



Nature Coast News

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Nature Coast Decorative Artists

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President's Letter



Hello Painting Friends,

It is a new year and I am determined to do more painting! I especially want to paint some cute snowmen and a nice winter scene, as I miss the cold weather up north. I don't think my northern friends have the same appreciation for snow that I have living in a nice warm climate!

Whatever your passion is, find time for yourself this year. It benefits everyone as it improves your attitude, outlook, and way of life.

As always, paint with a happy heart,

Pat Estes

Programs-- Workshops

Sandy Mihalus



February 4, 2012 : Ruth Orwig will teach a Hydrangea Notebook Cover. The class cost is \$5.00 The medium is acrylics on watercolor paper. Please bring your acrylic painting supplies, and trace your pattern on the prepared paper. The colors needed are Deco-Art Paint Colors: White, Avocado, Olive Green, Evergreen, Dioxazine Purple, Victorian Blue, Antique Mauve, Blue Mist, Blue Violet. BRUSHES: 6 Filbert, 3/8 Angle Shader, 10 Flat, 6 Flat, Liner. Also needed are Faux Glazing Medium or Blending Medium. The Watercolor paper will be furnished.

March 10, 2012: Please note the meeting date change for this month only.

Guest teacher **Sandy Aubouchon** will teach Floral Painting on Fabric. Please choose a non-stretch fabric such as cotton . Directions for preparation: Wash and dry fabric **without** the addition of fabric softener. Iron freezer paper to the reverse side of the fabric. Transfer pattern with a new piece of white or light graphite transfer paper. Supplies: Freezer paper, NEW white graphite paper, stylus, Shirt board or cardboard. Royal Brushes RG150 #6 flat, RG170#8 filbert, RG#585 #5/10, RG 180 3/4" angle. THE PATTERNS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. Sandy will supply the paints. Please bring your usual acrylic supplies: water bowls, paper towels, etc.... Class fee is \$10 for this all day project.



More Programs Sandy Mihalus

March 31, 2012.... Karen Reinke will teach a Floral Pattern on wood coasters in acrylics.

Karen will furnish all the paint.

The coasters are available from Mayumi Cook, or use the surface of your choice. Please paint the surfaces black. Karen recommends a wet palette. This is our 5th Saturday project, there is no meeting so we can have a more involved project. The class fee is \$10.



April 7, 2012....Pat Otto will teach a cute pattern called Kitties on a Potted Plant Holder.

More details to follow. Two different surfaces are available from Charlene Siemes, or use the surface of your choice.

Please check out our Programs/workshop page on the web for additional planned workshops.

Teacher Sign-up: If you would like to teach a project in our chapter, please register by completing a sign-up form AND turning in 3 different examples of the project you would like to teach. If you cannot turn in the samples, copies of pictures with a brief explanation of the technique will be accepted.

By doing this we are hoping to avoid duplication of similar projects.

Please check our Programs / Workshop page and Programs / Seminar page on our new web site : www.naturecoastdecorativeartists.com for photos of our monthly meetings, workshops and seminars and more information on upcoming Seminars and Workshops.

UP COMING SEMINAR !!!!! Please mark your calendar for the Karen Hubbard seminar on September 29th and 30^h. You can check her art out at www.hubbardscupboardpackets.com .



We will keep you updated on the projects as they become available to us.

Janelle Johnson Seminar

NCDA was pleased to host a seminar by Janelle Johnson on January 14th and 15th .

Our members and their guests from other SDP chapters enjoyed two educational and relaxing days creating colored pencil “masterpieces”.



NCDA CHAPTER MEETING

Weeki Wachi Senior Center
Spring Hill, FL
Date: January 7, 2012



President, Pat Estes called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

WELCOME: President – Pat Estes wished everyone a Happy New Year. George and Eileen Peters have graciously donated the photographs taken at the Christmas Party. Thank you to both of them for the beautiful photographs.

Pat announced the new committee heads for 2012. They are Karen Reinke for Hospitality and Pat Thompson for Historian/Photographer.

Pat Otto has put up the new bathroom signs she painted for WWSCC. They are a pleasant change for the building.

Pat Estes announced she received a thank you note from James A. Haley for the veteran's cards.

The next board meeting will be at Pat Landry's home in Beverly Hills on January 11, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIRST VP-PROGRAMS: Sandy Mihalus announced there is a list of supplies for the Janelle Johnson seminar on the front table. The seminar is January 14 & 15. We will be using a "hand dyed paper" and Janelle will do a demo of how to apply the pattern on Saturday. If you are coming on Sunday only, you will need to come a half-hour early for the demo. Please make all guests feel welcome and have a good time.

Ruth Orwig will teach the February 4th workshop. She handed out watercolor paper and instructions, plus did a demonstration for the prepping of the paper.

There will not be a meeting on March 3, 2012. March 10 will be a short meeting before Sandy Aubuchon will teach a class on fabric painting. Carole Sheftic modeled her shirt that she painted with Sandy, but you may use a fabric of your choice, preferably cotton and please no **knit fabric**.

March 31 will be Karen Reinke teaching flowers on "Painters palettes" coasters. You may purchase the coasters and holder from Mayumi Cook for \$4.00 or \$5.00.

April 7 Pat Otto will teach a cute "Kitties" pattern on a plant potholder or surface of your choice.

SECOND VP-MEMBERSHIP: Carol Kuszik announced there are 27 members present. There are a total of 56 members, but only 52 have paid. We want to welcome JoAnn Raymond from Hudson, FL as a new member today. Anna Marshall was welcomed back. We were all pleased to see Anna again.

NEWSLETTER/WEBMASTER: Carole Sheftic announced that re-imbusement and membership forms are on the website. There is also a "Bits & Pieces" column now. You may do personal announcements & news for \$1.00 donation. Carole gave out gifts for the first 10 ladies who found errors in the first newsletter. The winners were Jeannette Seese, Joy O'Brien, Margaret Fredrick, Pat Otto, Rhonda Norton, Charlene Seimes and Pat Landry.

SECRETARY: Pat Landry No report, as there was no December meeting.

TREASURER: Carol Hechler reported the treasurer's report was printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept it made by Ruth Orwig, Carol Kuszik seconded. Motion carried. Charlene Seimes and Jean Thompson will do the audit in February.

HOSPITALITY: Karen Reinke thanked everyone for all the food and announced there is a “Sign-up” sheet on the counter for next month. Sharon Poorman announced she will bring outstanding gifts next month.

WAYS AND MEANS: Charlene Seimes announced we collected \$88.00 for the Birthday raffle and asked everyone to please remember to bring their Birthday gifts.

VIDEO LIBRARY: Chris Soyk reminded the members that there is **no charge** for the CD’s, but you need to return them the next month. If you can’t be there, please send them with another member.

HISTORIAN/PHOTOGRAPHER: Pat Thompson has not received the books, yet.

PHILANTHROPIC: Rhonda Norton is ill, but sent a message that she would like any ideas for projects. You may email them or call her. The final Treasurer Boxes will be collected in February.

BEGINNER TECHNIQUES: Pat Otto will be starting the program next month. She will use the camera and projector to do a short demonstration on “Back ground techniques”. She will have an instruction packet for all to take home.

TABLES & TREASURERS: Pat Otto will be our chairperson this year. She has been asked to do an article for the Society of Decorative Painters about our Table & Treasurers project. This year there will be the “Boutique”, “Basket Raffle” and “Silent Auction”. We are looking for a large hall and shooting for October 27 for the date. Hostesses will get thanks for each table they do. Guests will be looking for Christmas items.

Pat will have a group painting starting Thursday January 19, 2012 at the WWSCC (in the cove) from 9:00 until Noon. This is not a class, she will be there to help, but you will be painting your own project. This year you will have the option to buy the project you finish. Karen Reinke will be there if Pat cannot make it. Let’s have a good turn out. (Editor's note... Bring your own paint!)

PUBLICITY: Ruth Orwig all announcements are out.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Sharon Poorman requested a refund for the Janelle Johnson Seminar, because her sister is very ill and she has to fly to Washington. Pat Estes replied that we make exceptions for family emergencies and it would not be a problem.

SHOW & TELL: There were many beautiful projects this month.

BIRTHDAY RAFFLE WINNERS: The following were the recipients and the donors for the Birthday Raffle: JoAnne Raymond from Pat Landry, Sandy Mihalus from Joanne Crowley, Karen Reinke from Joy O’Brien, Jean Thompson from Pat Thompson and Carole Sheftic from the “Birthday Fairy”.

ADJOURNMENT: Pat Landry moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Landry, Secretary

Ways and Means Charlene Seimes

Birthdays for February
Jeannette Seese - Feb. 7
Janice Zerbe - Feb. 11;
Sandra McLelland - Feb. 21
Sandra Baldwin – Feb. 22



Just a reminder: This year we will again rely on the birthday fairy so that we will have 5 gifts to raffle. Anyone that is a snowbird or will not be at the meeting on their birthday month, please make arrangements with Charlene to bring their gift another time.

Video Library Chris Soyk

Please check out our listing of Art Videos by your favorite artists.

Your library has a typed list of 109 cds and dvds and books. These are so informative for you to browse through, either by sitting down at your table sipping coffee before the meeting or taking the list home to see what you would like to take out for the following month.



For the newbies:

You come to the library table, Chris will record what you are taking out and you bring it back the following month. "Such a Deal" !

Our newest dvds are Sue Scheewe with acrylics and Janelle Johnson with colored pencils.

We are open for suggestions on what you would like the chapter to order for this year.

A Word from the Editor Carole Sheftic

Thanks to all of you gals who helped me with the (post) proofing of the newsletter.



Jeanette found some grammatical errors. Pat Otto and Charlene discovered that I had Rhonda's e-mail wrong (it is now corrected). Joy discovered that I did not have her correct e-mail so she did not get a newsletter.

also.....

Pat Landry discovered that Jeanette's e-mail was wrong. And new member Margaret Frederick discovered that I had her birthday wrong.

I hope you have all checked out our new website.

www.naturecoastdecorativeartists.com.

A good idea is to bookmark it in your favorites and then you will not have to remember it.

You will find that the site is still under construction in a few areas. If something was a favorite of yours on the old site and it is not on the new one, please let me know. Any suggestions are welcomed.

Keep watching the Gallery page for new pics of all our happenings.

In the newsletter we are bringing back a section called **Bits and Pieces**. Most of the information in our newsletter is submitted by the Committee and Board members, but we would also like to hear what you are doing.

It is kind of a Mini Personal Advertisement about you. So for a dollar (\$1) donation you can submit a paragraph or picture on what you are doing outside of NCDA. How about a pic of that new Grandchild or Great Grandchild. A paragraph about the last vacation you took to ????

Submissions are due by the 15th of the month to be published by the 25th. You can e-mail them to Carole at.... csheftic@bellsouth.net

Bits & Pieces



[Dan and Carole Sheftic enjoyed spending Christmas with their new Great Grandson in Virginia Beach and posing for a 4 Generation family keepsake.](#)

Philanthropic Rhonda Norton

Rhonda would like to invite the NCDCA members to give their suggestions on what they would like our chapter to choose as the Philanthropic project for 2012.

Please bring your **written** ideas to the Feb. meeting or **e-mail** Rhonda by then. Any and all suggestions will be given our utmost consideration.

We would also appreciate **all** Treasure Boxes returned by the February meeting.



Hospitality Karen Reinke

Our theme for February is CHILI & FIX-INS

Members who have signed up for food donations are:

Breakfast items

Bagels..... Charlene Seimes

Muffins..... Sandy Mihalus

Lunch items

Dessert..... Marilynne Kelly
Pat Landry

Salad..... Mayumi Cook

Chili..... Ruth Orwig

Nachos..... Carole Sheftic

Main Dish..... Pat Estes

Corn Bread..... Pat Thompson

Our upcoming themes are:

March...Italian

April...Tex Mex

May...Salads

June...Pot Luck

July ...4th of July Picnic

Your participation is greatly appreciated



CLASSES IN MY HOME
Call for a time that fits your schedule

Learn techniques: side loading, dry brushing, floating and more while painting designs and styles you want to paint.

KAREN REINKE
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February Board Meeting

February 8, 2012

at 10:00 A.M.

Carol Hechler's home

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Spring Hill, FL

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Carol Hechler asked that the Executive Board members plan to stay after the regular board meeting to plan the budget for 2012.

Please let Carol know if you are planning to attend.

Tables & Treasures Pat Otto



Many of you have told me how excited you are looking forward to our bi-annual Tables and Treasures. Be sure to tell the new members all about it – though we agree it has to be seen to be

appreciated. Last year I think we had 22 tables. We are hoping for more this year. If you are willing to host a table, which means welcome and be friendly to the ladies at your table, but you do not want to decorate – we have people who will decorate more than one table and just need a hostess. So specify when you sign up – whether you will decorate and host, or just hostess.

I already have had several volunteers for table decorator - hostesses.

Those who have volunteered so far are:

**Ruth Orwig
Charlene Seimes
Pat Estes
Carol Hechler
Carol Kuszik
Mayumi Cook
Pat Otto
Carole Sheftic**

Membership Dottie Ptaszynski
Carol Kuszik

Welcome to our new members:

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Birthday May 28

Margaret Fredrick ...correction
DOB 10/21 (note...wrong Birthday last month)

Welcome back... Anna Marshall

Please add these new members to your Member Book.

Please note that you may have Joy Obrien's wrong e-mail address. It is :hobrien4@tampabay.rr.com

We are working to up date our membership list with all the new members and changes and corrections in e-addresses .

A new membership list will be available, hopefully, at the next meeting and a new membership booklet will be e-mailed to you shortly thereafter.

Beginner Techniques Pat Otto

Upcoming techniques will be demonstrated after the general meeting.

February: Sponging techniques - Pat Otto

March: No techniques due to our seminar

April: Glazing techniques - Pat Otto

May: Lining a box - Chris Soyk



**Nature Coast Decorative Artists
January 2012
Financial Report**

Beginning Balance \$9,130.42

INCOME

Project Fees Feb 4 (Ruth Orwig)	\$115.00
Seminar Fees (Janelle Johnson)	\$390.00
Seminar Fees Mar.10(Sandy Aubuchon)	\$70.00
Surface's Sold	\$13.50
Newsletter Ad (Bits & Pieces)	\$1.00
Ways & Means	\$97.00
Membership	\$20.00
Total	\$706.50

EXPENSES

Postage	\$5.20
Donation (WWSC 2012)	\$300.00
Treasurer supplies	\$46.67
Hospitality	\$8.98
Refund for Seminar (Feb 14 & 15)	\$70.00
Total	\$430.85

Ending Balance \$9,406.07



Acrylic Classes Spring 2012 Pat Otto

Classes at Pat's Studio in Lecanto
352-746-2688



Candle & Flower

Wed., Feb.15th
9AM-2PM \$14.00
Coffee & tea available
Bring your lunch
Surface: 9 x 12



Victorian Children

Wed., March 21st
9AM - 2 PM \$14.00
Coffee & tea available
Bring your lunch
Surface: 12 x 14 Wood cut out
can be on a stand or peg hanger.
Available from Mayumi Cook.
May be painted on a flat plaque.

Samples will be available to see at February meeting.
Email Pat at pat@patotto.com

Tips from the Pros contributed by Pat Otto
David Leffel



On Highlights:

The lightest light is white. You can't get lighter than that. Sometimes adding a little yellow will make a highlight look brighter. There are only two ways to make something look lighter: either make it lighter or make the thing next to it look darker.

On a canvas, the light should be nearest the viewer.

Highlights should have a crisp edge for brilliance and a soft edge which melts into the form.

On Shadows:

Cast shadows provide an object with roots and stability and keep it from floating in midair.

They are an important structural unit. They help describe the surface the objects rest on.

Light is the foreground. All else is the background.

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Please keep in mind that all committees can use assistants or volunteers throughout the year. Consider offering to lend a hand to the committee of your choice, even if you can only help once or twice a year.

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