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## President's Corner Renee Burton

May is a busy month for NCDCA and things should slow down in June.

First up in May is our Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 21 and after the meeting Jeanette and Carole will enthrall us with their plans for the Christmas Party. I'm looking forward to hearing what they have to say.

Sherry Nelson will be visiting with us and teaching three wonderful paintings May 22, 23 and 24 at Pristine Place. I painted with Sherry in New York many years ago and remember the wonderful experience I had learning to paint birds which for me, at the time was a new technique. She makes everything easy; uses very little paint and at that time cobalt siccativ which helps your oil painting dry quickly. Oils are really my first love because they are easy to use, blending is not complicated and the result is pleasing.

Yes, it seems I'm always teaching watercolors which I also enjoy especially the cleanup of palette and brushes but when I came to Florida years ago no one was teaching watercolor and I sort of got roped into it. Don't misunderstand me, I enjoy watercolors but when I do commission work it's usually in oils.

Last but not least is the SDP Conference in Tampa at the end of May. Through the good graces of Karen and Mayumi, Andi and I will once again attend for a few days. We've volunteered our services to SDP and the Treasure Box people and have been notified that we will be assisting one of the SDP teachers with her oil painting class. If the volunteer tasks are similar to two years ago Andi and I will be very busy.

I spoke with Cheap Joe's people and requested free watercolor paint for our June 7 class and the June 21 class that I will be

teaching. They sent me some but I'm not sure there will be enough for everyone, so if you have watercolor paints, please bring them to class. You may use your acrylic brushes for watercolor painting but make sure the brushes are clean. You may not use oil painting brushes for watercolor not matter how well you clean them. Remember oil and water do not mix and any residue left in your brushes will mess up your watercolor painting. We will also be using "mask" courtesy of Cheap Joe's and that will be affixed to your watercolor paper the morning of class so it will be dry by the time we begin painting. Bring some Dawn with you to prepare your brush before using the mask. If you like the painting I'm teaching thank Mayumi as she chose it.

See you at Conference and at our Next NCDCA meeting in June.

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Renee

# Secretary's Report **Minutes**

NCD CHAPTER MEETING  
Weeki Wachi Senior Center  
Spring Hill, FL  
May 3, 2008



off or to vibrate; clean up after yourself.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 by President Renee Burton.

**WELCOME:** Renee asked members to evaluate the sound system she is using today, as provided by Hazel Dickson to see if it is a kind that we might be interested in purchasing.

Renee asked Programs chair Karen Reinke to talk about the upcoming Sherry Nelson seminar.

Karen announced that there were 24 people signed up for the Thursday class, 24 for Friday, and 26 for Saturday. She also asked that the participants be at Pristine Place by 8:30 AM for a 9 AM start. She also asked people to bring munchies and a lunch, and mentioned there are several fast food places in the area. Guests who arrive at the gate can punch in the code 996 on the telephone keypad to gain entrance, although the guards will be notified of the conference.

In connection with the Sherry Nelson classes, Renee read some rules for Seminar Etiquette: Be on time; have supplies ready; call Karen for any last minute cancellations or delays; don't talk while the teacher is instructing; don't interrupt with a question wait until

the teacher is done talking; turn cell phones

Renee also announced that the Emergency Call List was up-to-date for the new membership year. Carol Kuszik explained the phone tree, and mentioned that if the caller cannot contact her person, she should call the next people in line.

Renee received a communication from SDP asking for a volunteer to be a liaison for the Decorative Arts Collection program. Ev Dye volunteered, and all papers and info were given to Ev.

Renee circulated a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in attending the May board meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FIRST VP-PROGRAMS:** Karen Reinke told the membership that if they signed up for next month's Tuscan watercolor scene, they need to have a piece of watercolor paper, 140 lb., either 11x 15 or 9x12. Sheets of paper will be available for purchase from Karen. Patterns and a color photo were available at the back table. Renee explained that she was trying to get free watercolor paints from Cheap Joe's, but hasn't heard anything yet. If the paints are not provided, each painter will have to provide her

own paints or pay a palette fee.

**SECOND VP- MEMBERSHIP:** Pat Otto reported that there were 28 members attending today, and one guest, Lynn Martin. There are a total of 64 members in the chapter. Pat also mentioned that the new Emergency List can be obtained by going to the website, and clicking on "About Us" tab.

**NEWSLETTER:** Pat Otto asked each of the committee chairs to be prompt in getting their reports into the newsletter. The deadline is the 15th of each month. Renee urged members with email to please use the computer for receiving the newsletter in order to save money on mailing fees, as 40 hard copies are still being mailed.

**SECRETARY:** Secretary Jeanette Seese's minutes were published in the Newsletter. There were no additions or corrections. Joy O'Brien moved to accept the minutes. Gini Conn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**TREASURER:** Ev Dye reported a balance of \$8288.07 as of May 1, 2008. Jeanette Seese moved to accept the report. The motion carried, and the report approved. Carol Kuszik spoke about the IRS report for 2007; she will complete it online and has until May 13, 2008 to submit it. The current contact name is the President, Renee Burton.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Renee announced that Jeanette Seese and Carole Graves have volunteered to chair the Christmas party. Jeanette spoke about some of the options for the party, and circulated a paper for members to volunteer to be on the planning committee.

**COMMUNITY DISPLAY:** Ruth Orwig asked members who had donated items for the Brooksville City Hall display to please pick them up today from the back table. She thanked everyone who had participated and announced that next year's display is scheduled for February 12, 2009. Ruth has reserved the date for NCDA's participation.

**HOSPITALITY:** Pat Estes thanked everyone for the food today, and asked members to sign up on the sheet for next month. She reminded us that people who bring in food get a raffle ticket.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Ev Dye collected \$70 for today's Birthday Raffle. Ev also mentioned that Tables and Treasures needs four more table hostesses.

**VIDEO LIBRARY:** Librarian Virginia Hughes reported that the new sign-out system is working well, as most members are returning items on time. There are a number of videos and packets available for sign-out.

**HISTORIAN:** Carole Graves made a suggestion to keep each month's Newsletter in the

historian's book, since it now contains good color photos. Eileen Peters volunteered to give her hard copies of this year's Newsletters.

**SUNSHINE:** Andi Dignard reported that cards have been sent to Ruth Orwig and Barbara Pickell.

**PHILANTHROPIC:**  
**Treasure Boxes—** Gini Conn said that the schedule is complete for the station at the SDP Convention, and those volunteers will be notified. There are still some volunteers needed for Tuesday afternoon. Nancy is setting up the booth by the stairs going up to the Exhibit Hall.

**Troops—** Carok Kusik announced that Caroline Hadler sent out a box to the troops in Iraq, using a soldier in her church as the contact person. Caroline made five neckbands for keeping cool, and if they are beneficial to the troops, she will make and send more, perhaps sharing the pattern with other interested sewers from NCDA. Carol asked members to bring in cookies next month, but no chocolate. Lip balm is needed, too, as the weather is warming up.

Karen Reinke read a thank you note from her son Michael, who has now returned from Iraq, and circulated a family photo of the Reinkes.

Ellen Annibali mentioned a program sponsored by Chik-fil-a offering free ice cream to people who bring in a note or card supporting the troops

**UNFINISHED BUSINESSEllen Annibali** inquired as to the status of the remaining cookbooks. Renee suggested that we sell them at half price (\$6) and everyone agreed.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Nine members displayed their work and spoke about their items.

**BIRTHDAY RAFFLE:** The following were the recipients and the donors for the Birthday Raffle: Chris Soyk, \$50 Michael's Gift Card from Sandra Crouch; and Carol Hechler, \$50 Michael's Gift Card from the Birthday Fairy.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chris Soyk moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Seese, Secretary

## Hospitality

Pat Estes  
and  
Ruth  
Orwig

**June Goodies  
brought to  
you by:**

**Bread/pastry**

.....Sandy Mihalus  
**Fingerfood/Sand...**Pat Estes  
**Fruits.....**Doris Trudeau  
**Veggies.....**Carol Hechler  
**Dessert .....**Jeanette Seese  
**Other.....**Karen Reinke



# Programs

Karen Reinke



## June: Renee Burton - Project: Tuscan Scene Medium : Watercolor

Renee has asked that you have your pattern on before class starts to save time. You also want to set up your palette at least 15 minutes before you start painting. Suggested paper is 140 Strathmore Cold Press or rough watercolor paper, size 11 x 15.

Transfer your design using carbon paper that does not have oil in it. The oil will repel the

watercolor and you may get a funky effect.

You can use a light box or tape your pattern up on a sliding glass door and trace it lightly with a standard No. 2 pencil. Bring two bowls for water, masking tape, a stiff board to tape the paper to, and a good eraser.

**Colors:** Cobalt Blue, Ultramarine Blue, Indigo Blue, Permanent Rose, Sap Green or Hookers Green, New Gamboge or Cadmium Yellow Medium and burnt Sienna. Paints used in the sample are Cheap Joe's American Journey; Sue Scheewe and Winsor & Newton.

**Brushes:** 3/4 inch flat, #8 or #10 pointed rounds and a liner brush

The landscape is adapted from a Terry Madden design. Renee is teaching this watercolor project but has said you are free to paint it in acrylics or oils if you want. Her style is easily adapted.

**Editor's note: It is recommended you try new media to broaden your painting skill. If you decide to paint in a different medium than the teacher, realize she usually won't be able to give you special instruction.**

**July: Sandy Neuling**  
**August: Eve Dye**  
**September: TBA**  
**October: Gini Conn**

## Christmas Party

Jeannette Seese and Carole Graves are planning a Party for December. Details? As soon as we know — You'll know!



**August:**  
**5th Saturday**  
**AUGUST 30th**

Pam Thomas : Altered Art Abstract  
Mixed Media

We are fortunate to have Tampa artist and teacher Pam Thomas teaching the latest in home decor. Join us for this fun and educational project!



## Philanthropic Gini Conn

These are the labels for the Treasure Boxes. You can print them off our website. Look on the Home page down by the photos of the Shriners. The program opens in Microsoft Works. If you can't open them we will have some available at the meetings. Keep painting these boxes as they are really appreciated.

**Treasure Boxes for Kids**  
Sponsored by the Society of Decorative Painters

This box was donated by the SDP Chapter:

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Hand-painted by:

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[www.decorativepainters.org](http://www.decorativepainters.org)



## Beginner Techniques

Mayumi Cook

Gini Conn will demo stamping with water color pens in May or June depending on time allotment.

## Membership

Pat Otto

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The Pictorial Directory is available to print from our online site. Go to [www.ncda-artists.com](http://www.ncda-artists.com) then click on the button "about us" the link is "NCDA 2008" on the right of the page, halfway down. It is updated monthly. It will seem out of order because the names are alphabetical by first name and it is in book form. When you print it and place the pages back to back, it will be correct. It is in color and the photos are clearer than the photocopied one in your member packet.

## Treasurer's Report E v Dye

MAY 2008

Beg Bal	8288.07
Income Raffle	77.00
Class fees	96.00
Nelson sem	190.00
Total	363.00

### Expenses

Deposit (seminar)	300.00
Teacher fee	50.00
Total	350.00

Ending Balance 8301.07



On the web at:



[www.ncda-artists.com](http://www.ncda-artists.com)

## Board Meetings

**Next meeting: June 18, , 10 - noon**

Any chapter member is welcome to attend; please notify Renee so she can prepare.

NCDA Board Meetings at Hernando County Library, 9220 Spring Hill Drive Library: 352-540-6374



Hazel has a new web site  
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Contact Hazel  
 for a list of  
 classes at her  
 home studio.

Hazel Dickson, owner, teacher

## Birthday Raffle



Pat Otto	2
Andi Dignard	4
Joan Sferratore	12
Mary Krapf	21
Judy Newton	25
Doris Trudeau	26

### 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. Ev Dye has a "shopping service" and will pick out items for you if you don't have time. If you are going to be absent on your birthday month make arrangements ahead of time with Ev Dye to bring the gift another month. Evelyn Dye: 352-592-3266 or email Ev at [evdye@earthlink.net](mailto:evdye@earthlink.net)

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# Ways & Means

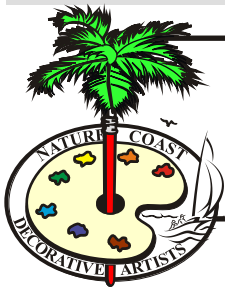
## Tables and Treasures Ev Dye

Table Hostesses so far are:

**Ev Dye**  
**Pat Otto**  
**Carol Kuszik**  
**Gini Conn**  
**Carol Hechler**  
**Karen Reinke**  
**Jeanette Seese**  
**Rosalie Hoying**  
**Doris Trudeau**  
**Chris Soyk**

Tables and Treasures will be at Pristine Place (off Spring Hill Drive). Tickets are required to attend. You are encouraged to invite non-members who love to purchase painted objects d'art. There is a lunch, silent auction, table viewing and Art Boutique. Tables are decorated in themes featuring hand painted items. It is Great Fun!

**DON'T WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE TO START PAINTING!** We need lots of stuff, large and small. Please try to paint several items!



### **NATURE COAST DECORATIVE ARTISTS**

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**JUNE 2008**

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## Tips and Tricks Pat Otto

Have you ever wanted to copy a design off a vase or lamp base and struggled with getting the paper to stay flat? I tried cutting, taping and just about everything. Earline Padgett passed on a tip - from this Seal wrap. I have used that to cover paintings and palettes, but it is great for tracing patterns, too.

Just wrap it around the vase, smooth as much as possible and trace with a sharpie marker.

When you take it off you have a flat pattern. I took parts of the design  
vase:



