

PALETTE HILITES

Central Illinois Decorative Artists November 2009



President's Pen

Hello Painters,

I hope that you are all taking a rest this week after all of the hard work that was put into our Holiday Harvest last weekend. Thank you to Jo and Ann for organizing it and to everyone for contributing beautiful, unique and well-done painted treasures, wonderful food and your help in the kitchen, set-up and clean-up. All was greatly appreciated by our crowd. It is always so interesting to see how many different things we come up with each time and how creative you all are. Give yourself an extra chocolate kiss today!!

At our November meeting, Sharon will be teaching her ornament that she passed out at our October meeting. Please come with it base coated per her instructions. We will also be electing our new officers in a short meeting.

We will soon be planning for our new year and making program decisions. Please let either Judy or myself know of your availability to teach a project or do a monthly program. We don't want this to fall on just a few people and we know you are all so talented.....we saw that at Holiday Harvest. If you like the idea of painting more please consider doing your part and teaching or demonstrating a technique that you learned. We are a group of painters with varied interests, inquiring minds are yearning for your lesson. 😊

I'd like to ask that we consider sharing more in our newsletter. Please contribute your painting tips that you've learned over the years or a favorite website. Thank you in advance.

Remember Vinegar Hill coming up November 21. Set up is on Friday, November 20. This is a fun day to not only be able to sell some craft items, advertise our club but also to visit with each other. I'm sure that the weather will have us thinking about Christmas more by that time. The club is paying for the booth fee so you will just pay a percentage of your sales back to the club. See Jo or email her for more details.

Keep painting,
Mary Jane Zook

CHAPTER MEETING -November 24th - ** 6:00 pm ** Grace Baptist Church

Refreshments -- Treats -- Carole



Please don't forget to bring your own drink!!!



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Seminars	Kathy Weber	857-3310
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Librarian	Dina Fryman	422-3866
Historian	Sharon Middleton	877-7229
Hospitality	Helen Fine	792-5101
Membership	Carole Tobias	423-4155

Birthdays



Kathy 11/3
Helen 11/15



Carole 12/1
Sharon 12/7
Paula 12/31

CIDA Seminars

Sonja Richardson April 9th and 10th 2010
Maxine Thomas October 15th and 16th 2010
Mary Owens Spring (early April) 2011
Lynne Andrews Fall (late September/early October) 2011
Arlene Linton Spring 2012
Judy Diephouse Fall 2012

Other Chapter Seminars

Gateway –
Maureen McNaughton
January 8, 9, 10, 2010



I am trying to plan for next year's meetings. I have not heard from those of you who are willing to lead a small project at a meeting. Please let me know if you are willing. You don't have to know yet what you want to lead just that you are willing and what time of year is best for you. If you need help finding a project I am very willing to help. I have lots of resource material.

*Thanks,
Judi*

SNOWMAN THERMOMETER:

Some of you were interested in the snowman thermometer that IHDA did last month with Janice Miller. I purchased the 8 thermometers she had left and can lead that project sometime early this winter. It is an all day project so will need to be done on a Sat. Is someone willing to host this get together? The thermometers are \$12.50 each. If we don't have enough thermometers it can also be done on wood or even a sweatshirt. We can talk at the Nov. meeting about when and where. I just need you to be thinking about it now.

Judi

SDP News

Issue 3 of the DP was late going out and the staff is working hard to get Issue 4 out as soon as possible. It has not been mailed yet, so no one has it yet! The Conference Special that will go with it has been printed already, but not the magazine.

Linda Biedermann TDA, Western NY
Past President, Society of Decorative Painters

Holiday Harvest

It was so great to see Bev at our Holiday Harvest. Bev offered to bake a Texas cake when I needed another cake. Thanks Bev, it was delicious. She also donated 3 Heath Bar Cakes to Holiday Harvest. Thanks so much Bev I know everyone was thrilled to see you Saturday. I would like to thank everyone who worked Friday, made food, donated all the wonderful items, and did their jobs Saturday to make the 19th Annual Holiday Harvest a success. Thanks to Sharon for letting us use her set up again. That makes our auction always look so nice. Our guests were low in number but very enthusiastic. I think the nice weather and cold and flu season kept some of the guests away. I especially want to thank my co-person Jo who ordered the center pieces and got the little boxes for ornaments. She emailed the pattern and got everyone started on them. Jo did any job I asked her to do making my job easier to be Chairperson (although I can tell you I was a little stressed by the end of the week). I also wanted to thank Donna who worked endlessly in the kitchen from 9:30 in the morning until we left in the afternoon, many times by her self. We need to work on that... everyone enjoys the auction, but if you have kitchen duty after the lunch you need to remember that and help out, that way everyone can at least enjoy part of the auction and be able to sit down. I don't know about everyone else, but it was such a beautiful afternoon Saturday and I needed to distress (a lot) I went home and changed and got out the leaf blower and rake and ended up with 9 bags of leaves. Then I soaked in the tub awhile and all was well with the world. Haha -- Ann

I wish to thank everyone who helped in the kitchen and with the drink table. Especially to our guests: Paula's sister Dawn and to Judy's daughter Jenny. Thanks a bunch, Donna



Helen and Donna busy in the kitchen.

Could not get by without Paula's mouth



Chow Time



Jo - Co-Chair and Ann - Chairperson Holiday Harvest

Painting November Meeting

Sharon passed out an ornament and pattern for a little snowman at the October meeting. Please make sure you have your ornament prepped and ready. Bring your water container, brushes, paper towels, etc you will need to finish the project. I always look forward to doing one of Sharon's ornaments. I don't know about you but mine always turn out better, Must be the teacher. Thanks Sharon for your exceptional teaching. -- Ann

Minutes from October Membership Meeting

Central Illinois Decorative Artist
Membership Meeting
October 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order at the Grace Baptist Church by President Mary Jane Zook at 6:00 p.m..

Secretary's report:

Minutes for September were posted in the October newsletter. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurers' report

Treasures report was not available.

Correspondence:

No correspondence.

Old Business:

Seminars:

Kathy has contacted several teachers for the upcoming 2-3 years. Barb Shelton made a motion that we have Sonja Richardson in March and Arlene Linton in April 2010. It was decided Arlene will be teaching at Illinois Painters in April and that it would be too close to have her again. Barb then proposed that we have Sonja in April and that we pay for a field trip to the Illinois Painters seminar. That proposal will be tabled until January.

Teachers were then selected for the upcoming year with

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Holiday Harvest

Job assignments were completed for the upcoming Holiday Harvest. Jo to have Ann send out the food list in order for everyone to double check what they are bringing. It was recommended that if you are bringing a hot item to bring it HOT as there is limited space to heat items.

Set up for Holiday Harvest is 3:00 p.m. Friday November 6th.

Librarian

Dina Fryman reminded members to return any DVD they have borrowed. Members may check them out one at a time for the period of one month.

Newsletter

Nothing to report. Ann was not at meeting.

Dues

Barb reminded members that the dues are due. They are \$15.00.

New Business

Sharon passed out the ornaments for our November meeting with the base coating instructions.

Slate of Officers

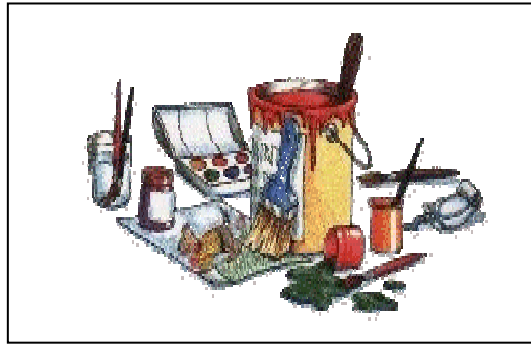
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Motion was made by Paula Cunningham and seconded by Dina Fryman to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Kathy Weber, Secretary

Meeting was adjourned and members viewed an educational DVD on brush strokes.

Tips & Techniques



Tips for Painting.....taken from tips contributed by Tole Friends, a wonderful internet painting group.

- Getting paint on your clothes is a given when you paint. Embrace that splotch by painting a pretty flower or other design over it. I have the coolest jeans!! :o)
- Spattering is best done using a long liner loaded with inky paint. Simply tap the brush handle for a completely controlled effect. I tend to tap the ferrule like a smoker taps the ashes off the end of a cigarette.
- Teachers listen up... Place a piggy back on your work surface...every time a student says something negative about their painting, they have to deposit a quarter. All monies raised can be donated to a charity. It's fun and a gentle reminder that we are always learning and negative talk is not helpful to anyone.
 - Pet hair in your project. Use a pin to lift the offending strand. If the hair leaves a mark in the basecoat, lightly sand it. If it's left a mark in your varnish, wait for it to dry completely, lightly sand and apply another coat.
 - Too many magazines? Go through each one, select the projects that really resonate with you. Place the instructions and the line drawing in a plastic sleeve and slip into a 3-ring binder. You'll reclaim a lot of shelf space.
 - Have a lot of books? I have catalogued and numbered most of mine. They are kept in a file cabinet, 4 or 5 in a hanging folder. When I need to put my book back, it's easy to find where the book belongs. I have over 500...crazy.
 - Journaling. Take a journal that has pages that can withstand getting wet and try new techniques or brush strokes in those pages. Test color combinations or simply doodle to get the juices going.
 - Stuck in a rut? Don't feel much like painting? Passion for painting is waning? Get a group of friends together (or even better, just you) and go to various art galleries...look at everything and don't judge. Just absorb. Galleries fill me up with wonder and awe. I don't like everything I see, but I learn from everything I see. It re-charges my creativity.
- Mary Jane

13 Great Tips for Friday the 13th

1. A day is lucky or unlucky depending upon your attitude.
(Treat each day as a lucky day and watch what happens!)
2. When you open a new sheet of transfer paper, wipe off the transferring side with a paper towel to prevent excessively strong lines.
3. Use post it notes to mask off areas when spattering or basing windows, etc.
4. Purchase items that inspire you, the price of inspiration is worth it's weight in GOLD!
5. Take your cell phone with you when shopping, snap pictures of trends or fun color combinations save these files in a "inspiration file" to dip into when your brain needs a jump start.
6. Chop all of your green onions up at once and store them in a clean water bottle in the freezer. Use it to shake out just enough on salads, soups, and baked potatoes. This will work for other toppings like pine nuts, raisins, etc...
7. Laminate the brush-tique and step by step pages in magazines and use them as practice pages.
8. Keep a small "car type" DVD player on your painting table, use this to play and repeat DVD painting lessons, to listen to painting lessons as you paint, or just to watch Christmas movies etc while painting presents!
9. Store dirty "foam" paint rollers in plastic bags. If air can't get to them, they won't dry out! I use this for frequently used colors.
10. Use pop-up skinny post-it's to mark magazine or book projects. Change colors to represent the seasons.
11. Another phone or camera trick: take quick snaps of the projects that you want to paint and the covers of the issue they are in and store them in themed files on your computer. IE... have a file called Easter, and store snaps of the projects in that file
12. Use a soda straw to store your most precious lining brush when they are in with all the other brushes. drop the brush into the straw and lift the straw to remove.
13. Treat others around you as if you are LUCKY to have them in your life, and you will have a better day any day, including Fridays with 13 in them! GRIN!

Big Giant Hugs!

Patty Rawlinson
Donated by Barb



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