



February 2015 **Nature Coast Decorative Artists** Volume 17 Issue 02



A letter from our new President: Linda Duff

Greetings:

Another Christmas season has come and gone. The weather turned cool and now has warmed up again. Lets all enjoy the winter months, because we know what the summer months bring, so lets enjoy what each day brings. Oh yes almost forgot..... lets paint, paint, and whatever else you like to do with each day.

Well our January meeting has come and gone, we had the installation of the new board members, met our committee heads and are off to a good start. I think keeping with traditions this will be another awesome year. I want to thank all the ladies who brought in all the yummy breakfast snacks, and also all who brought in their white elephants (treasures), so we could all get some good buys to add to our supply at home. I might add you will all see me sporting a new rolling bag, which I picked up at a real steal..... LOL!!!!

We had some really good pieces brought in for our show and tell, and some of them were items that will be taught in the coming months. Ladies, if you want to teach this year, and haven't already done so, please bring in February what you are thinking of teaching for this year! Then we will vote to see what we will be doing for the coming year. After the meeting we had yummy pizza, ordered from Guido's, that Pat was kind enough to pick up for us. Sorry everyone couldn't stay for some good food, and good conversation.

Coming up, we have our 5th Saturday painting that Pat Otto will be teaching, she brought in her piece for show and tell. It looks like it will be a really fun and a beautiful painting when finished. I will be leaving for a cruise on 1/31/15 and returning on 2/7/15, so I will be unable to attend . I am so looking forward to seeing pictures.

Also at the meeting in February Carole Sheftic will be demonstrating how to use the different kind of clays and quick wood, that should be fun and very interesting. I know I have some quick wood that I have bought but have never used, so wish I could be there for that info. Oh well maybe Carole will give me some tips when I need them. If I was going to be there I would of brought in some of my clay that I use to work with when making my bowls, cups etc. Oh well another time for that.

Our Board meeting for February will be on the 16th at 10:00.

So everyone, I want to wish you all a happy Valentines days. Have fun and I will see you all at the March meeting, or if your going to the Board meeting.... see you then.

Hugs

Linda



NCDA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

submitted by secretary Sandy Mihalus

Nature Coast Decorative Artists
Weeki Wachee Senior Center
January 3, 2015 Meeting



The meeting was called to order by President-elect Linda Duff at 9:30 am.

The 2015 officers were sworn in by Dottie Ptaszynski as follows:

President: Linda Duff

First Vice-president/Programs: Patricia Otto

Second Vice-president/Membership: Rhonda Norton

Treasurer: Carol Hechler

Secretary: Sandy Mihalus

Pictures of the new executive board and members to chair the committees were taken by Charlene Seimes the new photographer for the chapter. The new chapter president, Linda Duff, thanked all the past members who chaired the committees for their contribution this past year.

The new president announced the new chairs of the committees as follows;

Ways and Means: Ellen Annibali

Sunshine: Mary Davis

Photographer: Charlene Seimes

Secret Sister: Jeanette Seese

Publicity: Eileen Peters

Historian: Carol Kuszik

Librarian: Jeanette Seese

Web master/Newsletter editor: Carole Sheftic

Programs: Patricia Otto showed an example of the project to be presented on the fifth Saturday, January 31, 2015. She provided patterns, instructions for base coating the surface, and information on the paint (DecoArt or JoSonja) to be used. The teaching will include how to use a palette knife and apply modeling paste. She announced Carole Sheftic will provide a demonstration using different types of modeling clays on February 7, 2015. Pat Otto requested that all teachers who would like to teach this year, to please submit examples of their proposed projects at the February meeting. She asked that each teacher provide more than one example of the proposed projects for the general membership to see. A project for the month of March has yet to be announced.

Membership: Rhonda Norton reports that there are 19 members present. She stated that she needs to update the membership information and contact past members to ask if they want to rejoin the chapter. She will provide a completed membership list with phone numbers and birth dates when it is ready.

Treasurer: Carol Hechler stated she will provide an end of the year treasury report, and publish it in the newsletter. Carole Sheftic requested a yearly audit of the treasury be conducted even though it is not required by the Society of Decorative Painters organization. It was brought up for a vote and passed. Carole Sheftic made a motion, and Sharon Poorman seconded it. Jeanette Seese volunteered to perform the treasury audit.

Secretary: No current report.

Webmaster/Newsletter: Carole Sheftic requested that all newsletter reports be submitted to her no later than the fifteenth of each month. She also reported that new recipes could be submitted for print on the website. Old recipes are still available on the website, and she has started a new online cookbook with recipes submitted by members.

Sunshine: Mary Davis requested that all information about our members who need a card be submitted to her.

Photographer: Charlene Seimes states she will take pictures of each of the members.

Publicity: Eileen Peters brought up a discussion about starting a Facebook page. Eileen states that she will ask stores to display information on the NCDA chapter when craft fairs are held in those areas.

Ways and Means: Ellen Annibali sold tickets for the birthday baskets raffle. Pat Landry won a basket donated by Pat Thompson. Beverly Brockschmidt won a birthday basket donated by Pat Landry. Ellen passed around sign-up sheets and asked members to write their names under the month they intend to donate a basket. She also asked members to sign up for a month they intend to donate breakfast items.

Old Business: The Secret Sister Exchange was discussed. The program was brought up for a vote, and was passed by the majority. Jeanette Seese stated she would consider chairing the program. Rhonda Norton reported that she spoke to Doris Trudeau, one of our founding members who moved, and she is doing well.

New Business: Sharon Poorman asked if information about NCDA is currently published in any news articles. Dottie Ptaszynski provided a list of current ads for NCDA. Ellen Annibali states an ad for NCDA will be published in the magazine of the company where she works, Century 21 called Connections. A discussion regarding empty wall space in the Weeki Wachee Senior Center was initiated by Pat Otto. The wall will display art work by one of our artists if the executive board of WWSC permits. No decision was made on how to choose the artist displaying artwork for the month. Carol Hechler states she will be responsible for a way to display the artwork. Sandy Mihalus requested information on how to receive a discount card from JoAnn's craft store. It was determined that a member needed to show their SDP card and fill out paperwork. A card should be issued at that time.

Pat Otto asked how many members would be staying for pizza, and eleven members responded.

The NCDA board meeting will be held on January 12, 2015 at 10:00 am, in the Weeki Wachee Senior Center.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pat Landry. Linda Duff adjourned the meeting at 10:23 am.

Submitted by,
Sandy Mihalus
Secretary

[Editor's Note...Please read each article, the new committee chairs have some NEW ideas.](#)



Programs..... Pat Otto

January 31 is the Fifth Saturday class. This is traditionally a full day project starting at 9 AM. We stop for a bag lunch that you bring, and usually end between 3 and 4:00PM. The cost is \$10.00.

This January fifth Saturday project is Doorway Pots taught by Pat Otto. It is in acrylics which are supplied. The class is a deal because included in your packet is a stencil, modeling paste and a texture tool. These are valued at \$13 so essentially you are getting paid to take the class! What a deal.

The surface is 11 x 14 inches but you may enlarge or decrease the size to fit a surface you have. The sample is painted on canvas but you may use the surface of your choice. The sample was base coated with an "orangey" colored acrylic but that is optional. Bring usual acrylic supplies especially a palette knife or two. Recommended size is 1/4 " by 2" but bring what you have.



February 7 is our demo/mini class day. Carole Sheftic will be demonstrating several types of clay and their uses in enhancing our painted items. A kit of assorted clays is available for purchase of \$2 from Carole. It would be helpful to her to know how many kits to make up. Please let her know if you would like a kit. You may audit the demo without participating. **READ ON PAGE 5>> HOW TO SIGN UP FOR A WORKSHOP<<<<**

March 7 class is to be announced.

In February, teachers are asked to bring samples of the projects they would like to teach and hopefully we will decide the year's projects. Several projects were shown at the January meeting (see below) and photos of those projects will be shown as well. It looks like we are off to a great start in 2015!



SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY!!!!

Because we have a short program this month we are going to also have a fun **Valentine Exchange**. Bring a home-made valentine in any style. It should be in an envelope. We will put them in a bucket and you get to draw out a special valentine! It can be painted, colored, scrap booked, glass, wood, fabric, whatever! Your imagination is the limit. Keep it small - valentine sized - no life-size cut-outs please. Don't stress. It doesn't have to be elaborate - just write something sweet inside.



Newsletter Editor and Web Master
...Carole Sheftic



WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING NEW!!!!!!!

To help our teachers prepare for the right amount of workshop participants, we are asking you to go to our website www.naturecoastdecorativeartists.com and sign up if you are planning on coming to the next months workshop. Look for this icon on the home page...and click on it to get to the form. We will also have a link button on the workshop pages for you to click on also.

Because there will be NO charge for the February Demo, we are trying to let Carole know how many of you would like a Clay Sample pack for \$2 so that you can play along.

Please give this a try..if you are planning on going to the February DEMO and need a Sample Pack of clay PLEASE go to the web site ... click on the Sign Up ICON and fill out the form. All lines marked with an * asterick must be filled out before you hit submit. Make sure you comment in the comment box that you need a “Sample Pack”

We do ask that you only sign up for one workshop at a time. In other words..do not sign up for March until after the Feb workshop (demo in this case).

REMEMBER we are starting this with the February Demo ...you have already responded to Pat's 5th Saturday!!!! If not..e-mail Pat direct that you are coming as she requested in her e-mail she sent out to everyone a week or so ago.

We know you are going to ask.....???????

What if I can not remember if I signed up or not?????

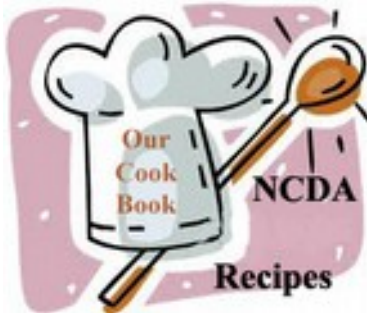
Answer.... Signing up twice is not a problem....we can delete the second sign-up when we do the final count. Better to sign up twice...than not at all and find out that the teacher has not made enough packets.

What if I sign up and the morning of the workshop I find out I can not come!!!

Answer... We know that things like that happen..This is to help us get a close number. We will not hold this against you if this happens.



WHILE you are signing up..please notice that on the bottom of our website home page we have an ICON to take you to our cookbook. We have added a button to take you to our 2015 edition also. So if you bring something in and the membership requests your recipe please e-mail it to the editor Carole Sheftic (csheftic@bellsouth.net) so she can add it to the cookbook.



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 Means.....Ellen Annibali



RAFFLE NEWS for the New Year!

We have come up with the months that we will be doing our EXTRA Raffle...

Feb. 7th Chapter meeting – "Winter Extra Raffle" **Patterns & Books**

Apr. 4th Chapter meeting – "Spring Extra Raffle" **Baskets & Tin**

Aug. 1st Chapter meeting "Summer Extra Raffle" **Glass & Canvases**

Oct. 3rd Chapter meeting – "Fall Extra Raffle" **Fabric & Wood**

Birthdays for February Jeanette Seese....Feb 7th



For a reminder about our Birthday Raffle guidelines please read the January Newsletter found on our website.

Remember...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

NCDA Treasurer Report...Carol Hechler

Nature Coast Decorative Artists - January 2015 Financial report



Beginning Balance.....	\$6006.22
Income.....	
Ways and Means.....	\$52
	\$6058.22
Expenses	
Hospitality Pizza Party.....	\$34.79
Ending Balance	\$6023.43

Library....Jeanette Seese

Jeanette has donated 2 books on trompe l'oeil and furniture finishes. She will show them and then have a special incentive to get you to view the videos. She will give out 2 NCDA raffle tickets for every video a person views and returns.



Publicity...Eileen Peters

Eileen is creating a new Facebook page to show what we do in the chapter. It will be monitored so inappropriate comments will be deleted.



She is also looking for other places to advertise our chapter, such as craft stores, craft fairs, clubs etc.

She hopes to do a good job and recruit some new members in 2015.

Membership....

Rhonda Norton



Just a reminder for you: When you receive your first SDP magazine your 2015 membership card will be with it. Please make sure to bring it to the following meeting for Rhonda to see so she can check you in for joining SDP this year.

Also some of you inquired about the Discount Card available for Jo Ann Fabrics.

All you need to do is go to customer service or a register, show them your 2015 SDP card. They will have you fill out a short form and that's it!!

Have a great day!

Photographer...Charlene Ssimes



Charlene is our photographer for this year. She will be very busy each month taking pictures and sending them to Carole for us all to see on the web. So everyone remember to "SMILE" and say "CHEESE"!

Hospitality ...everyone

**Hospitality for February
Chapter Meeting:**

**Jean Thompson
Bev Brockschmidt
Pat Otto**

**As of course we are always thankful for anyone
who brings in extra goodies.**



Secret Sister....Jeanette

Seese



In order to include EVERYONE who wants to participate in the Secret Sister exchange, Jeanette is going to try an experiment.

If you are a snowbird or a traveler, she will ask you to list on the form the months that you are attending NCDA.

The person who picks your name will then give you gifts while you are here. When you pick a name, you will give gifts to your Sister while YOU are here.

That means that there may be no Christmas gift exchange between the Sisters, except, perhaps, a card in the mail. I will have the forms ready to fill out during the February meeting.

In addition, if you are unable to attend, I will have a form included in this Newsletter. Just email it to me or send it in with a friend.

**WE WILL EXCHANGE NAMES DURING THE
FEBRUARY MEETING.**

In addition, Jeanette SUGGESTS that the gifts this time will be as follows:

- First gift of \$1-5;
- Second, gift(s) of \$5-10 ;
- Last, a gift(s) of \$10-? .

Any questions? email Jeanette

seese_j@yahoo.com

There is a form on page 9 of this Newsletter if you would like to fill it out before the meeting.

Don't forget to make yourself a copy so you can remember what you put down!!!!



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

Our February Board Meeting for 2015 will be on Monday February 16th, 2015 at 10 a.m. At the Weekie Wachee Senior Center 3357 Susan Dr. Spring Hill, Florida

Just some reminders.....

A Secret Sister Form and Line drawings for Jan. 30th are on the last pages of this e-mail

Pat put a one inch scale on the first page of the pattern. Please adjust the pattern to match this scale.

You may find that the JPG pattern on the web will print to size a little better.



In case you did not know, Deco Art retired 34 of their Americana paint colors.

Admiral Blue.....Violet Haze
Antique Mauve.....Antique Rose
Antique Teal.....Autumn Red
Blue Haze Lt.....Brandy Wine
Butter.....Butterscotch
Colonial Green.....Cool Neutral
Crimson Tide.....Dried Basil Green
French Vanilla....Gingerbread
Gooseberry...Green Mist
Green Tea....Ice Blue
Red Iron Oxide.....Lt French Blue
Limeade.....Mauve
Medium Flesh..Purple Wave
Raspberry....Slate Green
Soft Blue....Soft Lilac
Spice Pink...Taffy Cream
Traditional Raw Sienna
Traditional Raw Umber

For a mixing chart for the above colors visit....

http://decoart.com/resources/Americana_Discontinued_Colors_And_Mixing_Chart.pdf

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NCDA SECRET SISTER FORM 2015

NAME _____

ADDRESS (add additional address if you have one)

LIST THE MONTHS YOU ARE IN FLORIDA _____

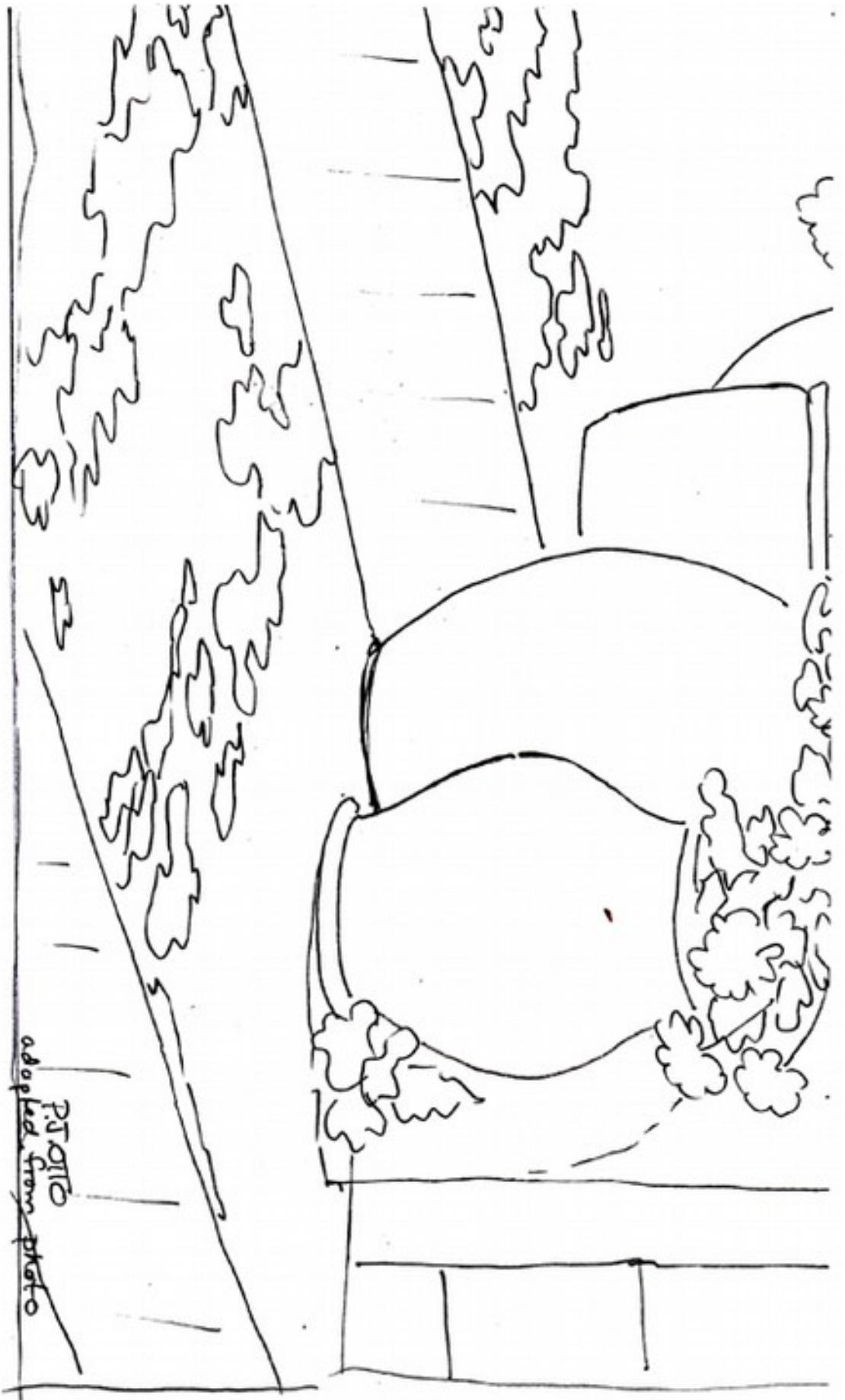
HOBBIES OR INTERESTS: gardening, knitting, golf, quilting

THINGS I COLLECT:

ITEMS I DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE---i.e. spa items, candy, candles, socks

ITEMS I PARTICULARLY LIKE---i.e. socks, jewelry, candles, candy, gift certificates

ANYTHING ELSE TO KNOW ABOUT ME:--i.e. allergies, favorite color, decorating theme



Use this as
guide for
size
1 inch
1 inch

PIOTTO
adapted from photo

