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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

Letter from PREZ : Happy New Year Everyone! I am looking forward to a fun-filled year.

January is our annual **Soup & Salad Luncheon**. You can choose to bring a crock pot with your favorite soup, a salad or anything that goes with it- like crackers or bread. You may want to bring breakfast snacks instead. It is voluntary so you do not have to feel obligated. We have some great cooks and always have enough.

We are looking for someone to fill in the Hospitality Chairman spot. The job description is listed below.

We are also having our annual **White Elephant Sale**



The White Elephant Sale is for any member to bring items pertaining to painting and set up space on a table in the "cove" area. (The cove is the area to the left when you come in.) First come-first serve in claiming space. This is usually sold at bargain basement prices so we bring money and get lots of good deals! It is a time to dig through your stash and find treasures that you just had to have but now know you aren't going to get around to painting them. You can also sell instruction books, monthly painting magazines and so forth. The Person who sells gets to keep the money she makes. The chapter does not take a percentage. The set up starts as soon as you get there but buying doesn't start until after the business meeting.



The sellers do get to buy from each other before the business meeting because they won't have time to look later.

The **Business Meeting** will be informative and interesting. I want to cast a vision for the year and there will be some new programs starting and some being suspended for a year. I think you are going to like the plans. There will be lots of time to visit and talk to friends.

There will be **Show and Tell** so bring the things you have been working on since November.

There will not be a Birthday Raffle for January. That is one of the things that is changing so we will talk about it this month and then initiate the new program next month.

We also need to have someone volunteer for **HOSPITALITY** for 2013.

Hospitality Chair Responsibilities

You do not have to be the first one there
You do not have to transfer food to plates or bowls
You do not have to wash people's dishes
You do not have to decorate in themes

You do make coffee
You do set out dishes as they are received
You do set out condiments
You do set out sign up sheet for following month
You clean up coffee pot after program
You take out trash
You send the sign up list to the newsletter editor.



Those bringing items, we appreciate them!

Please bring them in disposable containers or clean your container.

The Hospitality Chair (or any other Chair person) may ask any member at any time for assistance. Members have the option to help or refuse, but please remember they are people just like you and get overwhelmed or just need a cup of coffee or a potty break. We are all members of a team – just because a member has volunteered for a job does not mean they work for you – offer to help them so they can go look at show and tell or get a muffin.

I have met with last year's board, the teachers for this year and my Board and I just know this is going to be a great year. Our theme is EDUCATION with the sub-theme of building community.

See you in January!

It's Painting Time! Pat Otto

Painting Friends



We want to encourage NCDAs Members to get to know each other and form friendships. Of course, many of you do just that and that is the reason you love coming to chapter meetings. We have found that when you take road trips or have lunch with others you are closer and enjoy each other more.

Some of you drive together to meetings and already have a "set" of NCDAs friends that you sit with and paint with. GREAT! Continue doing that!

We want to encourage even more, plus explore all that Florida has to offer artists. Let's eat, paint and travel together. We would like to post each month a get together for the following month. It could be a museum, botanical garden, zoo, historic site or a fun restaurant and of course shopping sites. We could take classes together or see a chick flick – it doesn't have to be a painting related event.

This event won't be officially sponsored by NCDAs or covered by our insurance. It is a notification of some gals getting together and you can join them – at your risk! Ha ha.

We would like someone to take this on to find and post the trips and make reservations if necessary. Members would have to RSVP. It would not involve getting a bus or advance tickets. Keep it simple.

Members can also plan these things on their own. Send photos for the website. Whaddyathink?



Secret Sister

We would like someone to head up the Secret Sister Program this year. **How it works:** In February, the SS Chairman passes around a sheet for people to sign up, and announces it in the newsletter for those who miss the meeting. Those who sign up fill out a form of their likes and dislikes.

In March the SS Chair picks out the names and puts them together in pairs and you receive the name of your Sis and a list of what she likes. The gift exchange does not start until October and goes through November to December. Before that time you keep your secret and may send a birthday card or card of encouragement. The gifts are wrapped and brought to the meeting in a brown grocery bag with the recipient's

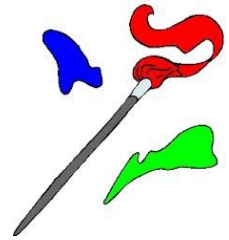
name on it. The gift giving ends at the Christmas Party in December when the last gift is given and your name is revealed.

This is really fun because you have all year to look and find special gifts. Your secret sister doesn't know your casual conversation is a fishing expedition to find out what she likes. If you go on the Painting Friend trips, you will see her ooh and ahh over things and what a surprise it will be when she receives it from you.

It doesn't have to be an expensive gift, though the Christmas gift is usually around \$20 or more. But most of us don't have expensive taste – we are more sentimental and like that someone knew we collected owls or liked dark chocolate.

Think about heading up this program – It is not a monthly-have-to-be-at-meeting commitment.

Programs – Seminar & Workshops..... Sandy Mihalus

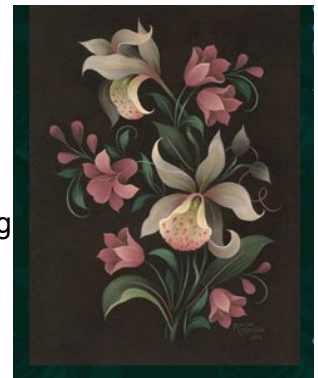


January 5, 2013 Soup and Salad Luncheon & White Elephant Sale. This is one of our most popular meetings. Bring in soup or salad enough to serve 8-10 people. If you are not into cooking, you can bring drinks, desserts, or sides. Members are invited to bring in paint related items to sell at a "garage sale" price to other members. This is a great time to clear out duplicates of stuff you just don't want anymore. Then you can go buy someone else's treasures and stuff they don't want! The Sale starts after the Meeting. Members who are selling may buy before the meeting. No painting projects will be offered that day.



Maureen McNaughton Seminar:

February 4 & 5, 2013 The cost is \$50.00 per day. The seminar will be held at our usual meeting place Weeki Wachee Senior Center. The projects are Maureen McNaughton Patterns #802 Tahitian Garden Tray, and #684 White Orchids and Coral Bells. These are acrylic projects and the teacher is supplying the paints.



These projects are all day classes and will last from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Please notify me as soon as possible if you plan to attend, and the final payment is due no later than January 5, 2013.

February 2, 2013 Pat Landry will teach a monochromatic floral pattern suitable for a notebook cover. Cost:\$5.00 Pattern and prep instructions will be available at the January meeting.

Code of Ethics from the Society of Decorative Painters

We, as members of the Society of Decorative Painters, in order to encourage interest in and appreciation for the art of decorative painting and provide encouragement and support of the Society itself, do pledge our adherence to this code of ethical behavior. The Society's code is an expression of its members' determination to maintain high professional standards and the conscience of the individual who subscribes to this code is the only guarantee of its effectiveness. I pledge myself:

To promote a climate of genuine respect, mutual cooperation and friendship among all members

To seek and maintain associations with fellow members for the purpose of creating a friendly atmosphere in which the free exchange of opinions, ideas and knowledge will be mutually beneficial and enjoyable

To understand the necessity for mutual cooperation among all members: students, teachers, shop owners, authors, publishers, manufacturers and distributors, recognizing the diversity of philosophies, painting methods, techniques and media that make the Society unique.

To maintain the highest standard of honesty and to assure that all promotion and advertising shall be free of claims that are false, misleading or disparaging of others.

To recognize the primary purpose of the Society's emblem is to promote or stimulate interest in the art of decorative painting, and the use of this emblem reflects the reputation of the Society itself.

To be aware of and comply with all copyright laws both as they pertain to the misuse of artwork created by another and as they pertain to the reproduction of patterns, drawings, books, designs and all published materials.

To conduct myself with courtesy, thoughtfulness and fairness to others.

To adhere faithfully to this code of ethics and by good example inspire my fellow members to do likewise.

Just some reminders.....

Before You Leave Home

Check List:

- Do I have money for class?
- Do I have my paints, brushes, project and supplies?
- Do I have food for the hospitality table?
- Do I have my video to return?
- Do I have a Show 'N Tell item to bring?



And more reminders....

When you get to the meeting....

- Sign In
- Give Membership any change in e-mail or home address or phone number
- Pay for workshop or Seminar
- Bring food to the Kitchen area
- Put down paint supplies and get water etc.
- See what classes are coming up
- Return or check out Videos / books
- Check for free stuff
- Deliver Philanthropic items
- Let the President know if you have a committee report
- Get some coffee and goodies
- Do any prep work for today's class
- Hug somebody!!!!

A Sale you won't want to miss..... January 12, 2013

Mayumi Cook has organized all of Karen Reinke's Art Supplies
Over 45 Boxes of paints, books, magazines, brushes, surfaces and display racks
and has them available at unbelievable prices



One Day Sale

Saturday, January 12
from 9 - 5
at Mayumi's home
3380 Indian River St
Spring Hill, FL 34609

For more information please call Mayumi Cook
352-686-6098 after January 3rd



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Bits and Pieces

The Sons of Italy submitted this angel in the Annual Spring Hill walk through "Angels on High" display this year. The little gold plaque in the left bottom corner says "In Memory of Karen Marie Reinke".

We want to thank Carol Hechler for snapping the picture and sharing it with us.

