



# Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists

An Affiliated Chapter of Society of Decorative Painters  
[www.citrusridge.org](http://www.citrusridge.org)



## President's Message

By Kathryn Crane-Thielen

We have a Mission Statement! "CRDA's purpose is to teach, inspire and share the creativity of decorative arts." Now how cool is that to describe us and what we are all about! The wonderful thing about this statement is that we all did it together and we came up with a simple sentence that gives CRDA an identity. Good job!

Deanna Spence did a great job teaching the chapter how to create tangled domino necklaces. Only a decorative artist's mind could come up with an idea of taking a single, simple domino and creating a beautiful, fun piece of jewelry! We had six guests who shared the day with us.

Toni Hoffer will share her fun artistic pillow in June. Thank you members for stepping forward to make our meeting projects fun.

Barb Layton is announcing our philanthropic project for August 22. We are going to help those young girls who need a "safe haven" from sex traffickers through the Baptist Children's Home. I am appealing for painters to step forward to help paint tote bags for these girls. The idea is still in its first stages of production, so more to follow at the June meeting.

The hot lazy summer days are ahead of us but don't lay your brushes down for too long. Keep the Repurpose/Repaint luncheon in the front of your mind. I would like to see a committee formed by the fall to start on the next April's fundraiser; this committee keeps us motivated to paint and create.

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There is a new woodworker in Lakeland who said he would like to make wood pieces for us. Please see Wayne Rogers' website at [www.waynesmark.com](http://www.waynesmark.com).

Until the June meeting, happy painting,

Kathryn

### MEETING INFORMATION

Where? Hampton Inn  
Highway 27, Lake Wales  
When? 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month  
What time? 9:00 AM (unless otherwise notified)

# 2015 Project Calendar

<b>June 27</b>	Toni Hoffer No-Sew Pillow	*See Page 9 for Sign-Up
<b>July 25</b>	Kathryn Crane-Thielen Maureen McNaughton's Style Strokework	
<b>August 22</b>	Project for Baptist Children's Home	
<b>September 26</b>	Vicki Alley Colored Pencil Project	
<b>October 24</b>	Judy Nicewicz Mud	
<b>November 28-29</b>	Diane Bunker Texture Paste & Puff Paint	
<b>December</b>	Christmas Party	

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June Schneider

June 29



When it is your birthday month, please bring in something for the Ways & Means raffle. It should be painting related, either something in very good condition you no longer need, or it could be something new. Have it gift wrapped so it will be a mystery, which will add to the excitement! Have some fun with this item; you only need to do it once a year. If you won't be attending that month, you don't get off the hook! You can bring it in the next meeting!

Vicki Alley



## Treasurer's Report

By Suzi Mills, Treasurer



### Treasurer's Report

**Check Book Balance as of**      30-Apr-15      \$ 5,978.85

<b>INCOME:</b>	MAY	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET BALANCE
Membership Dues	\$ 20.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 520.00
Programs & Seminars	\$ 440.00	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,245.00
Ways & Means	\$ 106.00	\$ 146.00	\$ 654.00
Fundraiser luncheon/quilt	\$ 60.00	\$ 3,707.00	\$ 793.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ -	\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 626.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,258.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,312.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	MAY	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET BALANCE
Administration	\$ -		
Checks & Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$20.00
Meeting Room Rent	\$ 80.25	\$ 321.00	\$ 401.25
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$20.00
SDP Annual Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$40.00
SDP Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$70.00
Installation of Officers	\$ -	\$ -	\$70.00
Convention Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$0.00
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$50.00
Membership	\$ -	\$ -	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 78.75	\$ 78.75	\$1,093.25
Newsletter	\$ -	\$ -	\$100.00
Philanthropic	\$ -	\$ -	\$150.00
Programs & Seminars	\$ 345.00	\$ 1,334.37	\$676.26
Publicity/Website	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$180.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$50.00
Sunshine	\$ -	\$ -	\$25.00
Ways & Means	\$ -	\$ -	
Raffles, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$20.00
2015 Fundraiser	\$ 643.75	\$ 875.75	\$1,424.25
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,647.75</b>	<b>\$ 3,339.87</b>	<b>\$ 4,490.01</b>

**Check Book Balance**      30-May-15      \$ 4,957.10

## Secretary's Report

Chapter business meeting – May 23, 2015

Kathryn opened the meeting. The previous secretary notes were approved with Toni Hoffer moving to accept, Barbara Fowler seconded it; notes were approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Kathryn since Suzi Mills was out of town. She shared that \$3647.00 was made and \$843.00 paid for the caterer. Thus, the profit made will be used wisely in expenses oncoming this year. The treasurer's report was motioned to be approve, seconded by Pat Schlairet; and approved by the group.

Barbara Layton shared about the seminars upcoming. In June the pillow painting... In July Kathryn will share a rose painting project. (seen in Issue 2 of the Decorative Painter, 2014, p 48).

Barbara Fowler shared briefly about membership, encouraging members to invite friends, etc. Member badges were given to two: new member Laura Gorman, and Pam Acreman who needed a new one.

Vicki Alley discussed the Ways and Means needs. The quilt project is still underway. Items were in back for the raffle.

Mission Statement was finalized. It is "CRDA's purpose is to teach, inspire, and share the creativity of decorative arts." Vicki motioned to accept; Stephanie Pooler seconded it and it was approved. "Mission Accomplished!"

Michelle Mueller had to resign as the secretary. LaMoyne Meek volunteered to take the office. Motion made by Margie Pollard to accept this; Barbara Layton seconded it. The group approved.

Vicki Alley shared about the recent conference. She, Suzi Mills, and Toni Hoffer attended and had a fantastic time. Details were shared about the week. A new certification program has been developed, making it easier to be considered by a wider audience. CHA now has SDP under its wing to manage and help it come up to par...It's for the best all agreed. We earned the badge for the chapter achievement which will be added to the CRDA banner. Vicki Alley was made the chair of the committee for the teacher development program. Other details were shared from the conference.

The new hospitality chair, Pat Schlairet, has requested people sign up to bring in refreshments by taking turns in using the membership list going by alphabetical order.

Kathryn asked for any to submit painting tips that can be added to the newsletter.

Motion was to close the meeting, Judy Nicewicz seconded it, all approved.

The Tangled Domino jewelry lesson was taught by Deanna Spence.

Respectfully submitted in acting in place of Michelle, the secretary,

Barbara Fowler

## May Class Photos



## SDP Annual Conference Notes

By Vicki Alley & Suzi Mills

Notes from the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual SDP conference held at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois

Both Suzi Mills and I were honored and privileged to represent the Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists chapter at this year's SDP conference.

### **The SDP Annual meeting held on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>.**

The conference attendees as of Monday morning were 420, representing 9 countries. 165 members attended the meeting.

Andre from CHA, who is our Executive Director, spoke to us about what they have done so far for SDP.

They worked on safeguarding all our computer data from the start of SDP till present and he assured us all the data is safeguarded in the event of a catastrophe.

They currently have a surplus of over 80,000 old DP magazines and will be destroying them in the future.

An amendment was add to the SDP standing rules to be voted on, to add a new certification, Accredited Decorative Painter, or ADP.

Voting for board members went as follows:

Wendy Watson – President

Kathy Swigon CDA – Vice President / President Elect

Linda Sharp CDA – Secretary

Toni Hoffer – Board Member at Large

Jeanie Miller – Board Member at Large

Susan Phillips – Board Member at Large

The amendment passed to add the new certification program to the Standing Rules

### **Chapters Gathering held on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>**

All attendees received paints and brushes from Decoart and Brushes and More

All attendees signed thank you cards for these companies

They conducted an 8"x8" painted exchange, keeping in mind the theme of this year's conference, there must have been about 100 people in attendance, but only 13 participated in the exchange.

The committee gave a gift to all chapter Presidents who attended the Chapter's Gathering.

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## SDP Annual Conference Notes, Continued

We all discussed ways to help build membership.

Get involved with a Girl Scout Troop and their parents, contact the local American Business Women's Association and other service organization to see if they need a guest speaker. You could teach a make it and take it at their meeting.

Get a zip code listing from SDP and find out other SDP members in your area who are not a member of your chapter and invite them.

They didn't have a juried art show this year and we discussed the reason why not. Not many entries and it is a costly event.

Suggestions we made if we could somehow have an on line area, either in the SDP website for members only where chapters could submit photos of events they have done. Member could go there for ideas for their own chapter events.

During this event, we received our 2014 Chapter Achievement Award!! Yay!

### **The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual SDP Banquet was held on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

All members that brought their chapter banner went on stage to announce the name of their chapter, city and state and something about their chapter. I told them we were six years old.

It was announced the 44<sup>th</sup> annual SDP conference will be held at the same location. The theme will be An Artful Journey and next year's artists will be Debbie Coles.

During the annual meeting, it was announced that not one member nor chapter applied for scholarships during the past year!! SDP has that money set aside for just that purpose. SDP members should take advantage of this opportunity. Andie Scott and I both applied for it and we both received it the same year. I applied for it to help with my costs to attend the SDP conference and Andie used it to help pay for a week long Sherry Nelson seminar she attended. The amount could vary between \$250 and \$500.

Our chapter could always apply for it to help with the cost of the Cheri Rol seminar. The winner would not be announced until the next conference and the funds would be dispersed at that time, but it would still help.

Submitted by:

Vicki Alley, TDA and Suzi Mills

## From the Ways and Means Basket



We did great last month with the Ways and Means Table! We made over \$100! Thank you all so much for pitching in and bringing in your birthday surprises! It was quite a treat to see all the different items people brought in!

Do you have an unfinished item you have in your stash and you just don't have a clue what to do with it? Bring it in to me. I will give it to someone else and ask them to be creative with it and paint it up and bring it back for the Ways and Means table.

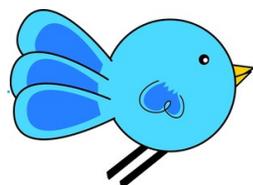
Remember when it's your birth month to bring in a wrapped surprise for the Ways and Means Table.

And it's never too soon to start looking for really cool items for next year's re-purpose basket luncheon! If you start searching on the computer or looking up repurposed items on Pinterest, you will get some fabulous ideas!!

Vicki Alley  
Ways and Means Committee



**If you are a snowbird,  
please be sure we have your "up north"  
mailing address so that you don't miss out on  
birthday cards, etc.**



## 2015 Board Members

### President

Kathryn Crane–Thielen

### First Vice President

Barbara Layton

### Second Vice President

Barbara Fowler

### Secretary

Michelle Mueller

### Treasurer

Suzi Mills

### Ways & Means Chair

Vicki Alley

### Newsletter Editor

Deanna Spence

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## Membership News

- Twenty-seven members have signed on for 2015 thus far. (Last month twenty-eight was calculated, but there was an error. I apologize for that.)
- Be sure to use the CRDA poster in areas that will be noticed as it is a great draw to open conversation about our chapter.
- If you need a CRDA badge, let me know. The badges should be worn at our chapter meetings.
- Sharing about the success of the basket luncheon brought more guests for the tangled jewelry design that Deanna Spence taught this past May 23 at the Hampton Inn in Lake Wales. We had a total of 7 guests.
- A returning member from Dundee, Laura Gorman, renewed her membership and will be with us this year. We are delighted to have her!
- With the seven guests, some will be returning again. We expect to see them.
- Be sure to share with your friends who attended, the two websites: local and national. See the following: <http://decorativepainters.org> is the link for the national and <http://www.citrusridge.org> is our local chapter. Note that both have to be joined to become a member....
- Invite friends to attend our meetings! They can come to two before joining. They would have to sign up and pay for the materials and lessons. The charge for this would be five dollars more than our fee.
- Consider inviting youth to our meetings. We have a lot to offer to young budding artists! We have quite a list of great months to come to paint. Share with others. See you soon! 😊
- Talk up how much fun and pleasure we have in our chapter in painting. I've shared with many where I work and hope to see guests come.

Sincerely,

Barbara Fowler 😊, Membership Chair

# Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists

June 27, 2015  
"No-Sew Pillow"  
Toni Hoffer



**Supplies Needed:** Usual painting supplies  
Sharp Scissors  
Ruler  
Black clips and/or straight pins  
Sturdy Board at least 20"x12" Covered with freezer paper  
Brushes: 3/4" flat and 5/8" angle

**Instructor will provide:** Muslin fabric  
So-Soft paints  
Identipen  
Doxie Keller Pattern Packet

## PROGRAM SIGN UP

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

June 27, 2015.....\$15.00                      Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Guests who wish to attend are to include an additional \$5.00. Class limited to 25 students.  
Please bring a bag lunch.

**Make Checks Payable to CRDA, Complete Registration form and give to Barbara or Mail to:**  
Barbara Layton, 149 Club Villas Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34744

# Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists

July 25, 2015

*“Maureen McNaughton’s Basic Stroke Roses  
Lesson in Straight and Curved Comma Stroke”  
Kathryn Crane-Thielen*



Maureen McNaughton is one of the leading stroke decorative artists. Over the years she has perfected her painting style and technique by using the basic round brush. “Everything can be fixed.” This design was taken from the Decorative Painter, Issue # 2, 2014. Pattern is in the magazine and will be included in your packet. I would advise you bring your magazine for reference. Permission has been given to copy and teach by artist.

Surface:  
Your choice basecoated in DecoArt White Wash using a flat 1” brush

Palette: DecoArt Acrylics

Some of these colors have been discontinued. I will have the paints or we can all share. It is a small project.

- \*Autumn Red – (discontinued) Color Mix Georgia Clay + Cadmium Red Hue - 1 to 1 drop  
(I used Berry Red for Autumn Red)
- Coral Blush
- Deep Burgundy
- Light Avocado
- Mulberry
- \*Lilac – (discontinued) Titanium White + Country Blue - 4 to 1
- Peaches N’ Cream
- Soft Sage
- \*Taffy Cream – (discontinued) Banana Cream + Cool White - 3 to 2
- White Wash (Basecoat)

Brushes: Maureen McNaughton Brushes preferred or any round brush in good condition  
Nos. 1 and 4 rounds  
No. 5/0 liner

Supplies:  
Water container. The kind with the ridges inside to clean the brush  
DecoArt Easy Float  
Wet palette – Anyone who has an extra wet palette please bring to share.  
Empty clean paint bottle  
Plus basic deco art supplies, graphite, tracing etc.

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## OOTREACH ENDEAVOR

**August 22, 2015** – Here's your  to attend Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists' "OOTREACH ENDEAVOR".

Your mission, should you choose to accept the invitation is to



and



### Supplies Needed:

All materials necessary to paint, color, or draw on photo boxes, tote bags, and/or backpacks. A list of for the contents to put in the receptacles will be provided ASAP.

### Recipients: Florida Baptist Children's Home - **The Porch Light**

The Porch Light began with a single text. The leader of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) texted the President of Florida Baptist Children's Homes (FBCH) asking for help in meeting the desperate need for safe homes for child victims of domestic sex trafficking. With a severe shortage of resources and placements, the state needed an organization to care and provide for these innocent girls.

FBCH said yes! The Porch Light was founded. This delicate and crucial care would not be easy, but it would be worth it! Property was purchased in an undisclosed location where victims could find shelter, unconditional love and a safe place to begin a new life.

The Porch Light sex trafficking prevention and advocacy efforts include educating the public about protecting your child, knowing the signs and detecting behaviors that may indicate that a child needs help.

## *Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists - 2015 Schedule*

**\*\*\* All Chapter Meetings and Workshop/Seminars start at 9:00 a.m.\*\*\***

MONTH	INSTRUCTOR	COST	PROJECT	MEDIUM
June 27	Toni Hoffer	\$15.00	No-Tie pillow	So-Soft Paints
July 25	Kathryn Crane-Thielen	\$15.00	Maureen McNaughton's style Strokework	Acrylics
August 22	"Outreach Endeavor"	No money	Painting tote bags for The Porch Light	Your Choice
September 26	Vicki Alley	TBA		Colored Pencil
October 24	Judi Nicewicz	\$45 includes all supplies needed	Mudding	Mud
November 28 and 29 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Bunker	TBA		Texture Paste & Puff Paint
December			Holiday Party	

*\$5.00 extra for guests*

## *2016 Schedule*

MONTH	INSTRUCTOR	COST	PROJECT	MEDIUM
January 30 and 31 <sup>st</sup>	Cheri Rol	TBA	<a href="http://cherirol.com">http://cherirol.com</a>	Oils
February 27	Debra Welty		Lily	Charcoal
March 26	Pam Caley	TBA	*	Pen & Ink
April 23	2016 Fundraiser			
May 28	Barbara Layton	TBA	Lace	Acrylic

\* You'll be voting on the project – Go to Pam's Google

[https://picasaweb.google.com/117553115046331963285/MaryOwensDesignsPaintedTaughtByPamCaley?authkey=Gv1sRgCP3XpNely\\_m-Bg](https://picasaweb.google.com/117553115046331963285/MaryOwensDesignsPaintedTaughtByPamCaley?authkey=Gv1sRgCP3XpNely_m-Bg)