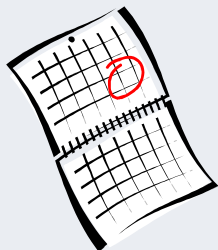




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Newsletter

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our PRESIDENT



Upcoming Dates:

- 10/9 Lastricato class
- 11/13 Developing Murals Class
- 12/11 Holiday Party

Message from our President

Dear Members,

It was so good to see you all at our first meeting. We had a great turn out, a really organized reception table and a positive response to our sign up sheets. Thank you to all who are volunteering to chair and to assist with our activities this year.

A few larger items were discussed at our agenda in September meeting that I feel all members should know more about. The first is the President Elect. As you all know, the terms of the Executive Board are limited to 2 years. That means everyone on Executive Board except the Treasurer will need to be replaced in May. I think it is a good thing as new ideas and energy are vital to our organization's success. However, I think that it does present some challenges since most of the board will have to learn their position as well as function in it right away. The Executive Board met over the summer and decided that one of the ways we could avoid this was to elect the new President in the fall and she would become part of the Executive Board. We felt this would enable her to come up to speed on the issues and functions of the chapter. Benita will conduct the election via email. She has sent out information regarding the nomination and we will be voting in October.

The second item is our new structure regarding the volunteer chairs. Prior to September, all chairs reported to the President. This year we divided up the volunteer chair list and have each chair reporting to a different Executive Board member. The chairs will address all ideas, questions, and concerns to their Executive Board liaison and the EXBO member will present it to EXBO. Any responses from the EXBO will be directed to the chair through the liaison. I will have a chart reflecting the relationships at our October meeting.

Speaking of our October meeting, our door prize will be Rebecca E. Parson's book "Do What You Love-Love What You Do", a guide to the business of faux finishing. It is in a three ring binder with sleeve protectors. I felt this would be a nice follow up to our Rebecca's excellent class on "The Business of Faux." As always, you must be present to win and the winner will be drawn at the end of the business meeting.

Please take time to nominate and vote on the President elect Position. I look forward to seeing you at our October meeting on Monday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m. Please refer to our website, northernterritoryartisans.com, for any information regarding the October class and registration deadline.

Leanne Schmiesing
President
Northern Territory Artisans.

September Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:35PM. President Leanne Schmeising started with a welcome to the beginning of a new year. Everyone introduced themselves and identified their business names.

Old Business

- Karen Gehrke reported that the items from last year's Philanthropic project have been shipped.

New Business

- We are starting our new "Out of the Box" project". Members who are participating took home one of the provided products and these will be made into sample boards. The idea is to make a not-so-attractive medium into a "Fantastic Board". These finished boards will be turned in and judged at the May meeting. Winners will be awarded scholarships.
- Door prizes are awarded at the end of each meeting.
- There is a new change for Social Hour this year. Each meeting will have drinks and snacks provided by a member, \$10 will be given toward the purchase. Also we would like to have 3 members sign up to be a "Spotlight Member". Bring a project to share, using pictures and a short explanation.
- A President Elect member is needed to start in Dec. Bonita will be emailing with instructions on nominating someone. She will have a response in one week. We will be voting on this person in November.
- We are looking for members to fill the empty Chair positions and also the chair committees need to be filled.

Chair Reports

All chair persons MUST give a written report to the Secretary at each meeting.

- Philanthropic – Therese Zachman has signed up this year for this year's project. She is researching ideas and has asked for suggestions from the group.
- Adele Bishop Scholarship – Theresa Parnell will again chair this position.
- Publicity – Rebecca Klein had nothing to report at this time.
- Hospitality – Peg Malanaphy has filled this position and will take volunteers to help provide snacks for each meeting.
- Historian – Diane Merten has volunteered again this year, but was not present at the meeting to report.
- Webmaster – Jennifer Huehns reported our website is up and running. All the information members need will be provided on this site. If you want your business listed on the directory, fill out the "find an artist" form and send in a \$25 one-time fee. Also available will be banner ads and the fee for this will be based on what the artist has available for graphics.
- Outreach – Coralie Earney has volunteered for this position and will work with Rebecca Klein, Publicity Chair, to coordinate marketing materials.

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- Membership Coordinator – Jennifer Huehns reported the membership list has been updated, let her know if there are any changes in your personal information. She will be placing pamphlets at all the Hirshfields to help spread the word to others who might be interested in joining NTA.
- Newsletter – Jennifer Huehns has volunteered for this position. She has spoken to webmaster, Julie, and will be able to have it displayed on the web site. Also she will have secretary, Denise Bemis, send the minutes to her for the site.
- Fundraiser – Position not filled. See Leanne about this position.
- Social – Position not filled. Volunteer and help plan the Xmas party and June picnic!
- Roundtable – Karen Gehrke reported she is working on locations and speakers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All the EXBO member's positions will be ending this year, with the exception of Treasurer, Rebecca Klein. Positions open will be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Education Chair. If you are interested in holding a position you'll need a nomination. Benita will email a request for nominations, please reply to this email as soon as possible.

First Class of the Year!

Rebecca Klein of Jennifer Rebecca Designs taught a lecture class on The Business of Faux—A Mini-Workshop. The turnout was a success. And those who attended received a wealth of information. Questions were answered to the always asked "How much should I charge?" and "How do I advertise?" Other topics covered were determining what you're worth, calculating your estimates, and tips were given for consultations, client files and contracts. Rebecca gave each attendee plenty of forms to keep their business organized. Thank you, members for attending. Thank you, Rebecca for a wonderful class!