



Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists

An Affiliated Chapter of Society of Decorative Painters
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President's Message

By Kathryn Crane-Thielen

We had another lively meeting with visiting artist, Debra Welty, teaching us a graphite pencil design. Debra is a very relaxed teacher and the end result proved positive from seeing our pencil drawings. I must say the noise level at times in the room was so high it was hard to think, so everyone must have been enjoying themselves.

We had several new guests, Anna Maria Fleck along with Michele Sullivan and her Mom, Monica.

FSDA members, Carolyn and Georgia, were selling tickets on their beautiful hand-painted quilt with which they sold over \$80.00 worth. Thank you members for helping out our fellow chapter.

Pam Caley will be teaching our next project Easter weekend, a Mary Owens inking painting. It looks like challenging fun and as Pam is a Certified teacher of Mary Owens, we will have good instruction.

Spring is in the air and Easter will be early this year; time to start painting Easter eggs and eating a few on the side while doing so.

So until the next meeting,

Happy painting,
Kathryn



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OUR MISSION

CRDA's purpose is to teach, inspire, and share the creativity of decorative arts.

MEETING INFORMATION

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

2016 Project Calendar

March 26, 2016	Pam Caley Pen & Ink
April 23, 2016	Painting Table Decorations for SDP Conference
May 28, 2016	Barbara Layton Lace Design, Acrylic
June 25, 2016	TBA
July 23, 2016	TBA
August 27, 2016	Outreach Program
September 24, 2015	Stephanie Pooler Bowl of Apples, Acrylic
October 22, 2016	Michelle Mueller Strokework, Acrylic
November 26, 2016	Bonnie Rand Snowman on Glass Block, Acrylic

From our Program/Seminar Chair, Stephanie Pooler ...

Thank you so much to Debra Welty for a great pencil class. We all had a great time and all our pieces were lovely. It was very different from anything I've ever done before and I was very pleased with the outcome. Great teacher!!!

Our March project will be taught by one of our own members Pam Caley. It is the "Marion County Covered Bridge" designed by Mary Owens. We already have 14 people signed up . Kathryn has ordered slate for this project and with shipping it will cost \$9.25. Vicki Alley is checking with Scharf Brush to find out the cost of the brushes needed for this project. (Pam is renting the brushes in case you don't want to buy them.) Please let Vicki know if you would like to order the brushes.

I am going out of town from March 9th to the 22nd. In my absence Bonnie Rand will be stepping in for me, or if you need anything you can still contact me via e-mail or phone. I will be back in time for the seminar. If you have any friends you would like to sign up for this project please be sure to include their e-mail addy so I can send them prep instructions.

Also we need teachers for the June 25th and the July 23rd meetings. Please, if you are interested in either date contact me. spooler4@hotmail.com

Our April meeting will be designing our table decorations for the SDP annual convention. The meeting date is April 23rd. The theme is "An Artful Journey". Come and help make our table decorations the BEST of the convention!!

Ways & Means News

By Vicki Alley

We had a great line up of wonderful items at our Ways and Means table at the February meeting! We made over \$100! WOW! Thanks ladies!

And thanks in part to our President Kathryn, who is house cleaning and donated some great “stuff” for the table. Also, the SDP Vice-President Kathy Swigon brought in some items for the Ways and Means table.

Remember if and when it's your “birth month” please bring in a nice wrapped gift for the Ways and Means table. You only need to do it once a year!

We'll be shopping for material for our quilt project on Saturday, March 5th. Once we purchase the material, our quilter will get started on putting it all together. I know she will do a great job. I have seen dozens of quilts that she has done, large and small, she is very good and very professional.

We will be working on our table decorations for the SDP conference banquet at our April meeting. We will be doing a “train” theme. Our “wood man” Tom, made a really cute caboose we will be painting and we will be working on placemats and favors for the place settings. Our committee will be figuring out all the details and we'll have all the information for you at the next meeting and in the next newsletter, letting you know what we will be working on and what supplies you will need to bring to help us out.

Thanks again for all your support ladies, I really appreciate it!

Vicki Alley, TDA
Ways and Means Committee Chair



QUILT UPDATE!

We went to the fabric store and picked out fabulous material for our quilt! Stephanie and Rebecca (our quilter) really did a good job at picking out wonderful material and I can't wait to see the end result.

I will keep you posted on the progress!
Vicki

Kathryn Crane-Thielen and Judi Arntz both donated beautiful pieces for the Ways and Means table. You will be able to buy chances on both pieces for a few months. Take a look! Aren't they gorgeous!?!



2016 Board Members

President

Kathryn Crane-Thielen

First Vice President

Stephanie Pooler

Second Vice President

Barbara Fowler

Secretary

Michelle Mueller

Treasurer

Suzi Mills

Ways & Means Chair

Vicki Alley

Newsletter Editor

Deanna Spence

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.citrusridge.org

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Pam Caley

March 7

Mary Francis

March 26



**There will be a Board Meeting on
Wednesday, March 23, 5:00 PM at
Ruby Tuesday in Bartow.**



A trunk sale will take place at the April chapter meeting so start looking through your “treasures” and sort out any that you may be wanting to part with. This is a great opportunity to do a little spring cleaning, earn some money, and also find some new items that you just can’t do without!

Treasurer's Report

By Suzi Mills

Check Book Balance AS OF 1/31/2016 \$ 4,419.80

INCOME:		YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET BALANCE
Membership Dues	\$ 60.00	\$ 125.00	
Programs & Seminars	\$ 604.00	\$ 677.00	
Ways & Means	\$ 149.00	\$ 214.00	
Fundraiser luncheon/quilt			
Scholarship Fund			
Miscellaneous			

Total Income \$ 813.00 \$ 1,016.00

EXPENSES:		YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET BALANCE
Administration			
Checks & Bank Fees			\$ 20.00
Meeting Room Rent	\$ 80.25	\$ 240.75	\$ 722.75
Supplies			\$ 20.00
SDP Annual Fee			\$ 40.00
SDP Insurance			\$ 70.00
Installation of Officers			\$ 70.00
Convention Expenses			\$ 500.00
Hospitality			\$ 50.00
Membership			\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 87.08	\$ 1,084.92
Newsletter			\$ 100.00
Philanthropic			\$ 150.00
Programs & Seminars	\$ 2,195.95	\$ 2,629.39	\$ 370.61
Publicity/Website	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 310.00
Scholarship Fund			
Sunshine	\$ 18.14	\$ 18.14	\$ 6.86
Ways & Means			
Raffles, etc.			\$ 20.00
2017 Fundraiser			\$ 2,500.00

Total Expenses \$ 2,384.34 \$ 3,065.36

Check Book Balance As Of 2/27/2016 \$ 2,848.46

Secretary's Report

By Michelle Mueller

Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists General Meeting – February 27, 2016

- Meeting was called to order at 9:25 am by President Kathryn Crane–Thielen. Guests and returning members were introduced. Anna Maria Fleck, Jane Chroniger, Beverly Schmelling, Monica and Michelle Sullivan, President–Elect of SDP Kathy Swigon and members of FSDA Chapter. Our Seminar instructor Debra Welty and her mother introduced.
- The 2016 Budget as printed was introduced as presented in the February Newsletter. Barbara Layton made a motion to approve the budget as printed and Stephanie Pooler seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
- A Thank You note was received from Cheri and Larry Rol and read at the meeting.
- The March seminar with Pam Caley was discussed. Kathryn is ordering the slates on February 29. The members who are signed up for the seminar will receive a copy of the instructions and a simplified line drawing by email.
- Vicki discussed the table decorations we will be doing in April for SDP convention for June. The “Artful Journey” theme will be done using a railroad theme for centerpiece, favors and placemats.
- Barbara Layton showed examples of the “Painted Lace” designs by Arlene Linton we will be doing in May.
- Vicki Alley reminded everyone that the tickets purchased for the Ways and Means items are to help pay the room rent every month.
- The Quilter who will be doing our chapter quilt was ill when the last trip to HeartFelt was planned so another one is scheduled for Saturday March 5, at about 10:00 am.
- Trunk Sale in April to get rid of those extra wood, metal or whatever items.

Vicki made a motion and Bonnie Rand seconded it to adjourn at 9:50. Carried.

Membership

By Barbara Fowler

For our February meeting we have gained more in number as members renewed and we are anticipating more to join! We are in a good place. Our total membership is at 29. We are happy to welcome new members and the returning ones for sure! If you haven't paid your dues to our chapter and to the national SDA, please do so.

This past weekend we enjoyed Debra Welty's charcoal pencil drawing and we had 15 members come as well as 7 quests, making a total of 22 participating. We had a full house for sure! 😊

- **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 one, contact Kathryn.**
- **If you need a CRDA badge, let me know. The badges should be worn at our chapter meetings.**
- **Be sure to share with your friends who attended the two websites to join: local and national. See the following:**
 SDP website: <http://decorativepainters.org>
 CRDA website: <http://www.citrusridge.org>
- **The membership form for 2016 is at the end of this newsletter. Be sure to put your new SDP membership number on the form and send to me asap.**
- **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.**

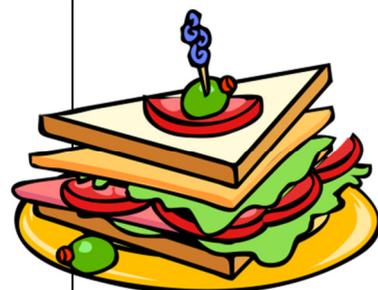
See you again in March! Power up for painting with Pam Caley!

What's for Lunch this Month?

If you will be attending this month's chapter meeting/program, please consider bringing a dish to share. So far, this is what has been signed up for:

Collett – Fruit or veggie tray
 Barb F. – Dessert
 Bonnie Rand – Breakfast snack
 Pam Acreman – Chips
 Anna Maria Fleck – Brownies
 Kathryn – Coleslaw

Jane – Trail Mix
 Beverly – Rolls & Butter
 Vicki – Hot Dogs & Buns
 Michelle – Tea, Ice, Coke Zero
 Suzi – Buffalo Chicken Dip



February Project with Debra Welty



Lots of smiles and beautiful lilies!



1st Vice President/Program & Seminar Chair with February's instructor, Debra Welty.



FSDA Members Carolyn Zaengle and Georgia Mazanet attended the February meeting and sold tickets for a chance to win their chapter's beautiful hand-painted quilt.

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Hampton Inn, 22900 US Hwy 27, Lake Wales, Fl.

March 26, 2016

“Marion County Covered Bridge”

Original Design by Mary Owens

Taught by Pam Caley



Supply list:

Brushes: You can use Mary Owens', **Scharff** brushes or **Princeton** brushes

Scharff: #1 liner; Scharff Series 100 Classic Brights #4, #6 and #32; small scumbler OR

Princeton Select: #0 liner, #4 & #6 and #12 Round blenders; small scumbler

Pam has loaner brush sets for rent for \$3.00.

Pens: Faber Castelle Pitt Pens (size XS), available at Michaels and Hobby Lobby. You can use fine tip Micron Pigma or Sakura pens. Sharpies of any kind are **not** recommended.

Surface: 10"x10" canvas or slate. If it's a good quality smooth canvas there is no prep required. If the canvas is rough, then a light coat of gesso followed by a light sanding would be required. Prepped Slate with white "Undercover".

Permalba Oil Paints: Burnt Umber, Alizarin Crimson Permanent, Payne's Grey and Cadmium Yellow Medium, as well as Weber's Transparentizing Medium (gel).

Pam can provide a pallet for \$3.00

Pattern: \$8.00

PROGRAM SIGN UP

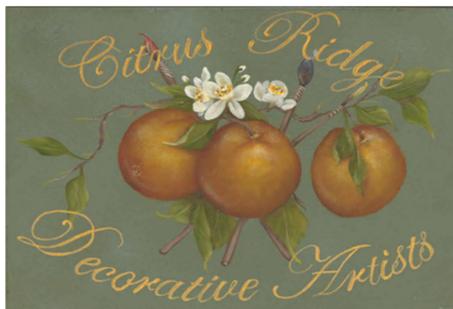
Name _____ E-mail Address _____

March 26, 2016 class fee: \$5.00 - Pallet: \$3.00 - Brush Rental: \$3.00 - Pattern: \$8.00 Total: \$_____

Class limited to 25 students. Please bring a bag lunch.

Make Checks Payable to CRDA, Complete Registration form and give to Stephanie or Mail to:

Stephanie Pooler, 120 Beck Street, Winter Haven, FL 33884



2016 Membership Renewal Form

Please print:

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Address: _____

Snowbird address: _____

Home phone # _____ Cell # _____

E-mail address: _____

SDP Membership Number: (Required) _____

How many years have you painted? _____

Birth date: Month _____ Day _____

Skill level: Teacher ___ Home studio ___ Business studio ___ Distributor ___

Your preferred medium: Oil Acrylic Colored Pencil Watercolor

How are you able to work and help our chapter grow

Setup and breakdown at meeting

Teach a project

Prepare food or clean up food

Assist a teacher

Paint for the Ways & Means

CRDA dues are \$20.00 to be paid before the start of the new year.
(\$50.00 must also be paid to the Society of Decorative Painters)

Checks for chapter dues are made out to CRDA

Mailed to: Barbara Fowler
1449 S. Highland Park Drive
Lake Wales, Fl. 33898

Membership paid: _____ Membership packet issued: _____

SDP Confirmed: _____ Roster updated: _____