



# Capitolers



March 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### March 2024- In Person & Zoom

Saturday - March 02, 2024  
 9:30 - Business Meeting  
 10am- 3pm - Painting  
 Teacher - Sue Dowds  
 Location - Brunswick Cmty Center

### April 2024- In Person & Zoom

Saturday - April 06, 2024  
 9:30 - Business Meeting  
 10am- 3pm - Painting  
 Teacher - Janet Snell  
 Location - Brunswick Cmty Center

### May 2024- In Person & Zoom

Saturday - May 04, 2024  
 9:30 - Business Meeting  
 10am- 3pm - Painting  
 Teacher - Paulette DiGesare  
 Location - Brunswick Cmty Center

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**Deadline for the April 2024**  
**Newsletter is: March 4th**  
**1st Monday of the Month**

## President's Brushstrokes



*Sylvia*

### President's Message

Happy February fellow Capitolers! It's the month of LOVE! I think I can speak for all of us when I say, "We love painting and love doing it together!" What a great class we had with Tina Greenfield on Saturday. Nubble Lighthouse and Island were great to paint and Tina always gives us helpful hints and makes sure we all have a great piece in the end. Lighthouses are one of my favorite subjects! If you didn't get a chance to join us, be sure to watch the video when it comes out. I hope you all have a very nice Valentine's Day with lots of love!

Our March meeting is one of our favorites – our covered dish lunch. This year we are gearing it toward St. Patrick's Day so Regina Brown has a list of very interesting Irish fare for our lunch. We sure to let her know what you'd like to bring if you didn't get a chance to sign up at the February meeting. If you can't join us in person, Sue Dowds will be teaching a fabric design on a tote bag that shouldn't stress anyone out! Please join us in person or on Zoom.

Janet Snell will teach in April – we are looking forward to seeing her project and we have our Lynne Andrews Seminar in person and on Zoom April 12 and 13. I hope to have photos to you very soon. Paulette DiGesare is teaching in May. She brought her piece to our meeting to show us and I am sure you will all love it. We reserved our usual pavilion for our picnic on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Tawasentha Park in Guilderland, so hopefully we will see many of you there and that it WON'T RAIN!

So, keep painting, and join us when you can. It's so nice to see all our fellow painters and catch up. If you have suggestions for the future, please let the Board Members at Large or me know. We do listen.

Sylvia



## PAINTING IN MARCH A NOD TO SPRING

Capitolers **March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting** will feature tulips. Sue Dowds will teach a Beth Wagner tulip design painted on a canvas tote bag, renewing our fabric painting skills with a nod toward the upcoming spring season. We **begin** with a general meeting at **9:30am** and **start painting at 10:00am** at the **Brunswick Community Center**.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, members will find the "Tulip Tote" prep instructions, photo and line drawing. Please remember to size the pattern to your surface. A full packet of instructions will be emailed to you within the next few weeks



## JANET SNELL TO TEACH IN APRIL

Long time painter, teacher and Capitolers member (and former President) Janet Snell will be our teacher at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. No photo yet, but she reports from Florida that her new "Yellow Daylily" design is painted on a square tissue box. In addition to painting, we'll be stenciling and gold leafing as well, promising a full day. Mark your calendars!



## Tulip Tote

Designed by Beth Wagner

Taught by Sue Dowds

**SURFACE:** Fabric Tote (Purchased at Michael's)

**PAINTS:** DecoArt Americana Acrylics

True Red  
Orange Twist  
Poodleskirt Pink  
Cadmium Orange  
Coral Blush  
Citron Green  
Napa Red  
Black Plum  
Festive Green  
Plantation Pine  
Fabric Medium

**BRUSHES:**

#6, # 12 Flat.  
#1 Liner  
Or any brushes that you are comfortable using.

**ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES:**

Diane Bunker Transfer Fabric (Can be purchased through Beth Wagner)  
Masking Tape  
Permanent Green Very Fine Marker  
Permanent Red Very Fine Marker  
Piece of cardboard big enough to fit inside the fabric tote.

If you do not have transfer fabric, tracing paper, carbon paper and a stylus.

**NOTE:** Dress your brush with fabric medium before using the acrylic paint.

**Prep Before Class**

Place the cardboard into the tote. This will prevent the paint from bleeding through to the back.

Please resize the line drawing to fit your tote. There are two "Hello Spring" writings, You can use either of these or personalize it any way you would like.

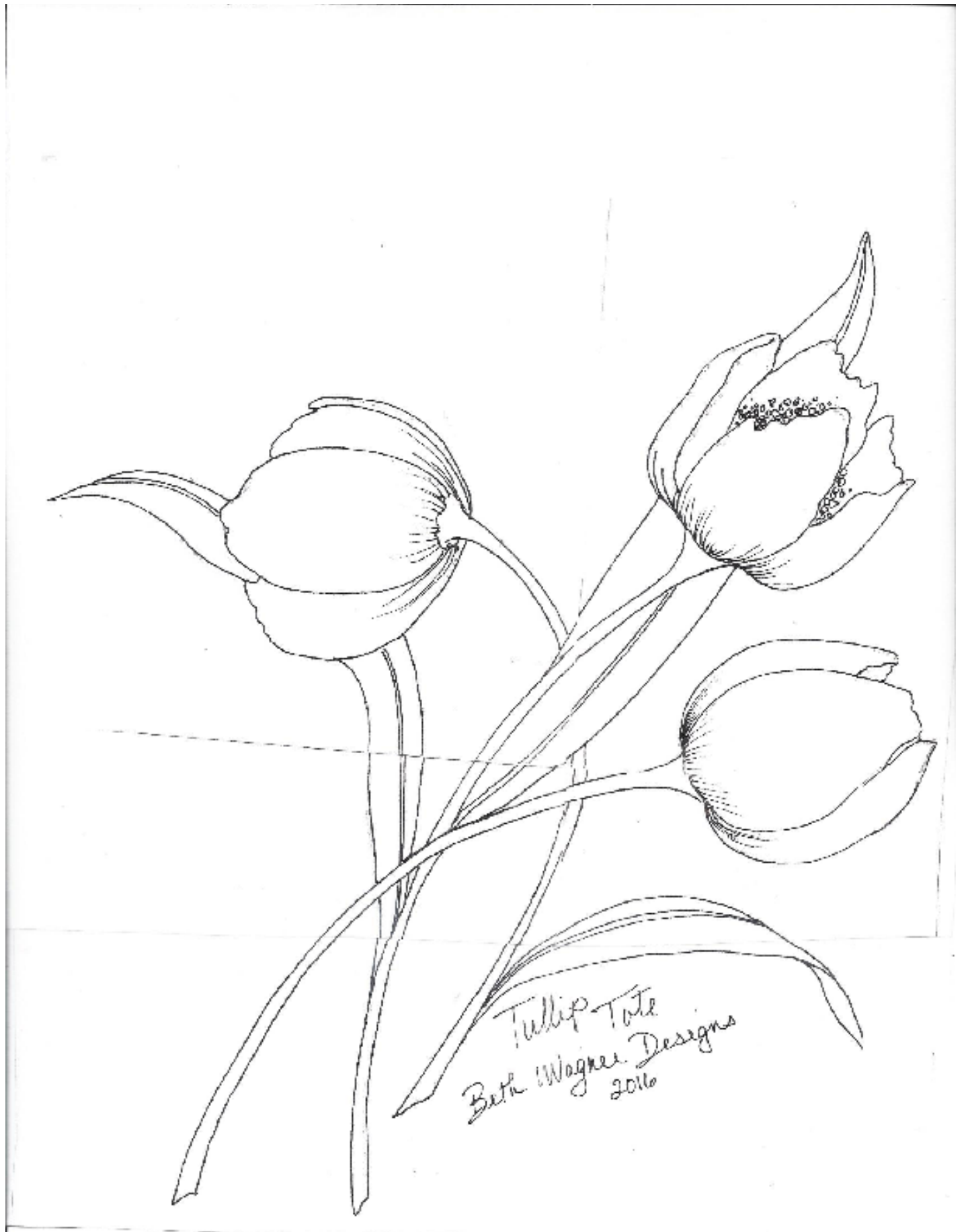
**If you are using transfer fabric:**

Tape our pattern to a flat surface. Lay the transfer fabric on top and tape it down making sure it is taut. Trace the pattern. Use the red marker for the flowers and the green marker for the leaves and stems. Remove the transfer fabric. Center on the tote and tape down. Retrace the pattern using the markers as before.

**If you are using carbon paper:**

Trace the pattern on tracing paper. Center the tracing paper onto the tote and tape down. Use the stylus to trace the pattern onto the tote. Be careful not to tear the tracing paper. When you are finished tracing the pattern, use the red markers to go over the lines for the flowers and the green markers to go over the leaves and stems.

Base the design area with Fabric Medium. Be careful to stay inside the lines. Some of the markers may run a bit. Let dry thoroughly.



*Hello Spring*

**Hello Spring**







# Birthdays

## March

Doreen Draiss	01
Nadine Lawless	04
Joyce Kinville	06
Jane Harvey	09
Jean Trimpe	13
Louise Hastings	14
Joan Pendergast	15
Sue Kilgallon	16
Jeanie Bragin	18
Deb Johns	22
Jan Dyer	24
Hazel Fasnacht	26
Nora Carioto	30
Carol Jamp	31





## Monthly Meeting and Seminar ZOOM Video Recordings

Members,

Information: Most of our monthly meetings and seminar teachings are recorded by a volunteer. When this is done, the recordings will be available 1 week after the event (week days not including weekends) and a link to the video will be sent to membership.

Please be patient!

If you have any problems with the recording please let Dorey Joy know at [djoy@nycap.rr.com](mailto:djoy@nycap.rr.com)

## Thank You

I would like to thank Doreen Draiss, Carol York and Karen Zagursky for conducting the Capitolers 2023 Financial Audit.

I really appreciated their efforts.

Sue Dowds

Capitolers Treasurer



# Helpful Tips

## Varnishing for Fabulous Finish on your Painted Pieces

Contributed by Nancy Scott, CDA

Many years ago, one of the most wonderful decorative painters of our Capitolors, shared with me how she varnished and finished her painted pieces. Betty Signorelli was a great painter and her finished pieces were of heirloom quality. Sadly, she is no longer with us, but I wanted to share with everyone how she achieved the lovely finish to her painted pieces.

The 1st step to a hand rubbed furniture finish is prepping the wood. She used a fine #150 sandpaper, sanding the edges to round slightly. After staining or sealing, paper bag sand. After base coating, paper bag sand when your paint is completely dry. Any good waterbase varnish is good to use.

- 1) Apply 3 coats of varnish drying well between coats.
- 2) Using #400 wet/dry sandpaper (place a drop of dish detergent in a small dish with some water) -gently wet sand your piece - wipe clean with a wet paper towel and let dry.
- 3) Apply 2 or 3 more coats of varnish.
- 4) Wet sand, again - wipe thoroughly clean - let dry.
- 5) Finish by using 0000 steel wool and a good paste wax or Kiwi Neutral shoe polish. Apply to your piece, rubbing in the wax. Allow to dry for several minutes.
- 6) Rub wax off with a clean cloth or a clean piece of steel wool..

For smaller pieces, apply 3-4 coats of varnish - rub with steel wool - apply wax with steel wool - polish with a clean cloth or clean steel wool.

THANK YOU, BETTY!





## Capitolers' St. Patrick's Day Potluck! March 2, 2024



Capitolers' is having a St. Patrick's Day theme for our Potluck luncheon.



Mark your calendars and wear something green to our luncheon!



Please contact Regina Brown if you would like to bring something to share. Her email is southgatebrown61@gmail.com or phone her at (518) 785-1117



SAVE THE DATE

CAPITOLERS' PICNIC  
TAWASENTHA PARK

June 1, 2024

More information to follow





## CAPITOLERS 2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

The 2024 Capitolers program dates and teachers have been set. You will notice we have added a January zoom-only class as well as a seminar in April; the remaining dates are regular Capitolers meetings. Please mark your calendars to join us.

Saturday, March 2	Sue Dowds acrylic painting
Saturday, April 6	Janet Snell acrylic painting
Fri-Saturday, April 12-13	Lynne Andrews Seminar acrylic painting/original design for Capitolers
Saturday, May 4	Paulette DiGesare acrylic painting
June 1	Annual Picnic
Saturday, September 7	Lory van Lieshout acrylic painting on blow-torched background
October 8-13	<i>New England Traditions Convention @ Marlboro, MA</i>
Saturday, November 2	Ornament Day, acrylic painting, 3 ornaments Annemarie Ames, Karen Zagursky, TBA
Saturday, December 7	Holiday Party Ornament Exchange & Secret Palette Pal Reveal



## New Member

Do you know someone who you think might like to join us? Invite them to a meeting and let them spend some time with us.

Everyone is welcome as a guest 2 times free!

## Returning Members

No returning members at this time. Encourage old friends to rejoin us!



## **A small change to take note of...**

In the last two years, as we have moved to a larger membership, Capitolors has found it has been limited from inviting some of our best teachers to teach at our monthly meetings. Some nationally known designers do not allow teachers to teach their designs without having students pay for their pattern packets.

The Executive Board has approved a change of policy so that we may pay those national designers if they require it. Going forward into 2024 you may notice that some of our monthly projects will have an e-packet cost to them. Members will be asked to sign up for the project and pay the (often) at-cost packet fee in order to receive the full packet. More information will be forthcoming as we go through the year.

## MEMORY BOXES

**Please continue to paint memory boxes for St. Peter's Hospital. If anyone knows of an inexpensive source for these paper mâché boxes, please let me know. 8-10 inch round, hex or square are the best sizes.**

**Sylvia**

A member of the Leatherstocking Decorative Artist (based near Utica), Lory Van Lieshout, has started a new Facebook page titled: **Decorative Painting Classes and Seminars in NYS**. If you are interested in taking different or more classes than what Capitolors is offering, check out this Facebook page. She is inviting all chapters to post their classes and seminars to this page, so we will give it a try also. I know we get notifications from chapters that some of us have multiple memberships in, but this sounds like a more diverse collection.

Here us the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1553218081489973/>

## DecoArt Americana Discontinues Colors

In December of last year, after input from the decorative painting community and further discussion, DecoArt announced it would be discontinuing some of its Americana paint colors. Here's the list of discontinued colors and the colors that had initially been considered, but were "saved".

### Discontinued Colors:

Blue Chiffon  
 Blue Mist  
 Calico Red  
 Charcoal Grey  
 Chartreuse Yellow  
 Frosted Plum  
 Driftwood  
 French Mauve  
 Green Lagoon  
 Light Lime

Light Orchid  
 Light Sage  
 Mistletoe  
 Mink Pearl  
 Oyster Pearl  
 Pebble  
 Persimmon  
 Pink Chiffon  
 Plum  
 Plum Suede

Red Violet  
 Sand  
 Sea Aqua  
 Summer Squash  
 Terra Coral  
 Terra Cotta  
 Toffee  
 True Ochre  
 Yellow Ochre

### "Saved" Colors:

Black Plum  
 Black Green  
 Cadmium Red  
 Dried Clay

Fiery Red  
 Foliage Green  
 Margarita  
 Moon Yellow

Payne's Gray  
 Watermelon Slice  
 Williamsburg Blue



# MEMBERSHIP

*Membership Report*  
Karen Talbot

February 2024

Total Membership: 174

Returning Members: 143

Lifetime Members: 4

New Members: 27





## 2024 Capitolers Membership Form

*Capitolers membership year is January 1 to December 31. Renewals are due no later than December 31.*

**Check applicable:**  Renewal  Lifetime member  New Member

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

<b>Please complete this section if you are <i>new</i> or need to <i>update</i> your information:</b>		
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Contact Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> cell <i>or</i> <input type="checkbox"/> home		
Email: _____		
Birthdate (Month/Day): _____		

### Emergency Contact Information:

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

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Any Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a teacher? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you be willing to teach a class: \_\_\_\_\_

What medium? \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation of Artists/Teachers you would like to have for a seminar or class. \_\_\_\_\_

**What medium(s) would you like to see taught at future classes/seminars? (Please circle)**

Acrylic,  Watercolor,  oil,  pen & ink,  rouging,  colored pencil,  mixed medium,  other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send \$20.00 payable to **Capitolers** along with this Membership Form to:**

Capitolers  
c/o Karen Talbot  
135 Brunswick Rd  
Troy, NY 12180

Membership will be considered delinquent after December 31. Members who have not paid dues as of January 1, will not receive the newsletter or other announcements effective February 1. Dues received after September 1 will be for the next year's membership. Members joining after Sept. 1 may attend fall meetings and receive newsletters but voting privileges and member rates for seminars do not begin until January 1.

### For Official Use Only:

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAPITOLER DECORATIVE PAINTERS, INC.**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**(Brunswick Community Center)**  
**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sylvia Ulion at 9:38 a.m.

**President's Report-Sylvia Ulion**

Pruyn House September 8<sup>th</sup>-Regina Brown and Tina Greenfield will be representing Capitolers and demonstrating our art form. Karen Talbot suggested bringing membership forms to have available.

Newsletter items should be sent to the editor in cut and paste format so that she does not need to retype things.

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Secretary-Sylvia** made a motion to approve minutes from last meeting and it was approved by all.

**Treasurer-Sue Dowds**

Checking-\$10,444.66

Savings-\$5,648.90

Total net worth-\$16,130.28

**Budget**

The budget for 2024 was presented to members via email and put to a vote today. The budget was unanimously approved. The audit for the 2023 expenditures was completed.

**Monthly meetings/Teachers and Projects- Tina Greenfield/Annemarie Ames**

March-Sue Dowds (the project was here today to view) There is a sign up sheet for the March Potluck here, also.

April-Janet Snell

May-Paulette DiGesare (the project was here today to view.)

June-picnic

September-Lori van Lieshout

October-NET

November-Ornament Day

December-Holiday Party

**Special Events- Sue Dowds and Regina Brown**

June picnic is set for June 1<sup>st</sup> at Tawasentha Park in Guilderland. Information will be coming out as we get closer to the date for people to rsvp and sign up for bringing food items, etc.

**Board Members-at-Large – Dorey Joy and Doris Santore**

No report.

**Seminars – Sylvia Ulion**

Still waiting on projects from Lynne Andrews for April 12th and 13th. Will send the pictures of the projects out as soon as she gets them from Lynne

**Membership – Karen Talbot**

Currently we have 174 members. There are 4 Lifetime members and 27 new members.

**Newsletter – Doris Santore**

Items for the March newsletter need to be sent in copy and paste format by February 5th.

**Community Service/Memory Boxes – Sylvia Ulion**

Sylvia is still looking for an inexpensive source for paper mache' boxes. She thanked those who brought in Memory boxes today.

**Correspondence Secretary – Nancy Scott**

Get well cards were sent to Regina Brown, Michele Johnson and Helen McCumber since our last meeting.

**Communications – Doris Santore**

A reminder for Nancy's class in January was sent along with Tina's class information for today.

**NET- Sylvia and Karen Talbot**

Nancy has volunteered to teach a free class for any Capitolors who volunteer at NET. It will be a zoom class on November 17th at 1:00.

**Items from the floor**

None

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Scott, CDA

Capitoler Decorative Painters, Inc.

Recording Secretary



## Treasurer's Report

Broadview Checking Account - \$10,444.66

Broadview Saving Account - \$ 5,685.62

NET WORTH \$ 16,130.28

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Dowds

Capitolers's Treasurer





## *Area Seminars, Retreats & Fundraisers*

### **Snowbirds of Buffalo, Buffalo**

March 15	Joyce Studley
April 12-13	Marco Aguilar
May 18	Memory Box Paint In
September 9-11	Retreat
September 20-21	Lisbeth Stull
October 19	Luncheon
Contact Nancy Haas	<a href="mailto:nancyhaas101@gmail.com">nancyhaas101@gmail.com</a>

### **Genesee Country Decorative Painters, Batavia**

March 9	Marika Moretti
June 1-2	Lynne Andrews
September 9-11	Retreat
September 27-28	Lorrie Weber
TBD	Sue Hollon-Taber
Contact Gloria White (National)	<a href="mailto:bgwhite@rochester.rr.com">bgwhite@rochester.rr.com</a>
Contact Helen Ronan (Local)	<a href="mailto:lrbgbird53@gmail.com">lrbgbird53@gmail.com</a>

### **Central New York Decorative Artists, Syracuse**

Contact Rosanne Guidera	<a href="mailto:shadesinart61@gmail.com">shadesinart61@gmail.com</a>
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### **Lake Country Decorative Painters, Canandaigua**

March 23	Dale Dornity
April 26-28	Retreat
May 18-19	Pam Hawkins
July 13-14	Paula Leopold
September 21-22	Sandy McTier
October 6	Brunch & Auctions
Contact Terry Terwilliger	<a href="mailto:terryanddon83@yahoo.com">terryanddon83@yahoo.com</a>

### **Capitolers, Albany**

January 13	Nancy Scott
February 3	Nann Kopels
March 2	Sue Dowds
April 6	Janet Snell
April 12-13	Lynne Andrews
May 4	Paulette DiGesare
September 7	Lory vanLieshout
November 2	Ornament Day
Contact Sylvia Union	<a href="mailto:Sunion4@nycan.rr.com">Sunion4@nycan.rr.com</a>

### **2024 Conventions**

June 24-29	APC Expo (Chattanooga, TN)
August 11-17	OKC Painting Palooza
October 8-13	New England Traditions



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## About the *Capitoler* -

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February Project  
Tina Greenfield  
**Nubble**





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