



# PALETTE HILITES

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## President's Pen



HAPPY SPRING!!

I noticed my crocus were up yesterday so I guess Spring really will come. Have you painted any beautiful Spring flowers to brighten your home or someone else's?

Thanks to all who came in February to make cards for our veterans and servicemen and women. We have a nice bunch of them to pass along to brighten their days. Hope you enjoyed playing with my toys. Ginny and I enjoy sharing them with you.

Thanks to Kathy and Mary Jane for trying so hard to get Mary Owens to respond with project ideas. Unfortunately between her negligence in sending them and conflicts for a number of our members the seminar had to be cancelled. I sure am looking forward to having Lynne Andrews come in the fall!

How many of you are going to National and HOOT? Are you planning any other painting outings this Summer? Let's talk about it at our meeting. If any of you are interested in attending Allerton Retreat, I believe there is still room.

Contact Judy Meyer at 217-348-5419.

Since the seminar was cancelled we are having our regular meeting on March 22 at the fire station. I thought that was a good place to meet. Donna will be leading the project to get started on our Holiday Harvest items. If you have the snowflake stencils from Patricia Rawlinson and are willing to share them please mark them in some way as yours and bring them to the meeting. What are you going to make for your donations for Holiday Harvest? We need to get them started. I have started some artist style ornaments I thought I might contribute. I would be interested in what you all, from your experience, think sells best. Let's talk about it at the meeting while we paint. If you can share your insights perhaps we can get some more ideas to broaden the appeal of our items. Also be painting for Vinegar Hill. Bring what you have been painting for us to see. We all like to be inspired by each other. Keep those brushes wet!

Judi

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Barb Shelton -- 3/1**  
**Judi Maxson -- 3/30**



**Dina Fryman -- 4/29**

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## Holiday Harvest Ornaments



The ornament this year will be a CD painted and stenciled. If you were at the January meeting you saw the card boxes being done for the tables. We will be doing the ornaments at the March meeting. If you have any CD's to paint I would appreciate it. If you can have them base coated at least a day ahead it will do better with the stencil adhesive.

To prep the CD's I simply base coated with 2 coats of Deco Art Sapphire and then did a slip slap of a variety of blues, white and purples. The colors I have used were White, Dioxazine Purple, Midnite Blue, Country Blue, Desert Turquoise, Lavender, Wild Orchis, Wisteria and other light blues. They will each be slightly different and I will have paints and stencils available at the meeting. If anyone has Patricia Rawlinson's Snowflake Stencils please bring them as one set will be slow going. This will be easy and fun, every time I do one they come out different. Thanks, looking forward to seeing you there. Donna Miller



## CENTRAL ILLINOIS DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEMBERSHIP MINUTES - FEB 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm at the Decatur Fire station Community Room, which is the new location for our membership meetings. There were 8 members in attendance, and 1 guest, Judi's daughter, Ginny.

### Mary Owens Seminar

The seminar is slated to be on Mar 25-26, 2011, but there is concern with the number of registrants, as well as the delay in receiving materials from the teacher, transportation issues, and availability of members. It was estimated that we would be looking at a minimum of \$1600 in expenses, but only approx. \$500 in income. It was decided that at this time, we couldn't meet our minimum attendance requirements, nor did we want to lose that amount of money. Dina made a motion seconded by Carole, that we cancel the seminar. Motion passed. Mary Jane will contact Mary Owens and let her know of our decision. Since several of our members have Board Gift Certificates to use and may not be able to use it on the next seminar, those GC's will be honored next year.

Due to the cost of gas, it was also decided that those members picking up the teachers at airports, would be reimbursed for their extra trips.

### Membership Meeting

Since the seminar was cancelled and we were planning on having a meeting during the lunch break, we need to

arrange a meeting for March. Sharon will check on the availability of the Fire station for that meeting. If available, we will work on the CD ornaments for Holiday Harvest. Donna will send a list of materials to Paula for the newsletter. If you have the Snowflake stencils from Patricia Rawlinson and are willing to share, please bring them. Make sure your name is on them.

### Governors' Tree

It has been decided to use state symbols and paint them on ornaments shaped like the state of Illinois. It was also decided to use a large and a small ornament size.

### IHCE Class

We will be helping Sharon at her IHCE Convention this year. Any members who can help Dina and Mary Jane with the class, please do so. We will be helping the registrants paint a bookmark. These will be done on water color paper, using water proof stamps and water color pencils. Sharon will send out more information prior to the class.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm. We made homemade cards to send the VA homes and hospitals. Judi and her daughter Ginny helped with ideas and showed us several new methods and products to temp our creative juices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dina Fryman, Secretary

FEBRUARY MEETING  
Homemade cards to send the VA homes and hospital



Sharon and Ginny



Mary Jane and Judi

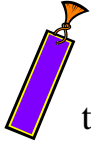


Dina and Donna



Jean and Carole

## IAHCE Make-it Take-it



I have asked that the CIDA group to 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

### 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 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Expo:

Century II Convention Center Hyatt Regency



Hoot Convention

August 8-13, 2011

Illinois Heartland Decorative Artists Allerton Retreat

**"Painting Colors of the Rainbow!"**

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