



Citrus Ridge Decorative Artists

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

By Barbara Fowler

August...busy days ahead for so many. Families getting their kids ready for school...Rainy season bringing much needed rains...some too much in flooding. Hot and muggy days...One positive note: the autumn weather is around the corner and perhaps you are thinking already about wanting a trip up north, especially to the mountains...Hmm, I'm thinking and if we had cooler weather, I would love to sit outside...but practical me, I'm in my Florida room in my recliner, enjoying the AC and writing you all.

Our last meeting we had a small group who just enjoyed painting together for a common cause. Tea towels are finishing up which are due for our August 26 meeting at 10 a.m. And, now it's time to start thinking about the baskets we are to make for the Autumn Harvest theme...If we each could do about 2 that would be great or more. Also, working on items that have been recycled and re-purposed...If you haven't got something yet, the thrift stores are nice along with garage sales you see cropping up. Perhaps in your own storage you have something that needs just a little tender loving care to be spruced up for someone else.

Our November seminar has changed and we will be filling it soon. Bobbie Campbell had to cancel due to her Buster having surgery. Please keep them in your prayers. We will let you know who the artist is that will share with us.

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OUR MISSION

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

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Where?	Cypress Gardens Mobile Home & RV Park 1951 Lake Daisy Road Winter Haven, FL 33884
When?	August 26, 2017
What time?	10:00 AM

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This August there will be a nominations committee of at least 3 to 6 people to help us round up potential officers. I plan on serving a second year but the other officers are due to pass on their jobs. If you are interested in serving, please let me know. If you want to be on the nominating committee, also let me know. The election will be in October.

Also, be working on the photo boxes for the group at the Baptist Children's Home and we added another group for adult abused women...Keep in mind, cheerful designs. Debbie Smith turned one in really cute of a teddy bear. Andrea Scott takes the boxes for us. We can add items each person needs like personal hygiene in soaps, toothpaste, etc. For children, possible stick in school supplies or just a nice coloring book with crayons/colored pencils. The purpose of these boxes we paint decorated is to cheer up each person that someone cares and each box gives ownership to the child or adult. A smile is worth a thousand words...Just think, it should give them a smile each time!

We need also items for the Ways and Means. Contact Michelle Mueller for this. If your birthday is in August, don't forget to bring items in a gift bag to be raffled with the other items on this table. :)

Also, coming up will be membership dues of \$20.00 by the end of the year and your national dues as well which is the time you sent it in last year.

Bring a bagged lunch for August and if you signed up for dessert/beverage, please do so. Some of us always bring extras to share.

Make plans for the next several months. See the chart for what is planned. We look forward to seeing you soon!

With paint brush in hand,
Sincerely,
Barbara Fowler
President

2017 Project Calendar

August 26	Hope/Treasure Boxes for Baptist Children's Home
September 23	Judi Arntz Multimedia Seahorse or Turtle
October 28	Repurpose Luncheon
November	TBD
December 9	Christmas Party
2018	
January 13-14	Mark Menendez Seminar



2017 Board Members

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Barbara Fowler

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Treasurer

Suzi Mills

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Michelle Mueller

Newsletter Editor

Deanna Spence

Ways and Means Table:

Do you have some painting books or pattern packets you will probably never use? Or you have used them and won't be using them again? Bring them in for the Ways and Means table.

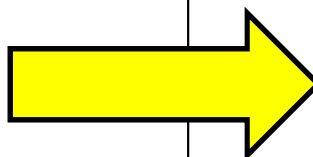
And don't forget your birthday surprise for the table. Your birthday only comes once a year, bring something special, painting related and gift wrapped, for the Ways and Means table.

HOSPITALITY SIGN-UP		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESSERT</u>	<u>DRINKS</u>
AUGUST 26	LaMoyn Meek	Suzi Mills
SEPTEMBER 23		Michelle Mueller
NOVEMBER 11	Debbie Smith	Barbara Fowler

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www.citrusridge.org

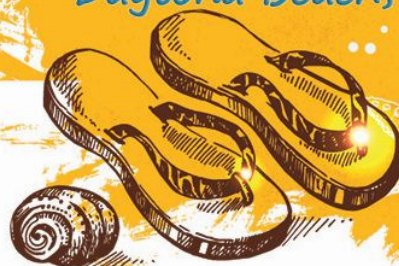


If you took one or more of the tea towel luncheon favors home to paint, they need to be turned back in at the August 26 meeting.

We need to have all of the tea towels returned (finished or not) so we can do a count and get them pressed and tagged for October. It's totally fine if a few come back unpainted, we just need to get them back to give someone else time to paint them.

So far all that have been completed are just beautiful, and everyone seems happy to be doing them. The luncheon attendees are going to be very happy with them as well!

*Society of Decorative Painters
46th Annual International
Conference & Expo
May 8-12, 2018
Daytona Beach, Florida*



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Secretary's Report

Minutes recorded by Suzi Mills

The July 19 meeting was called to order by Barbara Fowler with 6 members present. Suzi to take minutes.

- Vicki / Membership
 - zip code list from SDP
 - developing letters to send to members in our area
 - discussed membership rules
- Suzi / Treasurer - report in newsletter
- Barbara / President
- - Bobby Campbell issues with project. Vicki will call her for project list/pictures.
- Basket Luncheon
 - Tickets for basket luncheon done, everyone present took sheet for sale.
 - 10 tables of 8
 - Discussed door prizes to go with ticket stub - Deanna will take charge of this.
- Next meeting we will have tables to set up, baskets to work on, and hope boxes to paint.

Meeting adjourned – motion by Suzi, 2nd by Vicki

August Program Info

Our August program time will be used for painting hope/treasure boxes for the Florida Baptist Children's Home.

Supplies to bring: Photo Boxes*
 Pattern/design of your choice
 Acrylic paints for your design
 Regular acrylic painting supplies

Please choose a pattern/design with a "happy" theme and that is appropriate for children. We are also looking into donating boxes to a women's shelter so if you prefer a pattern more suited to an adult that is also an option. Just keep it happy!

*Photo boxes are available at Michaels and Hobby Lobby. Barbara Layton has purchased some on behalf of the chapter which will be available to paint on a first come-first served basis.

The August meeting may also be used for working on centerpieces, basket items, and/or auction items for the October luncheon. Andie will have some surfaces available at the meeting for anyone who would like to paint them.



**Beverly Schmelling
Lynda Jeskey**

**August 1
August 27**

Treasurer's Report

By Suzi Mills

Check Book Balance		AS OF	30-Jun-17	\$ 3,134.42
INCOME:	JULY		Year to date	BUDGET
Membership Dues			\$ 80.00	
Programs & Seminars			\$ 1,410.00	
Ways & Means			\$ 239.50	
Fundraiser luncheon/quilt			\$ 1,863.00	
Scholarship Fund				
Miscellaneous			\$ 334.00	
Total Income	\$ -		\$ 3,926.50	
EXPENSES:				
Administration				
Checks & Bank Fees				\$ 20.00
Meeting Room Rent			\$ 125.00	\$ 375.00
Supplies				\$ 40.00
SDP Annual Fee				\$ 70.00
SDP Insurance				\$ 70.00
Installation of Officers				\$ 50.00
Convention Expenses			\$ 500.00	\$ -
Hospitality			\$ 31.00	\$ 19.00
Membership			\$ 5.39	\$ 44.61
Miscellaneous	\$ 18.28		\$ 255.34	\$ 957.13
Newsletter				\$ 25.00
Philanthropic				\$ 25.00
Programs & Seminars			\$ 782.35	\$ 2,217.85
Publicity/Website	\$ 90.00		\$ 180.00	\$ 220.00
Scholarship Fund				
Sunshine				\$ 50.00
Ways & Means				
Raffles, etc.				\$ 20.00
2017 Fundraiser			\$ 182.49	\$ 317.51
Total Expenses	\$ 108.28		\$ 2,061.57	
Check Book Balance		As Of	31-Jul-17	\$ 3,025.14

October Luncheon Info

The painting of the eighty tea towels that will be given as favors to attendees of our October luncheon is going very well. The towels have all been distributed for painting and several have been completed and turned in. If you have towels that you took home to paint, please remember to return them at the August meeting whether they have been painted or not. We need to get a good count and be sure we know where all of the towels are since there are no extras.

Nine of the ten centerpieces are now either completed or in progress. A volunteers is still needed to paint something for the squash/gourd themed table. Remember, the centerpieces can be any item that you feel is appropriate - a lidded basket, lazy susan, painted vase or other container, ... If you would like to paint something for the final centerpiece, please let Andie or Deanna know. There is a chart on the following page listing the ten tables, their themes, who has signed up to paint a centerpiece, and who is painting tea towels for each table.

With the tea towel favors and table centerpieces well underway, all members need to be focusing on creating baskets for the raffle as well as special painted items for the silent and/or live auctions. Linda Jeskey has provided the following helpful hints to keep in mind when preparing the baskets. Remember, the “basket” doesn’t have to be a basket - it can be any type of container so be creative!

Baskets for Luncheon

- The baskets for the luncheon can be whatever theme you would like.
- Each member is asked to make 2-3 baskets for the raffle.
- Each basket is to have a painted item in it.
- You can use “grass” or excelsior in the bottom to fill it. You can find this at Wal-Mart or craft stores.
- Each basket is to be covered in cellophane. This is available at Michaels in 48 inch wide rolls. Clear works best so that basket contents are easily viewed. Put a pretty bow on the top.
- Each basket is to have 2 cards with the contents of the basket printed on them and a title. Put one card inside the basket or attach it to the outside. The second card will be attached to the container used for collecting tickets for the basket. The cards should be no bigger than 4x6, but 3x5 is preferred.
- The baskets themselves can be new or clean recycled ones of any shape and size.
- Have fun gathering the items to go in the basket. Watch sales and bargain stores for items.

If you have any questions pertaining to the baskets, please call me. I’m going to be in Wisconsin for the summer, but here’s my cell phone number: 1920—379-8621. We will let you know about when to bring the baskets in for setting up when it gets closer to the date.

Thanks for your help in making this part of the luncheon a success. Have a great summer!

Lynda Jeskey

October Luncheon Table Themes / Sign-up Sheet

1. Hydrangeas (VICKI - centerpiece)		6. Pumpkins (STEPHANIE - centerpiece)	
1	Andie	1	Janice
2	Janice	2	Janice
3	Debbie Smith	3	Stephanie
4	LaMoyne	4	LaMoyne
5	LaMoyne	5	LaMoyne
6	Vicki	6	Deanna
7	Vicki	7	Barbara L.
8	Vicki	8	Barbara L.
2. Vegetables (BONNIE RAND- centerpiece)		7. Sunflowers & Mums (ANDIE - centerpiece)	
1	Deanna/ Carrots	1	Janice
2	Andie/Eggplants	2	Stephanie
3	Andie/Tomato	3	LaMoyne
4	Janice/Purple onion	4	LaMoyne
5	Janice/Yellow onion	5	Debbie Smith
6	Deanna/Indian corn	6	Barbara
7	LaMoyne	7	Barbara
8	LaMoyne	8	Andie
3. Squash ()		8. Mushrooms (ANDIE - centerpiece)	
1	Andie - green	1	Andie
2	Andie - yellow	2	Michelle
3	Stephanie	3	Michelle
4	Barbara	4	Deanna
5	Barbara	5	Suzi
6	Barbara	6	Andie
7	Barbara	7	Anna
8	Barbara	8	Deanna
4. Apples (DEANNA - centerpiece)		9. Pansies (STEPHANIE - centerpiece)	
1	Andie/Yellow	1	Andie
2	Andie/Apple cider	2	Suzi
3	Janice	3	Suzi
4	Barbara L.	4	Suzi
5	Barbara L.	5	Janice
6	Barbara L.	6	Debbie Smith
7	Barbara L.	7	Stephanie
8	Barbara L.	8	
5. Fall Leaves (DEANNA - centerpiece)		10. Feathers (JANICE - centerpiece)	
1	Deanna	1	Andie
2	Barbara L.	2	Andie
3	Debbie Smith	3	Andie
4	LaMoyne	4	Andie
5	LaMoyne	5	Andie
6	LaMoyne	6	Andie
7	Barbara F.	7	Andie
8	Debbie Smith	8	Andie

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JANUARY 13-14, 2018

Seminar with Mark Menendez



Saturday, January 13, 2018, 9:30AM-5PM

“Golden Iris”, Oil --- \$75.00

Includes: Canvas
Paint & Solvent
Pattern

Please bring oil brushes and regular Oil painting supplies.



Sunday, January 14, 2018, 1PM-5PM

“The Cardinal”, Colored Pencil --- \$75.00

Includes: Paper
Colored Pencils
Pattern

Please bring pencil sharpener, eraser, and Regular colored pencil supplies.

JANUARY, 2018 SEMINAR SIGN-UP

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Class Fee: _____ \$75.00 - “Golden Iris”, Saturday, January 13, 2018
_____ \$75.00 - “The Cardinal”, Sunday, January 14, 2018
_____ \$140.00 - Both Projects

Complete this form and send with class fee payment (make checks payable to CRDA) to:

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

Seminar Location: Cypress Gardens Mobile Home and RV Park 1951 Lake Daisy Road,
Winter Haven, FL 33884



2018 Membership / 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 Ways & Means

CRDA dues are \$20.00 to be paid when joining or renewed before the start of the new year.
(\$60.00 must also be paid to the Society of Decorative Painters)

Checks for chapter dues are made out to CRDA

Mail to: Vicki Alley
1863 N. Lake Reedy Blvd.
Frostproof, FL 33843

Membership paid: _____ Membership packet issued: _____

SDP Confirmed: _____ Roster updated: _____