

>Minutes..ODA... September 26, 2015

The Sept. 26 meeting of the Ocala Decorative Artist was called to order by president Mary Tougas at 9:30a.m. with fourteen members present. She asked members to please get addresses and phone numbers of all guest at the meetings, so she could do a follow-up phone call and get club information to them.

>The August minutes printed on the club page were approved as read. Kathie Monroe reported that the club had been charged \$28 on their bank account because the account had less than \$5000 this pass month. A discussion was held by members, with several saying the club should look into another bank, since having to keep that much in an account just to offset charges wasn't a good idea. Mary and Kathie will look into this problem.

Committee Reports:

Workshop- The October workshop will be presented by Pat Schribner using glass paints.

Hospitality- The committee for Oct. will be-Kathie, Margret Fredrick and Peggy Morin.

Memory Boxes- Kathie reported the boxes are still on back order. She also said she has been getting feedback on the designs painted on boxes and has put them in categories such as; flower, animals, etc to see which are the most popular.

Sunshine- it was reported that two more cards had been returned. Kathie said she has been updating the club roster and would have that available soon.

Publicity- Mary reminded members that she still needed some art works to display at the Bellview Library for the month of October. She said it was a good place to get out information about ODA. She asked if someone could pick up the Oct. artwork since she will be out of town. Diane Surridge Volunteered to pick up the items.

Christmas Party- Diane reported that her committee consisting of; Cheryl Blair, Sharon Poorman and Sandy Hinrichs have made plans for the Dec 19th.. party. the theme is Gingerbread Ladies. There will be door prizes, games and a catered sit down lunch.. She said the committee had suggested that those the party would have to attend at least five meetings in order to qualify for the drawings.

This brought on quite a discussion and it finally was decided since member were paying \$15.00 for the party tickets the fivemeeting requirement was eliminated. Any member planning on attending the party must purchase a ticket by Nov. 28. Tickets will be available by the October meeting and will not be sold at the door. A ticket will be required to attend.

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The Board will have a raffle at the party giving away a club membership as well as a SDP membership , plus a couple other prizes. Mary said if the member receiving either of these have already paid their dues, with proof, they will receive cash.

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Elections: Diane asked if the election for officers for the new year could be moved to December since the November meeting is right after Thanksgiving and several members will be away. This was approved and anyone who would be willing to run for an office should call Diane at: 352-288-6122 or 352-426-8613, so she can have the ballots ready for the Oct. meeting.

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Education: Barb Barsel handed out a sheet on brushes, which explained the different types available including ; natural, sable, synthetic hair or combination of natural and synthetic. Carole stated, " there are no laws governing how much of the material is included to be marked as such." "You get what you pay for"

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Barb also handed out small vials with dish soap. She said just rinsing the brush out was not really cleaning it. She suggested dipping the tip into soap than run under 'lukewarm water' until it runs clear. She said if you have a stiff brush try putting it in fabric softener than rinse well.

Old Business: We are not doing a basket lunch as a fund raiser this year for the club. Instead members

are being asked to donate items for the craft show being held at the community center where Mary resides, . The show is Nov.6th and 7th. The items should be priced and brought to the October meeting.

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Carole thanked all the members for the donation given her following the fire at her studio. She said it would be put to good use.

She also received a metal embossed plate from Marie Luisa to replace the one lost in the fire. Mary had three cloth bags and Carole offered to paint them for the craft show fund raiser.

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There will be a cookie exchange at the November meeting, Anyone attending should bring two dozen cookies.

There was a discussion about possibly raising the dues to help defray some of the clubs expenses. This was tabled.

This month's workshop was "Fall Leaves", by Bea Peterson. Everyone painted beautiful leaves on a small black lampshade.