



March 2015 **Nature Coast Decorative Artists** Volume 17 Issue 03

A letter from President: Linda Duff



Greetings, wow can you believe it, March is just around the corner? Where does the time go, just seems like we were putting up the Christmas tree! Guess it's true, time marches on.

I see from the pictures that were posted from the 5th. Saturday in January that you all did a wonderful job on the painting that Pat Otto taught, a big thanks to you Pat. It also looked like there was a good turn out for it...I think I counted 14 faces. I know Pat is a wonderful artist and teacher and I sure wish I could of been there. Also the meeting held in February, sure appreciate Pat taking over for me, and I want to thank her. I know she probably thought that she had given up leading the meetings! We were on a cruise celebrating our 7th. Anniversary, and my oldest daughter Susan, and her husband Cary's birthday. Unfortunately we could not change the dates, so I could be there for the meeting, but I promise I won't miss any more meetings than necessary. I also saw pictures that you all seemed to be having fun learning all about the different types of clay, quick wood, etc. that Carole taught. Thanks to Carole for teaching. Once again I wish I could of been there. I know a little about working with clay LOL, but not so much about the rest. I know I did hear from Eileen that she had a great time, and was planning on bringing in some of the things she worked on for the March meeting. So please if you would bring them all in so I can see I would appreciate it! Speaking of Eileen, I want to thank her for all her hard work on getting the new group up on Facebook, called simply, Nature Coast Decorative Artist. I know everyone is busy with their everyday lives, but if you have a computer and can, go in and take a look. Also post from time to time, maybe we can get the word out that we have a painting group held in Spring Hill and it's awesome. I know when I first moved to the area, I went on line and that's how I found our group.

I also want to give a shout out to Carole Sheftic for her awesome piece that she had accepted for The Decorative Painter, what a honor. We all knew she was an awesome artist (as well as person), now the rest of the painting world knows it too! We also get the opportunity to paint it during the April meeting, yea!!!!!! but we will be doing it in Acrylics instead of Soft Pastels.

During the March meeting Pat Laundry will be teaching her painting of the rooster. I am looking forward to that. Heck I look forward to every painting experience we have each month LOL. Heard from Pat Otto, that the sign up for each workshop that was implemented this year is going well on the computer. Makes it a lot easier to know how many plan on attending.

At our board meeting we went over the pieces submitted for the coming year, and set the schedule for the year. I know that this will be a fun and exciting year, as every year is!

So even though I will see you in March, in case I forget I wish you all a Happy St. Paddy's day. I think on that day we all have a little Irish in us LOL.

See you all soon!..... Hugs Linda



NCDA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

submitted by secretary Sandy Mihalus



Nature Coast Decorative Artists
Weeki Wachee Senior Center
February 7, 2015

President Linda Duff was not present. The meeting was called to order by Patricia Otto, first vice president, at 9:18 am.

The January minutes were published in the newsletter and were accepted.

First Vice President Pat Otto announced there will be a seminar presented by Pat Lentine on 4/18/ 2015 and 4/19/2015 for NCDA at the WWSC. Cost will be \$50.00 for both days for members and \$30.00 for one day. Cost for non-members is \$65.00. "The medium will be color pencil and focus on Caucasian flesh tones."

Editors Note: The Pat Lentine Seminar has been rescheduled for June 6th and 7th.

Second Vice President Rhonda Norton reported there were 14 members and 1 guest at the meeting. Rhonda gave members their WWSC membership card and reported the updated membership list would be available next month. She will be checking SDP membership cards next month.

Treasurer Carol Hechler reported the updated report was published in the last newsletter. A correction for last month's meeting minutes was brought to our attention regarding the Treasury Audit by Jeanette Seese. The audit was performed by Jean Thompson, not Jeanette Seese. Beverly Brocksmidt moved to accept the treasurers and the audit reports, and Eileen Peter seconded it. Both were accepted.

Eileen Peters reported she contacted Hobby Lobby to request permission to post information about NCDA on their bulletin board. She reported that she was told to contact their corporate office.

Librarian Jeanette Seese stated that next month she will ask members to check out CD's donated to the library for quality control. If the CD's are of poor quality, they will be discarded.

New business was reported by Pat Otto. Members who wish to sign up for future workshops and seminars should do so on the NCDA website.

Jeanette Seese collected sign-up sheets for the Secret Sister Exchange. Members who wished to participate in the program drew names for the exchange.

The birthday raffle was donated by Jeanette Seese, and won by Ellen Annibali. The birthday raffle generated \$33.00 for the treasury.

The meeting was closed at 10:15 am..

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Mihalus
Secretary



Programs..... Pat Otto



March Program is a colorful rooster being taught by Pat Landry. The surface is 8 inches by 8 inches. This can be on a canvas or surface of your choice. The medium is acrylics.

The line drawing/ material list and prep instructions are at the end of this newsletter and also on our website www.naturecoastdecorativeartists.com .

For the feathers, Pat L. used Maureen McNaughton brushes. #1 liner and 5/0 liner. She also used a 3/8" angular. If you don't have these, bring your usual brushes and we can find something that will work.

April Program will be Carole Sheftic teaching her beautiful snowy egret in acrylics. Her design appeared in the Decorative Painter, where the project was taught in soft pastels. You will want to try that one too! It works up beautifully!



Our **April** Color Pencil Seminar with Pat Lentine has been **rescheduled** for June 6th and 7th.

Next month we will have finalized the yearly schedule and give you the proposed programs for the year so that you can obtain supplies, surfaces etc.

I will be at the SSDA State Retreat and not at the March meeting. I hope to bring back samples from Diane Bunker for her fall seminar.

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.



Please sign up for only the March workshop. On the day after the March workshop, you can then sign up for April.

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 reported that she has sent out the February birthday cards along with a few get well and thinking of you cards and the March card for Virginia is ready to go!!!!

Membership.... Rhonda Norton



By now you have received your SDP magazine, included was your membership card.

Please bring it to the next NCDA meeting and show it to Rhonda, so that you can be marked off for this year.

Ways and Means.....Ellen Annibali



RAFFLE NEWS

There will **not** be an Extra Raffle at the March Chapter Meeting. Look for our next one at our April Chapter Meeting: "Spring - Baskets & Tin"

Basket Raffle for March

March Birthday participants are:

- Virginia Hughes3/26
- Bev Brockschmidt
(moved...from 10/20)
- Charlene Seimes
(moved...from 12/11)



For information about our Birthday Basket Raffle guidelines please read the January 2015 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

Library...Jeanette Seese



This month I will have the library OPEN.

I will give you the opportunity to evaluate the videos in our library and earn 2 tickets for each one you view. You may sign out as many as you like.

This is what I'm looking for:

- (1) Discs that don't play
- (2) Poor quality audio or video
- (3) Out of date information
- (4) Skipping discs
- (5) Or just plain not useful

After you view each defective CD, please place a post-it note, or some other means, on the outside naming the defect.

I will eliminate these items from the library, and have a new list ASAP . (Hopefully before my term is up).

Hey, you might even find something wonderful!

Publicity...Eileen Peters



Eileen has created a Facebook page. Just go to Facebook and search Nature Coast Decorative Artists and request to be added to the group. She is moderating to make sure comments posted are positive. Anything painting related is welcome, such as tips, projects, questions, new products, what's on your easel etc. It's also nice to keep in touch between meetings. Please share, like, and post pictures. It's a great way to show people what we do and hopefully gain some new members. It's also great fun looking back and remembering all the fun we had. If you need help with Facebook, call Eileen Peters @ 727-301-7469 and she'll be glad to help.

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 sign-ups for March
Carol Kuszik
Charlene Seimes
Jeanette Seese

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



Treasurer Report...Carol Hechler



Financial Report

Beginning Balance		\$6,023.43
INCOME		
Program 1/31 (Pat Otto)	\$90.00	
8 Hostess tickets (\$40.00)		
Membership dues	\$10.00	
Ways & Means	\$33.00	
	Total	\$133.00
		\$6,156.43
EXPENSES		
Program Supplies Packets 1/31	\$129.60	
Teacher Fee (pat Otto)	\$200.00	
WWSC 5th sat	\$25.00	
Demo 2/7 Teachers Fee (Carole Sheftic)	\$50.00	
	Total	\$404.60
	Ending Balance	\$5,751.83

Secret Sister....Jeanette Seese



At the February meeting we filled out the new questionnaires and exchanged names. I received a few papers through email, but I received a request, since attendance was sparse, to have another exchange THIS MONTH. So if you are going to attend the March meeting, you will still have the opportunity to participate as long as we have at least 3 more entries. If you'd like to fill out the questionnaire ahead of time or cannot attend, a copy is in this month's Newsletter. Also, as a reminder, if you are a snowbird, you can also participate (see February's Newsletter).



Our March Board Meeting for 2015 will be on Monday March 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 drawing /material list and prep instructions for March 7th Workshop are on the last pages of this e-mail

Please Note: Pages 8 and 10 are blank so that if you print the Newsletter double sided the forms and line drawings and material list will print out one sided.

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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Patterns and info sheets on pages below....

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

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Black and Gold Rooster
By Shirley Koenig

This pattern is in the book – Country's Edge....Artistic Creations by Shirley Koenig.
If you have the book, bring it along.

COLOR PALETTE:

Dried Basil Green (DBG)	Violet Haze
Soft Black	Calypso Blue
True Red	Lamp Black
Taffy Cream	Orange Twist
Burnt Umber	Butterscotch
Georgia Clay	Persimmon
Jack-O-Lantern Orange (JOLO)	

Surface of your choice: I used an 8x8 gallery wrap canvas and my demo is a round disc like a plate.

If using a canvas, prep with 2 – 3 coats of Gesso, dry and sand between coats, so it is a fairly smooth surface.

If using a surface of your choice, sand and seal, when dry, base coat with Dried Basil Green. This color will be referred to as DBG from now on. Dry.

Make two mixes: 1. Blue-green mix: DBG plus a touch of Calypso Blue.

2. Lavender mix: DBG plus a touch of Violet Haze.

Start in the center using a ¼ brush and flip/flop the touches of these color mixes here and there. Using a damp make-up sponge lightly pouncing to soften and blend. Use some touches of Calypso Blue and Violet haze near the corners. Be sure to bring the colors around to the sides. When you are please with your background, let it dry completely. Transfer the pattern with white transfer paper.

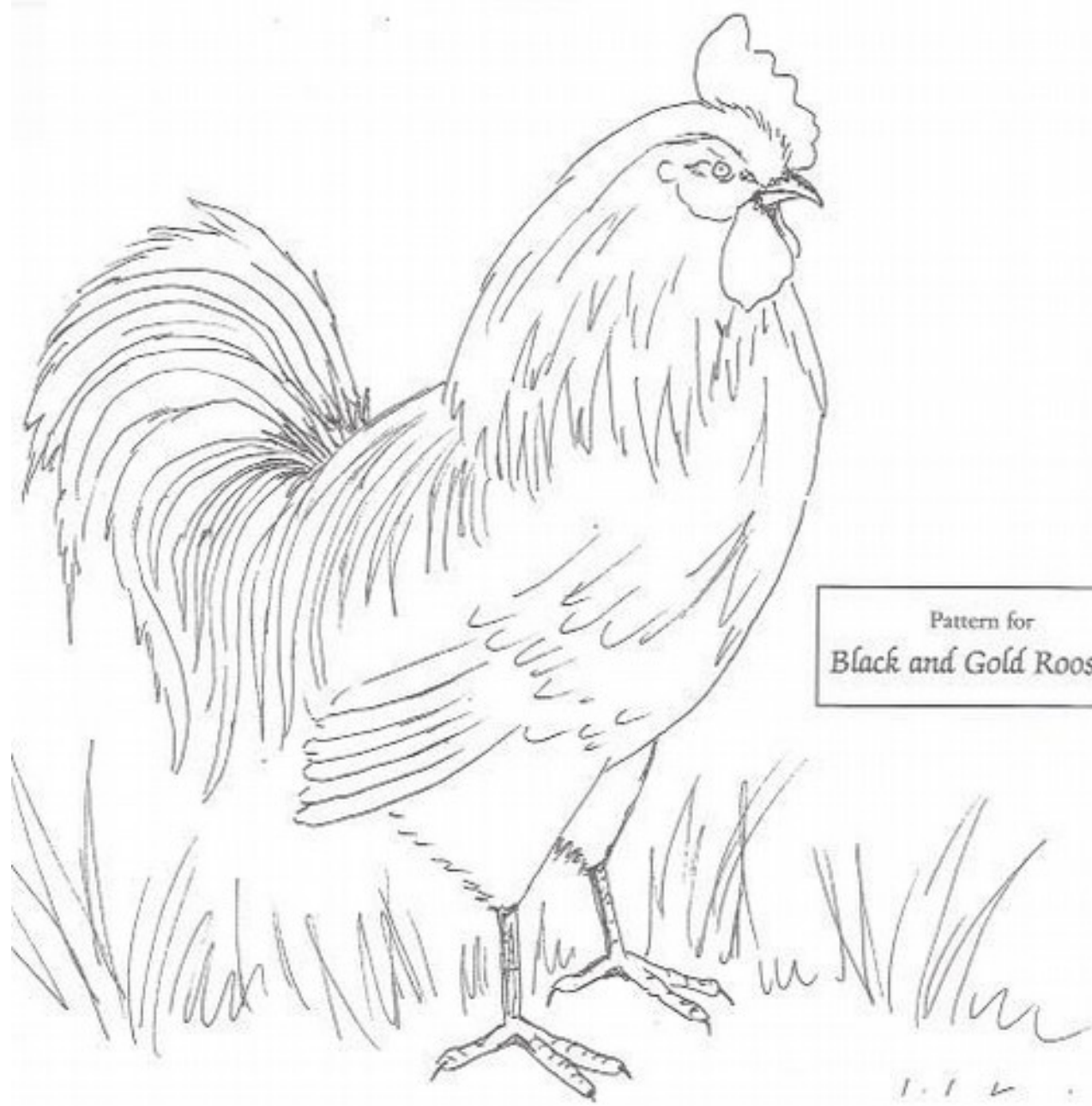
Outline the rooster with Soft Black.

Paint the lower portion and tail feathers with Soft Black.

You may call me if you have any questions. See you in class.

Note: For the feathers, Pat L. used Maureen McNaughton brushes. #1 liner and 5/0 liner. She also used a 3/8" angular. If you don't have these, bring your usual brushes and we can find something that will work.

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Pattern for
Black and Gold Rooster

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