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DarRay Tripp – Dragonfly Art Studio



DarRay Tripp, owner of The Mane Attraction for 41 years also has her Dragonfly Art Studio in the same space on Main Street in Treynor. She grew up in Nebraska and hoped to go to Mankato State to study art, but life happened. Instead she pursued the hair salon and

five years ago she decided to do more with her hobby of painting, and people started buying and she started donating to causes. Her only formal art training was in high school.

DarRay's favorite canvas is on wood pallets which she and her husband Mike cut down. She's also been known to tear out old doors and windows of old houses being torn down. She uses acrylics mostly. She free hand draws and likes to get her fingers involved in the painting too. But she likes to use a variety of surfaces and methods.



DarRay stated she grew up in a construction family and her husband did not so he eventually received a whole workshop of tools as gifts which she was able to use!

One technique described is drawing with an Elmer's glue

bottle (clear) and then mix the glue with paint and fill in the space on glass. A razor blade is used to scratch paint out.

DarRay goes to Arizona every February to visit her brother and brings home rocks which she turns into animals – fascinating work! She loves using a variety of pallets – her house has many murals on walls and she is doing the same for her brother who lives in Alaska. In her house she has a Magic Kingdom wall with the faces she has painted of her grandkids on the characters.



One fun activity she suggested to do with children or for yourself is to buy a small canvas, hold old crayons over the canvas and use a blow hair dryer to let the crayons melt together over the canvas.

Donna and Norm Collins were present and stated that DarRay volunteers her time to paint the games (sharks, fish, etc.) used at Treynor Days. It was also fun to learn that DarRay painted the cardinal on the water tower! She was inspired to ask for permission when years ago she saw the smiley face on the Adair water tower.

DarRay said she could have sat in the Van Gogh display at the MAC last year for hours which was a present for her birthday, stating also that Mike could have left much sooner.

DarRay stresses: No matter how old you are, you can still learn something new. She recently received Mike's mother's piano and is now taking lessons.

DarRay sells out of her shop. She will paint requests if a person doesn't care how long it takes. She did a painting for Gwen Henke to give to her brother which was on a transom window. It appeared to be a 3-D painting of the Volkens farm. DarRay is also willing to work one on one with someone wanting to learn a technique.

Thanks for letting us be the first group you have spoken to and shared your art! DarRay invites anyone to stop by her shop on Main Street (Hwy 92) to look at her work. A few pieces were sold today!

Next week's Speaker:
Director of the YMCA

Famous Quote

“An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.”

Ben Franklin

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell, President, called the meeting to order. Eighteen members were present. DarRay Tripp, Norm and Donna Collins were guests.

The group recited the pledge and a prayer was offered by Jordan.

Steve Chambers, Bill Vorthmann, and Ken Graham shared jokes.

50/50: Gary Funkhouser won.

Attendance: Dennis White won.

Birthdays: Gary Gutttau- July 14. And thanks, Dee, for making homemade cinnamon rolls to celebrate. Local birthdays also on July 14- Wes Nelson, Angie Drake, Kathy Klahn Ashlyn Vorthmann.

A celebrity birthday today is Jessie Ventura.

It was also noted today by Steve Chambers that there is still 2 ft. of snow left at the Minneapolis Airport.

Anniversaries: July 15: Jordan and Katie Campbell have been married for 17 years.

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Jim Clausen donated because there are numerous birthdays in his family this month.
- Dale Willenborg donated in thanks for the rain. He reported 4.5" in Spring Lake.

Community:

- Zion's Ice Cream Social is Sun., July 16 from 5-7 p.m.
- Tristan's Trail 5 K Run is today. Optimist John Klein is helping.

Business:

- Westfair sign up will be next week.
- Can Kennel sorting: Wed., July 19 at 6 p.m. Helpers are needed to benefit the Optimists.

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Special Drawing:

Ken Graham was the lucky winner of a garden pole painted by our speaker, DarRay Tripp.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the saying of the Creed.

HUMOR

“Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.”

Calendar

Events

July 19 Can Kennel Sorting 6 p.m.

Birthdays

July 23 Jerry Hempel
July 27 Jim Clausen

Anniversaries

July 25 Chuck & Kathy Nielsen

Programs:

July Chad Gutttau
Aug Jim Clausen (first 2)
Bill Vorthmann (last 2)
Sept Glenrose Meier (first 2)
Judy Gutttau (3rd Sat.)
Steve Chambers (last 2)

Speakers

July 15 DarRay Tripp – art
July 22 YMCA Speaker
July 29 Diane Forristall – Bees and Honey
Aug 5 Travis Castle, Doug Wehring-
Update on Vision Treynor
Aug 12 Kim Moore Peterson – her experience
running in the Boston Marathon when there
was a bombing.