



Manatee Haven Decorative Artists

JUNE 2009

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Lynda's Letter

Ladies,
After our Board meeting on wed. I need to pass some important "things" by you.
Pat Otto has agreed to pick

up the newsletter responsibility along with her other duties. So we will have this up an going soon and the painters who have no e-mail will get the news.

We have a special raffle in August. To join this raffle you need to donate a book. You will get 3 tickets for each hardback book; 2 tickets for each authored paint book (example: Sharon Malone, Sue Scheewe Brown, Claudia Nice, Betty Byrd etc.) and 1 ticket for a art magazine.

These books need to be brought to the meeting either in June or August and they will be held for a book sale in Jan. 2010.

The prize for the tickets drawn: A copier-enlarger/reducer and 1/2 seminar fee paid by the chapter for Septembers Jill Mcfarland seminar. So Bring those books to meeting-so far we only have 5 people competing.

Thanks to everyone who took a Christmas ornament at the May meeting. We will have more at the August meeting.

The 10 year anniversary celebration we had at Jan Bittners studio was great! as usual more food than we could eat, great raffle and lots of laughs. Thanks for coming.

One last thing to think about. Christmas Big Basket. Please bring Dani your donation to the meetings we have before November. Dani needs the gifts to be in a plastic grocery bag that has handles. Your total gift should be no more than \$20. (look for sales). You can buy two \$10 gifts or four \$5. gifts or ten \$2. gifts or you can put all your money into one gift for \$20. If you have questions please call me.

Thank you for staying with me this long.
Call me with questions.

Lynda

Secretary's Minutes Pat Otto



May 9

Meeting called to Order by President, Lynda Goodman. Meeting is the 10th Anniversary Party so there is just an informal meeting.

Secretary: Minutes from last meeting were taken by Eileen Lawwill.

Treasurer: No report

Programs: Bea Peterson circulated a picture of the Amaryllis that Jan Bittner will teach next month. Patterns will be on the website or available from Jan. All inking must be done before the class. Ink must dry and cure before painting.

Jill MacFarlane has sent her project picture of a mermaid. That will be posted on the web.

Membership: A correction sheet will be available at meetings for you to update your information. It is your responsibility to keep your information correct.

Historian: Books are set out for everyone's perusal. They are full of pictures of events and classes since we started.

Christmas Basket: Reminder to bring in items wrapped for Christmas raffle baskets. Items should total \$20.

Birthday raffle: Most members brought in a wrapped birthday gift. These were raffled off.

Philanthropic: Pilot's club tree ornaments were available for gals to take and paint in jewel tones with glitter.

Lynda gave a humorous dissertation down MHDA Memory Lane.

Meeting adjourned and lunch followed.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Otto

Programs - Bea Peterson
June WorkShop - Jan Bittner

Pen and Ink on Glass
 Reversed Oil Painting
 Amaryllis and Monarch Butterfly

Class Cost \$4

Size: Glass 11x14 inches

Other Supplies: Masking tape

1 quill pen

bottle of India ink

1 small plastic cup

paper towels

Palette knife

Small bottle of glass cleaner (must have ammonia)

Oil brushes - brights are the best - filberts - flats - old liner (old filbert brushes are okay, but the filbert brights are the ones i prefer). Sizes 2, 4, and 8

Inking must be done before class.

Place pattern under clean glass. Make sure your glass (side you will be inking) is clean, no finger prints. Place pattern under your glass. Place paper towel about 4 inches from top where you will begin inking. Keep paper towel under your hand, remember no oil or finger prints on inking side. Using Quill pen and India ink (start inking from top). Sometime the pen skips so be careful. Clean the pen as you go if it starts to collect too much ink.

Small plastic cup: place a small amount of ink in the cup. I hold the cup tilted a little, and with the pen pull the ink up one side of the plastic cup. This will allow you to see how much ink you have on the pen and also to see if it is working properly.

(cleaning the pen): pull the point between your finger, careful not to damage the point, with a paper towel sprayed with glass cleaner, clean the point of the quill pen. The inking may look wide, but will blend together when inking is complete. You need to complete this portion of the class at least 3 days before the seminar begins. I would like to have all of them completely dry.

Mistakes can be repaired by using a "Q"tip sprayed with glass cleaner. Gently squeeze a small amount of glass cleaner from the Qtip so it is not dripping wet. Clean your mistake carefully and let it dry before starting again.

The painting portion instructions will be given out at the start of class. If you have any questions concerning inking please call Jan. 352-563-6349

JUST A REMINDER:
 NONE OF THE INKING CAN BE DONE THE DAY OF THE SEMINAR. IT MUST BE COMPLETELY DRY BEFORE STARTING TO PAINT.



Up-Coming Programs - Bea Peterson

JULY - No Meeting

AUGUST - Pat Otto - Workshop - Three Shepherds

SEPT - Jill Macfarlane - Seminar

Catch of the Day, Mermaid

OCT - Carole Sheftic - Workshop Inquisitive Baby Fox

NOV - TBA

DEC - Christmas Party



Pat Otto
Carol Dombrowski
Bea Peterson

6-1
6-10
6-27



Pilot's Club
 Parade of Trees

Many are busy painting laser cut stars already for our late fall decorating of the Christmas Tree. If you didn't get an ornament - Never Fear! More will be coming. We are even having glass balls with paint swished on inside for those who are unsure of their painting abilities. Don't be a grinch! - Paint an ornament! Colors are bright jewel tones with glitter.



Christmas Basket

Start shopping! Each member is responsible to bring in \$20 worth of wrapped prizes for our raffle baskets. Remember how fun they were to unwrap last year? One gift of \$20 or 20 \$1 gifts, or however you want to do it. If you don't bring in something, you can't buy tickets at the raffle. Use your Michael's and Hobby Lobby coupons, and search the sales. Let's make these Christmas baskets spectacular.

June -August Raffle Items

Bring in books, books, books for our January book sale. The sale isn't until 2010, but by bringing in books early you get a chance at a ½ price seminar and a copy cat projector.

For a hardcover or stiff cover book - 3 tickets
For an authored paint instruction book - 2 tickets
For a painting magazine - 1 ticket
For VHS or DVD that work - 3 tickets.

You can't win if you don't play!

Opportunities to Teach & Take Classes

Sunshine State Retreat 2010

Decorative artists from all over Florida gather in the spring to paint and hang out together in a relaxing retreat center in Ellenton, Florida.

They are looking for teachers for next years event and you may obtain teacher information at www.ssdaretreat.com. The deadline to submit projects for teaching is July 27, 2009.

Consider going to this fun gathering. You will enjoy getting to know many painters, sample delicious food and relax in beautiful wooded surroundings.

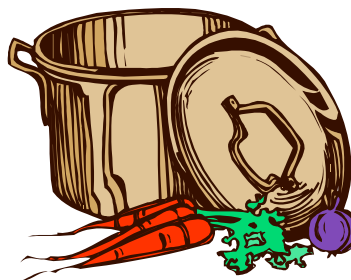
FREE DESIGNS

<http://www.ladybugcreations.com/freedesign.htm>

Go to Jan McCraw's website for a monthly free design. She is the one who started painting the "Treasure Boxes" for kids at the Shriner's Hospital. There are many really cute designs,

Foster Children

Please bring in \$3.00 for our foster children



WANTED RECIPES

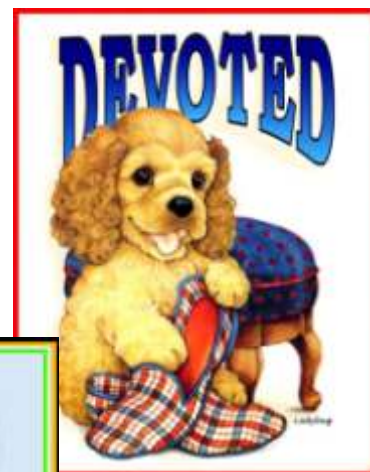
Everyone asks, "Who brought this dish? It is delicious! Share the recipe with us. Email Pat Otto at pat@patotto.com

Spinach Balls

submitted by Pat Otto

1 package stove top stuffing
1 package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
1 small chopped onion
1 cup grated cheese
2 eggs

Make stuffing with margarine as per directions. Add rest of ingredients. Form into balls, bake at 350 for about 30 minutes.





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