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## PREZ SEZ *Jeanette Seese*



Can't you just feel the snow coming down and the fresh scent of pine in the air? OK, I'm hallucinating---it's humid and it's the scent of sweat that you smell. BUT I'm sure the Christmas spirit will hit you soon especially when you attend the Christmas party on Dec. 7 at WWSC (10 AM - 2 PM). Darlene and her little elves have planned a fun time,

and some surprises. Don't forget that if you're planning to come, bring a wrapped hand-painted ornament and some cookies. If you haven't purchased your ticket yet, don't despair. Tickets (\$5) are available at the door. See you there! Par-tay!

Just a reminder: there will be no NCDA meeting or board meeting in December. Starting in January we will continue with our regular schedule, with the exception of NO formal business meeting in January; it will just be dissemination of information. Of course, we will have the annual White Elephant sale. Bring in all your items that are no longer a treasure to you; they just may be the right thing for a "fellow" painter. We will have setting up time for the sellers, and we ask everyone to wait to make your purchases until everyone has had a chance to look and decide. In this case, the early bird will not necessarily get the worm.

As usual, we will have our special themed buffet. This year it will be salads and fixin's. More info from the kitchen will be forthcoming. Also at the January meeting we will display the books and magazines that Ev Dye brought in, donated by a

former painter. Several of you took out items, and I urge you to return them so others can share. The idea is to look at them, decide if you want to copy anything from them, and then return them the next month. I figure in a year we can have them circulated. Then we can give them away to members. That way we won't have to store them too long.

The Board has also planned some exciting and fun projects for January, and, of course, the rest of the year.

On January 17 at 2 PM at WWSC Ruth Orwig will teach a notebook cover page for 2010.

On January 30 (our 5th Saturday), Darla Wilhite will be teaching a pastel picture all expenses and supplies PAID FOR by NCDA.

Such a deal! Sign-up sheets and photos will be available at the January meeting. So, don't miss out, and start the year off with a bang!

Finally, I'd like to thank all of you for another successful year. The officers, the members who attended board meetings, the people who brought in items for show and tell, those who contributed to the Troops project and painted Treasure Boxes, painters who attended meeting and seminars, and all of you who have contributed your valuable time, ideas, talent, and, yes, money. We couldn't have had the success without you. I wish all of you the merriest of Christmases, or whatever holiday you celebrate. If I don't see you before the start of the New Year, be safe, be creative, and keep believing the best is yet to come.

*Jeanette Seese*  
President, NCDA

## CHRISTMAS PARTY *Darlene Derr* DEC 7 • 10AM-2PM TICKETS \$5.00

Christmas Party Tickets will be available this month. Be sure to get yours! The theme is still a secret, (but the ticket mentioned snow)

Bring cookies and a painted ornament for the ornament exchange. Wrap your painted ornament. It is going to be different this year. Instead of hanging ornaments on the tree we will do a crazy gift grab, or whatever you call it in your neck of the woods. The first person gets a gift and subsequent

participants may keep the gift they pick or exchange it for someone else's. There are many variations of the game but we are using Darlene's Rules. It will be great fun.



## **NCDA CHAPTER MEETING**

Weeki Wachee Senior Center  
Spring Hill, FL  
November 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President, Jeanette Seese.

**WELCOME:** Jeanette welcomed everyone and thanked Pat Estes for hosting Jill and Chris for her work to make the seminar a success. All agreed it was a great seminar, informative and enjoyable.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FIRST VP-PROGRAMS:** Chris Soyk reported that she sent Jill a thank you note. Today will be the triad. There are stations set up and we will count off by 3's to assign you to a table. Each class is one hour, then we rotate.

January is white elephant sale and salad lunch. Sandy Mihalus and Pat Estes will receive food and supply coffee, drinks and utensils. Pat Otto will teach the NCDA nametag in a short class. Sunday, January 17 at 2:00 PM, Ruth Orwig will teach a notebook cover for us to put our class notes and patterns in. January 30th, the 5th Saturday, Darla Willhite will teach a pastel class.

February 6 Pat Lamb, CDA, former NCDA president will teach a class.

Art guild of New Port Richey is having a show and sale November 10-12 featuring Carole Graves and Jeanette Seese. Spring Hill Art League is having a show Nov 21 & 22 featuring Joy O'Brien.

**SECOND VP-MEMBERSHIP:** Pat Landry reported that there were 23 members attending today. There were no guests. Pat reminded everyone that dues are due again and anyone that has received their 2010 card from SDP needs to show Pat their new card. Members can mail their dues to Pat also. After Dec 31, dues are delinquent. **SECRETARY:** The minutes for October were published in the newsletter Pat Landry made a motion to accept the minutes as published and Joan Sferratore seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved. Pat Otto is sitting in for Lois who is babysitting today.

**TREASURER:** Gini Conn issued her Treasurer's report and that was published in the October newsletter Joanne Lillpop made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as reported and

Chris Soyk seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

**HOSPITALITY:** Jeanette thanked everyone for the snacks furnished today - lots of wonderful things as usual. Sandy Mihalus was absent

**NEWSLETTER:** Nothing new to report

**VIDEO LIBRARY:** Charlene Seimes reported that we have two volunteers to report on videos. Ellen Annibali spoke about DeLane Lange's face video, saying it was entertaining and easy to follow. She recommended it. Chris said Trudy Beard's rose video is a must for everyone as she is coming to teach at our chapter.

**SUNSHINE:** Andi Dignard said things are going well.

**PUBLICITY:** Charlene Seimes announced that everything was going along great.

**PHILANTHROPIC:** Carol Hechler reported that treasure boxes are always needed and she wanted to thank everyone who has donated. Carol Kuszik reported that we currently have no soldier and we have a car load of items. Discussion on whether to continue this Philanthropic Project ensued with several suggestions for finding a troop such as through VFW, Gold Star Mothers, Karen Reinke's son who is now home and local communities such as Timber Pines. We voted to continue the project. The Trees for Troops project was brought up, information was passed around. Pat Landry moved to give \$50 for a tree in honor of troops and Ev Dye seconded. It was passed.

**HISTORIAN:** Carole Graves reported that everything was good with history.

**COMMUNITY DISPLAY:** Ruth Orwig is back and reported that the next community display date will be October 2nd through January 10, 2011. She was going to check with Pasco-Hernando Community College about display areas January through April and would report back at next meeting.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Darlene Derr reported that 17 people have signed up so far. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket and she has them for sale. Put your name on the back and bring it with you. Bring a unique hand painted ornament,



wrapped for the ornament exchange which will be different this year. Dress Christmas-appropriate. Theme is still a surprise, but the tickets mention a snowy Christmas.

**ELECTIONS:** Darlene Derr as chair of the election committee, read the slate of officers: President: Jeanette Seese, 1st VP Programs, Christine Soyk, 2nd VP Membership, Pat Landry, Secretary, Lois Owens, Treasurer, Gini Conn. There were no nominations from the floor. Ev Dye moved to proceed to vote. The slate was overwhelmingly elected as read. The following are committee heads:

Newsletter & Webmaster: Pat Otto  
Ways & Means: Darlene Derr, with Pat Otto as Tables and Treasures coordinator, Christmas Party: Doris Trudeau, Hospitality: Sandy Mihalus, Librarian: Pat Estes, Historian: Carole Graves, Sunshine: Andi Dignard, Treasure Boxes: Carol Hechler, Troops: Carol Kuszik & Dottie Ptaszynski, Community Display: Ruth Orwig, Publicity: Charlene Seimes, Sergeant at Arms: Dottie Ptaszynski

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jeanette Seese announced that Ev Dye visited a lady who was getting out of painting and there were boxes of books and magazines that would be available to check out. Ed. Note: After meeting adjourned it was decided to let folks have the books 5 at a time for one month. They signed them out on the honor system.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business.

**SHOW & TELL:** Eight people showed their projects. They ranged from Christmas items, shell art, colored pencils, oil & acrylic canvas paintings, watercolor and painting on glass. Great display of the varied aspects of our art form.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Pat Otto presented the Secret Sister items furnished by the members. Everyone that received something opened it up

Meeting minutes continued  
and shared it with the group.

**BIRTHDAY RAFFLE:** Pat had brand new raffle tickets, bringing luck to Chris Soyk from Mary Baratta, Darlene Derr from Rhonda Norton, Ruthy Orwig from Carol Kuszik and Mayumi Cook from Charlene Seimes.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Otto for  
Lois A. Owens, Secretary

## Membership Pat Landry



**It's That Time Again!  
DUES 2010**

**\$10 for WWSC and \$10 for NCDA  
Please pay in two checks**

Email changes to Pat  
at [plandry9@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:plandry9@tampabay.rr.com)  
or phone 352-249-7221



## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE JANUARY 2

Anyone may sell items. Price items and set on a table in "the Cove". Overflow area will be tables closest to the door. Seller keeps proceeds from sales. Unsold items can be donated to Ways & Means for raffles throughout the year.

## UPCOMING CLASSES - SEE WEBSITE



## Birthday Raffle: Pat Otto

**December birthdays have a choice of bringing their gift any month.**



Joanne Crowley	12/5
Charlene Seimes	12/11
Eileen Peters	12/18

### Birthday Raffle - How it Works-:

On your birthday month it is your responsibility to bring in a nicely painted gift, a gift certificate, or painting items, (valued at \$20) wrapped beautifully to entice the sale of raffle tickets. It is a once-a-year donation so it is nice to make it a special treat that the recipient will treasure. Everyone looks forward to seeing the gifts, so leave them displayed until people have had a chance to admire them. If you are going to be absent on your birthday month make arrangements ahead of time with Darlene Derr to bring the gift another month.

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### NEW FEATURE:

Those bringing in a gift will get a free raffle ticket and pick one of the unwrapped items on display in the ticket selling area.

## Philanthropic Carol Kuszik

### Bring Cookies for the troops

Pack in zip-loc sandwich bags in tins. Also see list below:

#### Partial list of other things

COFFEE (Ground or whole; instant or drip),  
Hot Chocolate packets, Herbal teas  
Instant Drink Mixes (Gatorade, Kool Aid, Crystal Light)  
Protein Powders / Protein Bars / Cliff Bars  
Hard Pretzels / Cheetos / Fritos / Chex Mix / Wheat Thins  
Gum and Hard Candy (must be individually wrapped)  
Granola Bars / Power Bars / Cereal Bars  
Small Packs of Fig Newtons, Oreos, Cheese-Its  
Trail Mix, Dried Fruit, Granola, Fruit Roll-Ups  
DRY SOUP: (Ramen Noodles / Cup-O-Soup: just add water)  
NUTS: Peanuts, Mixed Nuts (salted)  
Eye Drops (i.e. Visine)  
Nasal Spray  
Hair Gel  
Phone cards  
Beanie Babies

Donations for  
shipping costs  
always appreciated.



## Hospitality Sandy Mihalus



**A BIG THANK YOU to all who faithfully kept us full of goodies this year!**



**In January we are having a spectacular salad stravanza**

**Plan now what kind of salad you would like to bring. or you may bring rolls, crackers and desserts.**

**Breakfast items are always appreciated.**

## No Board Meeting in December



## Video Library Charlene Seimes

Video library will not be open during the Christmas Party. Return items in January. Watch a video and give us your input. What did you like most? What did you like least? Please return the videos as others may be waiting anxiously. Please return batches of books taken so others can view them.

## Doris Trudeau

### BEGINNER CLASSES

are ongoing in Doris' home.



Learn the Basics

Don't be left behind

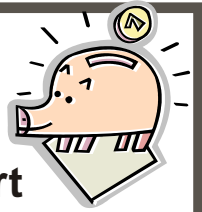
Start Anytime  
call Doris  
352-686-4248

Doris specializes in teaching beginners: stroke work, side loading, blending, preparation and finishing.

## Treasurer

Gini Conn

### November 2009 Report



Beginning Balance \$10,289.22

#### INCOME

Birthday Raffle	106.00
Class Fees (\$108 cash +1 T&T Ticket)	109.00
Jill Macfarlane Seminar	808.00
Surfaces for JM Seminar	94.00
Sandy Neuling Seminar	30.00
Membership Dues (2010)	250.00

Total \$1,397.00 \$1,397.00

#### EXPENSES

Teacher Fee (Pat Otto)	100.00
Name Tag Pins	3.19
Copies & Pictures for Oct Class	32.22
Postage	13.00
Heritage Pines - Dep (2010 Xmas Pty)	50.00

Total \$198.41 (\$198.41)

Ending Balance \$11,487.81

## Hazel Dickson

### Decorative Painting classes in acrylics or oils

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**All committees can use assistants or volunteers throughout the year. Offer to lend a hand to the committee of your choice, even if you can only help once or twice a year.**



**THANKS FOR MAKING THIS YEAR A GREAT ONE!**



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**Treasure Boxes are needed  
Kids are sick through the  
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(7.5 x 10)

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### Secret Sister Pat Otto & Trish Owen All Secret Sisters will be Revealed!

This is the month you bring in your wrapped gift with your secret sister's name and a card from you with your name signed. We will find out who all the lovely gifts we have received are from. If you are not attending the party, please make sure a gift arrives from you to your secret sis.

