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THIS NEWSLETTER**

A Letter from our President

Hi Ladies

I sure hope you are all enjoying your summer and visits with family and friends, or whatever you are up to this summer. I just got back from a week long visit with my family who lives in Michigan. Just an awesome time I had, and it went way to fast. All good things must come to an end and now I am back in Florida and anxious to get back to my painting. If I am gone to long from the arts I start feeling deprived. Hope you all are starting to work on some of your ufo's and maybe even starting to think about some new projects you want to start.



We had an awesome meeting the first of this month. I thoroughly enjoyed our painting project that Pat Otto taught. She is a wonderful teacher. I am so happy that I am able to learn and try things that if I just painted at home I would never get the chance or the courage to give it a try. That is one of the benefits of being in a chapter. We can all learn from each other.

I will be teaching after our meeting the 1st of August. I will be showing you how to paint with Alcohol Inks. It is a fairly new medium and I have been working in it for about a year. I really enjoy it. June Rollins, the one who got me involved, started with water colors, and she enjoys working with the inks. You can be very loose or controlled with them and that's one of the things I enjoy. So I hope you all will come and give it a try.

The 5th Saturday in August, Carole Sheftic will be teaching a water color. I am looking forward to that.

It's that time of the year, I need a volunteer to be the Nominating Chairperson to present a slate of officers for the 2016 elections. I hope that some one will consider volunteering, if not I will have to just ask LOL. Please consider holding a position for next year. Our numbers are down and that means fewer workers. I know that some have already held a position in the past years and for that I thank you. We are trying to make the positions as simple and less demanding and some of the committees have been eliminated or combined. Running a chapter does necessitate work on the part of the members so please when the chairperson asks, think about accepting. It really does take a village to run a chapter.

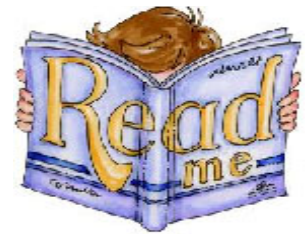
I hope all of you enjoy the next couple of weeks and hope to see you at our next meeting and the alcohol ink painting workshop. Most of all keep those brushes moving and bring in your creations for show and tell.

Hugs Linda



Secretary's Report

.....submitted by Sandra



Nature Coast Decorative Artists
Weeki Wachee Senior Center
Meeting: July 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Duff at 9:20 am.

1st Vice-President and Programs: Pat Otto presented the program agenda for the rest of the year. Linda Duff asked the members present to choose the project for alcohol inks she plans to teach in the month of August. The members chose a tile featuring poppies painted with alcohol inks. Carole Sheftic will teach a watercolor featuring a dragonfly and a water lily on the fifth Saturday of August. September's project will be taught by Darla Wilhite using Conté pencils of sanguine and white. October will be a "Paint Around" with the student choosing two out of four projects taught by teachers from our chapter. In November, Jeanette Seese will teach a scale cover decorated with a snowman. December will be the chapter's Christmas party held at Kally K's restaurant.

2nd Vice-President and Membership: Rhonda Norton announced there were eight people present

Treasurer: Carol Hechler announced the treasurer's report was printed in the newsletter. Pat Otto made a motion to accept the report as published in the newsletter. Rhonda Norton seconded the motion.

Secretary: Sandy Mihalus stated the last month's meeting notes were published in the newsletter. Pat Otto made a motion to accept the secretary's report as published in the newsletter, and Rhonda Norton seconded the motion.

Sunshine: Mary Davis reported she sent out one card this past month.

Publicity: Eileen Peters stated she would send out a press release with a photo regarding the painted bags for the homeless ladies painted by our chapter members.

Librarian: Jeanette Seese not present,

Historian: Carol Kuszik not present.

Philanthropic: Beverly Brockschmidt not present. Linda Duff reported for her: The Jericho Road Ministries and the Life Center sent the NCDA letters thanking us for the painted bags for their homeless ladies program. The letters were read to the membership.

MINUTES For July 4, 2015 continued

Ways and Means: Ellen Annibali not present. Sandy Mihalus sold tickets for the birthday raffle, and reported a profit of \$51.00.

Photographer: Charlene Seimes was not present. Carole Sheftic volunteered to take photos.

Hospitality: Linda Duff thanked everyone who brought breakfast foods to share.

Newsletter: Carole Sheftic thanked everyone for submitting their articles on time, and stated she is getting used to her new computer.

Secret Sister: Jeanette Seese was not present. One secret sister gift was presented to Mary Davis.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Linda Duff asked for a volunteer for the photographer's position, as Charlene Seimes retired.

The Society of Decorative Painters awarded the Nature Coast Decorative Artists with the Affiliated Chapter Achievement Award for 2014.

The subject of poor attendance at the chapter meetings was discussed. Some ideas were introduced such as: 1) no meetings in the summer, and 2) discontinuing the fifth Saturday workshop.

Pat Otto announced the Florida Watercolor Society will have a convention in the fall in Clearwater area.

Carole Sheftic reminded us that the Sunshine State Decorative Artists will have a seminar the last of March 2016. Check their site for details.

Four ladies brought items for Show and Tell.

The Apron Exchange was enjoyed by six of our members who participated.

The Birthday Raffle was held for three birthday baskets.

Adjournment: Rhonda Norton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Mihalus Secretary

It's time to start planning our Christmas Party.

We are looking for a volunteer to be the chairperson. At our last meeting Eileen Peters made a call to Kally K's Steakery & Fishery in Spring Hill and Carol Hechler reserved the banquet room for the 5th of December. She gave them a deposit to hold the room. So the *where* is decided. So please if you would consider chairing the Christmas party that would be greatly appreciated. We will talk more about it at the next meeting.



Programs

submitted by Pat Otto



August Workshop: Linda Duff will teach alcohol inks on a glazed ceramic tile. This is a chance to try a new and fun technique that lends itself to jewelry, tile, and smooth surfaces. Linda has an Etsy page that shows her beautiful work.

The photo and material list are on the website and at the end of this newsletter. The project is freehand, so the flowers can be different than what is pictured.

She will furnish the inks, but bring some if you have them. There will be a \$2 palette charge.

The Surface is a 6x6 white glazed tile. These are available at Loews or Home Depot. Don't forget to sign up online. Please include "Linda Duff Workshop" in the comment block.



August 29th...5th Saturday: Carole Sheftic will teach a watercolor project "Dragonfly in Search of a Water Lily"

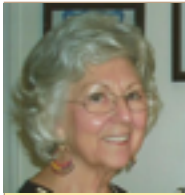
The line drawing and material list are on the website and also at the end of this newsletter. There are some items she will furnish and some you must bring.

Don't forget to sign up online, including "Carole Sheftic's Watercolor" in the comment block.

September Workshop: Darla Willhite will be our guest teacher. Darla teaches pastels, oils, watercolor and mixed media. She will be teaching us a simple portrait in Conte pastel pencils. The chapter will furnish the pencils and paper, so don't forget to sign up. I am hoping to have samples of the technique at the August meeting.

October Workshop: We are having a Paint Around (it used to be called a Triad). Teachers so far are Linda Duff, Rhonda Norton, Eileen Peters and Pat Otto. The projects will be approximately one hour and you may pick 2. You will receive surfaces and instructions for the ones you don't get to do, but only if you sign up ahead of time. Samples will be on display in the coming months.

Feel free to invite friends to the October Workshop, (sign them up). If they pay dues then it is good for the following year. It will be a good way to promote the chapter and increase our numbers.



Philanthropic
.....submitted by Beverly Brockschmidt



The Nature Coast Decorative Artists (NCDA) delivered a donation to the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc. Paula Holtsclaw (center) accepted the donation. NCDA members hand-painted more than 20 canvas bags and filled them with personal items including: tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, conditioner, nail files, combs, socks and lipstick. The bags will be given to homeless women in women shelters in Hernando County. To learn more about the services provided by the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc. contact them at (352) 860-2308 or their website at www.midfloridahomeless.org



Publicity
submitted by Eileen Peters

Along with our monthly adds we have submitted a news release describing our 2015 Philanthropic project. Please keep an eye out if you see it in any local publications.



Treasurer Report
 submitted by Carol Hechler

Nature Coast Decorative Artists	
-July 2015 Financial Report	
Beginning Balance	\$5,338.24
INCOME	
Programs 7/4 Pat Otto	\$25.00
Hostess tickets (2) \$	
<u>Ways&Means</u>	<u>\$ 51.00</u>
Total	\$76.00
	\$ 5,414.24
EXPENSES	
Teachers Fee Pat Otto	\$100.00
Program supplies 7/4	\$ 3.18
Christmas Party	
Kally K's	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Total	\$128.18
Ending Balance	\$ 5,286.06



Membership
submitted by Rhonda Norton

Summer seems to be a busy time for family activities and our attendance has been showing that. Hope we will be seeing everyone back in the months to come.

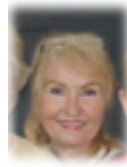


Library

submitted by Jeanette Seese

Thank you to the members who have evaluated the CD's. We are humming right along, and have found several that are not usable, and several that have been very informative.

Just a reminder to put the discs in with your NCDA materials so that you can return them and claim your tickets.



Sunshine

submitted by Mary Davis

Mary is going to be very busy this month because we have lots of birthdays.

Aug. 2...Carole Sheftic

Aug. 2..Sharon Poorman

Aug. 3...Renee Burton

Aug 16.. Hazel Dickson

Aug. 22 Carol Hechler

Don't forget to keep Mary informed of anyone needing a special card.



Ways & Means

submitted by Ellen Annibali

August Gals for the Birthday Baskets:
Sharon Poorman
Renee Burton
Hazel Dickson

Our "**Extra Raffle**" will take place at our August Chapter Meeting.

Theme: "Glass & Canvas".

I hope all of you have had time to dig through your stash to participate, and don't forget your "Ones"!

Editors note: I received my B-card for August and it was spectacular. Thank you Mary for being so creative.

Hospitality

.....sign up for August

Our members signing up for August goodies are..

Dottie Ptaszynski
Ellen Annibali
Sharon Poorman

And as always...all donations are appreciated!!!

Note from the editor.....Carole Sheftic

As you can tell this newsletter has a few changes...hopefully for the better. I had to do it in a new program on a new computer. If there are any errors or omissions, please let me know so that I can correct them in the next publication.



From Jerry's Artarama.....

TIP 1....To make beautiful, sepia-colored paper for art projects (like cards and tags), soak sheets of plain white card stock in a casserole tray filled with warm, brewed coffee. Set sheets to dry on racks designed to cool baked goods. The cooling rack will leave an attractive design on the sheet -- to keep it plain, line racks with waxed paper. You may also wish to sprinkle sheets with the coffee grounds (to be dusted off later), leaving dark sprinkles of color. Once dry, paper can go through a computer printer or be stamped. This process also works for plain printer paper. - Leah

TIP 2....Before adding the finishing touches to your artwork, take a picture with your digital camera using the black and white setting, or change it to black and white on your computer. You'll be able to quickly judge if your values are correct. Also, if you are sending a picture for a non-color publication, put these digitals on your computer screen to decide which ones will look the clearest in black and white. - Michele, Marquette, MI

For more helpful art tips from Jerry...go to.....

<http://www.jerrysartarama.com/community/art-tips.html>

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Suggestions on what to bring for the Alcohol Ink Class!!!

There will be a \$2 palette fee..see #16

1. OLD Clothes...or an apron that covers you. Inks are very Staining
2. **Canned Air (Do not need)**
3. Straw
4. Palette with little cups
5. Old Brushes
6. 6x6 tile (about .67 at Lowes or Home Depot)
7. Q tips
8. Eye Dropper
9. Paper Towels
10. Cotton Pads
11. Bottle with Nozzle (small opening otherwise Alcohol pours out too fast)
12. **Rubber Gloves (We have a box to share)**
13. Small plastic cups
14. Apron
15. If you have any Alcohol Inks you are welcome to bring them.
16. There will be a \$2 palette charge..Linda will furnish the inks, the alcohol solvent, freezer wrap to put on the table, and also the spray to seal the tile. She will also have some spectrum noir pens for you to try.

August 29th ..5th Saturday Class

A Dragon Fly in Search of a Water Lily..material list

an original watercolor by Carole Sheftic

The Original is approx. 7 x 10....Matted out to fit a 11x14 or 10x13 glassed frame

Material List

¼ sheetapprox. 10x13 **140 # Arches Cold press paper**

Work surface larger than paper

Regular (NOT COLORED) masking tape

Transfer paper

Soft lead pencil

Fine stylus or Exacto knife

Frisket / Masking Fluid and an old bottle cap... **I will have this**

Small bar of soap or Dawn Dish soap

Old small round brush to apply Masking Fluid

Crepe (Rubber Cement Pickup) eraser

or piece of masking tape or Double Sided mounting tape

Soft Paper Towels (like Viva original) or soft Toilet Paper

.005 or 01 Pigma Pen in Perm. Black

Drop or two of Satin Varnish or Elmers Glue..furnished**Deco Art Glamour Dust or Fine Clear Glitter..furnished**

Large Water container and a small clear container

...like a fruit cup!!!!



Watercolors:

I used Mijello Mission Gold Intro Set but any Professional brand will do

Permanent Rose

Rose Madder

Peacock Blue or Cobalt Blue

Perm. Yellow Light

Burnt Sienna

Viridian Green + Burnt Sienna (or Shadow Green not in Intro Set)

Brushes:

 Synthetic such as Golden Taklon

One or two wide flat brushes approx. ¾ inch

Rounds...8-6-4 in good shape

PREP:

Tape the paper to your surface the whole way around.

Option one: If you like less ripples in the paper when you work. Wet the entire (taped down) paper and let completely dry before tracing the pattern on.

Option two: Trace the pattern directly on the dry (taped down) paper

Use transfer paper or cover back of pattern with your soft pencil. Do not use excess pressure.

When printing out pattern this square should be 1 inch Square..do not trace the square



**Place flower edge
1 1/2 inches from
bottom of paper**

