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## **Letter from the PREZ :**

Hi Ladies

I am still hearing the accolades in reference to our Victorian Tea Luncheon. Our guests had a wonderful time and our hard work paid off. It was a magical day seeing WWSC transformed into a Tea Room thanks to the hard work of Carol Hechler (and Dick Hechler), Jeanette Seese, and Sandy Mihalus. Carole Sheftic and I lent our touches and all the hostesses did a magnificent job decorating. We made money and advertised our group as friendly, creative, resourceful and very artistic ladies. That all spells success to me!



I am sad, in a way, that this is my last letter as President. I have had a ball serving you ladies the last two years and you have been very gracious to me. As I write each month, my mind's eye pictures you all in rows at the meeting, smiling and quipping, making me laugh as we go through the chapter's business. You are all so ready to help and encourage – you are just a wonderful group! I can't say it enough.

Our Christmas Party Meeting is going to be simpler than ever before as it comes on the heels of the Luncheon. There will be minimal decorating and we aren't rearranging those heavy tables. It will still be festive and enjoyable. See the article elsewhere in the newsletter that reiterates the times, agenda, etc.

Our January meeting will be the White Elephant Sale that we traditionally have. Tables are taken on first come first serve basis for you to sell art-related items. There is no charge for the tables and you keep the money from the sales. More will come in the January newsletter.

January has five Saturdays and I will be teaching the 5th Saturday. The project will be announced.

If you haven't gotten your dues to Pat Landry, please do it before January. Proof of SDP membership is required as well.

Happy Holidays to everyone. You are in my prayers for a healthy, safe and peaceful season.

Love and hugs,

Pat

## NCDA CHAPTER MEETING

No Minutes because of the Victorian Tea Party!!!!!!



### Programs.....Linda Duff

In January we will have our Annual White Elephant Sale and then Pat Otto will be teaching the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday in January. Carole Sheftic is scheduled to do some demoing with a variety of "clays" at the February workshop/demo. Maybe some will even be attached to a Gourd!!!!!! More about these in the January newsletter.

### Sunshine ..... Jeanette Seese

Birthdays for December  
11..Charlene Seimes  
18... Eileen Peters  
18... Pat Scribner  
22... Linda Duff



### Secret Sister .... Jeanette Seese

Don't forget that the final exchange of Secret Sister gifts will be at the Christmas party. Since we will reveal our identities at the party, there is no need to place gifts in paper bags. **If you are including a card, don't sign it with your name, as we'll guess who our Secret Sister is!**



### Ways and Means.....Sharon Poorman

Thank you for making this a very good year for Ways and Means. It looks like everyone enjoyed our monthly additional specialty Raffles. Stay tuned to see what we can come up with next year!!!!!!

### NCDA Treasurer Report...Carol Hechler

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Financial Report



Beginning Balance \$4,863.87

INCOME  
Membership \$210.00

Victorian Tea Luncheon \$2,289.00

Total \$2,499.00

#### EXPENSES

Caterer ( John Mason) \$994.50

Total \$994.50

Ending Balance  
\$6,368.37

#### Victorian tea luncheon break down

Tickets	\$966.00
Boutique	\$361.00
Raffles	\$834.00
Bid Auction	<u>\$128.00</u>
Total	\$2,289.00

### Membership.... Pat Landry

Dues are due by December 31, 2014, so as not to be delinquent. There will not be a meeting until the first of the year.

If you have not paid they will need to be mailed. Remember \$10 to NCDA and \$10 WWSC.

Mail to: Pat Landry,  
5161 N Sandalwood Dr.  
Beverly Hills, FL 34465



Remember your SDP dues are due by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have paid your SDP dues on the internet you can mail your confirmation with your NCDA dues or bring that proof in to the new Membership person in January.

If paid by check you will have to bring in your new membership card that will come with the first issue of the Decorative Painter.

### Library....Rhonda Norton

Thank you to everyone who has used the Library this past year. It is one of our best resources.



### Publicity...Dottie Ptaszynski

Dottie would like to thank the members that have saved the ads that were placed in the newspapers during the year. Without your help we don't know if anyone is seeing them.

*The NCDA Board Members wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Health and many happy painting days.*

### Tea Report by Sandy Mihalus



Thank you to everyone for making the luncheon a success. The hostesses did a beautiful job decorating their tables, and taking care of the guests. We had so many wonderful volunteers who stepped up to help wherever there was a need. We could not have done it without YOU!!!! Thank you so much to each one of you.

### Our Christmas Meeting!!!!!! RSVP to Pat O. ASAP!!!!

We hope to see you at the December Meeting!

What: NCDA Christmas Meeting

Where: Weeki Wachee Senior Club

When: Arrive at 10:30 AM

Who: Members and Guests

Why: End the year having fun with friends



- You may bring a guest if you like.
- The dress code will be what you would wear to a Chapter meeting, except maybe more festive.
- The food will be a main meat (pulled pork) provided by Sharon Poorman
- NCDA Members are to bring in sides, desserts, snacks and drinks. Don't bring enough for everyone, just a dish that serves about 8.
- Coffee will be on, and Christmas Punch. We won't have breakfast foods, but pretzels, nuts and m&m's will be on the tables to go with the Christmas Punch.
- We will have a modified meeting, but it will be more social games to get to know each other. Awards will be given.
- Bring a wrapped gift for the gift exchange \$5 or so. The gift should be cute or funny.
- Secret Sisters bring their final gifts.

**There will not be an ornament exchange.  
The Installation of Officers will be put off until January as Linda will be out of town.**



**Our Last Board Meeting of the year, with the main purpose of having our 2014 members turn over their duties to the new 2015 NCDA Board Members, will be at the home of Pat Otto on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

**RSVP to Pat**  
[pjottodesigns@gmail.com](mailto:pjottodesigns@gmail.com)

### Colored Pencil Workshop



Pat Lentine a signature member of the Colored Pencil Society of America, will be teaching a 2-day Colored Pencil Workshop at South Lake Art League's Cagan Studio, 16640 Cagan Crossings Blvd, Clermont, FL from 10 AM to 4 PM, Dec. 6th and 7th. You will be learning basic colored pencil techniques while completing 2 projects. This workshop is good for beginners as well as those with experience. A supply list will be furnished at the time of registration. You must register in advance. Fee is \$115 For more information, Contact Pat at 321 247-5002 or [pat@patlentine.com](mailto:pat@patlentine.com).

### The 2015 Sunshine State Decorative Artist Retreat is

**March 5,6,7,8, 2015**

[www.SSDAFLORIDA.com](http://www.SSDAFLORIDA.com)



**The Brochures is on the Web.  
 Deadline to register is  
 January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**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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