

President's Pen



Happy snowy February! Hope you are all able to stay inside while Mother Nature keeps gifting us with all this 'frosting'. At least it is great painting weather. Hope all of you will bring something you painted while snowbound to share with us at the meeting on the 22nd. This will be our first meeting at the firehouse so make sure of the directions.

This month we are going to be making cards to send to our veterans to let them know we think of them and appreciate what they did to keep us all free. I will be bringing a lot of supplies but if you have cardstock, embellishments, stamps etc. that you are willing to share please feel free to bring them. The cards will all be the same size so we don't have trouble finding envelopes. I will just buy a box.

My plan is for the cards to be either masculine or patriotic colors. So anything patriotic or masculine (cars, motorcycles, trains, animals, etc.) will work well. I will bring my big paper

trimmer and 'score it' board. I also plan to bring my 'helper' again.

Please do bring adhesive if possible. I use double stick tape because I don't have much luck with glue sticks. If you are good with glue sticks that is fine. I will also have a paper punch and some brads. You won't need to bring your regular painting supplies. I will have some brushes there for anyone who wants to do watercolor pencil.

This is going to be more of just a work session than a class. I will be giving a few basic instructions and then Ginny and I will just be available to help out with ideas, instruction etc. I had thought we might just give these to the VA hospital in Danville but Jean mentioned a facility that her husband had visited so that is also an option. Hope you can come help. Be careful on the ice and I will see you at 6:00 p.m. on the 22nd!

Judi



Bad Weather or Driving Conditions

The differences in terrain and weather patterns because of how far apart we are (Effingham to Springfield to Peoria to Bloomington) make it difficult sometimes to determine when it is better/safer to call off the meeting. If conditions in your area are getting scary please call me or Kathy to consult on whether or not

we should try to meet. We don't want anyone to be in danger. My home number is 309-665-0924 and my cell is 309-310-9964. Kathy's home number is 217-857-3310 and her cell is 217-821-3003.
JUDI

DIRECTIONS TO FIRE STATION ON LAST PAGE

I will have my **cell phone #620-0484** with me in case anyone gets lost.
Sharon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Belated to Mary Jane Zook on 1-12



Mary McCullah -- 2/11



Barb Shelton -- 3/1

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEMBERSHIP MEETING – JAN 25, 2011

The meeting was held at the Decatur Olive Garden Restaurant at 6PM.

There were 10 people in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking - \$4506.89

Savings - \$5588.00

Gov. Christmas Tree – We have been asked to participate in this event next year. We are currently discussing themes for the tree. Top contenders are “old fashioned toys” and “state symbols”. Dina made a motion seconded by Paula that we use “state symbols” as our theme. Motion passed.

Budget – Sharon presented the budget to the members. Donna made a motion to accept, seconded by Ann. Motion passed.

Bills – Sharon presented a bill for \$79.89 for 3 DVD's that have been purchased and added to the library.

Website – Sharon has updated our website.

IAHCE – We will assist in a make it take it class at this convention on Mar 24 from 10-11am at the Decatur

Conference Center. We will be teaching a class with stamps and water color pencils. Students will make bookmarks.

Feb Membership Meeting – We will be making cards for soldiers that will be donated to the local VA hospitals and distributed. Bring adhesive runners and any other supplies that you have.

March Membership Meeting – We will have a short meeting during lunch at the Mary Owens seminar.

Future Membership Meetings – Judy will be looking for volunteers to help teach projects or suggest projects for our meetings.

Membership List - The list was sent around the table for corrections and will be in the upcoming newsletter.

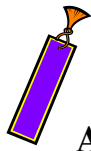
There was no more business to present. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Fryman

Secretary

IAHCE Make-it Take-it



I have asked that the CIDA group teach a one hour class at the state conference of **Illinois Association for Home and Community Education (IAHCE) on March 24th at 10-11AM on "Watercolor Bookmarks"**. We taught this at a make-it take-it at the Macon County Fair several years ago. They are very simple and the maximum attendees was set at 30. If you haven't done this technique, I will show you at the February meeting while we are doing cards with Judi. We need helpers so please step up and help. I know the

seminar is the next day, but hope you will help out and maybe get others interested in this painting technique. A lot of IAHCE members have book clubs in their counties and what a novel idea of this bookmark which has a magnet to clip over the page and does not fall out of the book. They will take this back to their counties all over Illinois to share with them. I will have a sample for you to see at the January 25th meeting. Thanks for helping to spread the word about decorative painting.

Sharon



SEMINARS

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DECORATIVE ARTISTS

March 25-26 Mary Owens Seminar

September 23-24 Lynn Andrews Seminar

Gateway Decorative Artists – St Louis

June 17, 18,19, 2011 Carol Spohn –Watercolor

July 16,17,18, 2011 Annette Long – Acrylic – Wood and Porcelain

Apr 21,22,23, 2012 Karen Hubbard

Nov 2,3,4, 2012 Mark Polomchak – Watercolor

Artistic Friends

Sept 16,17,18, 2011 Tina Sue Norris

Oct 2012 Brenda Stewart

Lincoln Trails

June 3,4,5, 2011 - Mary Wiseman

Aug 19,20,21 Retreat - Blackburn Lodge

June 2012 - Maxine Thomas

Nov 16,17,18 2012 Brenda Stewart

April 26,27, 28 2013 Prudy Vanier

National Convention: May 16-21, 2011

SDP's 39th Annual Conference and Expo:

Century II Convention Center Hyatt Regency



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Hoot Convention  
August 8-13, 2011

Illinois Heartland Decorative Artists Allerton Retreat  
**"Painting Colors of the Rainbow!"**

APRIL 8, 9, 10, 2011

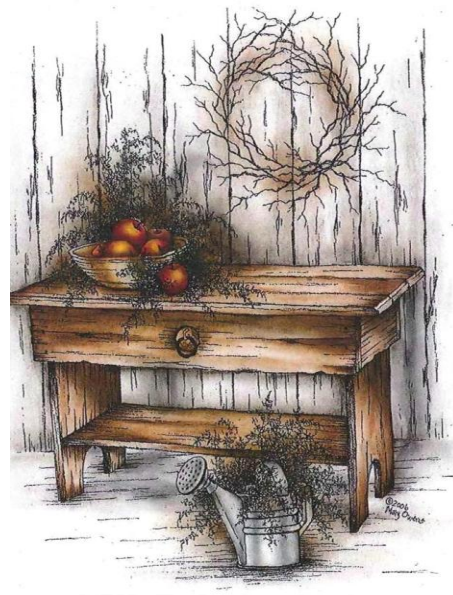
## Mary Owens Seminar Choices

Let's have anyone coming to the seminar choose two of the designs and email or call your choices to me. I will need to have your answers by Feb. 18 so that I can have the registration forms ready for our Feb. meeting. All projects are one day and she will bring brushes, oils, fixative and pens. You will be traveling light coming to this seminar. Please let me know if you have one of her projectors and would be able to bring it to the seminar. She gives a free pattern packet for each day it is used. Questions...call or email Mary Jane...mzook@aol.com or 309-826-2034.

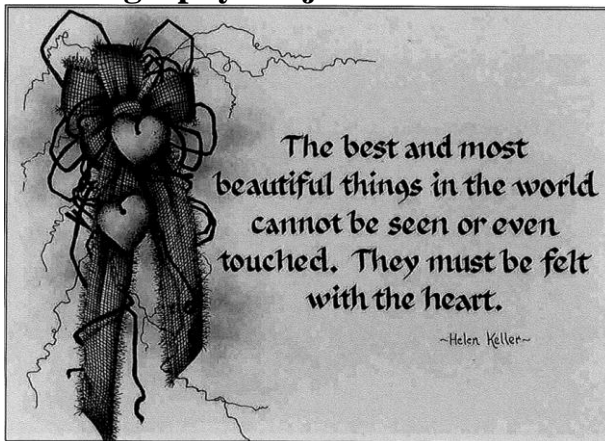
### #1 Sugar and Spice



### #2 Autumn Charm



### #3 Calligraphy Project



### #4 Let It Snow





## DIARY OF A SNOW SHOVELER

December 8- 6:00 PM - It started to snow. The first snow of the season and the wife and I took our cocktails and sat for hours by the window watching the huge soft flakes drift down from heaven. It looked like a Grandma Moses Print. So romantic we felt like newlyweds again. I love snow!

December 9 - We woke to a beautiful blanket of crystal white snow covering every inch of the landscape. What a fantastic sight! Can there be a more lovely place in the whole world? Moving here was the best idea I've ever had! Shoveled for the first time in years and felt like a boy again. I did both our driveway and the sidewalks. This afternoon the snowplow came along and covered up the sidewalks and closed in the driveway, so I got to shovel again. What a perfect life!

December 12 - The sun has melted all our lovely snow... Such a disappointment! My neighbor tells me not to worry- we'll definitely have a white Christmas. No snow on Christmas would be awful! Bob says we'll have so much snow by the end of winter, that I'll never want to see snow again. I don't think that's possible. Bob is such a nice man, I'm glad he's our neighbor.

December 14 - Snow, lovely snow! 8 inches last night. The temperature dropped to -20. The cold makes everything sparkle so. The wind took my breath away, but I warmed up by shoveling the driveway and sidewalks. This is the life! The snowplow came back this afternoon and buried everything again.. I didn't realize I would have to do quite this much shoveling, but I'll certainly get back in shape this way. I wish I wouldn't huff and puff so.

December 15 - 20 inches forecast. Sold my van and bought a 4x4 Blazer. Bought snow tires for the wife's car and 2 extra shovels. Stocked the freezer. The wife wants a wood stove in case the electricity goes out. I think that's silly. We aren't in Alaska, after all.

December 16 - Ice storm this morning. Fell on the ice in the driveway putting down salt. Hurt really bad. The wife laughed for an hour, which I think was very cruel.

December 17 - Still way below freezing. Roads are too icy to go anywhere. Electricity was off for 5 hours. I had to pile the blankets on to stay warm. Nothing to do but stare at the wife and try not to irritate her. Guess I should've bought a wood stove, but won't admit it to her. I hate it when she's right. I can't believe I'm freezing to death in my own living room.

December 20 - Electricity's back on, but had another 14 inches of the darn stuff last night. More shoveling! Took all day. The darn snowplow came by twice. Tried to find a neighbor kid to shovel, but they said they're too busy playing hockey. I think they're lying. Called the only hardware store around to see about buying a snow blower and they're out. Might have another shipment in March.. I think they're lying. Bob says I have to shovel or the city will have it done and bill me. I think he's lying.

December 22 - Bob was right about a white Christmas because 13 more inches of the white stuff fell today, and it's so cold, it probably won't melt till August. Took me 45 minutes to get all dressed up to go out to shovel by then I was too tired to shovel. Tried to hire Bob who has a plow on his truck for the rest of the winter, but he says he's too busy.. I think he is lying.

December 23 - Only 2 inches of snow today. And it warmed up to 0. The wife wanted me to decorate the front of the house this morning. What is she, nuts?! Why didn't she tell me to do that a month ago? She says she did but I think she's lying.

December 24 - 6 inches - Snow packed so hard by snowplow, I broke the shovel. Thought I was having a heart attack. If I ever catch the \_\_\_ who drives that snow plow....I don't know what I'll do. I know he hides around the corner and waits for me to finish shoveling and then he comes down the street at a 100 miles an hour and throws snow all over where I've just been! Tonight the wife wanted me to sing Christmas carols with her and open our presents, but I was too busy watching for the snowplow.

December 25 - Merry Christmas! 20 more inches of the slop tonight - Snowed in. The idea of shoveling makes my blood boil.. I hate the snow! Then the snowplow driver came by asking for a donation and I hit him over the head with my shovel. The wife says I have a bad attitude. I think she's an idiot. If I have to watch "It's A Wonderful Life" one more time, I'm going to stuff her into the microwave.

December 26 - Still snowed in. Why the did I ever move here? It was all HER idea. She's really getting on my nerves.

December 27 - Temperature dropped to -30 and the pipes froze; plumber came after 14 hours of waiting for him, he only charged me \$1,400 to replace all my pipes.

December 28 - Warmed up to above -20. Still snowed in. The wife is driving me crazy!!!

December 29 - 10 more inches. Bob says I have to shovel the roof or it could cave in. That's the silliest thing I ever heard. How dumb does he think I am?

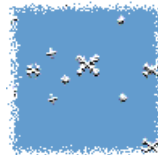
December 30 - Roof caved in. I beat up the snow plowdriver, and now he is suing me for a million dollars. The wife went home to her mother. Nine more inches predicted.

December 31 - I set fire to what's left of the house. No more shoveling.

January 8 - Feel so good. I just love those little white pills they keep giving me.

Why am I tied to the bed?

Submitted by Mary Jane



## The directions to the fire station.

Those coming in on N 51: Come into town on Rt. 51. You will pass Mound Rd (Olive Garden), Pershing Rd. (Wendy's), pass Decatur Memorial Hospital ( on right). You will pass the fire station on the left and turn left at the next corner - which is Grand. (Walgreens is on that corner.)

Go to the first stop light at Walgreen's ( just one street to the left of Rt. 51 which is Water Street.) You come in on a one-way street South and **you have to go to the street going one way North.** Turn left or North on Water Street just past the Walgreens you will see a parking lot behind the Fire Station. That is where you will park and the entrance is on that side of the building. I will be there to show you which door you go into.

Those coming from the South or Springfield: You are to come in on Rt. 36, which becomes Eldorado St. Go to the signs that say Rt. 51 North. This is also Water Street. When you come to Grand, proceed past the Walgreens and you will see the parking lot.

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