

Osceola Decorative Artists



An affiliated chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters

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December Birthdays

Kathy Murphy-Childs 4

Jean Zawicki 10

Dawn Wurst 20

Carol Brown 23

Miriam McCleese 30



2012 Calendar

January

21: **Chapter Meeting**/Program, Art Room

February

18: Program, Art Room

March

17: **Chapter Meeting**/Program, Art Room

29-31: SSDA Retreat

April

21: Program, Art Room

May

14-19: SDP Convention

19: **Chapter Meeting**/Program, Art Room

June

16: Program, Art Room

July

21: **Chapter Meeting**/Program, Art Room

August

13-18: HOOT

18: Program, Art Room

September

15: **Chapter Meeting**/Program, Art Room

October

20: Program, Art Room

23-29: New England Traditions

November

17: **Chapter Meeting**/Program, Art Room

December

15: **Holiday Party**, Community Room

ODA General Meetings

Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month. We meet at the Osceola Center for the Arts, 2411 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway (St. Rd. 192), Kissimmee, Fl. 34744. The business meeting starts at 10:00 am and is followed by a painting program/workshop. We generally "brown bag" our lunch with drinks and a dessert provided by different members.



Treasurer's Report

November, 2011

Beginning balance	\$4,429.52
Raffle	69.00
Workshop fees	441.00
<i>Sub total</i>	4,939.52
Fee to Pat Lentine	441.00
Balance	\$4,498.52

Ways & Means 2012

As incoming President, Debbie Smith has asked me to head the 2012 Ways & Means Committee. Decisions must be made in the very near future, as the Center has very limited Saturday availability. March 3rd and March 10th are available, but would not leave enough time to get a tea organized. They also have June 2nd available *if* we decide to again do the **Art Tea**.

There are many mixed opinions about fund raising...but it is definitely a necessary evil if a chapter is to survive. Our dues @ \$15 covers **LESS than half** the amount of \$1903.00 which is the proposed 2012 budget. As a group it would be nice to settle what we propose to do for 2012 to raise the necessary funds at the January meeting. Unfortunately time passes fast and since the committee sign-up is done in January, a Ways & Means Committee meeting can not be held until the rest of the committee is formed. That could take us into February! If we are to initiate some "Big Brush Teachers" into our schedule in the next year, we need to keep our treasury in mind in doing so. Each of us is needed to do our part in making sure the necessary funds are available for our chapters operation over the coming year. Decorative Dollars are fun to get and spend...but they don't seem to pay the bills. Your input on this question is greatly appreciated, as each member is important to the continued success of the chapter. This is why you will receive this in the December newsletter, to give you time to consider all aspects to come to an informed conclusion.

To give you a couple of options prior to the January meeting, please consider the following possibilities. Any large fund raiser requires a lot of donating and work from the membership...which translates into time and dollars spent beyond our membership fee. Our current renewal @ \$15 does not even cover the \$500 required for rental of the Art Center facility. Whatever is decided it really needs to be a group decision, so that EVERYONE gives it 100% of whatever they can.

OPTION #1: Art Tea

In 2011 the tea generated revenues of over half the budget. Somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1400.00? Everyone donated to create the baskets for raffle, and they were wonderful! Every member either donated plastic ware & other hard goods, made delicious desserts or donated otherwise to make it a successful venture. Some members demonstrated, while all the other members filled various roles and EVERY member was of paramount importance to the Tea's success. Some members devoted hours of effort to organize and prepare things in advance, and EVERYONE who was in town helped out that day!!! It was a fun event.

Our hope was to get outside community money's into our club, but that requires additional time for publicity, etc. Having the event in spring gives little time to really get the word out. Six month minimum to really coordinate the publicity and other details would be better. Was wondering how many of us just bought all our tickets and passed them to family & friends??? Know that's what I did. \$25 right there + donations + work + baking desserts. Would we perhaps like to think of this for fall to allow more time?

OPTION #2: A member cash donation.

Some felt that the tea required too much time and effort...but ALL major fund raising events do require both time and monetary donation from its members. If each member was to make a cash donation in place of having the Art Tea, we might eliminate a major fund raiser and still generate enough revenue for meeting the budget requirements along with smaller monthly fund raising efforts.

If we can come up with new ideas, and all get behind and support various means of funding at our monthly meetings, that could make up the rest of the necessary revenue. We would still need nice donations for raffles at meetings...perhaps we might start a 50/50 drawing... or maybe we could have a silent auction of surfaces donated by the members. There are many possibilities for generating revenues from month to month. The members signing up for the Ways & Means committee will need to meet to brain storm (hopefully with LOTS of great ideas from members) and then present recommendations to the board to bring before the membership. As you can see, each of you is very important. We have a wonderful group, so hopefully you will consider all the pros and cons prior to the January meeting so that we each can have an informed opinion with a minimum of explanation at the meeting. There will be discussion at the meeting of course.

If you're full of great ideas....be sure to sign up on the W & M committee. We need YOU!

Jean Zawicki, Ways & Means Committee Chairperson



ODA Christmas Party

The fun begins at 11:00 am—don't be late and miss out on any of the happy happenings!

When: December 17

Where: Osceola Center for the Arts, Community Room

Food: Potluck – sign up at the October or November meeting

Fun: We will have an ornament exchange. Bring a painted ornament, it does **Not** have to be painted by you, and place it in a gift bag or box.

We will also have a creative time following lunch, you will need to bring:

3 brushes (a liner, a medium flat and a medium round)

Painting palette

Water container

Double sided tape

Dawn has sent out raffle tickets for the wonderful three piece tin train. This is a Ways and Means project so convince your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family that this would be a fantastic addition to their holiday decorations. The tickets are only a \$1.00 each.

Deanna Spence painted the candy cane design and the train was donated by Dawn Wurst and Fran Berry. Please let someone know if you have not received your tickets to sell.



December Decorative Dollars

With the Christmas party just around the corner we wanted to remind you not to forget to bring some decorative dollars with you. If you placed slips in the book, the pages have already been filled with the dollars and will be waiting for you at the party.

With some help from fellow members, we will be having a holiday **Teacup Raffle** for your pleasure. Just exchange your dollars for tickets and pop them in the cups you favor.

Jill & Jean, Decorative Dollars Committee

Minutes of the Osceola Decorative Artists

November 19, 2011

The general meeting of the Osceola Decorative Artists chapter of the Society of Decorative Artists was called to order at 10:05 am by the first vice president, Judi Arntz, at the Osceola Center for the Arts, Osceola, Florida. Fourteen (14) members present constituting a quorum.

Minutes and Treasurers Report

- Motion to approve minutes and treasurers report as printed in the newsletter was made by Sandi Byers; seconded by Lynn Ingersoll. **Carried**

Election of Officers for 2012

- Presentation of slate of officers:

President:	Debbie Smith
First Vice President	Barbara Layton
Second Vice President	Jill Terrell
Secretary	Debi Crook
Treasurer	Grace Pattison

- As there were no nominations from the floor the slate was closed.
- Motion to accept slate as presented was made by Karen Allen; seconded by Jill Terrell. **Carried**

Christmas Party

- Drawing for train and a Jean Zawicki Santa. Remember to bring raffle tickets and money to party.

Chapter Pins

- Motion to use new logo made by Jean Zawicki; seconded by Jill Terrell. **Carried**
- 1" size, cost \$4.81 each, sell for \$10.00/pin
- Motion to have pins made up at \$4.81 each and sell for \$10.00 each made by Debbie Smith; seconded by Miriam McCleese. **Carried**

Budget for 2012

- Motion was made to accept the 2012 budget as presented in the newsletter by Carol Brown; seconded by Jean Zawicki. **Carried**

Ways and Means

- Extensive discussion about the possibility of another Art Tea in 2012. Discussion tabled until further information can be presented in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Submitted by Carol Brown



ODA DUES 2012

Membership dues were due as of October 1st and delinquent as of December 1st. Please remit your check in the amount of \$15.00 by mail to Jean Zawicki or bring it to the Christmas Party. A separate letter was sent to all who have not yet renewed, in the hope that you will join us for another year. As of January, the membership list will be turned over to the new second vice president.

Jean



ODA MEMBERSHIP: Please fill out the form below and bring it to a meeting and hand it to our Membership Chairman, Jean Zawicki. If you can't come to the meeting then mail it to Jean at the address below. Thank you all.

NAME _____ DUES \$15.00
ADDRESS _____ CASH _____ CHECK _____ DATE _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
HOME PHONE _____ - _____ - _____ CELL PHONE _____ - _____ - _____ (optional)
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
NATIONAL SDP# _____ (Required to be a member)
BIRTHDATE – MONTH _____ DAY _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “OCEOLA DECORATIVE ARTISTS”.

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