



Nature Coast News

March 2012

**Nature Coast Decorative Artists
President's Letter**

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Hi Painting Friends,

It was so nice to see so many of you at the chapter meeting. I hope you all enjoyed the coffee goodies, lunch goodies, and the chance to 'catch up' with fellow members. Great job, Karen!

There were SO many show and tell items. It is nice to see that everyone is painting at home. Keep it up!

A special thank you to Pat Otto for the "beginner techniques" demonstration. A lot of great ideas were given for backgrounds. We can always count on Ruthie to do a great job teaching and we all seemed to enjoy being able to work and chit chat when the teacher (I hope) was not talking.

Next month is going to be just as much fun so don't miss out on the two projects for March.

And as always, paint with a happy heart.

Pat Estes

Programs -- Workshops

Sandy Mihalus

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

We will be "Painting on Fabric" with Sandy Aubouchon. The cost is \$10.00. This is an all day seminar, and will last from 10 am until 4 pm. Sandy will supply the paint, but please bring your acrylic painting supplies: water basin, brushes, paper towels, etc...

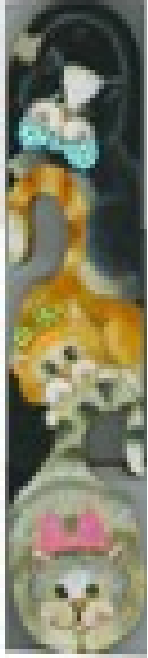
Please use only non-stretchy fabrics. Wash and dry fabric **without** the addition of fabric softener, and press freezer paper to the **BACK** of the fabric. Mount on cardboard with painters tape. Transfer pattern to fabric with a new piece of white or light graphite transfer paper. Brush suggestions are: Royal Brushes RG150 #6 flat, RG170#8 filbert, RG#585 #5/10, RG 180 3/4" angle.



March 31, 2012.... Flowers on Coasters with Karen Reinke. The cost is \$10.00. This is an all day workshop and will last until approx. 4pm.

The project is beautiful flowers using acrylic paints, so please bring your acrylic paint supplies. Please prep your coasters or painting surface with black paint to save time. Coasters can be purchased through Mayumi Cook. Please let her know as soon as possible if you would like to purchase a surface from her. The pattern is at the end of the newsletter (page 9) and also on the web.



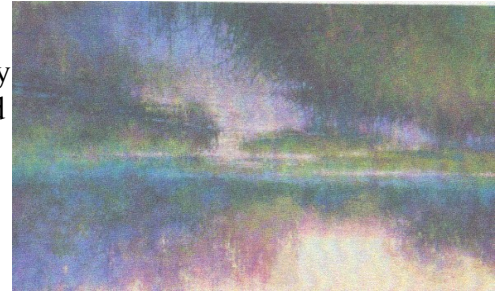


Look whats coming up for APRIL and MAY Workshops.....

April 7, 2012... Kitty Planter Hanger with Pat Otto. The cost is \$5.00 It is an adorable plant hanger which holds clay pots, decorated with an original kitty design by Pat Otto. Please bring your acrylic painting supplies. You may register for this class on March 10. Surfaces can be purchased from Charlene Siemes at a cost of \$6. Please let Charlene know by March 1st if you would like to purchase a surface. The pattern will be in the April newsletter but it is already on the Web site.

May 5, 2012... Scenic River with Jeanette Seese. The cost is \$5.00 This is a new technique for many of us as the painting is done with acrylic paints and finished with pastels.

More details to follow.



We have more exciting seminars and programs planned for this year. Carole Sheftic is teaching a wonderful watercolor in June. Pat Otto will be teaching a beautiful oil painting seminar the end of June.

Guest teacher Karen Hubbard will be teaching a seminar on September 29 and 30, 2012.

Please check out our Programs/workshop and Programs/ seminar pages on the web www.naturecoastdecorativeartists.com for additional information as it becomes available.

Teacher Sign-up: If you would like to teach a class, please contact Sandra Mihalus as soon as possible. Teacher forms are on the web site along with our teacher guide lines. The available spots are filling up quickly. We would like teachers to submit 3 projects if possible for the Executive Board to review. It will prevent duplication of projects and save time for the teachers and the Board. Please email Sandy Mihalus, Programs if you have any questions.

Ways and Means Charlene Seimes

Birthdays for the month of March....



- Barbara Pickell - March 9
- Helga Schlegel - March 15
- Rocio Hanson - March 16
- Linda Heinen - March 17
- Ruth Orwig - March 24
- Virginia Hughes - March 26

Just a reminder:

This year we will again rely on the birthday fairy so that we will have 5 gifts to raffle.

Anyone who 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.



NCDA CHAPTER MEETING
Weeki Wachi Senior Center
Spring Hill, FL



Date: February 4, 2012
President, Pat Estes called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

WELCOME: President, Pat Estes welcomed everyone and thanked them all for coming. Ruth Orwig is teaching our workshop project today and she was sure everyone was going to enjoy it. President Estes went on to explain the rules for the SDP Chapter Achievement Award. It is awarded for all our Philanthropic projects of which we accumulated 100 plus hours. We donate to Weeki Wachi Senior Citizen Center for their raffle gifts, we dressed teddy bears for the Moffit Cancer Center patients, and we painted Treasurer Boxes for the children who are ill. President Estes also thanked Carole Sheftic for the great job on the newsletter. President Estes presented a certificate to Doris Trudeau allowing her to attend all workshops at no charge. She also presented Ruth Orwig a palette charm for teaching today's workshop. From now on every teacher will get a charm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIRST VP-PROGRAMS: Sandy Mihalus encouraged everyone to try teaching a class. She also explained the seminar refund policy to all members.

The Sandy Aubuchon class is on March 10, 2012 for a fee of \$10.00. Sandy Aubuchon requested no knit fabrics and you need to put your pattern on with chalk pencil (or new white transfer paper) and iron freezer paper on the back of the fabric.

March 31, 2012 Karen Reinke will be teaching the Palette Coaster Set. You will need to base coat everything in black and Karen will supply the rest of the paint.

April 4, 2012 Pat Otto will be teaching an adorable three kittens design on a plant pot holder or surface of your choice.

Today Pat Otto will be demonstrating a beginner background technique after the meeting.

SECOND VP-MEMBERSHIP: Carol Kuszik gave us an update on Dottie's illness and we all wish her a speedy recovery. There are 35 members present. Susan Glavan from Inverness, Florida joined. Each month we collect a quarter from members who don't have their name tag on. The money collected from last year was used to buy two gifts. The lucky winners were Marilynne Kelly and Virginia Hughes. The WWSCC membership cards for this year were on the table.

NEWSLETTER/WEB MASTER: Carole Sheftic reminded everyone that the deadline for articles is the 15th of the month. Don't forget the \$1.00 Bits 'N Pieces column. Carole has made up a membership book. It will be online for members to printout. Carole will bring a large stapler to the March meeting, if you would like to staple your booklet.

SECRETARY: Pat Landry reported the minutes were in the newsletter. Dani Jacques made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Minutes approved.

HOSPITALITY: Karen Reinke announced that next month we will have a theme of Italian. Please let her know if you plan to bring something.

TREASURER: Carol Hechler reported the treasurers report was in the newsletter. Pat Landry motioned to accept it, seconded by Chris Soyk. Report approved.

WAYS AND MEANS: Charlene Seimes reported \$128.00 was collected for the birthday raffle this month. She also announced she had reported to SDP on our raffle and how it is handled.

VIDEO LIBRARY: Chris Soyk has a list of all the videos we have to use. Mayumi Cook reported the colored pencil videos she watched were excellent. Linda Duff said the Sue Scheewe video was very informative.

HISTORIAN/PHOTOGRAPHER: Pat Thompson announced she is taking the book home.

SUNSHINE: Barb Pickell reported she sent 6 birthday and 2 sympathy cards out in December. She sent 3 birthday, 2 Thinking of You and 1 Get Well in January. She has sent 4 birthdays for February.

PUBLICITY: Ruth Orwig would like to get a picture to send to the newspapers.

PHILANTHROPIC: Rhonda Norton announced she will no longer be collecting Treasurer Boxes. She is still open for ideas for a project for this year.

OLD BUSINESS: Pat Otto reported on the Tables and Treasurers program and explained it to the new members. There will be a Boutique of gifts to purchase, a Silent Auction, Gift Basket raffle and the table hostess will decorate the table. We're planning on the last Saturday in October. If you are making a basket, please bring a list of everything that is in the basket. Please let Pat Otto know by email what you are doing. Thursday's from 9:00 A.M. until Noon at the WWSCC center, there is a group of girls painting items for the boutique. Please plan to attend and help out, it's a lot of fun. Sharon Poorman thanked the club for the card they sent. She also did a raffle for food donations last year. The winners were: Carole Sheftic, Sandy Mihalus and Mary Baratta.

NEW BUSINESS: Pat Estes announced that Joanne Crowley will be the chairperson for the Christmas Party this year. The March Board Meeting will be at Pat Otto's home in Lecanto, Florida on March 14, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

SHOW & TELL: There were many beautiful pieces shown. Some of them were done for the Tables and Treasures Boutique.

BIRTHDAY RAFFLE WINNERS: The following were the recipients and the donors for the Birthday Raffle: Charlene Seimes from Jeanette Seese, Andi Dignard from Helga Schlegel, Joy O'Brien from the Birthday Fairy, Chris Soyk from Sandy Baldwin and Karen Reinke from Jeanette Seese.

ADJOURNMENT: Jeanette Seese moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Landry, Secretary



Video Library **Chris Soyk**

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

We would like to hear from you as to what kind of teaching DVDs you would like us to order for our library. This is a new year and there are many new horizons to educate ourselves.



Also keep in mind if you take out a DVD for the month you must bring it back the **next month**.

If you find your DVD is not recording, please let the librarian know. We will check it out and take it out of service.

A Word from the Editor **Carole Sheftic**

Thanks again for everyone getting their articles to me on time.



Don't forget to keep an eye on our web site. You get your newsletter once a month but the web site www.naturecoastdecorativeartists.com is kept up to date as new information and pictures are turned in.

Remember to let us know if there is something you think should be added to the website...or if a link etc is not working properly. An error or problem can not be corrected unless we know about it.

Please check out our new article called **Bits and Pieces**. Carol Kuszik and Pat Thompson have come up with a great use of the space. 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 asking a question on a painting problem you may be having. A paragraph about the last vacation you took to ????. Something that you are in search of!

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



From Carol Kuszik

For Tables and Treasures I am doing a table with a Pink Poinsettia theme. At one of the meetings someone picked up a pattern to purchase of a poinsettia to place on a plate. It had slots to put the silverware in. If you have it...May I please borrow it? Please e-mail me at.. ckcolors@tampabay.rr.com

From Pat Thompson

I am looking for a stencil for chicken wire for a project I would like to start. I would appreciate it if I could borrow it for a short time or possibly purchase it off of you. Please e-mail me at pthompson119@embarq.com



Hospitality **Karen Reinke**

Our theme for March is **Italian**

Members who have signed up for food donations are:

Breakfast items

Fruit. Bowl.....Carole Sheftic

Lunch items

Garlic Bread.....Rhonda Norton
Baked Ziti.....Pat Thompson
Relish Tray.....Ruth Orwig
Sausage & Peppers...Karen Reinke
BiscottiChris Soyk

Please call Karen Reinke if you would like to bring an item for the Breakfast or Lunch.

Our upcoming themes are:

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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Ocala Decorative Artists
 invite you to join us
 for our Annual Basket Luncheon
April in Paris
 April 28, 2012
 at noon
 in Ocala Florida
 Tickets are \$8.50
 Luncheon + French Market/Boutique
 Chinese Auction & Live Basket & Art Auction
 Contact Carole Sheftic..... csheftic@bellsouth.net



**March Board Meeting March 14, 2012
 at 10:00 A.M.**

Pat Otto's home
 4730 W. Sandy Hill Street
 Lecanto, FL
pat@patotto.com
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Please let Pat know if you are coming.

Tables & Treasures Pat Otto



We have researched several places and have decided this year to go back to Timber Pines. The date will be October 20th. The hostesses will receive their information packets at the April meeting.

We still need more hostesses. If you have done a table in the past and are unable to hostess, would you consider lending your table decorations to someone? They would be responsible for selling tickets, providing favors and sitting with the guests. We need items for the boutique, the silent auction and baskets to raffle. It is fun to take pictures of the items before you paint them and then after they are transformed into treasures. See the website for an information sheet.

THURSDAY PAINTERS:

We are having fun painting together on Thursday mornings for Tables and Treasures. We share ideas and patterns. Bring your brushes and surfaces. We paint from 9 - 11:30 at WWSC and then some go for lunch together. If you are unsure of what it is all about, just join us and base coat some articles. You will soon get the idea and join the creativity. For those who live a distance from Spring Hill, maybe you could get together in your area.



Membership Dottie Ptaszynski
 Carol Kuszik

We would like to welcome back *Anna Marshall* and new member *Sue Glavan*. Their information is already in the "New" membership booklet arriving in your in-box shortly.



We had the new membership lists at the membership/sign-in table at the February meeting. Hopefully everyone in attendance picked one up. We try to have them available every month.



Carole Sheftic has reviewed our list and updated the Membership booklet. It should be e-mailed out around the same time as this newsletter.

It can be printed out one sided and the pages glued (taped) together or you can run it off two sided.

Carole has offered to bring her large booklet stapler to the March 10th meeting if you would like your booklet stapled together.



Beginner Techniques Pat Otto

I hope everyone will practice the sponging techniques shown last month. It is a quick and easy way to cover a surface.

March: No technique due to Sandy Aubuchon Seminar

April: Glazing techniques

May: Lining a box

A Special Thank-you from Doris...

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Members of the Board of NCDA.

I, Doris Trudeau, want to say many thanks for the certificate honoring me to be able to come and attend any chapter workshop, free of charge whether I choose to participate in such or just visit.

I think this is a first that any chapter has done this.

I shall try to continue to be at meetings as my health allows me to.

You are all such a great "bunch" of Ladies in painting and are continuing to make great strides to help all the members with all the new things you've done this past year. I love you all.

Respectively,

*Doris M. Trudeau
member #29627*

Philanthropic Rhonda Norton

First, we would like to thank everyone who has painted a Treasure box this past year.

We also want to thank everyone who presented us with suggestions for our 2012 project.

We are happy to announce that the board has come up with a new Philanthropic project. It will be brought up, discussed and voted on at the next meeting.



Sunshine Barbara Pickell

Over the past month we have sent

February **Birthday** cards to Jeanette Seese, Janice Zerbe, Sandra Baldwin, and Sandra McLelland.



We hope all you ladies had a great day.

Thinking of You cards were sent out to Rhonda Norton and Sharon Poorman, and **Get Well** cards were sent to Dottie Ptaszynski and Joann Brechue. We hope things are looking up for you. Please let Barbara know when there are members who need a special card from us.

Nature Coast Decorative Artists Financial Report for February 2012

Beginning Balance		\$9,406.07
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INCOME

Program Fee Feb (Ruth Orwig)	\$55.00	
Program Fees (March 10) Sandy Auburchon	\$180.00	
Seminar Fees (Janelle Johnson)	\$120.00	
Ways & Means	\$128.00	
Membership	\$65.00	
Donations	\$27.00	
Newsletter Ad & Bites & Pieces	\$16.00	
Extra Surfaces	\$11.00	
5th Sat 3/31 Karen Reinke	\$100.00	
Total	\$702.00	\$10,108.07

EXPENSES

Program Teachers Fee (Ruth Orwig)	\$100.00
Program Printing & Pictures	\$9.27
Seminar Janelle Johnson 1-14&15	\$1,406.00
WWSC Donation \$50 1-14&15 \$20 1-19 & 26	\$70.00
Janelle Johnson (Carol Hechler) dinner	\$28.33
Membership WWSC dues (Roslie Hoying	\$10.00
Ways & Means	\$7.66
Seminar Food 1-14 &15	\$75.00
Total	\$1,706.26

Ending Balance	\$8,401.81
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Adjustment for Dues 2012	
Membership renewal WWSC	
1 member Paid 2/4/2012	
Membership renewal NCDA	
2 member 1/3/ 2012	

Tips from the Pros contributed by *Pat Otto*
Claudia Nice

On Painting Trees:

A fun way to create rugged roots and branches is to herd a small puddle of watered down paint randomly across the surface with puffs of air through a straw. Distant tree foliage can be sponged on using a sponge, a cotton swab, a paper towel, a rag, or even a clump of moss.

Jaqueline Penney

On Creativity:

Change and risk taking are normal aspects of the creative process. They are the lubricants that keep the wheels in motion. A creative act is not necessarily something that has never been done; it is something you haven't done before. (She was quoting Margaret Mead)

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