

# Friends in Art

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Dear Members,

Exciting times are coming for the future of our club. FIA and WCA are joining forces together to make one great club. Why should you care? Because decorative painting is slowly going by the wayside.

Joining the two clubs is a chance to regroup and make some exciting changes so we can continue to meet and paint. It's important for all members to come together and unite, painting is something we have a passion for and need to do!

As we get organized more information will be forth coming  
Please let me know if I can count on you to make our club a success.

Guess what time it is? "Time for our Fall Retreat." Do sign up. What fun we have had in past. There is no doubt in my mind this retreat will be just as fun.

Sincerely,  
President

To all of my painting friends,

On Wednesday July 20 a representative group from Friends In Art and Wine Country Artists met and made the decision to merge the two chapters together. With the economy the way it is and our membership so low, we felt it would be a good decision. Jane Alwelt has volunteered to be your President and we will retain the Friends In Art name. We will continue to have 2 paint-ins a month one in Kalamazoo and the other in Dowagiac. Jane and Kathy Payne are working out a schedule to lessen the conflicts. It will mean we need two education people, but will only need one President, Secretary, and Treasurer. There seemed to be no real opposition to this merger and I hope it meets with the approval of the majority.

There are some things I wanted to accomplish as President, but with circumstances as they have been, there were always obstacles. It has been a pleasure to act as your President and I am optimistic about our future as a painting club.

Please keep Barb, Janet Filley, and Betty S. in your prayers. We can always use a little help from above.  
God bless each and every one of you,

Jeanne Collick

## Dowagiac August 20 (Sat) project

Essy Goss teaching Patricia Rawlinson design

Cost of the class will be \$16, this includes:

\$5 teaching fee, \$5 surface (cut, basecoated & sewn), \$3 pattern & \$3 church

If you want to use or cut your own surface, the cost of class would be \$11, the size of the design is 19" high x 16" wide. The size of her surface is 27" x 18.5" then fold it to make a 2 3/4" hem for the hanger/dowel. It will need to be basecoated with 2 coats of Black, front and back.

**PALETTE:** DecoArt ~ Antique Gold, Black Plum, Bright Yellow, Cranberry Wine, Georgia Clay, Honey Brown, Lamp Black,

Milk Chocolate, Russet, Taffy Cream & Yellow Ochre

**BRUSH LIST:** Small, X-lg Crescent Brushes (or whatever you use for dry brushing)

3/4 Dome Stencil Brush (or something similar for dry brushing), 8 & 12 flat, #1 liner, #4 filbert & toothbrush (for spattering)

(These are the brushes listed on the pattern, but bring whatever brushes you regularly use and you will be fine. No need to buy any special brushes for this pattern, but this is a "dry brushing" project, so bring what you have).



## Dowagiac Classes

August 20th (Sat) - Essy Goss teaching fall flag

September 22-25 - Camp Pretty Lake/ Leslie Williams teaching Kim Hogue project

October 22nd (Sat) - Mary Weaver/colored pencil class

November 17th (Thurs) - Cathy Payne teaching butterfly/thistle (acrylic)

December ? Christmas Party

All meetings start at 9 am & are held at the First Christian Church 121 Oak St. in Dowagiac unless otherwise noted.

## Kalamazoo Classes

August - no class/Hoot Month

September 23-25 - Camp Pretty Lake / Leslie Williams

October 20th (Thurs) - Pumpkin Patch/ Gert Hickman

November 12th (Sat) - Memory Boxes

December ? Christmas Party

All meetings start at 9 am & are held at the Oshtemo United Methodist Church, 6574 Stadium Dr. Kalamazoo unless otherwise noted.



## FALL CAMP/September 22-25 (Thurs. nite thru Sun)

Pretty Lake Vacation Camp/Mattawan, MI  
Leslie Williams teaching this Kim Hogue design  
**Cost of the weekend is \$100. this includes ~  
3 nights lodging, 4 meals, teacher & lots of  
fun!!**  
**14" x 10" Surface fee is \$6.00**

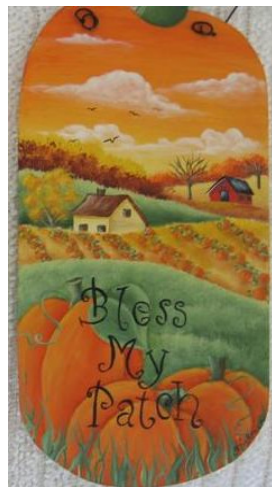
### **Kalamazoo** October 20th

Gert will be teaching a Linda Lover design.

Its called Bless My Patch.

It's a pumpkin shaped wood Cutout. We will be painting a landscape of a pumpkin farm.

More info to come in the upcoming newsletters.



**Noted Watercolorist Mark Polomchak will be having a workshop in Battle Creek on October 13, 14 & 15th.**

***Thursday project* - Bluebird on house with morning glories**

***Friday project* - Lighthouse/ocean scene**

***Saturday* - Fall scene old barn and corn crib**

**For more info call: Jerry Ulrich at 269-965-1049 or email him at [ulrich@iserv.net](mailto:ulrich@iserv.net)  
Mark is a wonderful teacher and you always leave with a nice piece of art.**

# Birthdays

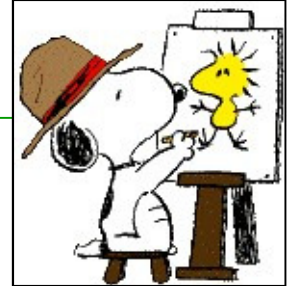
**Marilyn White.....August 8**  
**Marcia Eubank.....August 10**  
**Barb Mizwicki.....August 10**  
**Carol Woodward.....August 13**  
**Judy Leatherman.....August 18**



**Dowagiac** October 22nd -  
 Mary Weaver will be teaching  
 colored pencils. Project TBA.

**Kalamazoo** November 12th -  
 Memory Boxes

More details to come in later  
 newsletters...



## Dowagiac November 17th

Cost = \$14.00: Canvas: \$4.25, Teacher Fee: \$5.00, Church \$3.00,  
 Pattern \$1.75

Please let Cathy know if you need a surface.

The canvas is 18"x 18" x 1.5" thick. The paints are all Deco Art.

Bahama Blue , Warm White, Dioxazine Purple, Grape Juice, Hauser Medium  
 Green, Hauser Dark Green, Canyon Orange, Foliage Green, Black Green,  
 Violet Haze, Calypso Blue, Lamp Black, Vivid Violet, Carousel Pink, Mustard  
 Seed, Raw Sienna, Napa Red, and Black Green. Don't go out and buy new  
 colors, Cathy will have them.

Brushes I used: 3/4 " wash brush, #8, #10 flat, 1/2 " angle, #2 filbert, 18/0 liner,  
 10/0 liner A good fine liner brush is great for the butterfly.



\*\*Please call if you need the canvas or designate that when you sign up for the class.

## Save the Date

2012 Spring Retreat  
 Thursday evening - Sunday a.m.

May 17 - May 20

at

INSPIRATIONS

Private Retreat

South of Battle Creek

check it out at

[www.inspirationsretreat.com](http://www.inspirationsretreat.com)

More info to follow...

I have always wished  
 that my computer would  
 be as easy to use as  
 my telephone. My wish  
 has come true. I no  
 longer know how to use  
 my telephone."



## HANDY DANDY MEASUREMENTS

1 Gallon = 4 Quarts = 16 Cups = 8 Pints  
 1/4 Gallon = 1 Quart = 4 Cups = 2 Pints = .94 Liter  
 1/8 Gallon = 1/2 Quart = 2 Cups = 1 Pint = 16 Fl Oz  
 1 Cup = 8 Fl Oz = 16 Tbsp = 48 Tsp = 237 mL  
 3/4 Cup = 6 Fl Oz = 12 Tbsp = 36 Tsp = 177mL  
 2/3 Cup = 5 1/3 Fl Oz = 10 2/3 Tbsp = 32 Tsp = 158 mL  
 1/2 Cup = 4 Fl Oz = 8 Tbsp = 24 Tsp = 118 mL  
 1/3 Cup = 2 2/3 Fl Oz = 5 1/3 Tbsp = 16 Tsp = 79 mL  
 1/4 Cup = 2 Fl Oz = 4 Tbsp = 12 Tsp = 59 mL  
 1/8 Cup = 1 Fl Oz = 2 Tbsp = 6 Tsp = 30 mL  
 1 Tbsp = 3 Tsp = 15 mL  
 1 Tsp = 5 mL



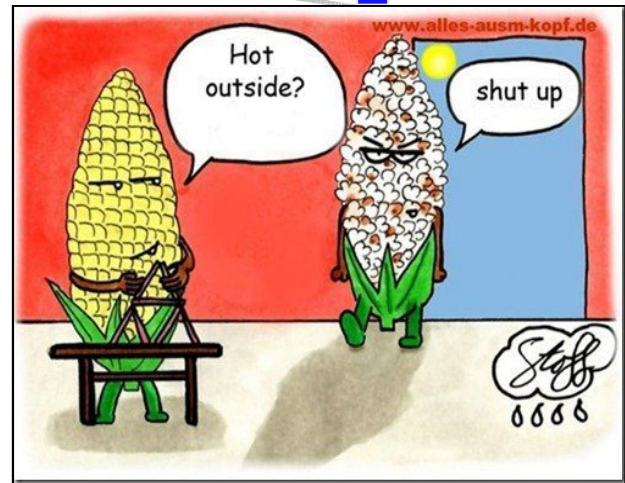
# Jokes & Recipes

## What is a calorie?

Calories are the little bastards that get into your wardrobe at night and sew your clothes tighter..

MY CLOSET IS INFESTED WITH THE LITTLE SHITS

Just before I was deployed to Iraq, I sat my eight-year-old son down and broke the news to him. 'I'm going to be away for a long time,' I told him. 'I'm going to Iraq.' 'Why?' he asked. 'Don't you know there's a war going on over there?'



"There is nothing better than a friend, unless it is a friend with chocolate." -Charles Dickens

Alas, where has all our innocence gone? While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, he said, I know how you feel. My mom makes me ride in the stroller.

## Old Fart Football:

An old married couple no sooner hit the pillows when the old man passes gas and says, 'Seven Points.' His wife rolls over and says, 'What in the world was that?' The old man replied, 'It's fart football.' A few minutes later his wife lets one go and says 'Touchdown, tie score.' After about five minutes the old man lets another one go and says, 'Aha. I'm ahead 14 to 7.' Not to be outdone the wife rips out another one and says, 'Touchdown, tie score.' Five seconds go by and she lets out a little squeaker and says, 'Field goal, I lead 17 to 14.' Now the pressure is on the old man. He refuses to get beaten by a woman, so he strains real hard. Since defeat is totally unacceptable, he gives it everything he's got, and accidentally shits in the bed. The wife says, 'What the hell was that?' The old man says, 'Half time, switch sides.'

Count your nights by stars, not shadows. Count your days by smiles, not tears. and on your birthday, count your age by friends, not years.

I keep clicking on those "1 trick to a flat stomach" ads, in hopes that one day the answer will be chocolate.

## Cucumber Onion Dip

1 pkg 8 oz. cream cheese (softened)  
1/4 c. finely chopped seedless peeled cucumber  
2 T. Mayonnaise  
1/8 t. pepper  
Optional...dash of tabasco sauce

Serve with Rye chips, or whatever your favorite cracker



## Wonderful White Chocolate Cookies

2 C. white baking chips  
1/2 C. chunky peanut butter  
1 1/2 C. miniature marshmallows  
1 C. unsalted peanuts  
1 C. Cheerios

Melt white baking chips in microwave or a double boiler. Remove from heat and stir peanut butter. Stir in peanuts, marshmallows and cereal. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper. Let cool, cover and store in refrigerator.