



# Nature Coast News

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Nature Coast Decorative Artists

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## PREZ SEZ *Jeanette Seese*



Kudos to Darlene Derr for her lovely colored pencil project. I sat next to Eileen Peters, who helped me along, and I was very pleased with the result. As I glanced over the pictures, I

was again amazed that we all did the same thing, with different results. I guess that shows that we are creative and unique in our own way! I got some very positive feedback from the class, and a few members who really like colored pencil medium expressed their pleasure that there was a project presented that appealed to their expertise.

Those of us who attend the Board meetings and discuss upcoming classes are striving for variety. I personally like to get feedback on all the projects so I know if we're headed in the right direction. Decorative art has been evolving and branching out to include many kinds of art, not just the acrylic tole or "folk art" that was so popular for so long. There is no need to preach to the choir, but I'd like us to make our experiences both fresh and fun.

Which reminds me, I expect to see LOTS of items for Show and Tell. We have two months' worth of classes plus the 5th Saturday. So there should be an abundance of Birthday Calendars, Dragonfly pictures, and pen and ink Birdhouses. PLUS other pieces from classes and self-direction. I may provide a surprise for those who bring in their FINISHED projects! (Hint, hint).

Also, don't forget about the Raffle from last month. Since we didn't have a meeting, Darlene didn't hold the raffle, but remember to bring in your items, particularly if you won something the month before. You know who you are, and we have records!

To those of you who were/are confused about the pattern for the 5th Saturday, there actually is a reason for that. Since Chris was out of town, she wasn't able to

explain the prep for the pen and ink birdhouse project. But never fear, Pat Otto was able to contact Marilyn Kerr, and everything came out OK. The directions for the prep have been sent out and repeated in the Newsletter. For anyone who hasn't done pen and ink, be prepared to have an easy lesson just LOOKS hard. I like that kind of work!

As you know, we have decided to go ahead with the Trudy Beard Seminar in September. Some of you may still be away for the summer, and a few have other commitments, and it's Labor Day weekend, etc., etc. But we went with Trudy's calendar, not ours. Some of you may have heard that she will be at the Tampa Chapter, since it had appeared on her website, but that is not the case. Therefore, we are cordially extending an invitation to members of the Tampa Chapter and SDP Chapters in other surrounding areas to attend our seminar. For non-NCDA members the cost is \$50 per day, so if you know of anyone who's interested, pass the info along. I'm sure there will be lots more info to come. Pat does a great job on our website at [www.ncda-artists.com](http://www.ncda-artists.com); check it out if you want to see the results of the vote that we took for selecting the projects.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you on May 29 at 9 AM. No meeting, since it's a 5th Saturday. Bring your lunch and maybe a goodie for breakfast.

*Jeanette Seese*  
President, NCDA



**Note: The chapter voted to raise the Monthly Workshops fee to \$5.00.**

**You will sign up and pay the month before so that supplies and packets can be ordered. If you are going to miss a month, have someone pay and sign up for you.**

# Programs

**Saturday June 5 - Gini Conn**



June One Stroke Project

NCDA CHAPTER MEETING  
Weeki Wachee Senior Center  
Spring Hill, FL May 1, 2010



There was no meeting, therefore no minutes this month.



**BOARD MEETING -  
June 9th -  
10:00AM PAT OTTO's  
4730 W Sandy Hill St  
Lecanto, FL 34461  
352-746-2688**

## Video library Pat Estes

Remember to return items. If you have watched a video ~ give us your input.

What did you like most? What did you like least?

This year we will have a chance to order more DVD's - let Pat know what sort of videos you enjoy.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY "An Olde Tyme Christmas"

The theme for the Christmas Party this year is An Olde Tyme Christmas.  
December 4. Spring Hill

I think you'll find this fun. With a few 'strokes', you can design and paint a variety of flowers and leaves. I'll demonstrate the strokes, how they can be used, and we'll practice them. Then you can decide which flowers and leaves you want on your project.

### Surface:

Whatever surface you'd like: clay pot, gift bag or box, greeting cards, wood piece, etc. You can probably complete a couple of gift bags, small pots, or greeting cards, so feel free to bring several small surfaces. As I explained at the May meeting, the black bag in the picture is a cereal box. I cut off the top and glued the flaps inside to make it stronger. Then I spray painted it. You can use a brush, but it takes a couple of coats to cover. I always get a lot of comments when I use these for a gift box. If your surface is a clay pot, wash it with soap and water and dry thoroughly. You can basecoat it if you wish. If you don't basecoat it, putting a sealer on it will help the paint to flow more easily.

### Preparation:

There is no pattern to trace for this project; in fact, there isn't a pattern at all. One of the advantages of OneStroke is that you can paint without a pattern. If you wish, however, you can just pencil in the placement of your design.

### Supplies:

Bring several sizes of flat and filbert brushes, a liner, and a scruffy or deerfoot stippler or foliage brush. Also, your usual acrylic painting supplies.

### Paints:

Whatever brand and colors you like. I use FolkArt for OneStroke: Thicket (green), Wicker White, Engine Red, Burnt Carmine, Sunflower or School Bus Yellow, Yellow Ochre, Berry Wine, Midnight Blue, Dioxazine Purple, and Black. These are just suggestions: a variety of colors that will look good together is all you need.

Please bring several pieces of paper to practice strokes. I use freezer paper because the paint moves more easily, but I also just use the back of copier paper that want to recycle.

Feel free to email or call me if you have any questions.  
Gini

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY 29 - Marilyn Kerr - Pen & Ink with oil rouge  
JUNE 5 - Gini Conn - one stroke design lesson  
JULY 3- Karen Reinke - salsa board  
JULY 31 - Pat Landry - folk art  
AUGUST 7- Pat Otto - controlled watercolor floral  
SEPT - Trudy Beard Seminar

## TABLES & TREASURES

T&T Committee members please stay after the board meeting for a short T&T meeting. Pat Otto's home, June 9. We will discuss ticket pricing and details of our show and sale.

### Letter from Peggy Miller, President The Sunshine State Retreat Chapter

"Sail Away on a Sea of Color"

Noon, Thursday, March 3 - Sunday, -March 6, 2011  
Day Spring Conference Center Parrish, FL.  
Sign in registration starts at 10:00AM Thursday

Although we arrive early on Thursday, rooms will not be available to check into until 3:00PM. There are new rules with the new administration. The fee remains at \$325 for the full stay. This fee includes your room, board and all your meals. There is coffee and juice available all day. Please visit [www.ssdaretreat.com](http://www.ssdaretreat.com) for all information. More updates will be posted and all forms are on the web.

Teacher project submissions are due on or before June 1, 2010. All projects and/or photos should be sent to Peggy Miller P.O. Box 5336 Bradenton, FL 34281 or if sending UPS, DHL etc., the address is 1710 Indiana Avenue, Bradenton, FL 34207. Note the different zip codes. There are partial day fees should you want to attend only one or 2 days. Please visit our web for this information.

Once the projects are chosen and the booklet is completed IT WILL be on the web site for your review; we are hoping by mid-August. We're trying to use our web as much as possible, but we do realize our generation LOVES that booklet in hand. Ha Teachers will receive letters of acceptance or not soon after the selections. Should there be teachers that did not receive a Teacher Packet, the forms are on the web.

Annual 2010-2011 dues are \$15.00 and should be sent to Julie Danke, 5219 18th Ave. E. Bradenton, FL 34208. Please feel free to call me should you have questions. 941-758-0609. I look forward to hearing from you.

Hugs,  
Peggy Miller, President SSDA



Chris Soyk

## MAY 29 Marilyn Kerr 9AM - 4 PM will teach a pen and in with oil rouging Bring a sack lunch. Get your pattern and prep instructions. Class: \$15

The recommended surface is a Frederix canvas panel. You may also use a stretched canvas or canvas pad. You can sand it lightly. The inking will work on the textured surface. Don't try to get it super smooth. The canvas is white. You do not need to do anything to it. If you just have a sheet from a canvas pad, tape it to a board that is approximately the size of your surface.

The pattern you have is for checking the size of your surface. It is only an outline - there is a lot more lines and details. So it will be better to wait and not put the pattern on until you get to class. You will transfer you pattern with black or grey graphite using a fine point stylus to get the sharpest line. That's all you need to do before class. **DO NOT DO THE INKING BEFORE CLASS.** You can, but you will end up sitting waiting for us to ink. There will be plenty of time to ink in class.

Pens: You may use a micron pen, (Bring a couple sizes if you have them), a Koh-i-noor rapidograph pen or a crow quill pen, whichever you like.

India ink\* (Higgins or Daler-Rowney or the kind next to the Koh-i-noor pen). The Koh-i-noor pen with yellow or grey end is the most popular. Marilyn said if you have a pen that is not working, bring it and she will try to get it working. \*This ink is not needed if you are using a micron pen.

Bring to class: your tracing paper, graphite transfer paper, Paper towels, hand sanitizer, Q-tips, assorted brushes, liner, flats or angles, cotton make up rounds, magic rub or other good eraser, a small cup for medium (like crystal light drink mix comes in) a palette - not wet palette we are using oils and they don't mix with water. Liberty matte spray ( there will be some you can use and also some to buy if you want). If you are using a crow quill pen, you can bring a little bottle cap to dip the pen point in.



# BOARD MEETINGS



## BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

The members hosting the meeting have the choice of having the meeting at their home or at another site such as a restaurant or library meeting room. Any member is welcome to attend.

June	Pat Otto
July	(picnic)
August	Lois Owens
September	Carole Hechler
October	(open)
November	Pat Estes

## Ways & Means Bonus Raffle:

Darlene Derr

### Monthly Chinese Raffle - How it Works~:

Each month people bring in items, not wrapped. These items are placed on a table with a container in front of them for you to drop your tickets in. You only have a chance at winning items you choose. You may bring in painting related or items or something else someone might enjoy. This is a fund raiser so bring nice stuff please. The only stipulation is -- if you win something, you must bring an item the next month to donate. If you bring a hand-painted item, you will get two free raffle tickets!

## Membership Pat Landry

Email changes to Pat  
at [plandry9@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:plandry9@tampabay.rr.com)  
or phone 352-249-7221  
Make changes and add new  
members to your member list

Membership list has Chris Soyk's zip code wrong - it is 34465

Please make this change to your list.

## Ways & Means Birthday Raffle:

Darlene Derr



Pat Otto	.....	June 2
Andi Dignard	.....	June 4
Joan Sferratore	....	June 12
Doris Trudeau	.....	June 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. 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.

## Hospitality Sandy Mihalus

Several ladies signed up to bring something for the Pen & Ink Seminar. Don't forget to bring a bag lunch as this seminar will last all day. Let's keep this as simple as possible to allow the teacher as much time as possible.

June:

A sign up sheet was out and some signed, but I did not get the information in time for the newsletter. I hope you remember who you are.



## Treasurer

Gini Conn



### Nature Coast Decorative Artists -May 2010

Beginning Balance **\$9281.67**

#### INCOME

Project Fees (May)	109.00
Ways & Means (Raffles)	96.00
Seminar Fees (May 29)	285.00
Project Fees (June)	80.00

Total **\$570.00**

#### EXPENSES

Instructor (Darlene Derr)	100.00
Project (Color Printing)	26.22

Total **(\$126.22)**

Ending Balance **\$9,725.45**

**NOTE: If you have receipts for reimbursement please give them to Gini before the meeting so she can take care of financial responsibilities early and enjoy the Program.**

# Raffle Winners for April

(no raffle was held in May)

The following ladies won items in the large raffle:

Gini Conn - 5  
Joanne Crowley - 3  
Eileen Peters - 4  
Jean Alley -2  
Linda Heinen -3  
Karen Reinke -2  
Doris Trudeau-1

Remember, when you win you are supposed to bring back items for next month's raffle in order to keep up the supply of goodies.

## Before You Leave Home Check List:



- Do I have money for class?
- Do I have money for a raffle ticket?
- Do I have my paints, brushes, project and supplies?
- Do I have food for hospitality table?
- Do I have my video to return?
- Do I have a Show 'N Tell item to bring?
- Do I have a raffle item to bring?

## COMPUTER BOOKMARKS

If you keep forgetting our website address [www.ncda-artists.com](http://www.ncda-artists.com) you can find it easily if you bookmark it, or put it in a favorites file.



To do this, go to Google or your browser page and type the address in up at the top in the box (not in the search box) Hit the enter key and the site should open. When you are at our home page, right click on the page somewhere in an empty space. (If you click on a picture, you may only bookmark the picture.) Once you right click, a box will open that has a list - click on bookmark this page. next time you open your browser look at the upper left under the blue line and you will see file edit view history bookmark - click on bookmark and scroll down to NCDA

## SAVE PHOTOS

If your computer won't let you save a photo you like, strike the print screen button (it's after the numbers) Then open a page in your graphics, photo or word program and select paste. You will get your whole screen. Some programs you can crop the toolbars out, but you can usually size it to fit page.



8 x 16

## TRUDY BEARD

Sept 5 -6, 2010

\$35/day - NCDA members  
\$50/day other chapter members  
Sign Up Now



16 x 8

## TIPS & TRICKS

**PHOTOS:** Looking for photos that are copyright free? Go to stock exchange <http://www.sxc.hu/> You can type in a subject and all photos are free to download. Be careful you only click on their photos, as they show other stock photo sites that do charge. I usually write the photographer and let them know i am using their photo. They are nice and sometimes ask for a photo back of the finished project.

**SAVE MONEY:** A great recycling tip: If you work at a job where you print a lot of address labels, save the shiny "backs" they come on and use them for paper palettes.

When bottles of acrylic paints start getting old and have been used frequently, little bits of hardened paint can get inside the bottles. Don't throw them away and buy new ones yet! Instead, cut out a small square of pantyhose or nylon, stretch it over the top of the bottle and replace the cap. It acts as a strainer and you'll get much more mileage out of the bottle.

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classes in  
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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.**

We are coming into the summer when we often have stormy weather. We need someone to update our emergency call list. If you would like to volunteer tell Pat Landry. you can see an old list on our website under about us - click on graphic of child in raincoat.

## Newsletter Advertising Rates

### MEMBERS

Business card  
(3.5 x 2.5)  
3 months...\$9.00  
6 months...\$15.00  
12 months...\$28.00

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(3.5 x 10 vertical or 7.5 x  
5 horizontal)  
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(7.5 x 10)  
1 month...\$25.00

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or 7.5 x 5 horizontal)  
1 month...\$20.00

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1 month...\$40.00

## Doris Trudeau

### BEGINNER CLASSES

are ongoing in Doris' home.



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Basics

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Start  
Anytime  
call Doris

352-686-4248

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