



# Nature Coast News

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**Nature Coast Decorative Artists**

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Painting Friends,



I know from the smiles and laughter that all of you who attended the Triad had a great time. Our teachers, Pat Landry, Carol Kuszik and Karen Reinke did a great job.

I want to express my appreciation to you for re-electing me as President and also for re-electing the entire board for another year. We will continue to put our best effort into providing another educational, fun-filled year for you.

I hope that you can finish 2011 by attending the Christmas Party. You will be able to meet and greet your fellow painters in a pretty, festive atmosphere, enjoy conversation, fun and a delicious meal.

Merry Christmas to you all and may you and your families enjoy the holiday season.

Pat Estes

## PROGRAMS

# GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ORDERED YOUR TICKETS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DO IT TODAY! NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER NOVEMBER 15**

**DEADLINE FOR TICKETS  
NOVEMBER 15th!!**

You are invited to join us for our  
Annual NCDA Christmas Party

## "SNOWY NIGHT"

**Saturday, December 3rd, 2011**

11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Brooksville Country Club

23446 Links Dr., Brooksville, FL 34601

**Ticket Price: \$14.00 per person\***  
**NCDA Member, Spouse or 1 Guest**

\*includes tax & gratuity

Limited Seating

Christmas Luncheon will include:  
choice of

### Entree:

Garlic Herb Chicken or Baked Ham  
Each served with Salad, Potatoes  
AuGratin & Sherried Carrots

### Beverages:

Coffee, Hot Tea,  
Pitcher of Iced Tea, Water

### Dessert:

Boston Cream Pie  
\* CASH BAR \*

**call Carol Hechler**  
**352-684-2939**

## NCD CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Weeki Wachi Senior Center

Spring Hill, FL

November 5, 2011

President, Pat Estes called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

**WELCOME:** Pat Estes mentioned that Sharon Poorman did a nice job teaching. We all thank her. Pat also thanked Pat Landry, Carol Kuszik and Karen Reinke for teaching today's Triad. Pat went over Christmas Party information.

January meeting will be our Annual White Elephant Sale with a soup and salad lunch.

Next Board Meeting will be Monday, Nov. 7, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at Carol Kuszik's home.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**FIRST VP-PROGRAMS:** Sandy Mihalus reported the Triad groups consist of seven girls per table. Please move when the time is up.

Janelle Johnson Seminar is January 14 & 15, 2012. The medium is colored pencils on hand dyed paper, which she will supply. The class times are 9:00 to 5:00. Please pay when you sign up. Open enrollment will be after December 1, 2011. Janelle will show us how to apply the pattern on Saturday. If you are only attending on Sunday, please come at 8:30 so she can show you how to put your pattern on.

**SECOND VP-MEMBERSHIP:** Dottie Ptaszynski & Carol Kuszik asked everyone to please pay your dues by December 31, 2011. After that date, they are delinquent and will cost \$15.00.

**NEWSLETTER:** Pat Otto announced she had talked to Rosalie Hoying. She and her daughter were in a car accident, but she is fine now and is planning to come to meetings soon. Andi Dignard won this year's final drawing.

**SECRETARY:** Pat Landry stated the minutes were in the newsletter. Andi Dignard made a motion to accept the minutes as published.

**TREASURER:** Carol Hechler announced we have a balance of \$9,829.44. Report was accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Carol is selling tickets for the Christmas Party. She needs the final count by November 15. If you are planning to attend and haven't bought a ticket, please contact Carol.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Charlene Seimes collected \$135.00 for raffle ticket sales. She announced the free items on the table were from Ev Dye's supplies.

**VIDEO LIBRARY:** Chris Soyk has purchased 2 new DVD's. One is acrylic by Sue Scheewe and the other is Colored Pencils by Janelle Johnson. Janelle Johnson also sent a free pattern packet.

**HISTORIAN:** Doris Trudeau requested some hard copy pictures for the photo albums.

**SUNSHINE:** Barb Pickell sent out 48 Birthday, 6 Get Well and 6 Thinking of You cards.

**PHILANTHROPIC:** Rhonda Norton is ending the Treasure Boxes this year. She needs all boxes finished and turned in by the February meeting.



**OLD BUSINESS:** Karen Reinke chairman of the Nominating Committee announced the slate of offices. The slated officers are those serving this year, running for re-election. There were no nominations from the floor. Andi Dignard made a motion to accept the slate. Motion seconded by Doris Trudeau. Motion Carried. President Estes thanked Karen Reinke, Pat Otto and Jeanette Seese for serving on the Nominating Committee.

President Estes asked members to think about volunteering for a committee. Joanne Crowley volunteered to serve as Christmas Party Chairperson. Thank you Joanne.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pat Estes, Carol Hechler and Charlene Seimes painted 6 Veterans Cards. Three cards were sent to SDP and the others were sent to the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, the Orlando VA Medical Center and the Lake City VA medical Center. Thanks for your work ladies.

**SHOW & TELL:** There were many very nice paintings from the members and several paintings from the Maureen McNaughton class last Saturday.

**BIRTHDAY RAFFLE WINNERS:** The following were the recipients and the donors for the Birthday Raffle: Sandy Mihalus from Rhonda Norton, Sandy McLelland from Carol Kuszik, Dottie Ptaszynski from Mary Baratta, Carol Kuszik from Bev Brockschmidt, Bev Brockschmidt from Joann Brechue, Joanne Crowley from Dani Jacques, Karen Reinke from Linda Duff and Mayumi Cook from Joanne Crowley. Eileen Peters won the special gift in memory of Gini Conn and Lorene Sherpinkas.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rhonda Norton moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Landry, Secretary

## BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, December 7  
at Charlene Seimes' home  
8553 Highpoint Blvd  
off Hwy 50 in Brooksville**



**Call or email Charlene if you are coming.  
352-596-5561  
cmseimes@tampabay.rr.com**

**New committee heads try to attend. This is a planning session for next year.**

## Janelle Johnson Seminar January 14 & 15, 2012

Cost \$35.00/day. Janelle is a nationally known teacher who specializes in colored pencil. The 2 projects: "Daffodils" and "Finch" are on her website [www.janellejohnson.com](http://www.janellejohnson.com) Students will need to bring their own colored pencils. Each are a one day class taught at the intermediate level. You need to sign up now so we know if we can open the class to other chapters. For more information call or email Sandy Mihalus.



### SATURDAY: DAFFODILS

#### Prismacolor pencils needed for Daffodils Project 8" x 17"

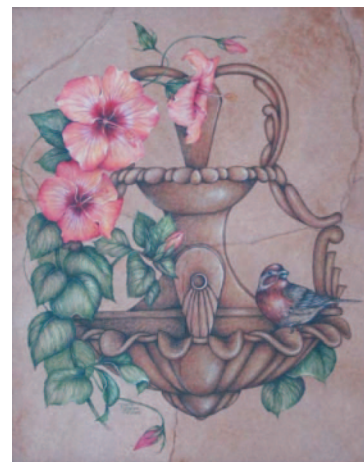
Bronze, Cool Grey 30%, Dark green, Marine Green, Spanish Orange, Black Cherry, Canary Yellow, Cream, Jasmine, Pumpkin Orange & White - Paper will be supplied. Bring a hand pencil sharpener to cut down on noise.

### SUNDAY: FINCH, FOUNTAIN & FLOWERS

#### Prismacolor pencils needed for Finch Project 16" x 20"

Black, Black Cherry, Burnt Ochre, Carmine Red, Cream, Crimson Lake, Dark Green, Dark Umber, French Grey 10%, 20%, 90%, Indigo Blue, Jasmine, Marine Green, Raspberry, Salmon Pink, Scarlet Lake, Sunburst Yellow, Tuscan Red, & White Paper will be supplied. Come ½ hour early to put pattern on.

We have scheduled **Karen Hubbard, CDA**, to come in the fall next year. Karen specializes in painting animals in acrylics. Look at her site and see her work, but if you have a chance to see her at one of the conventions, see her work in person. You will be impressed. Her website is [www.hubbardscupboardpackets.com](http://www.hubbardscupboardpackets.com)



### 2012 WORKSHOPS - Teachers - Get your name in - projects are lining up!

JANUARY 7 - White Elephant Sale and Soup and Salad Lunch

FEBRUARY 4 -

**Teacher:** Ruth Orwig **Medium:** acrylic on watercolor paper (supplied) **Project:** Hydrangeas in acrylic on notebook cover

MARCH 10 -

**Seminar - Guest Teacher:** Sandy Aubuchon **Medium:** fabric painting (paints supplied) **Project:** floral on shirt

MARCH 31 -

**Teacher:** Karen Reinke **Medium:** Acrylic on wood **Project:** floral coasters

APRIL 7 -

**Teacher:** Pat Otto **Medium:** acrylic on wood **Project:** 3 kitty pot hanger.

As for the rest of 2012, we have many talented teachers in our chapter. There is a form enclosed in this newsletter and available from Sandy Mihalus that teachers need to fill out. We are asking that you submit photos of work so that we can choose a good variety of subjects and mediums for classes next year. Teaching is fun, especially now that we have the projector and microphone. Please don't delay in contacting Sandy if you want to teach, even if you have not decided on the projects yet.

## HOSPITALITY Sharon Poorman

**December 3** is the Christmas Party at Brooksville Country Club. Get your tickets and enjoy someone else providing a delicious dinner for us!

**January 7** There was a sign up sheet in November for the January meeting. If you did not sign up you may call Karen Reinke and let her know if you are bringing soup, salad or sides.



Please think of volunteering to bring some goodies at least once next year. It does not have to be a lot or home made. Donations of coffee, napkins, plates and bowls are also appreciated. Please collect your dishes and help clean up when the painting program starts.

## JANUARY 7







## 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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## Newsletter

### Advertising Rates

#### MEMBERS

Business card

(3.5 x 2.5)

3 months...\$9.00

6 months...\$15.00

12 months...\$28.00

Quarter page (3.5 x 5)

3 months...\$15.00

6 months...\$25.00

12 months...\$50.00

Half page

(3.5 x 10 vert or 7.5 x 5 horiz)

1 month...\$10.00

Full page (7.5 x 10)

1 month...\$25.00

#### NON-MEMBERS

Business card

(3.5 x 2.5)

1 month...\$6.00

Quarter page (3.5 x 5)

1 month...\$10.00

Half page

(3.5 x 10 vert or 7.5 x 5 horiz)

1 month...\$20.00

Full page

(7.5 x 10)

1 month...\$40.00

## MEMBERSHIP

Dottie Ptasynski  
Carol Kuszik

### New Members

Linda Duff

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Sandra McLelland

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Birthday: 02-21

Rita Plamondon

6260 Sebastian Dr.

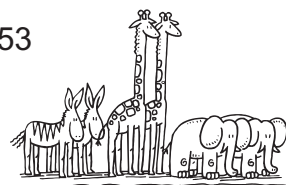
Spring Hill, FL 34609

352-263-2196

nplamondon@tampabay.rr.com

Birthday: 06-12

# Welcome!



We are happy you  
are here!

These names are listed  
for 2 months so you can be  
sure to add them to your  
member book.

## PLEASE ADD NEW MEMBERS TO YOUR MEMBER BOOK



## NCDA DUES

According to our NCDA Standing Rules,  
"Membership dues renewals after December 31  
will be considered delinquent. Starting January  
1, dues will be \$15 for delinquent members."

Please remember to bring your SDP 2012  
Membership Cards, or proof of payment to  
Chapter as soon as received, so we can verify  
your SDP membership number on our  
Membership List.

Some members received a card at the 15th year  
anniversary celebration stating all or a portion of  
your dues will be paid by NCDA.

You still need to fill out a membership form and  
verify your status with Dottie or Carol.

Thank You to All Our NCDA Teachers for  
Sharing their talents with us this year!  
You are the BEST!



## OTTO Designs

Pat Otto - Lecanto, Florida

Tuesday Morning Painters - 9 am - 12 noon \$10.00

Students work at their own pace on projects of their choice.

Wednesday Paint-along Third Wednesday of month starting  
in January 9-12: \$10 or 9-2 \$15 Students follow teacher step  
by step in project. Oil and acrylic projects offered.

November 30 Impressionistic scene with rooster. see below

6 week Portrait Course

Mondays, Jan 9-Feb 13

9am -12noon \$12/class

medium: oil paints

Nov 30 class  
11x17 canvas

email: pat@patotto.com

phone: 352-746-2688

website: www.patotto.com



## TREASURER REPORT Carol Hechler

Nature Coast Decorative Artists - October 2011  
Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$9,829.44
<b>INCOME</b>	
Project Fees 5th Sat 10/29	\$60.00
Project Fees Triad 11-5	\$65.00
Seminar Fees Janelle Johnson	\$630.00
Ways and Means	\$145.00
Christmas Party	\$252.00
Membership Dues	\$80.00
Extra Surfaces	\$31.00
Total	\$ 1,263.00

Total with balance added \$11,092.44

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Project Instructor Fee	
5th Sat Sharon Poorman	\$200.00
Triad supplies	\$111.00
Project Supplies 5th Sat 10-29	\$143.17
Triad Teachers Carol Kuszik	\$100.00
Pat Landry	\$100.00
Karen Reinke	\$100.00
WWSC club 5th sat donation	\$ 25.00
SDP Insurance	\$ 88.00
Sunshine	\$ 39.28
Library	\$ 49.74
Membership (SDP ) renewal	
Doris \$50 & Chris \$50	\$100.00
Installation of Officers	\$ 8.32
Charms	\$ 94.22
Membership WWSC dues 12 members	\$120.00
Christmas Party Favors	\$ 50.48

Total \$1,329.21  
**GRAND TOTAL \$9,763.23**

## WAYS AND MEANS Charlene Seimes

*Thank You everyone for all the beautiful gifts you brought this year to spread happiness and painting joy! I can't wait to see all that next year brings!*



### Birthday Raffle - How it Works~:

On your birthday month 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. 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.

## XMAS PARTY DIRECTIONS

Brooksville Country Club  
23446 Links Dr., Brooksville, Florida 34601  
(352) 796-8236

**From Hwy 41** (Broad St)

**Take Hwy 480** (Croom Rd) There is a Brooksville Country Club sign on right after Clover Leaf Forest RV Park if you are coming from Brooksville, on left after Lakeside Mobile Manor if you are coming from Citrus County.

Turn Right on **Dogwood Estates Dr**

Turn Right on **Wallien Dr.**

Turn Left on **Links Drive** - go to end

The directions on Google maps is correct so I assume your GPS or phone maps would be accurate.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDERS

Get your tickets by NOVEMBER 15th!!

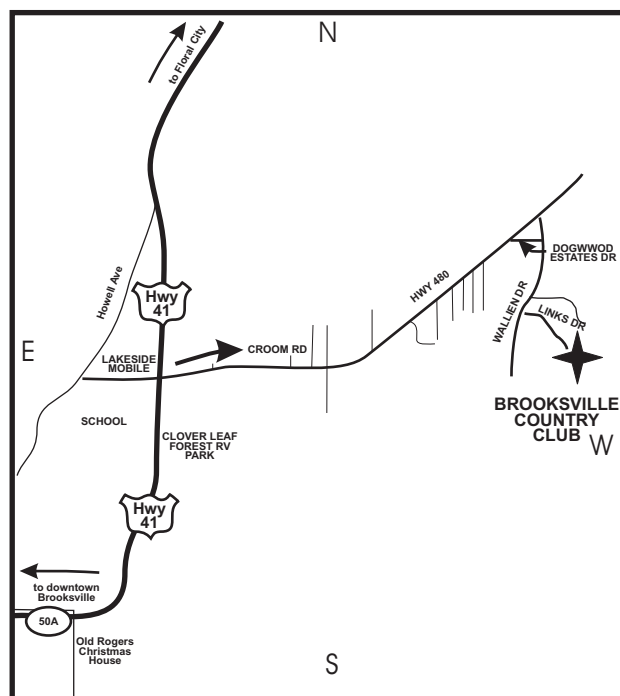
Bring an ornament for the exchange.

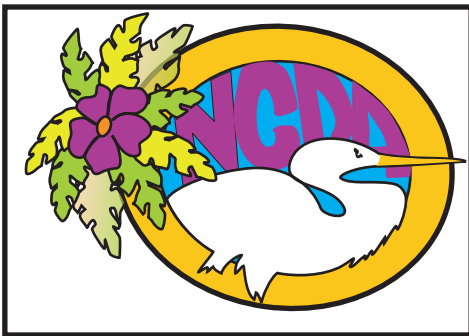
Ornament must be hand painted by you. You must bring one to receive one.

**NEW:** Gift Exchange - Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or more. You will get a gift of equal value. Gift may be hand painted or store bought, and does not have to be painting related.

**NEW:** Photos - Have a FREE but professional picture taken by the Christmas tree.

Dress is Christmassy, (look nice but not formal) most important - wear your smile!





## MEMBERSHIP FORM NATURE COAST DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Please fill in all information  
This form for the year 2012

All members of NCDCA Chapter must also be a member of the National Society of Decorative Painters. The membership year for both organizations is from January 1 to December 31. There is no provision for prorating of dues.

NCDCA membership dues shall be \$10 per year and shall be payable to correspond with payment of dues to the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP).

Membership in NCDCA requires \$10 annual membership in WWSC payable at time of joining NCDCA or renewal. Send NCDCA Chapter checks \$10 (made out to NCDCA) and separate \$10 check (made out to WWSC) to the membership chairperson listed on the bottom of this form.

Renewals are due October 1 and delinquent after December 31. There is a \$5 secretarial fee for members who have been taken off and have to be put back on the list. Dues received in September or later in the current year will be for next year's membership. New members joining at this time may attend meetings and receive newsletters, and participate in chapter events, but voting privileges begin next year.

Checks must accompany this NCDCA application. Your SDP membership card or proof of payment must be presented within 3 months of join-date. You may bring a photocopy of your card, a receipt from SDP or a recent issue of the Decorative Painter with your address attached

FILL OUT THE FORM COMPLETELY, PLEASE PRINT.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (Day and month): \_\_\_\_\_ If renewal. SDP#: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle all that apply:

I would like my phone # and e-mail to be published for the membership list: Yes No

I am a: Teacher Professional/Commercial Artist Shop Owner Wholesaler Manufacturer's Rep

I heard about NCDCA from: the newspaper a friend SDP website Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to teach or demo at a meeting: Yes No Maybe

I belong to another chapter(s) Yes No If yes, please  
list \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Received \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Dottie Ptaszynski  
dmptasz@tampabay.rr.com

## BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE HEADS 2011

Congratulations to the re-elected returning officers!

### 2012 PRESIDENT\*

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Carol Kuszik (Spring & Fall)

### WAYS & MEANS\*

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#### CHARTER MEMBER\*

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### SUNSHINE

Barbara Pickell  
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\*asterisk by title denotes voting member

All committees can use assistants or volunteers throughout the year. Offer to lend a hand to the committee of your choice, even if you can only help once or twice a year.

### SUNSHINE Barbara Pickell

Our Sunshine Chairperson is Barb Pickell. Barb's phone is 352-592-1316. She is a snow bird but is now back in Florida. email  
rpickell@tampabay.rr.com



Weeki Wachee Senior Center  
Telephone: 352 684-6943

## Painting Tips, Facts and Sayings



Some tips to get you going if you are procrastinating:

1. Use the "toffee" technique. Bite off a little piece at a time.
2. Use the 15 minute plan and set a timer for 15 minutes forcing you to start. You will be surprised how much you accomplish.
3. Don't feel like getting into a project? Base coat, clean your palette or transfer a pattern.
4. Get together with a friend once a week to finish "UFO's."
5. Make a list of 5 things you would like to accomplish. Don't add a new one until you have crossed one off.
6. Mentally visualize yourself making strides to finish the project and how good you will feel to have it done and varnished.
7. Check out a DVD from our library or take an online course.

*"Reality is fine, but reality must serve as a catalyst for your own creativity" - John Atwater*

*Take pictures of the projects you have painted and keep them in a photo book. It will give you a sense of accomplishment, seeing the year's work.*

*Get out of your comfort zone - in 2012 try a new medium. Pastels, Colored Pencil, Watercolor, Batik, Modeling Paste or others.*

*Start a file of reference photos and magazine clippings.*

*"The voyage of discovery is not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes" - Marcel Proust*

Try out new colors. Paint a blue dog or a purple tree.

*Learn what your specialty brushes are meant to do and practice strokes, scumbling, floating, linework and dry brush techniques.*

Pick a project design you painted last year that you really liked. Paint the same pattern or design or two other, different pieces. Try varying colors or adding elements to the design.

*Sit next to one of the teachers if possible and watch how she holds her brush, lays out her palette and makes her strokes. Ask for help, teachers are usually very willing to help. (Do this when the program teacher is not vocally instructing so you don't interrupt the class.)*

# NCDA 2012 - TEACHER FORM

**Are you interested in teaching a class for NCDA ?** Please fill out this form, and submit pictures of 3 projects by email or snail mail. The pictures may be out of a magazine. They don't need to be an actual photo of your own project yet, but representative of one you like, and would feel the most comfortable teaching. We need a variety of styles, mediums and subjects. I will present the projects to the board for their input. Once a project is selected, I would like a color photo of your painted project, and a list of materials needed. The actual instructions on how to paint the project will be due on the day of the class. Teachers are paid \$100 for a 3 hour class and \$200 for a 6 hour class.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year!!!

Thanks you, Sandy Mihalus

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Project #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Project #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Project #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Month of Class \_\_\_\_\_

