



*This month's spotlight is on*  
**Elke Didio**

As a "Diamond Designer," this month's spotlight is as at home designing rooms as she is working with animals.

"Horses have always been my primary interest but in the last few years I've also become an avid gardener," says Elke Didio. "I'm trying to use a lot of native plants in our landscaping projects and I am an absolute houseplant nut. I am also determined to one day win one of those gorgeous African Violets at our door prize drawings."

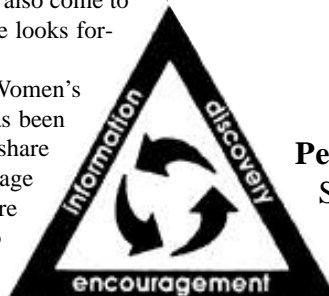
As an Independent Representative with Home and Garden Party, Elke uses those houseplants in her designs. She's currently at the company's second highest level, "Diamond Designer" and was awarded "New Designer of the Year" in 2000, her first year with the company.

"I initially got into direct sales in 1997 while living in California," says Elke. "(Husband, Jay, and I) were planning on moving back onto my husband's home place in rural South Dakota and I knew I needed a job where I didn't have to commute on a daily basis. In 2000 I switched from my original Sales Company to Home and Garden Party and I must say it was the best move I've ever made. This job has given me the freedom to work around our schedule at home while still earning a good living."

Elke and Jay now work together and currently managed a team of 26 Designers.

The couple originally met volunteering for a horse rescue group and has kept their love of animals while fixing up the home built by Jay's father in the 1940s. According to Elke, the couple's kids include "four fat and lazy horses, our beloved mutt, Sandy, a 15-year-old spoiled kitty and a bunch of chickens and guineas." Jay's kids also come to visit from California every year or so, which the couple looks forward to.

Elke enjoys sharing Home and Garden Party with Women's Network members. "Since Home and Garden Party has been such a wonderful blessing our lives I'm always eager to share our awesome business opportunity," she says. "I encourage anyone who has ever wished that they could spend more time with the kids or anyone frustrated with their job to ask me for a No-Obligation Info packet."



## **THANKS FOR THE DOOR PRIZES!**

### **Carol Perrigo, Humorous Inspirational Speaker**

✦ Carol's Presentation of "A Mother's Mending Heart", won by Kelly Marker

### **Heather Morijah, Sierra Club**

✦ Lewis & Clark Package, won by Bonnie Reese

### **Kathy Jones, Academic Year in America**

✦ Violet Plant, won by Jodi Niggemann

### **Deanna Forman, IAB**

✦ Potted Plant, won by Rosemary Harvey

### **Carol Perrigo, Sentinel Federal Credit Union**

✦ Memo Box with The World's "Deadliest" Fly Swatter, won by Lynny Schriock

### **Jen Blake, JAB Publishing**

✦ Mug of Tea (2), won by Mary Maisey-Ireland and Evonne Culver

### **Roxie Peterson, Rushmore Travel**

✦ All Day Suckers, won by Pam Snyder-Varns

### **Kelly Bail, Waves of the West**

✦ US Flag, won by Linda Rausch

### **Conney Sutherland, C&S Pest Control**

✦ African Violet, won by Lila Korb

### **Vesta Wells Johnson, CDR & Reliv**

✦ Collectable Coca Cola Hippo, won by Lisa Sissenstein

### **Sandy Schwan, Great Western Investments**

✦ Candy Bouquet, won by Kathy Cline

### **Marsha Humphreys, Your Eyes Only Optical**

✦ Purse Case with Lens Cleaner and Cloth, won by Darlene Kremer



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Peggy Minter**, winner of the August Spotlight and **Cecelia Johnson**, winner of \$16.00 in the June 50/50 drawing.

NEXT MEETING

July 9, 11:45 a.m.  
The Radisson Hotel

PROGRAM

Networking

MENU

Santa Fe Chicken Salad or  
Caesar Salad

Guests are welcome to attend up to two meetings as non-members.  
For reservations, please call 342-2150 by Monday, July 7.

## NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REMINDER** — Greeters are responsible for showing up to the monthly meetings early. If a greeter is unable to attend, it is her responsibility to find a replacement. Contact Pam Snyder-Varns at 388-0365 for details.

**50/50** — The 50/50 money is used to send women’s Network members a variety of places! We’ve had members attend Leadership Rapid City, take a specialized class or work toward another degree. What other “lottery” can say that?? And tickets are only \$1. Buy your ticket at the next meeting and not only could you win half the proceeds, but you’ll be helping out a fellow Network member. See Vesta Wells Johnson for your ticket.

**PAY TO THE ORDER OF** — When paying cash for lunch, correct change is appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Women’s Network of Rapid City, Inc. Lunch costs \$9.50, but checks for \$10.50 (if the dollar goes to the 50/50 drawing) are also accepted.

**TIME LIMIT** — Please keep your networking to 30 seconds so everyone may have a chance. If you choose to network for a friend or a community event, you still only have 30 seconds for this information and to network your business. Choose what’s important to you, as you may only have enough time to network one item. Please keep in mind that networking longer than 30 seconds may leave a negative impression of your business and actually repel customers instead of attract them.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, July 16, at noon**  
**The Beanery at the Creamery Mall**

- Officers, Board & Committee Members**
- Kathy Jones (President).....343-7536
  - Vesta Wells Johnson (President-Elect).....(h/w)348-6963
  - April Kirby (Secretary).....718-5473, (w) 394-4939
  - Teresa Sethney Johnson (Treasurer).....342-1586, (w)718-5704
  - Jen Blake (Past-President).....393-1657, (w)877-526-7685
- Hospitality Committee**
- Pam Snyder-Varns\*.....(h)388-0365
  - Mary Wilson (Guest Coordinator).....(h)787-4372
  - Fay Swenson (Guest Caller).....(h/w)341-5381
  - Roxie Peterson (Guest Caller).....342-7950, (w)341-0744
- Newsletter & Public Relations Committee**
- Jo Prang\*.....388-3622, (w)399-3747
  - Jennifer Blake (*Networker* Editor).....(w)877-526-7685
- Program & Networking Committee**
- Bonnie Reese\*.....(h/w)394-9765
- Reservations & Membership Committee**
- Peggy Minter\*.....(h)342-2150
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