



Nature Coast News

April 2012
President's Letter

Nature Coast Decorative Artists

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Hi Painting Friends.

It is always so nice to see so many of you at our meetings. March's class was a great success in spite of having to have it on a different date. Sandy Aubuchon is a wonderful teacher and everyone did so well on shirts, aprons, etc. What a nice variety!

Don't forget that we have a 5th Saturday this month. Please read your newsletter carefully so you do not miss any important information. Carole does a great job keeping all of us up to date, and if you have any questions, you can always call one of your board members .

Remember to find time for yourself to do whatever you enjoy most (hopefully painting!!) .

And paint with a happy heart.

Pat Estes

Programs -- Workshops Sandy Mihalus

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

The project photo is on the website... www.naturecoastdecorativeartists.com.

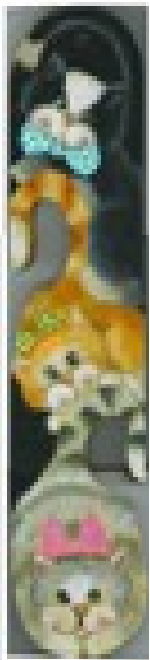
The project is beautiful flowers using acrylic paints, so please bring your acrylic paint supplies. Please prep your coasters or painting surface with black paint to save time. If you wanted coasters I hope you gave Mayomi Cook a call. The pattern is at the end of the newsletter (page 9) and also on the web. Don't forget to bring a bag lunch. ` No buffet spread this week..Our Hospitality Chairperson is the teacher!!!!

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 31st. Hope you gave Charlene your wood order, the deadline was March first.

The pattern is in this newsletter and Pat has also graciously included an alternate pattern if you would like to paint a Kitty laying down. The alternate pattern is on the web site.



Preparation:

If you have a real wood piece, you do not have to paint it. You can just seal it and put the pattern on. If you are using mdf board or another surface, paint it beige – I used Light Mocha. The black you see on the photo is painted *after* the kittens. No undercoating is required – just put the pattern on.

Supplies:

Wood pot hanger

Pots: I used 4 inch pots, but I would suggest you take your wood to Wal-Mart or wherever you are getting the pots and try them for a proper fit.

Paints: DecoArt Americana except when marked with *Ceramcoat; (TA) means tiny amount such as for dots on bows or eye color (Bows and eyes can be the colors of your choice and the grays can be what ever you like (or have).

Lamp Black, White, Calypso Blue, Winter Blue, Neutral Gray, Pumpkin*, Burnt Sienna, Boysenberry Pink, Hauser Light Green, Golden Straw(TA), Evergreen (TA), Midnight Blue (TA)

Brushes liner, #4, #8, #10 flats or ½", ¾" angles (or whatever brush best fits the space you are painting).

Miscellaneous Supplies - Paper Towels, water basin, regular acrylic palette, other supplies that you usually carry.

May 5, 2012... Acrylic and Pastel landscape with Jeanette Seese. Cost \$5.00. It will be on a 9x12 Canvas.

Paints needed: Americana: Black, White, Royal Purple, Moon Yellow, French Mauve, Burnt Sienna, Navy Blue, Uniform Blue, Midnight Green, Evergreen, Light Hauser Green.

Ceramcoat Paints: Emerald Green. NOTE: If you don't have these colors, either choose a close substitute or borrow from the teacher. SpectaFix fixitive will be provided.

Other Supplies: Baby wipes, Palette knife, paper towels, 2 wash brushes, liner brush, 2 or 3 scruffy or foliage brushes, water bucket, palette paper or wet palette. Optional: portable easel. Prep: Measure 3" from the top of the canvas and draw the horizon line. Check for straightness. Apply Pattern. Do not transfer words, squiggly lines or "weeds". These are for reference only. Our chapter will supply the pastels, and be available for purchase after the meeting.



Upcoming classes:

We have more exciting seminars and programs planned for the first half of 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. Pictures are on the website.

Second half of the year: We will be instructed on how to Paint on Glass, do a beautiful project with guest teacher Julie Polderdyke, and paint a monochromatic color schemed tissue box. And we can not forget the Triad coming in November.

September Seminar:

Please mark your calenders for September 29th and 30th. We are hosting Karen Hubbard for two individual projects. The projects have been chosen and will be posted on the website soon. Please check the websites for our guest teachers. You will be excited and inspired for our upcoming projects.

NCDA CHAPTER MEETING

Weeki Wachi Senior Center
Spring Hill, FL
Date March 10, 2012



President, Pat Estes called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

WELCOME: President – Pat Estes thanked everyone for coming and welcomed Sandy Aubuchon for coming to teach today.

President Estes encouraged all to come to the Senior Center on Thursday mornings. The girls paint pieces for the Tables & Treasures Program, and then they go to lunch. It's a fun time, if you have some spare time and would like to join them.

The Board meeting will be 10 A.M., March 14, 2012, at Pat Otto's home in Lecanto, FL.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIRST VP-PROGRAMS: Sandy Mihalus reported all announcements were sent by e-mails.

SECOND VP-MEMBERSHIP: Carol Kuszik announced there are 23 members and 2 guests present. The guests are Pat Butler from Ohio and Karen Babulitz from Florida. Please remember to show Carol your SDP card, if you haven't already.

SECRETARY: Pat Landry reported the minutes were in the newsletter. Chris Soyk made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Motion seconded by Doris Trudeau.

TREASURER: Carol Hechler reported the treasurer's report was in the newsletter. Pat Landry made a motion to accept as published. Karen Reinke seconded the motion.

WAYS AND MEANS: Charlene Seimes announced Chris Soyk did the raffle today. She collected a total of \$80.00.

HISTORIAN/PHOTOGRAPHER: Pat Thompson reported she received an article from Doris Trudeau.

HOSPITALITY: Karen Reinke announced she will bring bagels on the 31st and reminded all to bring a "Brown Bag Lunch".

PHILANTHROPIC: Rhonda Norton announced we will be donating to the Weeki Wachi Senior Citizen Center. The members voted to donate \$500.00. Rhonda also asked people to bring nice items for their Bingo Prizes.

OLD BUSINESS: President Pat Estes asked for members in the Citrus County area to volunteer to help Joanne Crowley on the Christmas Party. Pat Landry, Chris Soyk and Carol Kuszik volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS: Sandy Aubuchon said we could use the SDP Scholarship fund to hire a teacher. We will look into that.

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 Linda Heinen, Jean Alley from RUTH ORWIG AND DORIS TRUDEAU, SANDY MIHALUS AND MAYUMI COOK FROM THE "BIRTHDAY FAIRY".

ADJOURNMENT: Andi Dignard moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Landry, Secretary **Editor Note... sorry about the "CAPS" I could not get them removed!!!!**

Ways and Means Charlene Seimes

Birthdays for the month of April...



Virginia Olsen - April 6
Marilynne Kelly - April 8
Lynda Goodman - April 11
Sandy Mihalus - April 26

Our Birthday Raffle

Just a reminder on How it Works.....

On your birthday month, as a member, it is your responsibility to bring in a nicely painted gift, a gift certificate, or painting items, (valued at \$20 - not used) wrapped beautifully to entice the sale of raffle tickets.

It is a once-a-year donation so it is nice to make it a special treat that the recipient will treasure. **Did you know** that if you do not like to shop or wrap..... just give your monetary donation to Charleen and she will shop for you.

Everyone looks forward to seeing the gifts, so leave them displayed until people have had a chance to admire them.

If you are going to be absent on your birthday month or do not want to participate, please tell Charlene ahead of time so she can make arrangements. We ask all snowbirds that will have a birthday while gone for the summer to please bring their gift in during April or May if possible.

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

Hospitality Karen Reinke

Our theme for April is *Tex Mex*

Members who have signed up for food donations are:

Karen BaublitzFruit
Rhonda.....Diet Coke & Bagels
and Cream Cheese
Doris..... Muffins
Ruth Orwig.....Taco Salad
Pat Estes..... Mexican Chicken
Charlene.....Tex Mex Salad and Root Beer
Karen.....Salad

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

Our upcoming themes are:

May....Salads

June....Pot Luck

July ...4th of July Picnic

August ..Sandwiches or Salads

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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Video Library Chris Soyk

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



We have a new 2 hour DVD by Sue Scheewe: Water color Painting Techniques and Solutions.

We have a water color workshop coming up in June. You still have time

to check this great DVD out before that class.

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.



Bits & Pieces



Pat Otto hosted a Portrait Painter's Retreat at her home March 2-4. In attendance were - back row: Pat Otto, Vicki Pritchard, Betty Love; front row: Darla Goldberg, Pat Lentine, Carole Sheftic and Diane Becker. (Carol Dombrowski not shown)



Pat is shown with a portrait sketch done from one of the live models (her hubby, Mickey).

NCDCA Board Meeting

April 11, 2012
at 10:00 A.M.

Karen Reinke's home
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Spring Hill, FL 34609

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352-688-0839

Please let Karen know if you are coming.

Beginner Techniques

Pat Otto will show us some fun and easy Glazing techniques right after the business meeting.

We hope you enjoyed practicing February's techniques on one of your recent projects.

Membership Dottie Ptaszynski

Carol Kuszik

Our Emergency Phone list will be available at the April meeting and is also on the website.



The membership Booklet has been e-mailed out and is also available on the website. As we get new members we will try to keep the Website edition up to date.

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

Carole has (again) offered to bring her large booklet stapler to the April 7th meeting if you would like your booklet stapled together.



Carole was unable to make the March meeting.

Philanthropic Rhonda Norton

This year we have decided to take on the Weeki Wachee Senior Center as our Philanthropic Project. Besides giving them a donation to help defray everyday operating costs, we are asking for donations for them to use in their Bingo Games. These objects may be hand painted or anything else that you think they may like for their Bingo Prizes. There are both men and women ... so objects such as Jewelry or Ties could be a possible suggestion.

A box will be available at each meeting for donations.

Weeki Wachee Senior Center Update



Some of our members attended the Weeki Wachee board meeting this past month and it was Evie's 98th Birthday. She celebrated by having her favorite sandwich of Lindburger Cheese and onion on sour dough bread, with a glass of beer.

Sunshine Barbara Pickell

Birthday cards for March were sent out to Barbara Pickell, Helga Schlegel, Rocio Hanson, Linda Heinen, Ruth Orwig and Virginia Hughes.



A get well card was sent out to Virginia Hughes. Virginia we hope you are feeling better.

Please let Barbara know when there are members who need a special card from us.

Nature Coast Decorative Artists March 2012 Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$8,401.81
INCOME	
Seminar Fees 3/10 Sandy Aubuchon	60.00
Birthday Raffle	80.00
Program Fee 5th Sat Karen Reinke	30.00
Program Fee 4/7 Pat Otto	70.00
Extra Supplies (Glasses)	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$245.00

EXPENSES	
Seminar Instructor Fee (S. Aubuchon)	300.00
Project Supplies	43.81
Beg. Tech. & Aprils class Copies(P.Otto)	31.12
Hospitality & Ink (Pat Estes)	37.12
Library	29.08
WWSC Donation(Thurs Morning Feb)	40.00
Teacher Deposit (Julie Polderdyke)	100.00
WWSC Donation Extra Sat. 3/10)	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$606.13

Ending Balance **\$8,040.68**



TABLES & TREASURES

Patt Otto

Hostess Information:

Mark your Calendar
for
October 20, 2012

We are Andi Dignard's guests at Timber Pines again this year. Tables are ROUND. They seat 8 people. You will get 8 numbered tickets, but yours is free, so you only have to sell 7. If you are hosting a table decorated by another member, please see her to find out what she needs you to do.

For your table you need:

- ◆ A tablecloth cloth
- ◆ A centerpiece - preferably painted. You may raffle it off if you want. Let your guests know by placing a small sign by it.
- ◆ 8 place settings (which include)
- ◆ Utensils don't forget dessert forks
- ◆ Place mats, chargers or plates - food will be served on clear plastic so that you can

see through to your designs.

- ◆ Glasses - large enough for iced tea or water
- ◆ Coffee cups or mugs
- ◆ Napkins
Note: Glasses and utensils may be nice plastic or fancy paper ware. No Styrofoam or Chinet. Napkins may be paper, but nice fancy ones.
- ◆ Place Cards or Name badges for each guest at your table
- ◆ A favor for each guest at your table
- ◆ We are planning on having servers this year, so you don't have to get up and get coffee and tea and the meal. But we would like you to have a coffee carafe and an ice tea pitcher. These don't have to match your table but please put your name and table number on the bottom so we can get them to you when filled. You will get your table number when you get your ticket.
- ◆ Coffee carafe
- ◆ Iced tea pitcher
- ◆ Water pitcher
- ◆ Sugar bowl - sugar will be supplied in packets
- ◆ Creamer - creamer will be supplied in "mini moos"
- ◆ I am not sure about the next item, but be prepared.
- ◆ Butter dish or bowl - butter will be in pats
- ◆ Dessert plates are optional as it will be served on a plate.

You can do as much as you like, or the minimum. Some girls decorate the chairs or provide hats that go with their theme. Remember though that you need to leave room on the table for the food. It is best to try setting it up at home to make sure it all fits. You also want your guests to be able to see each other across the table!

If you are missing some items, like a coffee carafe, we may have extra, so don't buy one if you will never use it.

We are painting up some very nice items and I hope to have a display at the July meeting to give you ideas for the boutique.

Useful Tips contributed by *Pat Otto*

Suggestions for Workshop or Seminar

1. Don't expect to do your best work at a seminar or workshop. The class is a learning tool to push you forward and help you learn new things.
2. Don't be intimidated if other artists are more experienced. Teachers love new students. Willingness to learn, practice and grow will pay off.
3. Don't ever be afraid to ask questions at a seminar, but ask the teacher - don't ask the person sitting next to you.
4. Come prepared to have an adventure.
5. Pay attention to the workshop supply list. There's a reason for the supplies asked for. You need the proper tools. If you are unable to obtain them, contact the teacher or seminar chair beforehand to see if you can borrow or buy the supplies there.
6. Don't try to finish an area completely before moving on with the teacher. Listen, take notes, and keep up with the pace of the class. For instance, paint one grape then go on to one leaf rather than trying to finish all the grapes while the teacher is painting leaves.
7. Now the cliché – It's just a piece of paper (or wood) so don't be afraid to make mistakes.

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lease 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.

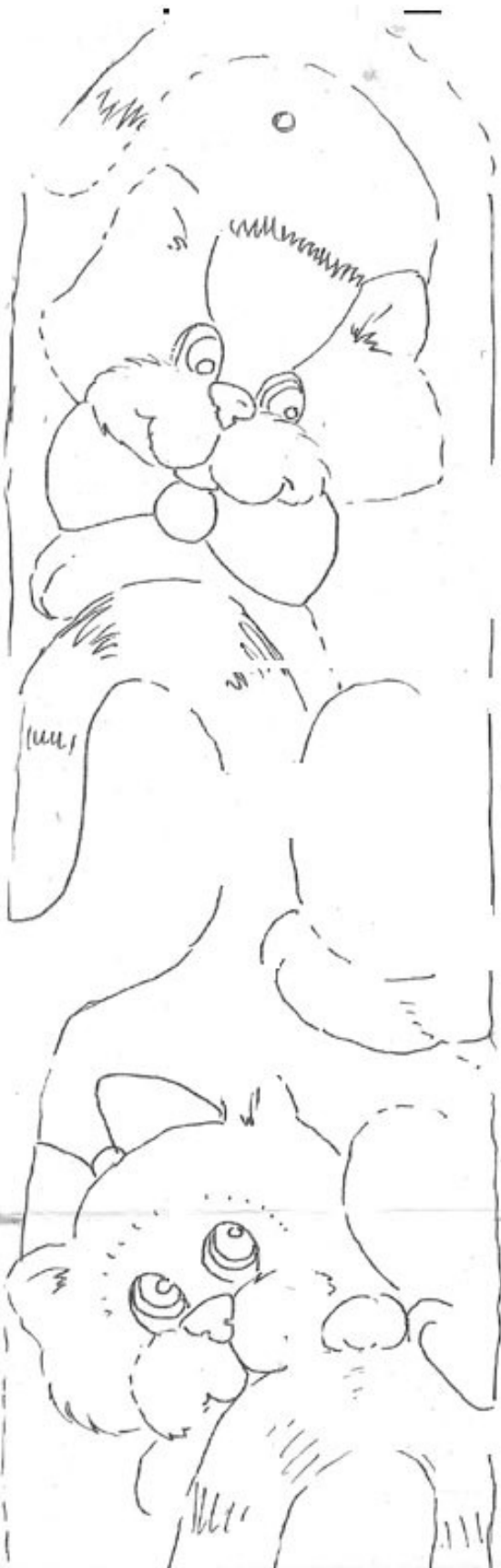
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*Pattern should be 16 inches long
x 3.5 wide when joined*

