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President's Message

What a great meeting we had! And a fun project! Deanna was a great teacher and I have a feeling we will all be doing more "Batiking" in the future!

We got a lot accomplished in our discussion about future fund raisers. The chapter members decided to do the basket luncheon again next year. We'll have gift baskets, our special raffle table, a silent auction table and a boutique where people can purchase items that members have painted, all proceeds to go to the chapter. I think this will be a real fun-packed event and more information will be forthcoming.

You can start planning and painting now for next year's event. Maybe look for some fun and unusual second hand or flea market items that you can paint and re-purpose for the silent auction table.

We already have a good following so it won't be a problem selling tickets! For those that would like to be a table hostess, you can start planning your "tablescape" now and have fun looking for just the right (inexpensive) items for your table.

We have Jean Archer coming this month on the 28th for a great seashell project and then we have a wonderful opportunity to learn about water colors with Cathy Futral coming in August.

I'll be firming things up with the Girl Scouts for our September project and will keep you posted on our plans.

We have a lot going on in the next few months, so have fun painting and rememberkeep a clean brush!



Vicki

2012 Calendar

July

28: Program

August

13-18: HOOT

25: Program

September

17: Board Meeting—Ruby Tuesdays, Bartow,
5:30 pm

22: **Chapter Meeting**/Program

October

27: Program

November

19: Board Meeting—Ruby Tuesdays, Bartow,
5:30 pm

24: **Chapter Meeting**/Program

December

Holiday Party



2012 Programs and Seminars

July

28: Program—Jean Archer, seashells on box, oils

August

25: Program—Cathy Futral, learning watercolor and painting florals, watercolors

September

22: Program: Girl Scouts

October

27: Program—Sonja Sindell, Mary Owens project, inking and oil rouging

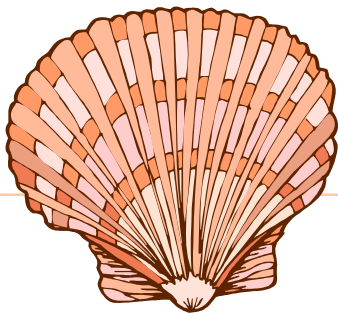
November

24: Program—Kathryn Crane-Thielen, Genesis Heat Set Oils

July Birthdays

Debbie Lawhon 6

Deanna Spence 10



CRDA General Meetings

Meetings are the 4th Saturday of the month. We meet at the “Tourist Club” of Lake Wales, 205 Fifth Street North, Lake Wales, 33853. The business meeting starts at 10:00 am and is followed by a painting program/workshop. Check the newsletter to see what is happening for lunch each month. Breakfast goodies and coffee are generally provided.



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July Program

Jean Archer

Seashells in Oils

Supplies:

Two containers each. Medicine bottles or others will work as long as they have lids. They will only need to have a couple of drops of medium in one and a small amount of brush cleaner in the other, so a 1-ounce size will be fine.

Please have them get bright brushes (short bristled flat brushes) in #2, 4, 6 and 8 or 10.

One good liner brush #1 or smaller, a small mop brush, plus one small stiff brush like a fabric brush if they have one. (I will have a few brushes to sell at the seminar).

Americana white acrylic to prep the piece. Metallics are oysters pearl, turquoise, ruby red or rose pearl.

These pearl colors are used for trim and they could share the turquoise and rose colors as it only takes a couple drops each.

Palette pad for oils, palette knife, stylus, gray graphite paper, tracing paper, Krylon #1311 matte spray.

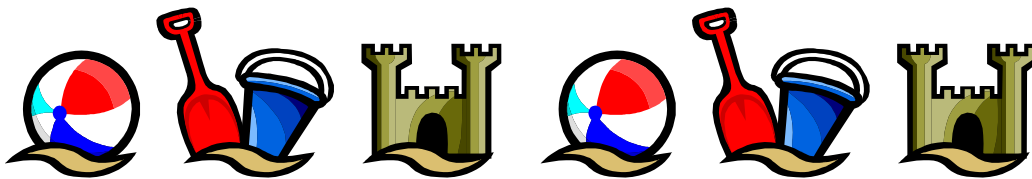
The box and prep instructions will be available at a later date.

The oils and mediums will be furnished for a palette fee.

Cost:

Workshop—\$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Palette fee—available at a later date.



August Program

Cathy Futral

Floral Watercolors



Ms. Futral is a Professor of Art, at South Florida Community College, located in Avon Park, Florida. She received her degree in Art from Appalachian State University, MS from FSU and MFA from UNC, with over 35 years teaching experience with continued studies in painting. She travels and exhibits as well. Cathy told me “I look forward to a fun time teaching the "Floral Watercolor Workshop" to your members on Aug. 25!”

This will be a great opportunity for us to learn all about watercolor! Cathy would like to demo in the morning and teach us all about watercolor and then we will begin painting our own designs after lunch. She would like us to bring some photos of flowers that we could like to paint. We will finish with a matting demo and critique.

Her fee is only \$25 per person and that includes the palette of watercolor paint, a loan of watercolor brushes as needed and watercolor paper that she will have for the students to create paintings (140 lb- CP). We will be doing a series of mini flower designs (at least two). She will also demo matting and have pre-cut mats as well as handouts. She will be providing all props, pencils, containers for water, paper towels, grids and rulers.

Participants need to bring any watercolor brushes; flats and rounds (synthetic fine) and any photos of close-up flowers we want to paint.

She will be using tubes of "American Journey" watercolor paints.

She needs a head count of how many people want to attend this class so we will start registration at the June meeting and will continue registration until August 1st.

Vicki

As I was searching through some other chapter’s website and newsletters, I ran across this painter’s tidbit and thought I’d share with you.

(Courtesy of the Northern Expressions Decorative Artists out of Traverse City, Michigan)

“If your water basin is looking like a coat of many colors you can make it look new again by doing this tip. Pour rubbing alcohol into it and let stand covered with plastic wrap overnight. Use an old brush to loosen any paint residue that remains, empty, rinse and use!”

I plan to try this right away!

Vicki



Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists
June 23, 2012

President, Vicki Alley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Guests were: Debbie Lawhon and Lana Baldwin.

Secretary's report: Suzi Mills made a motion to accept the February minutes that were printed in the March newsletter, seconded by Kathryn Crane.....motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report, printed in the March newsletter will be filed for audit.

Executive Board: Vicki reported that the executive board had met on May 21.

President's report:

Vicki has appointed a Seminar Committee. A list of various teachers was sent to members for consideration for future classes and seminars.

She has sent letters to potential members in the surrounding area codes. She has had no response at this date.

September 22, the chapter will teach some painting projects to the girl scouts. Ideas are needed, as well as volunteers to teach.

October is "**National Decorative Painting Month.**" Past displays have been in Winter Haven and Lake Wales, so a suggestion was made to show items in the Bartow library. Kathryn Crane and Toni Hoffer offered to chair that project.

Vicki asked for a volunteer to chair the nominating committee for 2013. Barbara Layton offered to be the chair with a committee being selected later.

Standing Committees:

Membership: Michelle Mueller asked that members please wear their name tags to meetings and seminars to identify themselves to class instructors, as well as other members.

Ways and Means: **Suzi Mills** discussed the survey that had been mailed to members, asking their opinions of alternative fund raisers, should the chapter decide against the basket luncheon last held in April. Several projects were discussed, including a painted quilt and a bazaar with a percentage going to the chapter.

The 2012 luncheon chair, Kathryn Crane thanked everyone who helped with the luncheon and said she felt it was a big success, netting \$1850 after expenses.

After a lengthy discussion, Michelle Mueller made a motion to continue with the basket luncheon, to be held in April, 2013. Toni Hoffer seconded the motion.....carried. Michelle offered to chair the event with co-chair, Suzi Mills. Toni Hoffer volunteered to plan the refreshments, and Pam Acrerman offered to oversee the boutique. Vicki Alley will be in charge of ticket sales. Other committee members will be appointed at a later date.

After show and tell, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m., followed by a class in Batik greeting cards taught by Deanna Spence.

Respectfully submitted,

LaMoyne Meeh, Secretary



My Final Basket Musings

The third annual Basket Luncheon was a huge success! In saying that there are always areas of improvement; a chapter cannot grow otherwise.

First, I want to thank all the committee members who stepped up to make it the success it was. Andie Harris made the beautiful centerpieces with the flowing masks and feathers. Lynda Jeskey and Elaine Carden worked hard on organizing the basket committee and beautiful display. Vicki Alley and her committee introduced our guests to have a taste of decorative art by the making of their own book mark. Michelle Mueller once again stepped up to organize the Special Raffle table. Deanna Spence and her Mom made the sweet napkin rings, LaMoyne the lawn signs, Mary Francis the 50/50 table and Carol Brown made the brochures. Florida's Natural, Cheryl, donated the juice. Judy Neicewicz and Barb Fowler made the great corner focal pieces. Best of all, thank you members for painting the clipboards favors, they were all so beautiful and the tables really were magnificent.

Many members complained about the food. In defense of Andie Harris, she did order for 144 guests as we had speculated and in keeping with the Venetian theme she chose the Pizza Palace. The Pizza Palace did not let us down and GiorDano from the restaurant really pitched in and helped serve that day. The food was delicious and Andie did a fabulous job organizing it but let me not forget Janice Griffin and Andie's daughter who was in the kitchen spooning out food to help out.

Last, complaints have come in about the final profit. Yes, we made a little over \$1800.00 with high expenses but think of it this way; if the members had decorated their special table, made their theme centerpieces and favors that cost would have come out of their pocket. This year's central theme came out of the CRDA budget. So the \$100.00 that a member would pay out on a table equals the costs to generate the one theme, centerpieces, clipboards, plates, napkins, refreshments etc.

In closing, what is the fund raising for? Here is fuel for thought...why not make our annual fund raiser, the Basket Luncheon have a special goal? Why not save enough money for all members to go to the Decorative Arts Collection in Atlanta. The Boy Scouts go to their Jamborees as a group, why not CRDA, at least we can feel we are working toward something. I'd love to hire a bus to take us to Atlanta, stay overnight at a negotiated hotel rate, see the Collection and come home with a wonderful, life time experience. Can we work toward this goal by summer of 2015? Put it in your hat and think about this.

I wish Michelle Mueller all the best as chair for the 2013 Basket Luncheon. Way to go Michelle!

Kathryn Crane-Thielen

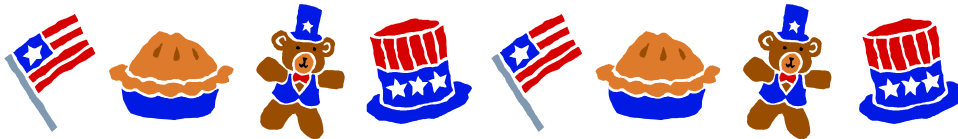
TREASURER'S REPORT - JUNE 2012

Check Book Balance 5/31/12: \$5,941.45

| INCOME: | JUNE |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Membership Dues | \$20.00 |
| Programs & Seminars | \$236.00 |
| Ways & Means | |
| Regular Raffle | \$75.00 |
| Other | \$105.00 |
| Total Income | \$436.00 |

| EXPENSES: | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Administration | |
| Meeting Room Rent | \$62.00 |
| Convention Expenses | \$500.00 |
| Programs & Seminars | \$102.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$664.00 |

Check Book Balance 6/30/12: \$5,713.45



Basket Luncheon 2013

I know, we just finished this one - actually it was 3 months ago. We have some wonderful ideas already to improve it. I believe with everyone participating, this will be a wonderful event for all of our guests. As a hint of things to come, the special raffle will become a silent auction. That means that those items should be just as special as they have been in the past. Toni Hoffer will be handling the lunch part as well as other things. If you would like to help, feel free to let me know.

Michelle Mueller

Welcome our newest member

Debbie Lawhon

