

A letter from our new President: Linda Duff



Greetings. First I want to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy happy New Year. Hope everyone is ready for Christmas, if not pretty close.

Also hope you are all gearing up for the New Year as I am. I am looking forward to serving as your president, and also looking forward to getting to know each and everyone a little better. Speaking of being President... We will be having the Induction of Officers at the January meeting since I could not be at the Christmas Party.

Well as tradition goes January will be our White Elephant Sale. Hope you all have gathered your raw wood, painting books, packets, stencils, brushes. Anything but finished pieces. You can set up your items, first come first serve at the tables, no table fee. Price your items to sell, and all the ladies will bring their money to spend. Since you all did such an awesome job at the Christmas party bringing in all the goodies, the club will be furnishing pizza for a luncheon after the meeting and the sale. I am sorry to say I missed the Party as I was up in Michigan, spending Thanksgiving with my family and doing a clay show.

As we did last year we won't be having a hospitality chair person, it worked so well, we will be asking people to sign up to bring some snacks (breakfast) foods to at least two meetings. We will pass around a sheet to sign your name which is greatly appreciated.

To start the new year off, we will be having five Saturdays in January. Pat Otto will be teaching the 5th. Saturday. She will be telling you all about it and a picture of the piece that you guys will be painting. Looks like it will be a lot of fun. The first Saturday in February Carole Sheftic will be showing us all how to use the different types of clays, and also quick wood.. That should be fun and informative.

We are also going to be changing the birthday raffle. We are still asking for you to bring in a gift for your birthday, but this year we will be seeing what is in the gift before we put in our tickets. Ellen will be discussing that with you all in her article.

So everyone, enjoy the holidays, enjoy your families and then let's make 2015 an awesome year.

Hugs

Linda





NCDA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

[new secretary Sandy Mihalus](#)
Weeki Wachi Senior Center
Spring Hill, FL



Date: November 1, 2014

NO MEETING..... NOTE: NCDA TEA WAS HELD ON THIS DATE.

Date: December 6, 2014

PRESIDENT: Pat Otto welcomed and thanked everyone for their help this year as it made her job as President easier. Pat also read the notes from a guest who attended the Tea. The Tea was a success.

Next year Pat will be VP of Programs.

January will be a Pizza Party and white elephant sale.

Pat will teach a court yard scene on canvas the 5th Saturday in January.

Carole Sheftic will have a short technique program on the pros and cons of clays. Bring your show and tell clay works.

Pat is still working on getting instructors. More to come.

The Treasurers report is in the newsletter.

Pat presented the outgoing officers and committee chairs with certificates.

Sandy Mihalus distributed gifts to members who were hostesses for the Tea in November.

Sandy presented Pat with a gift for her term as President.

The meeting ended and the annual Christmas Party began.

Respectfully,

Beverly Brockschmidt, Secretary

A Thank you Note from our Past President....

I want to send a big Thank You to our NCDA members for my generous gift of the magnifying viewer and light. It will be well used in coming years and I will think of this group often and fondly when I use it.

Also the gift certificate to Panera Bread is much appreciated. That is my favorite place to meet friends for lunch. You all are so sweet!

Hope your Christmas and New Years are the best!

Pat Otto



Programs..... Pat Otto

ATTENTION MEMBERS.....Would you like to TEACH?

It doesn't matter if you have taught before or not. Bring a sample or more to the January meeting. We will get input from members and then choose our projects for the year. You may bring the actual painting or a photo of it. Projects designed by other teachers will need permission granted. Most artists are pleased to grant permission. You don't have to be an expert. Just show others how you painted your piece. The members are willing and enthusiastic students. No pressure!

January 3:

We will hold our traditional White Elephant Sale. That means anyone wanting to sell books, surfaces, paints, brushes and anything else pertaining to painting may set up in the area we call "the cove" and lay out items priced to sell. Usually the prices are bargains; it is not the time to sell nice painted pieces for their full worth. You get to keep the money from the sales and there is no fee for table space. Space is on a first-come first served-basis.

There is no program or demo this meeting.

There will be Show and Tell for everyone to show what they have been doing since October.

January 31:

Pat Otto will be teaching this 5th Saturday class. The class starts at 9 AM and will be a full day. Cost is \$10.00. The project is "Doorway Planters". The medium is Acrylics. (JoSonja paints will be provided, but a list of DecoArt™ colors will be listed for those who prefer them) The surface is an 11 x 14 canvas. (You may use a canvas board, Masonite™ or wood) The project will use modeling paste and feature creating texture using a palette knife, a comb and stencils. The comb and stencils will be in the packet. The paste will be provided. Bring an assortment of palette knives, brushes- flat, filbert and liners.



The pattern will be given at the January meeting and in the February newsletter which will go out before the meeting. It will also be on our website.

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The surface should be sealed, gessoed or painted. Pat painted her canvas DecoArt™ Terra Cotta but any brick red or burnt orange would work.

February 7:

The program will be an information demo on types of clay taught by Carole Sheftic. This will be a shorter program, usually one hour. There is no cost.

You may bring some clay to work along but it won't be a formal class.

Carole will explain the differences she has found working with QuikWood™, Fimo™ Clay, DAS™, Crayola™ and others.

Most of these are air-dry clay, not pottery.

There will be more details at the January meeting. We are asking that any members who work with clay to bring some items to show and tell.

Sunshine Mary Davis

Mary asks you to please let her know of anyone throughout the year that may need a get well or thinking of you card. She will be sending out Birthday cards each month to our members.



Ways and MeansEllen Anniba



**BIRTHDAY RAFFLE NEWS
for the New Year!**

Please bring in your special Birthday gift, valued at \$20.00 approx., on the month of your Birthday, in a basket or container wrapped in "clear" cellophane, along with a "list of items" attached. Our members will then view the goodies inside, and drop a ticket into a cup of their favorite choice. These Baskets DO NOT have to be Art related. The tickets will be \$1 or 6 for \$5.

If you cannot make your "Birthday" meeting, or wish to schedule a "different" month this year, please call or email Ellen at: sunnylane02@hotmail.com

You may leave your gift with her at an earlier chapter meeting, or send with a friend!

Thanks a bunch!

P.S.: We will have an extra "gather your items" raffle with a different theme each time, at four special chapter meetings this year. Check back for Details!

Birthdays for January
Pat Landry.... January 2
Pat Thompson ... January 7
Kathi Bruckner... January 12



NCDA Treasurer Report...Carol Hechler

**Nature Coast Decorative Artists -
December 2014 Financial report**

Beginning Balance			\$6,368.37
INCOME			
Membership		\$10.00	
Victorian Tea Luncheon (boutique)		\$30.00	
Membership Deposit 12/17/14		\$10.00	
	Total	\$50.00	\$6,418.37
EXPENSES			
SDP Liability Insurance		66.00	
Hospitality Tea Luncheon (Sandy Mihalus)		84.70	
Ways & Means Tea Luncheon (Pat Otto)		41.50	
Hospitality Christmas Party (Sharon Pooman)		82.30	
SDP Annual Chapter Form		74.10	
Service Charms		63.55	
	Total	\$412.15	
Ending Balance			\$6,006.22

Library.....Jeanette Seese



**An introductory message
from our new Librarian.**

I am the new librarian. I expect to keep the guidelines for using our library as established by the former librarians. Hopefully, I will find a way to encourage use of our holdings by all (most?) of our membership.

There is currently an up-to-date listing of all our videos available on the NCDA website. There is, I'm sure, something for everyone. Remember, the procedure is to sign out items one month, and return them the next. If that's impossible, it's important to email or call me. I'm looking forward to a year filled with library activity!

Membership.... Rhonda Norton

Thank you to all who have already paid their dues. We would like to give a reminder to anyone who might have forgotten. If you need to pay remember to write two checks for \$10.00 each. One made out to NCDA and one for WWSC. If you like you can mail them to:



Rhonda Norton
2026 Godfrey Ave
Spring Hill, FL 34609

Please watch out for your SDP Decorative Painter #1 issue that will be out in February. It will have your 2015 membership card attached to it. It is then your responsibility to bring it in to verify your SDP membership with us. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Thank you as we look forward to the year ahead.

Publicity...Eileen Peters

Eileen will be looking into ways of expanding the Communities awareness of us and Decorative Painting.

From all of the NCDA members!!!!



Photographer...Charlene Ssimes

Charlene will be our photographer for this year and sending them to Carole for us all to see on the web.



Historian.... Carol Kuszik

An introductory message from your new Historian..



Happy New Year painters!
As your newly appointed Historian I have taken on the charge of putting together records of our doings this year. Charlene has agreed to be our photographer and I will be using her photos to put together an album for NCDA 2015. I would ask each of you if you are involved in anything on behalf of the chapter to keep me in mind. If you have some pictures or other records that I might use email (ckuszik@gmail.com) or hand them to me. We have a great set of albums that have been compiled by previous historians. If you want to open our box of memories they are stored at WWSC and will be pulled out from time to time so that you can take a look. Take the time to enjoy our history!!!

Hospitality ...everyone

YOU!

We are not having a hospitality chairperson again this year. All last year everyone worked so well together bringing snacks in & cleaning up after themselves. We know we can keep doing it. We will be having a sign-up sheet at each meeting and, as a reminder, the names will be listed in this area of the newsletter.

We have no one signed up to bring goodies in January, so as always everyone is invited to bring something in for us to enjoy.



Prep Tips from Peggy Harris.....

TIP: Three layers of base paint will allow you to remove rough edges in your painting by lightly scraping with an x-Acto knife and still not go through the base color. This also works to remove unwanted smears, thin lines such as stems that are too thick, etc. ... a great "safety net" if you don't always get it right the first time!

TIP: Careful tracing and transferring of people or animals can make or break a project. Always trace/transfer the eyes, nose, mouth first. Next, trace/transfer the delicate parts such as ankles or fingers ... then the rest of the design. If anything shifts as you work, you have accurately established the important parts first!

TIP: Use a wax free transfer paper such as Saral. It erases like pencil with no smudging and can be inked or painted over with no skipping or bleeding. On fabric, it can be sponged, washed, or brushed off, and will not set with ironing. Look for it in rolls at fine art stores.

TIP: Spray base painted surfaces with matt acrylic sealer before transferring the design. This protects the surface and allows you to correct and "clean-up" a design without staining or harming the underlying base paint. Always allow the spray to cure sufficiently, as transferring too early may promote harsh graphite lines.

TIP: Use your softest brushes for base painting and undercoating. Stiff brushes tend to pick up as much paint as they deposit! Also, always use as large a brush as possible for the space.

Newsletter Editor and Web Master ...Carole Sheftic



Carole just wants to remind you that this is your Newsletter. If there is anything you would like to see or add to it please let her know.

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 book/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!!!!



Note...NEW DAY!!!!!!

Our first Board Meeting for 2015 will be on Monday January 5, 2015 at 10 a.m. At the Weekie Wachee Senior Center 3357 Susan Dr.

Spring Hill, Florida

For Sale... Our member Rhonda Norton would like to let you know... She has a Kopy Kate



Machine that she would like to sell for \$75

It is too large to bring to the White Elephant Sale but you can get in touch with her and she can give you more information.

rnorton7@tampabay.rr.com



We want to thank Ellen Annibali for having Century 21 give WWSC a full page add in their Connections magazine that you can find at the local Publix stores.

The 2015 Sunshine State Decorative Artist Retreat is

March 5, 6,7, 8, 2015

www.SSDAFLORIDA.com



The Brochures is on the Web. Deadline to register is January 15th

Be Smart..register early for the best classes.

ALSO: Carole Sheftic needs your help....she is on the SSDA Door Prize committee and if you have any painted projects you would like to donate to her she will accept them at any time.

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Pat Otto's Recipes that she served at the last board meeting.... Everything was delicious and we thought we should share it with all of you.

From: NCDA Cookbook

Crockpot Cake recipe:

Minister's Delight submitted by Clara Hitt

1 can Fruit Pie mix

1/3 cup water

1 – 8 oz. Cream Cheese

1 box Yellow Cake Mix

1 stick Butter

3/4 cup Chopped Nuts

Place all ingredients in the crock pot in the order listed.

Note: Chop and sprinkle the Cream Cheese and Butter

Cook on low heat for 3 hours. Serve with a spoon.

From First Baptist Church of Coral Springs Cookbook

Hot Artichoke Dip recipe:

1 can Artichoke Hearts, drained and chopped

1 cup grated Parmesan Cheese (not the powder)

1 cup Hellman's Mayonnaise

Mix all ingredients together, spread in an ovenproof dish. Bake at 350° until lightly browned and bubbly. Serve with Crackers or Chips.

From Miriam Loo's Family Favorites Cookbook (Current, Inc.)

Zucchini or Summer Squash Casserole recipe:

2 lbs squash (I used 1/2 a large, baked, spaghetti squash)

1/4 can chopped onion

1 can cream of chicken soup

1 cup sour cream

1 cup shredded carrots

1 – 8 oz. package seasoned stuffing mix

1/2 cup butter

Cook sliced squash and onion in boiling water for about 3 minutes. Drain. Combine chicken soup and sour cream. Stir in shredded carrots, squash and onions; salt to taste. Combine stuffing with melted butter. Spread half the stuffing on bottom of 12 x 7 x 2 inch baking dish. Spoon vegetable mixture on top of stuffing, and then sprinkle the rest of the stuffing on top. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes until hot and bubbly.