

**Ocala Decorative Artists
January 2010 Newsletter
Your Local Chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters**

HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND CREATIVE NEW YEAR
TO EACH OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

NOTES FROM THE PREZ....Donna S.

"Happy New Year! So far 2010 is treating us pretty poorly weather wise but "they" say that it should warm up in a few days. In the meantime, it is great to be able to curl up in a Snuggie with a cup of tea and a good book. That won't last long though, my fingers are getting itchy to hold a brush again. I actually pulled out a couple of old magazines today and flipped through them, searching for my muse. I'll probably start a new project this weekend.

What are you getting ready to paint? Do you think about summery beach scenes, or mountain meadow landscapes? Or are you still in the winter snow/scene mode? I think I am going to tackle a difficult still life I have been putting off because I thought it would be too hard. Too hard? So what!?! What is the worst that can happen? I might sand it off or paint over it, but I will still learn something in the process, and maybe it will turn out well after all.

Why don't you try a project you have been avoiding because you aren't up to it? You will probably surprise yourself.

On another note, how many of you remember a song from the early 80's called "Wasn't That A Party?" by the Irish Rovers? Although we aren't (quite) that rowdy, the chorus of that song has been running through my head ever since our terrific ODA Christmas party. We had such a terrific time, and I want to thank every one of you for making it special.

We have lots of fun stuff coming up this year, so watch for the emails and check the website often. We are in for a great year!!

Keep those brushes moving---

Donna Slutiak
President, Ocala Decorative Artists"

SECRETARY & TREASURER REPORTS -

There were no reports submitted as the Christmas Party was our meeting.

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS REPORTS -

Listed chronologically by dates.

JANUARY 23, 2010 - Frog with Dewdrops -Instructor: Carole Sheftic, ODA Member - Belleview Location Workshop

Carole will be teaching a wonderful pattern that will work great on a Memory Box or a Treasure Box. If you do not have a Memory or Treasure Box by now, please prepare a surface that will fit the pattern. Be sure to have your surface prepped BEFORE class time. We will move right along, so there will not be time to prepare it in class.

The prep instructions are in a PDF file on our website, www.ocaladecartists.com under Workshops and a pattern copy was included with the December Newsletter (Attachment 2). If you have any questions, please contact me by email at pjallard@earthlink.net or call me at 861-3112.

Also, please plan on bringing lunch, or we can order pizza the day of this class as it will most likely go past noon. See you Saturday, the 23rd.
Pam Allard, 1st VP & Website Author.

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FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 2010 - Butterfly
Shirt & Russian Flowers -Instructor:
Sandy Aubuchon -Seminar - C&R
Products, 7495 SW 38th St.,Ocala
(behind West Port High School)
Doors open 8:30 AM both days.

Saturday: we will be painting on a
man's "woven" shirt. NO T-SHIRTS,
Please. I purchased my shirt (a
short sleeve denim) at WalMart for
about \$8-\$10, button down the front.

Instructions: Wash shirt - NO fabric
softener Iron Freezer paper to the
inside of the shirt.
After you receive the
pattern...transfer it with white or
light color graphite transfer paper.

The packets will be given out at the
January meeting or contact me at 854-
5158 if you will not be at the
meeting and I will arrange to get you
the pattern.

Sunday:- The surface you received at
the ODA Christmas party will work
great for this piece; otherwise it
should be at least 8.5 inches square
or 8.5 x 11.5. Base coat with
Antique White and Multipurpose
Sealer.

When dry, sand lightly and apply a
second coat of Antique White. When
dry, apply one coat of Traditions
Glazing Medium. When dry, apply the
pattern.

Reminder: The doors will open at
8:30 AM both days. Please bring a
lunch or order from our Hungry Howies
menu, they deliver.

See you there. Margaret Fredrick
Seminar Chairperson

FEBRUARY 23, 2010 - Lavendar Fields -
Instructor: Pat Otto - Belleview
Location - Workshop

Supplies Needed: Deco Art American
Acrylics Colors: Burnt Sienna, Burnt

Umber, Cadmium Yellow, Camel,
Celery, Country Blue, Dioxazine
Purple, Evergreen, Georgia Clay, Hi-
Lite Flesh, Light Buttermilk, Light
French Blue, Olive Green, Red Violet,
Soft Black, Victorian Blue and Warm
White. Feel free to substitute
colors to those that are close.
Brushes: 3/4" Flat, #6, #12, Foliage
Brush. Bring angles or flats
whatever you are comfortable with.

Surface: A 12" square gallery
wrapped canvas. You may use any
surface that will fit a 12" square
pattern. If you use masonite, be
sure to have it base-coated with
white gesso before class.

Please plan on staying for lunch.
You may bring your lunch, or we can
order pizza. Pam Allard,
pjallard@earthlink.net

H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y

BARBARA BARSEL - JAN 10TH
RUTH STUART - JAN 20TH
SHELBA DEBOLD - JAN 23RD

**NEW INFORMATION REGARDING
WORKSHOPS AND COLLECTION OF
FEES...**

We are going to try a few new things
this year regarding the monthly
workshop. Please come in, get
organized and then pay for your
Workshop. Harriet Conner will be
collecting the money for the work-
shops. Harriet will then give you a
sticker showing you have paid.
(She will not hand out the pattern at
this time).

After our President, Donna, has the
business meeting and after our raffle
has been completed, we will then
introduce our teacher and your
pattern (and surface when needed)
will be passed out.

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Because we have several members collecting monies, we would like to ask you to pay for each ODA expense to the appropriate person. This will make bookkeeping so much easier and we sure would appreciate your help on this. When paying your Workshop fees, please pay with cash (or a check made out for JUST the Workshop fees) and give to Harriet Conner.

If you are paying other things ODA...please pay the appropriate person.

Margaret Fredrick ...Seminars
Arline Hardy ... Dues
Kathie Monroe...Raffle

Remember, Harriet Conner will be collecting for Workshop fees and any surface related to that month's workshop. Thank you so much for understanding. Pam Allard, 1st VP. Workshop Chair
pjallard@earthlink.net

SOMETHING NEW:

ODA Cookbook Plans

ODA is planning on putting a cookbook together. We would like you to send in your favorite recipes to Pam Allard. We do not have a deadline on it as yet, and don't even know how many recipes we can collect, but we do know that our ODA members are the best cooks around! So, we are looking forward to getting started on this. If you would like to work on this committee, or send in a recipe, please contact Pam at pjallard@earthlink.net.