



# PALETTE HILITES

Central Illinois Decorative Artists October 2011  
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## President's Pen



GREETINGS! What a beautiful fall we are having! Hope you are having the opportunity to get a few minutes of painting in once in a while. I want to thank Kathy for the great class she taught on Oct. 1. It was lots of fun and I think everyone's piece turned out great! How did the Saturday class work out for everyone?

We are planning to have 3 of them next year so we can do better/longer painting pieces. The first will be in February-a time we sometimes have weather issues so hopefully having a daytime meeting will be better since at least we can see where we are going. :) We need someone to step up and offer to teach a piece for that meeting as well as the other 2, May and October.

If you have a piece you think we would enjoy please submit a photo of the piece and a plan for teaching (directions or just general how to) to Kathy. It doesn't have to be complicated or difficult. We are just trying to expand the painting

opportunities we are offering. We all have fun when we get together to paint and my experience is that everyone is supportive of the teacher, so even if you have never taught give it a shot. It could be a colored pencil piece, a canvas, multi-media, etc. Is there anything you would particularly like to try your hand at? If so, let Kathy or me know and we will see if we can find someone comfortable with leading that class.

Remember that our next meeting isn't until November, after the tea and auction, so get your pieces finished up for the auction and think up some tasty goodies for the tea. We need everyone's help.

Don't forget that Vinegar Hill is also fast approaching. Can you finish up a piece or two (or several) for that? Come on down for the fun and the shopping. Also give the girls who are working a break so they can shop too. See you the 12th!

Judi

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DECORATIVE ARTISTS  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Judi Maxson at 9 am. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking - \$392.49

Savings - \$5590.55

Sharon has seminar checks to be deposited. After the deposit, the balance in the checking acct will increase to \$974.28. There will be a few more expenses submitted from the Andrews seminar.

Chapter dues of \$15 are due and should be paid before December.

Seminar:

Lots of positive feedback from the Lynne Andrews seminar. Financial info from the seminar is:

Fee - \$1000

Expenses - \$1733.28

There are a few more expenses yet to pay. Sharon needs a report from Mary Jane listing the participants and their payment information. She also needs to know who used gift certificates.

The count was 15 for Fri and 16 for Sat.

The next seminar is Arlene Linton which will be held in Mar 2012.

Membership:

Judi suggested that members participating in craft shows give the information to Paula, so she can put it in the newsletter.

Sharon will look into ordering membership pins for officers and committee chairs for 2010-2011.

Library:

Paul will be updating the library information and Sharon will put it on our website so members can request the librarian to bring the materials to the next meeting.

Holiday Harvest:

The invitations are printed. Let Sharon know who many you need. Also, let Donna know what desserts you will be bringing as soon as you can. You should have 100 servings (bites). Pies will be cut into 1" wedges, cakes will be cut into 1" x 2" squares. She will be contacting members via email for the information if you haven't submitted the information to her. As of now, we have the following commitments:

Judi – truffles & coconut dream pie,

Donna – bon bons

Paula – pizzelles

Stephanie – kolache

Members are asked to be there at 10am on Sat, Nov 12 to help set up.

Guests will be arriving at 1pm.

Sharon reported that the tables will be set up, but we will have to put them away after the auction. Donna will be sending out the list of job assignments. Left over desserts will be distributed to members after all clean up is finished.

Vinegar Hill:

Jo will provide the set up. She needs a copy of the insurance from for the booth rental. Sharon will email her a copy. We will set up on Friday Donna reminded everyone that we will need people to help set up the booth, work the booth on Sat, and help tear down the booth after the sale. In order to participate, you need to be present at least one of the afore mentioned times. When we first started this we had sign up times for workers so that everyone had the opportunity to look around and shop other areas. Money for the sales will be handed out at the Christmas party. We will not be counting it that night. CIDA receives 10% of the sales.

Governor's Mansion Tree:

Set up is at 10am on the Sat after Thanksgiving. We need to meet at the grounds and walk into or ride in one car, as there is limited parking.

Meeting spot to be discussed later

Christmas Party:

The party will be held on Sat Dec 3 at Lake Point Grille in Springfield. We will no longer have table favors but will have the gift exchange of a \$15 gift, purchased or handmade is acceptable.

The board has recommended that members who teach an all day class be compensated with a seminar gift certificate good for one day. This is for members only. If a non member teaches a class, the compensation will be negotiated. Sharon made a motion

to set this policy, seconded by Stephanie. Motion passed.

Kathy suggested that members submit projects by the Jan board meeting so that projects can be accepted by the Board. The full day chapter meetings available for projects will be in Feb, May, and Sept. of 2012. If you cannot make the Jan deadline, let Kathy know the project you have in mind and get your project to her asap. This will help her scheduling next year's activities. We will need a sign up deadline as we have for our seminars.

Newsletter:

Paula will email this proposal to members: It was suggested that we have a 4 yr max instead of the 2yr max for board positions Vote will be taken on this before the board nominations and vote at the November meeting.

Sharon let the membership know that we did not receive our chapter achievement award this year due to missing paperwork. The \$50 we previously have donated to the DAC no longer counts toward the achievement award. We did donate \$50 to the scholarship fund, which does count toward the award.

There was no other business to present. Kathy made a motion to adjourn seconded by Donna. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Dina Fryman

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ann Plogger 10/21



Kathy Weber 11/3  
Helen Fine 11/15

## CIDA OFFICERS

President: Judi Maxson 309/665-0924  
Vice President: Kathy Weber 217/821-3003  
Secretary: Dina Fryman 217/422-3866  
Treasurer: Sharon Middleton 217/877-7229  
Newsletter Editor: Paula Cunningham 217/496-6007  
Seminars: Mary Jane Zook 309/473-2034

Holiday Harvest: Chair: Donna Miller 217/522-9197  
" Co-Chair: Sharon Middleton 217/877-7229  
Librarian: Paula Cunningham 217/496-6007  
Historian: Sharon Middleton 217/877-7229  
Membership: Donna Miller 217/522-9197  
Mt. Pulaski: Jo Richner & Donna Miller

## 2012 NOMINATIONS

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***Addendum to October 1, 2011 Newsletter. It has come to our attention that some Board positions are cumbersome to constantly change and hard to fill. We are going to vote on changing CIDA Bi-Laws:***

***Article VI. Officers and Their Election. 2. The term of office shall be for one year. The President and Vice President shall not exceed more than two consecutive full terms; other officers shall not exceed more than four consecutive full terms.***



Thank you to all who took the class on Oct. 1st. Everyone's shirt looked great. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. Kathy



## HOLIDAY HARVEST UPDATE...

Holiday Harvest is nearly here. If you were at the October Meeting, you got your invitations for Holiday Harvest; if not, you may contact Sharon to let her know how many you may need or how many guests you may have. Our goal is to get 100 people out to support our Chapter.

We will be at the same Extension Office as last year, members need to be there at 10:00 am to help with set up, decorating, etc. The auction will begin at 1:00 pm and then probably last till about 3:00 pm. All members will be expected to help clear tables and put them and the chairs away, clean up the kitchen and get all the food out to the desert table so that after everything is cleaned up we can divide up the leftovers so that everyone has a chance to take some goodies home.

As soon as you have an idea of what desert you may be bringing, let me know or if you wonder what is

already coming in you can email me at [donnam@mddesigns.com](mailto:donnam@mddesigns.com) or call at 217-522-9197. We would like the deserts to come precut so that all we have to do is put them in decorative papers and arrange the trays and desert table. Remember we plan to have 100 so that you want to plan to bring enough so that you have enough so everyone can have a bite. Cakes or Bars should be cut in 1"x2" pieces and pies or tortes can be cut into 1" wedges. Cookies and Candies just in normal bite size or standard 2-2.5" cookies.

Also remember you are expected to have at least two items for the auction as well as three ornaments or pins. If you can, email me with the number and type of items you will have for the auction so that we can get an idea of what will be coming. Thanks everyone your efforts are greatly appreciated.  
Donna and Sharon

## DIRECTIONS TO DECATUR, HOTELS & SEMINAR LOCATION

For those coming in on Route 51 from the North:

Coming in on Rte. 51 from the North brings you into Forsyth, IL where the mall is. This is where most of the hotels you would want to stay at are located (Country Inn Suites, Holiday Inn Express, Hampton Inn, Ramada, Baymont and Comfort Inn.

To arrive at the Seminar location from the mall continue South on Rte. 51 to Mound Road (Target, Olive Garden on SW Corner). Turn East (left) onto Mound Road and follow it to the end, Brush College Rd, where the last stop light is and continue through it into the Farm Progress area and go to the first road on the right and turn here. You will see a Wind Tower. That is where you are going; it is the U of I Extension office.

For those coming in on Route 72 (East or West):

Take the Rte. 48 Exit South (Bob Brady Car Dealership) and turn on County Hwy. 1 or Brush College Rd. and go to Mound Rd. stop light. Turn left into Farm Progress area and take the first street on the right. You will see the Wind Tower. That is where you are going; it is the U of I Extension office.

For those coming in from the South:

From Rte. 36 you will continue into town and follow the Rte. 48 signs. Take Dividend Dr. (street after Pershing Rd.) on the right. Follow it to Brush College Rd. It will take you in between what looks like Caterpillar Buildings. Take Brush College to the left and turn on first street on the North of the Richland College campus. You will see the Wind Tower. Take the first street left to the office of the U of I Extension.

The Extension  
3351 N. President Howard Brown Blvd.



## CIDA Calendar 2011

Reminder - October meeting was held October 1st, no meeting the 4th Tuesday this month.

November 12	Holiday Harvest - Members to be there at 10:00 a.m.
November 13	All Newsletter Articles to Paula - Who is attending VH 11/19?
November 15	Newsletter sent via e-mail
November 19	Mount Pulaski Vinegar Hill Booth
November 22	CIDA Meeting - Sharon teaching ornament - Board Election
December 3	Christmas Luncheon at Lake Pointe Grill, Toronto Road, Springfield, IL at 11:30 a.m. \$15 exchange gift if you want to participate in that (think of giving something you've made)



Treats: (Remember, bring your own drinks)  
November - Carole



CIDA dues and SDP dues are due by December 1. SDP charges an extra \$5.00 late fee if theirs is sent in after December 5.

### Molasses Sugar Cookies (Gingerbread Boys)

¾ C. Crisco	2 C flour
1 C sugar	½ tsp. Cloves
¼ C molasses	½ tsp. Ginger
1 egg	½ tsp. Salt
2 tsp. Baking soda	1 tsp. Cinnamon

(use ½ tsp. Soda for rollout cookies)



Melt Crisco in saucepan over low heat. Remove and allow to cool. Add sugar, molasses, egg and beat well. Sift together flour, soda, cloves, ginger, cinnamon, and salt. Chill 1-2 hours for regular cookies (if sticky) or overnight for rollout cookies.

For regular cookies, form into 1 inch balls- roll in granulated sugar and place on cookie sheet, 2 inches apart. (do not flatten) Bake at 375° for 8-10 minutes or until well set.

For rollout cookies, roll ¼ inch thick, cut out and place 2-3 inches apart. They will expand. Decorate with raisins, etc. as desired and bake at 375° for 6-8 minutes.

Submitted by Judi Maxson



# SEMINARS

## CENTRAL ILLINOIS DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Arlene Linton March 23rd and 24rd 2012

Judy Diephouse September/October 2012

### Gateway Decorative Artists – St Louis

Apr 21,22,23, 2012 Karen Hubbard

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

### Lincoln Trails

June 2012 - Maxine Thomas

Nov 16,17,18 2012 Brenda Stewart

April 26,27, 28 2013 Prudy Vanier

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