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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

January Meeting Minutes

NTA Meeting January 8, 2006

Present for meeting and called to order by Leanne Schmeising, President. Filling in for Secretary was Benita Koury, Vice President. Treasurer not present for financial report. Membership Coordinator not present for updates. (That darn flu bug!!!)

Something to think about...

It was reported that the December Christmas party was very small and the suggestion was made that maybe we shouldn't have one next year. The jury is still out on that idea and no conclusion being sought at this time. (Newsletter editor suggests as she writes this... I vote to just have it at a nice restaurant next year.) Those that did attend said they had a good time. Tons of Chocolate and yummy food... thanks to those who brought it. Brag projects were totally awesome!

REMINDER: There will not be a regular NTA Feb. meeting.

New business:

Education Chair: Jayne reported on the progress of Kathy Carroll class being held on February 15th. This class is filled with 15 students.

Philanthropic project: Therese couldn't attend the meeting. Leanne will have Therese confirm a date, time etc., with the people involved and will pass on information when it comes available.

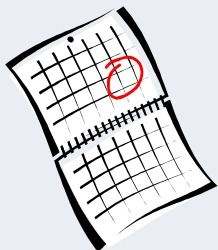
Kathy Chermak was the hospitality person for January and she had a great tray of goodies that was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you Kathy.

Roundtable: Karen discussed the next roundtable meeting and has since sent out an email regarding the time, place and discussion.

Dolly Parker volunteered to plan the June picnic. Thank you!
It will probably be in Stillwater.

Historian: Dianne Merten reported that she has been taking pictures for the Historian project.

Last but definitely not least, Jayne Norman held a very busy and productive class on Fast and Easy Finishes and everyone was able to take home 3-4 boards. (Venetian plaster, multi-color washes, easy old wood and quick stone blocking). Everyone had a good time and learned something new. Thank you Jayne!



Upcoming Dates:

01/27 Philanthropic
2/5 ROUNDTABLE
2/15 Kathy Carroll!
3/12 Touch of
Class

Message from our President

Dear Members,

The New Year seems to signal to us that it is a time to reflect upon where we have been and what we want to accomplish in the future. I am sure that you have been making resolutions and setting goals for the coming year for your personal as well as professional life.

Our parent organization, SALI, is also looking ahead to the future and revisiting how the organization and the artists it serves has evolved over the years. I would like to call your attention to the article in the winter 2007 issue of "The Artistic Stenciler". Melanie Royals has written an article on page 19 that explains the name change that SALI is considering. Those of you who have attended the SALI convention in the past have been hearing about this potential change for a few years. The thought is to recognize the continuing expansion of the art of stenciling by changing the name to reflect what the membership is focusing on in their artwork. I encourage you all to read this article. The three name options will be voted on by the entire SALI membership this spring. I assume that we will be voting electronically. If you have not received the SALI newsletter by email it means that either NTA or SALI does not have your current email address. Please contact Jennifer or myself so that we can forward the correct information to SALI. The name change will be announced at the SALI convention in San Francisco in July.

In keeping with our theme of change, I would like to remind you that most of the Executive Board will be changing this year. Benita, Denise, Jayne and I have reached the end of our two year terms. Jennifer Huehns has been elected as the President and her term will begin in May. Rebecca, our current Treasurer, will need to be re-nominated and re-elected for the position. That means that the Vice President, Secretary, and Education Chair will need to be replaced. If you have wanted to become more involved in NTA I hope that you will consider one of these positions. Within the newsletter you will find a list of the job descriptions for these positions. Feel free to contact the current people if you wish to know exactly what they are doing and how many hours a month they are spending on their job. We will also be having elections in the month of March so that the outgoing and incoming Executive Boards can meet. Please contact Benita if you are interested in one of these positions or if you would like to nominate someone.

February is a busy month for NTA. We are having the Roundtable on Monday, February 5th at 6pm at the Fridley Crab House. The topics will be painting basics by Jane Cranston and ladder safety by Karen Gehrke. Contact Karen at karenpaints@msn.com and let her know if you are planning to attend. CASH ONLY! No checks or credit cards. Kathy Carroll's class will be on Thursday, February 15th at PADCO. As of this writing, two non-members have not paid and we are opening up their spots. Contact Jayne Norman at koolrooms@hotmail.com if you would like to attend. The first two people who send in their checks will reserve the spots.

Remember we are not having a regular monthly meeting in February. Our next monthly meeting will be Monday, March 12th at 6:00 pm at PADCO. Bring your nominations to the meeting. I'll see you then.

Happy Painting!
Leanne Schmiesing

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Job Descriptions...

2007 ELECTIONS

Nominate someone you would like to see for these positions! VOTE in March!

Vice President: The Vice President will act in the President's absence at any meetings. The Vice President is also responsible for coordinating board members, overseeing activities of the committees and acting as a communications liaison between committees. This liaison work is especially important between the membership coordinators, treasury, and newsletter editor to make sure the membership list matches the mailing list and that said members dues are current. The Vice President will also be a back-up contact to National to assure that appropriate communications are being relayed to the general membership.
LIASON to Roundtable Coordinator.

Secretary: The Secretary will take the minutes of the business at all chapters and executive board meetings. The Secretary is also responsible for providing the minutes to the newsletter editor in a timely manner to ensure they are sent in the subsequent mailing. The Secretary shall prepare and send an annual summation of those minutes to the National Office. LIASON to Historian.

Education: The Education Chair will take recommendations from the general membership to plan and secure hands-on classes, lectures, and demonstrations for every meeting. The Education Chair is responsible for securing the class, communicating with the teacher regarding supplies and expenses reimbursement. If class fees are required in advance or at the meeting, the Education Chair will make the necessary arrangements in concert with the treasurer. The Education Chair will submit necessary write-ups to the President and Newsletter Editor in a timely manner to information can be passed on to the general membership.
LIASON to Publicity Chair.