



# Bits and Pieces

## Ocala Decorative Artists

December 2011 Newsletter

# Merry Christmas

### Notes From the Prez:

Hi Fellow Artists:

Well here we are in the midst of our holiday season. Sometimes in the midst of all the social activities, we forget to pause for a moment or two to remember what this season of the year is all about. Let us take time to reflect on this past year and to count our blessings as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Our Club has been busy with workshops, seminars, working on community projects and sharing fellowship while we improve our painting skills and learn new techniques.

We are all very happy that Margaret has recovered from her bout with pneumonia. I received the following note from Ruth Stuart who is recuperating after a fall and a stay at the hospital and rehab center. "Thank you all for your prayers and cards miss you, looking forward to coming home in Jan. Thank you again, I appreciate it very much. Love, Ruth". If you would like to send a card to Ruth the address is: Ruth Stuart, c/o Ms. Carole Crampton, 5710 S.W. 18th St., Gainesville, FL 32608 or give her a call, she has her cell phone with her.

Our first Board Meeting of the year will be held on Jan. 21st. Please save that day on your calendar. We will be planning the events for the new year and look forward to all the activities our club will be enjoying.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful board members who do a really fantastic job. They deserve kudos for all the time & effort they devote in making our club a success. A special thank you to Sandy for the wonderful job she does in being our hostess each month.

Our Christmas party committee has been working for weeks, getting everything ready for us. Margaret, Sandy and Michele deserve a big thank you for their shopping and wrapping and decorating work. Be sure to thank them at our party.

I have enjoyed being your President this year and look forward to the new year with you. Thanks for being such a great group of friends. You are a pleasure to be with.

On behalf of myself and the Board Members, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Barbara



### *Personal Notes:*

#### From Cheryl Blair:

I would like to thank everyone for their beautiful cards and concern during this difficult time for me. The flowers are still very pretty and remind me of all of you beautiful painters! I will be back in January and hope to get some classes going at All About Art in February. Bless you all and Merry Christmas! Cheryl

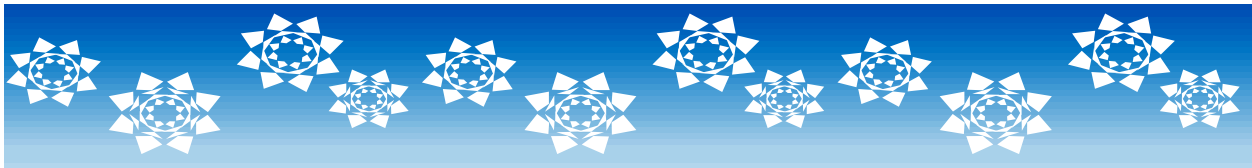
#### From Sonja Bernier:

Please convey my Best Wishes to all for a Happy Holiday!!  
I'm back in Maine with my Mom who isn't doing so well. I may NOT return for some time.  
Enjoy the x-mass party and I'll see you all in the new year!!  
Fondly Sonja

## Workshop Schedule for 2012:

Peggy Morin is working very hard to put together our workshops for the upcoming year. If you have an idea for a workshop or would like to present one, please contact Peggy at [margie0849@cfl.rr.com](mailto:margie0849@cfl.rr.com)

January.....Margaret Fredrick A name tag Pin  
February.....Gail Alford....To be decided  
March.....Pat Otto.....Baby Zebra  
April..... Fund raiser Luncheon  
May.....Carole Sheftic.....Milton's Boat  
June ..... Nothing scheduled as yet  
July.....Nothing scheduled as yet  
August.....Kathy Monroe Memory Box  
September.....Bea Peterson....To be decided  
October.....Nothing scheduled as yet  
November.....Ornament winner from 2011 party



**This nametag is cute as can be, isn't it? Margaret will be teaching it at the January meeting. Bring:**  
Surface Fee: \$1.00 (includes wood & pinback)

Small brushes

Colors of your choice

The pattern is already etched on so you do not need to trace it. Just seal and paint.

**Are you ready for our Christmas party on December 17?**

**Be sure to bring:**

**A dish to share**

**A gift for the exchange**

**An ornament for the contest/swap**

**Money for the basket raffle**

**A smile**

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There have been too many of us laid up recently. Margaret spent some time in the hospital with pneumonia, Michele and Sandy have both had bad colds/flu they're having trouble shaking, and Bea took a fall. Terri spent a few days in the hospital, and Ruth is recuperating from an incident involving her ankle. Pam is still fighting debilitating back pain. I'm sure there are others out there that we don't know about.

**Take care of yourself. We care about you and want you to stay healthy.**

### Treasurer's Report YTD:

#### INCOME:

Dues	\$ 396.00
Seminars	\$ 1,345.00
Workshops	\$ 590.00
Ways & Means	\$ 729.50
Cookbook	\$ 214.50
Basket Luncheon	\$ 2,865.00
Misc Income	\$ 221.00
Christmas Party	\$ 95.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6,456.00</b>

#### EXPENSES

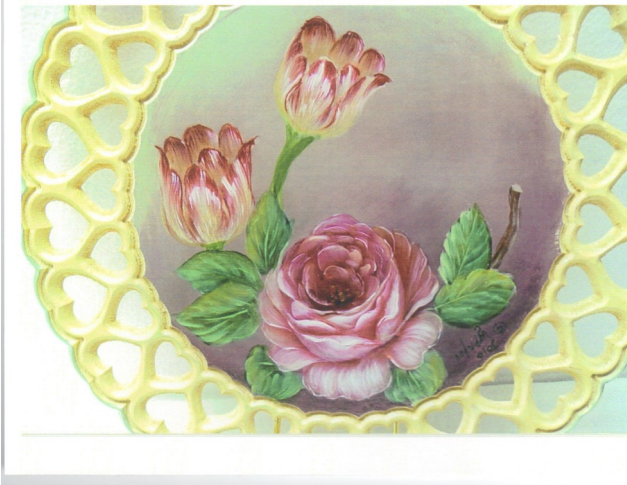
Postage/printing	\$ 31.40
Seminars	\$ 2,953.88
Workshops	\$ 650.00
Rent	\$ 144.00
Ways & Means	\$ 141.74
Bank Charges	\$ 1.50
Sunshine	\$ 147.70
SDP Charges	\$ 61.00
Gifts	\$ 36.00
Hospitality	\$ 45.02
Basket Luncheon	\$ 1,169.84
Workshop materials	\$ 200.37
Christmas Party	\$ 1,128.69
Misc Expense	\$ 25.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 6,736.14</b>

As of publication, the November minutes were not available.

### **Seminar News:**

**Sandy Aubuchon** will be here February 18 and 19th. Details are below.

**Janelle Johnson** is coming November 10 and 11. We will be picking out projects at a later date.



### **SANDY AUBUCHON**

Seminar Fee: \$25.00 per day must be paid by January meeting.

Saturday surface : white shirt or surface of your choice

Sunday surface: 9" plate or surface of your choice.

Normal painting supplies. Paints are furnished by DecoArt.

Sandy is so much fun, and so knowledgeable! We always look forward to her visits!

We are currently looking for a new place to have our seminars. If you have any ideas, please let Margaret or Donna S know.

### **Giving back:**

**We have delivered 38 treasure boxes to children's hospitals this year.**

**Glenda and Donna S will be taking painted cosmetic bags to the local Domestic violence shelter the week of December 19.**

**We have donated 23 memory boxes this year.**