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WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Wow...the year is just flying by. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday and had no regrets with all the food you may have stuffed into your body. I know I don't as I will be working it off unpacking at my new house. Maybe that would be a good strategy for everyone; pretend you are moving and purge some closets or attics. J

BPW has done so much already but we still have lots to do. Our Christmas party is just around the corner (December 10th) and I hope you can all attend. This event will be a great time to meet members that are new and catch up with our tried and true members. See the calendar for details.

NBWW was a great success and our co-chairs Patti and Glenna did an outstanding

job. Cookie Wetendorf, our Woman of Achievement, is a principal pillar of our Midland community and BPW was honored to present her with such a deserved award. Congratulations to Uptown BPW's Woman of the Year, Vice-President Stacy, another very deserving woman. Thanks to all our members for all you do with BPW. You are highly appreciated.

After our Christmas party it will be time to get back to business and make some decisions going forward. The calendar is a good reference for upcoming meetings and events. April is BPW's Style Show. I'm still looking for a volunteer to Chair this important event to raise money for our scholarship program for Permian Basin women. If you are interested just email or call me.

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C A L E N D A R

Dec 10th Uptown's Christmas Party— SADDLE CLUB SOUTH CLUB-HOUSE
6-8 PM 4906 Lancashire Drive

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
Y'ALL**

Jan 8th—Sherry Rice, FBI—Speaking about Human Trafficking—Program Meeting Noon.* Petroleum Club.

The mission of this organization is to equip all women for success in the workplace through education and Information And to recognize and honor the accomplishments of working women.

Community Projects.....Nov. 21, 2013



Uptown members—Shirley Harris, Kuohui Suchecki, Glenda Knox, Stacy Nelson and President Debbie Gann present a check to Lori Perales, Executive Director; Lindsey Wittenhagen, Victim's Advocate; Elaine Leonard, Volunteer Coordinator and Francie Murdock, Receptionist

President's Letter Cont'd



NBWW event. Left to Right;

Mary Ann Brock, Patti Humphrey and Glenna Haskell NBWW Co-Chairs, our 2013 Woman of Achievement Cookie Wetendorf and Glenda Knox Woman of the Year Chair

Don't forget Uptown BPW means "Women Helping Women".

The theme I have chosen for this year is "Showing Women the Road to Empowerment". It has always been important to me that all women know and understand that they can do anything they put their minds to and they should pursue their goals with enthusiasm and confidence. I hope this year Uptown BPW members will make every effort to provide leadership for all women of Midland. That is my vision.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Debrah Gann – President 2013-2014

*"Whether you say you can't or you can, you're right."
— Walt Disney*

Below: Raffle item benefitting MD Anderson Cancer Research—Lottery Tree, Stacy Nelson and Uptown President Debbie Gann



Glenda Knox Woman of the Year Chair with Uptown's 2013 Woman of the Year. Stacy Nelson

COLORADO UPDATE.....DIANE K. BROWNE

I recently returned from what I call an artist's retreat in Lake City, Colorado. While my husband, Geoff, is out hunting elk, I devote my time to painting, or this year, drawing. This year, Geoff didn't even see an elk, but I was happy with the work I accomplished. Our hosts also asked me to restore some stencil work on an antique railroad cargo box, which kept me busy for quite a while. The other two pictures are from the fall Midland Art Association show. "Drought Victim" won first place in oil/acrylics and the "Old Indian Woman" sold!

Next up on my calendar is hanging art at Midland Theatre with my fellow



artists. Our show will hang in the lobby during the run of "Annie" so be sure and check it out! You can also stop by the theater during the day when the box office is open from 10a-5:30p. Judy Griffin, Judy Tarrt, Diane K. Browne, Ginger Witte, and Fritz Heron are the award-



winning artists showcased for this event. Most of us will be in the lobby to meet and greet, and offer insights on our respective pieces opening night, Friday, November 22 from 7p-8p. I personally

love to hear the background story straight from the artist.

As soon as that art is hung, I will head to the Sibley Nature Center with other art pieces. I have been invited to show at the art event and reception to introduce the new executive director, Autumn Vest, that will be

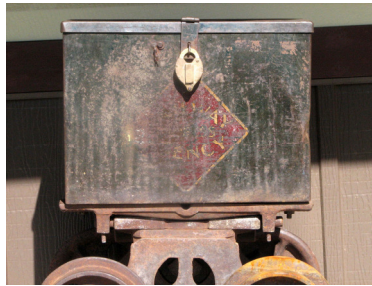
held Tuesday, December 3rd at 7p. The artwork will continue to hang for a while, so you can also view it during the center's regular hours 9a-6p M-F and Sat 9a-1p. Artwork will be for sale at both the Sibley Center and MCT events providing a great opportunity to check a few gifts off your Christmas list!



Speaking of gifts, artists have other works for sale at the studio and gift certificates for art classes, private lessons or commission pieces are also available. Call the studio at 682.2469 to set up a time to meet with one of us and see all that



has to offer!

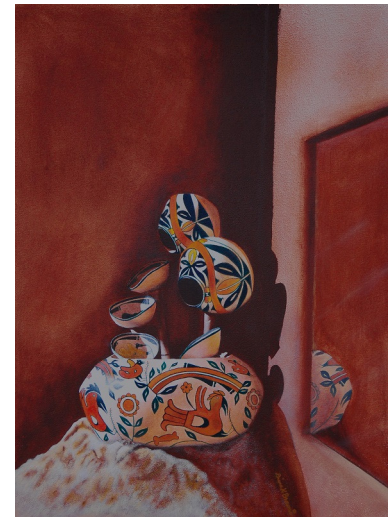


Express Box—before restoration (above)

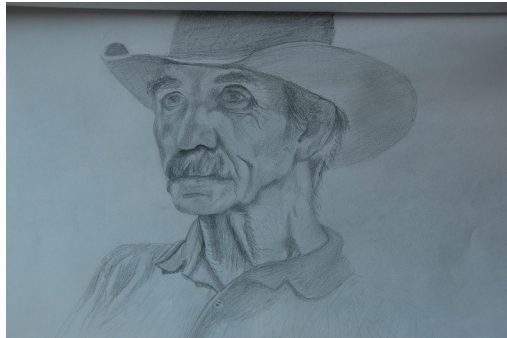
Express Box—restored (below)



Drought Victim



Travelin' Man



Old Indian Woman

Artist
Diane K. Browne

BIRTHDAY FUN.....EVIE GANDY



Birthdays can be sooo much fun, especially when you have a theme or dress up the little ones with a favorite character. We did just that with our little ones this past weekend and they had a BLAST!! Our little ones share very close birthdays, Maddox's is on October 28th, Kamryn and Emery's is on December 12th. This year instead of celebrating their SPECIAL DAY separately, we decided to make it a BIG DEAL with all three! So, check out all the fun and excitement they had. Maddox is the Black Spiderman, Kamryn is Jasmine and Emery is Rapunzel. We celebrated with Piñatas, Balloons, a jumper, face painting and special cakes made by my niece Emily Neri. Much love to all our family and friends that came and celebrated these very special BIRTHDAYS with our little ones, we are thankful for each and every one of them.

"This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24



Welcome New Members!

Cristina Gil
 Kinder Morgan
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 Birthday—April 16



Kathy White
 Self Employed
 E-Mail—
 Kathy.White7870@gmail.com
 Birthday—July 8

RILEY JOAN LELLIS.....JILLIAN LELLIS



Riley Joan Lellis was born July 13, 2013 at 5:24 p.m.
She was 7 lbs 1 oz and 20 inches long.
She is 12 weeks now and is such a delight. (mid Oct.)
She gives us smiles and coos all the time.
Hope to see you soon,.....Jill, First Time Mom



Happy Happy Birthday!!

November Birthdays



- 11/1 Shirley Harris
- 11/1 Rexanne Weir
- 11/7 Amanda McCann-Potter
- 11/18 Demetra Johns



Merry Christmas!!



GONE CRAZEE...SHIRLEY HARRIS

I hope each of you had an awesome Thanksgiving!! Getting to spend it with family and friends!

We fried a turkey (yum!) and fixed other trimmings to go with. - mashed taters, dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, pecan pie, carrot cake,)and Rachel brought homemade mac n cheese (yum!! yum!!)I feel the food coma.....

With the advent of cold weather, we winterized our motorhome. We decided there is just too much going on in the months of November and December and we didn't want anything to freeze. So we don't have any trips planned at the moment. But we are thinking about where and when next year!

LADIES - Make plans to attend our annual Christmas Party! We have loads of fun!! See you there!! More Info? Check out the calendar page on our website.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

NOVEMBER::

Jessica Breiten

Glenna Haskell

Patti Humphrey

Jillian Lellis

Please check your email for .your nvoice . If you have any questions or did not receive a renewal notice, please contact the Membership Chair = Mona Bethany

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Tiffany Blakely, Shirley Harris –Directors, Kuohui Suchecki—Treasurer, Evie Gandy—Secretary, Stacy Nelson—Issues Management/Programs and Debbie Gann—President along with Glenna Haskell and assistant Mary Ann Brock who did the Installation

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