

December 2017



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A Letter from the President:

First and most:

**I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!**



Wow where has the year gone? I can't believe how fast this year has gone! Seems like each year goes faster and faster.

Next year is going to be a new year with a lot of firsts for us all! More on that in the January newsletter !

I am so sorry I wasn't able to be at the November meeting. I saw all the pictures on our Web site and looks like it was a great time. A big thanks to Ellen Anniballi for chairing the Philanthropic! See it really does take a village to make a chapter run â ! Also looks like Lois had some fun projects for you all!

Now we have our Christmas party to look forward to, always a good time. Can't wait to see what our committee has in store for us, always a pleasant surprise! Big thank you to Pamela Varricchio for volunteering to chair the Christmas party!

I know you are all probably busy painting and getting ready for our basket raffles, a painting that you would like to bring in (if you want), and also Christmas. So all I can say is keep those paint brushes moving! See you at the luncheon!

Hugs
Linda



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co- Secretary
Lois Owens
And Marge Thompson



NCDA MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2017

Jeanette Seese, filling in for President Linda Duff, opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. First thing on the agenda will be a presentation of our donated ornaments to K9 Partners for Patriots. Representing this wonderful charity is Mary Peter, the founder, and her assistant, Kellie.

Programs: Jeanette gave a warm welcome to Lois Kemp. She will give us a demonstration on encaustics (wax painting). We will not have a program next month but will have our Christmas party instead.

Christmas Party Chairperson, Pamela Varricchio, passed around the menu for Kally-K's Restaurant and asked all members to please look it over and, if possible, get your order in early. It will save time at the party. Marge Thompson is in charge of the favors and Jeanette Seese will be in charge of the centerpieces. Pamela also requested that members sign up early so they will know exactly how many will be attending.

There will be an ugly sweater contest and you must wear it in order to qualify. If you are contributing scratch off tickets, please punch a hole in the corner so that they will hang from the tree. If you are contributing a painted piece and it needs an easel for display, please furnish one but put your name on it so that it can be returned to you.

Membership: Rhonda Norton stated that there were 17 members present today.

Secretary & Treasurer reports were unanimously accepted as printed in the newsletter.

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Newsletter: Carole Sheftic thanked everyone for being prompt with their reports. She must have them by the 15th of the month. She also advised that we have our name domain for another two years.

Sunshine: Mary Davis reported that she sent out four birthday cards and two get-well cards for November

Secret Sister: Mary Davis did not receive a name for the secret sister. We will contact Linda Duff to see what can be done.

Ways & Means: Sharon Poorman stated that we took in \$102.00 for the birthday raffles. There will not be a raffle next month.

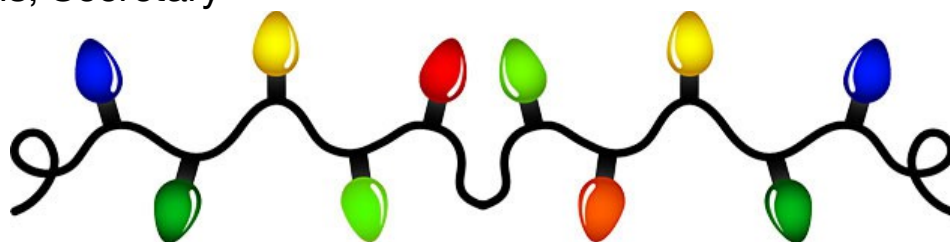
Show & Tell: As usual, there were a lot of beautiful items on the show and tell table.

Birthday Raffle: Rhonda Norton, Jeanette Seese and Virginia Hughes won presents from the birthday fairy. Lois Owens won the present brought in by Marge Thompson. Marge Thompson won the present brought in by Rhonda Norton.

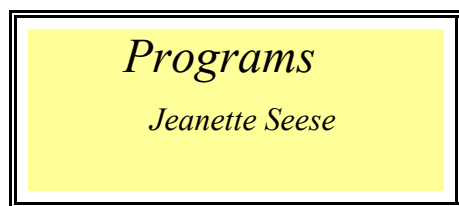
Adjournment: Jeanette Seese closed the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Owens, Secretary



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Programs: Our guest artist Lois Kamp wanted you to see the finished items that she had demoed on at the November meeting. Thank you Lois for sharing!!!!



Please stay tuned for all the great workshops Jeanette will be organizing for you for 2018.

Each month please go to our website www.NatureCoastDecorativeArtists.com to sign up so our instructors will know how many to prepare for and while you are there please check out the upcoming slate of teachers and classes that have already been decided for 2017.

And don't forget to check out our fantastic photo album each month on our website!

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Christmas Party Report!!!!

by chairperson Pamela Varricchio.
Hello my fellow NCDA Santa's Elves, I

I would like to update you all on this year's Holiday Party at Kally-K's, located at 3383 U.S. 19, Spring Hill, FL 3606 at 11:00 AM on December 2, 2017. All the preparations are coming together in a timely manner!



Carole Sheftic has added a selection button on the web site in order that you can notify us if you are attending the Holiday Party. This will enable us to make sure that we have enough seats set up and favors for all! She has also added a selection button to display the menu for the restaurant. If you were not able to attend the last meeting when I passed out some printed menus, please select the button and peruse the menu online. Please select your food choice. This will save us more time to have more fun!!

I want to thank Carole Sheftic for posting the selections on the website. I greatly appreciate your efforts! Also, thank you Jeanette Seese for stepping up to help me with the centerpieces! And to Marge Thompson for the wonderful hand-crafted favors!

So far, I have 16 people who have contacted us with their attendance. If you are coming, please let me know. You can go on the website and select the button to notify us that you are attending and what you will be bringing!

Just a reminder to you to bring in your favorite holiday CDs. Make sure your name is on the case.

Don't forget to bring your donations on Dec 2. Also, if you can please punch a hole in the corner of the scratch offs and put a little ribbon thru it, then we can hang them on the tree pronto! Thanks for your cooperation.

If your donation needs an easel or a little holiday wrapped box to lift it up to display it, please bring it with you.

If you have any questions or suggestions for me, please call me 727-233-2100 or email me at varriccp@aol.com.

Don't forget your wacky and strangely decorated ugly sweater for the contest! We will have the contest first so you can remove the sweater if you wish to do so right after the contest.

See you all next month at the party!

Happy Holidays!!

Pamela Varricchio



Secret Sister

Linda Duff



We had a great turnout for people turning in their form. Well this month will be the big reveal, to find out who our secret sister is. Can hardly wait! It's always a fun time! We had a mix up with Mary Davis' name but I have that worked out, sorry Mary! So see you all at the Christmas luncheon!

Remember, bring your gifts for the exchange to the Christmas party. The cost should be \$20.00 and just read your sheet to see everyone's likes.



Sunshine

Mary Davis

December Birthdays

18 ... Eileen Peters

22 Linda Duff



Get well wishes go out to everyone who needs one at this time.

Please let Mary know if someone is in need of a little cheering!

Note: All committee and board member emails are always located in our newsletter and on our membership roaster handed out by Membership.



Membership

Rhonda Norton



We will be collecting membership in January. We will have more information at that time.

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Treasurer

Carol Hechler

Nature Coast Decorative Artists -
October 2017
Financial Report



Beginning Balance

\$ 1844.40

INCOME

Ways and Means \$102.00

Total \$ \$102.00

EXPENSES

Project Fee ..November 4 ... Lois Kamp \$100.00

Webley ... Web Domain (2 years) 67.90

K9 Partners for Patriots 150.00

Annual WWSC donation 385.00

Total expense **\$702.90**

Ending Balance for November 2017 \$ 1243.50



*Ways and Means
And Hospitality
..Sharon Poorman*

Thank you to everyone who has made this year's
Ways and Means Raffles a big success!!!!



Stay tuned for next years ideas on how to keep or finances staple!!!!

*Merry
Christmas*

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Philanthropic
Ellen Annibali

Philanthropic Newsflash:



THANK YOU for your Beautiful & Generous
Christmas Ornaments Donations for the
"K9 Partners for Patriots"
Service Dog Training Program!

I am so very pleased to announce that NCDA exceeded our goal of 100 lovely, hand-painted "Christmas Ornaments" for the "K9 Partners For Patriots" Service Dog Training Program.

The Founder and President, Mary Peter and her wonderful Office Manager, Kellie, were presented a monetary donation for two service vests with patches, approximately 134+ hand painted ornaments and a handmade Christmas card for their Christmas Holiday Celebration, at our NCDA Chapter Meeting at 9 a.m., on Sat., November 4th, 2017.

Our members enjoyed Mary Peter's presentation on their mission, goals, training, and efforts of educating the general public of the importance of working service dogs and proper etiquette.

K9 Partners for Patriots has a wonderful website with updated videos that address many struggles that our Veterans face and overcome on a daily basis, along with contact information, wish list, etc. If you have a minute sometime, please check it out!

Many Thanks!

Ellen Annibali - NCDA Philanthropic Chairperson 2017

Hugs,

Ellen Annibali - Philanthropic Chairperson 2017



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Just thought you may want to mark your calendar....
Up Coming Events and happenings around the area...

Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists (Winter Haven, FL)

January 13-14 2018 - Mark Menendez Seminar

<http://citrusridge.org/>

Bear With Us Inc.... Open House ... Winter Garden, Florida

February 9-10, 2018

katie@bearwithusinc.com

Florida Gourd Society Annual Festival.... Melbourne, Florida

February 23-25, 2018

Ocala Decorative Artists (meeting in Silver Springs Shore)

March 24th, 2018 – Colored Pencil Mark Menendez Seminar

www.Ocaladecartists.com

Society of Decorative Painters 46th Annual Convention
Deltona Beach, FL.... May 8th - 12th 2018

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Merry Christmas from all of us ...to all of you!!!!!!