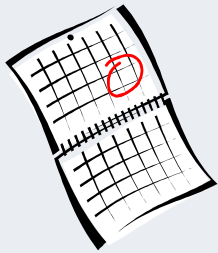




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2006 October
Newsletter

Message from
our PRESIDENT



Upcoming Dates:

- 11/13 Developing Murals Class
- 12/11 Holiday Party
- 01/08 Touch of Class

Message from our President

Dear Members,

I hope this finds you enjoying our fall. I assume you are all busy helping your clients prepare their homes for the upcoming holiday season.

We had a good meeting in October and discussed two important topics for the chapter. The first is the new class registration policy in regard to online registration. Jennifer Huehns has been working hard to make our website more user friendly and to allow it to encompass more of the monthly meeting tasks for our chapter. We are now able to register for our monthly classes at our website. This is quite an advance for our chapter's website and I believe we are the only SALI chapter with this convenient option. Unfortunately this also exposes our chapter to the risk of losing money due to members who would sign up online and then not show up to take the class or pay the fee. None of us on the Executive Board feels that this is going to be a common occurrence; however, in the rare event that this should happen, we did feel we needed a policy to protect the chapter against unnecessary expenses.

You should have all received a copy of the policy via email from Jayne Norman, our Education Chair. Briefly, this policy states that if you sign up online for the class, you are responsible for paying for the class, whether you attend it or not. You will be invoiced for the course fee and your instructions and materials will be held in the NTA office at PADCO for 90 days. As I stated earlier, we do not anticipate that this will be a problem. Occasionally a member will sign up and then be unable to attend at the last minute. We have always received payment from the member and expect that pattern to continue in the future. Please send an acknowledgment back to her stating that you have read and understood this policy. She will send a hard copy to those who do not respond. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Secondly, I am very pleased to announce that Jennifer Huehns has been elected as our new President. Her term will commence in May 2007. I am looking forward to see the positive direction she will take our chapter during her term.

November is a busy month for our chapter with both the Roundtable and our monthly meeting. Karen Gehrke will let you all know the details for the Roundtable on Monday, November 6th. Look for an email from her shortly. Our monthly meeting is Monday, November 13th at 6 pm. Our instructor will be Theresa Parnell. She is one of the finest muralists in our chapter and she will be sharing her ideas and pictures for murals.

I'll see you in November.

Leanne Schmiesing

October Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by President Leanne Schmiesing.

Minutes were read from Sept. meeting.

Treasure Report

- Treasurer's report given by Rebecca Klein stating a deposit in the amount of \$1880.36 was made to TCF. We still need to include Kathy for signing off on account. Also we are going to investigate changing banks to make it more convenient. The question "do we have a budget in place" was asked and will be continued by the EXBO and discussed next month.

Education report

- Education report was given by Jayne Norman. We have a new registration policy that is explained on line in detail. We will be registering on line and paying the evening of the class. We discussed whether or not we have Kathy Carroll as the national teacher, it was decided to wait until we had more members available for discussion. She also shared the news that she is taking a job teaching classes at Menards.

Membership Coordinator

- Membership report was given by Rebecca Klein for Jennifer Huehns who was not present. New membership list is now available each month to include any changes in member information and will include new members. We decided we will not include this list on the web site.

Computer/Online Resource

- Request for "find an artist" will be given to Julie on a monthly basis, as members sign up. Pictures of classes, meetings, and SALI convention will be included on our web in the Gallery soon.

Social Coordinator

- Dianne Merten and Denise Bemis volunteered to work on the Holiday party and the picnic this summer.

Adel Bishop: Theresa Parnell had nothing to report.

Fundraiser: Position not filled

Historian: Dianne Merten had nothing to report.

Hospitality: Peg Malanaphy reported she will remind members who signed up for snacks and drinks before the meeting by email.

Newsletter: Rebecca reported for Jennifer that the newsletter is available online, also will be sent by email to members. There will not be a hard copy sent. Contact Jennifer if you are unable to receive it.

Outreach: Coralie Earney and Rebecca had nothing to report.

Philanthropic: Therese Zachman was not present to report.

Publicity: Rebecca Klein reported they completed the task of giving brochures to Members for distributing at Hirshfields. There will be follow up on this.

Roundtable: Leanne reported for Karen Gehrke, the speaker for November 6th will be an interior decorator. We may also have a decorator with bath and kitchen Trends,

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Benita Koury reported that Jennifer Huehns is next years President elect. Election will be held early this year, probably in March. We'll need a full board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm