

# NWDA General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 21, 2024

**Start Time:** 10:03am or so.

**Quorum:** No (required 23 members to attend)

**Attendance:** 2024 Board Members: Karla Linder, President, Dawn Cutler, Financial Secretary, Ann Clardy, Membership, Cheryl Smith, Membership Assistant, Susan Treiber, Treasurer. **Others in Attendance:** Janie Sevela, Judy Fischer, Georgia Magarrell, Rochelle Duprey, Virginia Mann, Amy Montgomery, Mary Ellerman, Connie Olson, Carol V. and Amy is joining us today for the first time as a new member. Welcome Amy.

**July 2024 Meeting Minutes:** The Minutes will stand as published in the September newsletter.

## OFFICER REPORTS:

**Financial Report:** (Susan Treiber) Financial reports were on the newsletter. Currently, we have \$40,820.61 in our bank accounts collectively. Does anyone have any questions? No questions, treasurer's report stands as published.

**Membership:** (Ann Clardy) We currently have 113 total members, 42 are new this year.

**Presidents Report:** (Karla Linder) I don't have much to report. We are coming up to our next board election. Please consider making yourself available for a board position. All current board members have been serving for multiple years on the board which is not healthy for an organization. We have a large membership across the country. Because we are on Zoom, there really is not a need for board members to be local. Fresh blood brings new ideas and ways of doing things. I kind of feel that Northwest Decorative Artists are at a turning point. Do we continue as we are or do we change how we do things? It's up to the membership and their participation. Many hands make light work. But it is not all gloom and doom! We have some fun classes lined up!

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Education Chair:** (Dawn) We're working on classes for 2025. We have a class lined up with Paulette in January. We are asking her for some project options that we can choose from for that class. I have a few people I am contacting for other seminars in 2025, and I appreciate any suggestions from you guys. You can email me at [dacu37@gmail.com](mailto:dacu37@gmail.com) or text me. We are all done for seminars in 2024. Our September class with Lynne Andrews was a lot of fun. She is a great teacher. That's it!

**Newsletter** ( Susan substituting for Nancy) Submissions deadline for the next newsletter is mid-October.

**2024/2025 Program Paint ins:** (Nancy Welch – not present, recovering from surgery)

Today's after-meeting session will be with Georgia Magarrell painting "Witchy Poo" by Prudy Vannier.

Upcoming workshops -

Nov: Bobbie Redington "Bjorn Bear"

Kim Falk has volunteered to do a snowman ornament next year.

We decided on ornaments for 2025 because they are smaller projects. After meeting projects need to be simple and something that can be completed in 3 hours. If any of you would like to teach something next year, please contact Susan at [nwda.news@gmail.com](mailto:nwda.news@gmail.com). If you would like to paint something from a teacher you have taken from before, you just need to get permission from that teacher. There is no reason why most of us, if not all of us, couldn't teach a class.

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**Sunshine:** (Rose Frank): Not present (recovering from surgery), no report

**Birthday Cards:** (Sue Holmes): Not present, no report

**Treasure Boxes:** (Joy Halladay) Not present. Joy has been taking them to the Shriners for delivery to their children's hospital in Spokane. This is our one service project for the community, so please keep painting the boxes.

**Website:** (Kim Falk) Monica – Not present, no report

**Other Committee Reports:** We have open committee positions: Holiday Party and Hostess. The Holiday Party will be virtual and could use an organizer. We will be painting "Bjorn Bear" at the party. Karla has been acting hostess and brought cake today! If you are interested in any position, please let Karla know.

### OLD BUSINESS: (Karla)

Should we continue to attempt hybrid meetings? We do not have many people today in-person (5) but that is likely due to all of the surgeries happening, which is not normal. We will continue to see if this is a viable way to hold our meetings.

### NEW BUSINESS: (Karla)

We need to put together a nominating committee for our upcoming elections in November. The nominating committee consists of a carryover person (from the previous year) who becomes the chair plus two persons selected at the September general meeting. I was the carryover last year and no one else stepped up to be on the committee, so I did it by myself. I am not eligible to be the nominating chair again this year. Per the bylaws, the board appointed Susan Treiber to fill that position. We are looking for 2 more members to assist in finding candidates to run for board positions. Board candidates are announced in November. This involves reaching out to eligible members. This is a short-term easy position. So, I am going to ask now, who is willing to be on the nominating committee with Susan? Please raise your hand.

Virginia Mann

Cheryl Smith

Thank you, ladies, for volunteering to be on the nominating committee!

**Spin the Wheel:** (Dawn) If your name is chosen, you win your choice of \$25 toward a NWDA workshop or a \$25 e gift card of your choice from Michaels, Joann's etc. Today's winner was Georgia Magarrell. She selected \$25 towards the Paulette class in January!

**Show and Tell:** We saw some great show and tell. Unfortunately, I didn't write it down and the video recording ended! I believe Cheryl, Virginia, and Carol all showed us the fruits of their labor!

The Meeting was adjourned at about 10:47am or so.

Karla Linder

Acting as Recording Secretary

