00  
Meeting 10:30 – 11:30  
Lunch 11:30 – 12:30

Fall Roundup - Themed Buffet – Soup, Salad, Entrée and Dessert

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**Reservation/Drawing Entry Form for Saturday, September 8, 2007**  
**Reservation Due Date: Friday, August 31, 2007**

Number of Person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$22.00** per person

Enclosed - \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Restrictions or Food Allergies:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

I will participate in the Paint Program with Trudy Beard

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please review the Paint Program article on page 5 for supplies and program detail

COST of the program is \$5.00 per participant; please send a separate check for the program:

**PAYABLE TO – WINDY BRUSHES - Program Amount -** \_\_\_\_\_

Return Form with Separate Check for the Meeting/Luncheon:

**PAYABLE TO – WINDY BRUSHES: Amount -** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Ms. Toni Girten**  
**1066 Carpenter Court**  
**Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3011**

**Contact Information: (847) 494-8318 or**  
**Email: [toni\\_girten@mostlybisque.com](mailto:toni_girten@mostlybisque.com) or [ixgood@yahoo.com](mailto:ixgood@yahoo.com)**

**PLEASE PRINT – THANK YOU!**

## WANTED

Windy Brushes is in need of the full software package of Adobe Acrobat. This package is used in uploading the newsletter to the printer and to the web master.

The software will be needed by January for the new newsletter editor. The purchase price should be \$150 to \$200.

If you are interested in donating this package, contributing to it's purchase, or know of someone that might be willing to do so, please let Sue Jacobs know.

I wish to thank everyone for their condolences, prayers, cards and offer of help that I received during my recent loss.

Kathy Miller

## Happy Birthday to You!!

Judith	Cahill	9/3
Debra	Stark	9/3
Carol J.	Dettlaff	9/6
Cynthia	Miller	9/10
Doris	Burdick	9/12
Joanie	Walter	9/18
Anita	Bierbaum	9/21
Betty K	Burns	9/25
Connie	Meisinger	10/5
Angel	Siegle	10/6
Catherine	Kamp	10/8
Nancy	Neal	10/9
Barb	Behrens	10/10
Camille	Anzelmo	10/16
Kathy	Miller	10/17
Laurel	Zech	10/19
Janet	Schipma,	10/22
Lilli	Martin	10/26

September 2007

Barbara Cierny  
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Palatine, IL 60074



### Windy Brushes Upcoming Seminars

#### 2007

October 12,13 and 14..... Roxanne Jarvis

#### 2008

February 8, 9, and 10..... Jane Drynan

April 11, 12 and 13.....Peggy Harris

October 10, 11 and 12.....Kathy George

### IPP Seminars

#### 2007

September 10, 11 and 12.....Pat Lentine

#### 2008

January 25, 26 and 27.....Gretchen Cagle

April 11, 12 and 13.....Cheri Rol

Sept 12, 13 and 14.....Lynne Deptula

### South Side Brushes

#### 2007

October 19, 20 and 21..... Janice Miller



## Dumpster Diva

Our reigning Dumpster Diva, Darlene Newman, will defend her title at the September meeting. Who will be "Dumpster Diva 2008"???