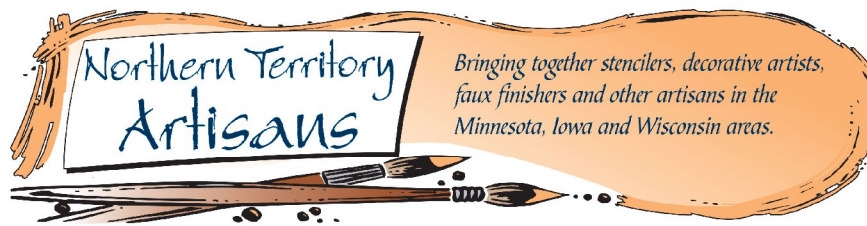


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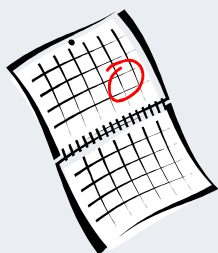
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Upcoming Dates:

- 10/8 Modern Masters Class
- 11/5 Roundtable
- 11/12 Cabinet Finishes

Register online at
NTA's website!

Message from our President

Dear Members,

September 28, 2007

Happy Autumn!!! Don't you just love this time of year!? The changing colors inspire me. The crisp nights remind me to relax and snuggle. Change is good.

Our new meeting place in Plymouth is turning out to be a good change. The school is very accommodating. Please voice your opinions, your feelings count.

Our first meeting kicked off our new season with a good attendance. I was hoping for more, so I hope to see many of you who could not attend at our next meetings. I also was not able to attend, but I had a good reason. What was yours? ☺ I want to welcome two new members: Heather Triplett and Dian Brady. I am constantly speaking about our group to acquaintances and strangers. It's a great feeling to belong to something where you can share your passions, and create new friendships. The networking has become an important part in my career, too. Our new business cards for NTA are now available. Take a stack and hand them out! Postcards are on their way. We will have a "sticker-stamp-send" committee starting soon, volunteers are needed. Let me know if you want to help by taking a stack home to assemble.

Kelly O'Brien of Create Sales, Inc. (CSI) and sales representative for Modern Masters was our guest speaker for the NTA kick-off. I feel she is a big player in our territory considering she calls on Hirshfield's as a sales rep. My goal is to connect with Hirshfield's more on getting the word out about our organization. Kelly presented a large variety of products by Modern Masters, including the Metallic Paint Collection™ Metal Effects®, ShimmerStone®, Texture Effects®, Theme Paint™ and many more. She explained how their products are used worldwide in hotels, casinos, restaurants, theme parks and many other famous places. NTA members were able to see beautiful photos and samples of these remarkable products. One final exciting announcement was the introduction of Royal Design Studio Stencils by world renowned Melanie Royals to be available where Modern Masters products are sold.

Liked what you saw? Or missed the kick-off meeting? Kelly will be back with NTA on October 8th, teaching a hands-on class with Modern Masters products.

Members, watch for your next issued of The Artistic Stenciler. I have submitted our last year's class with Kathy Carroll. I would like to also post our Philanthropic project from last year... anyone have pictures (Dianne)? If you notice on page 15 in the Fall 2007 issue of TAS, there are spotlights on Chapters. This is nice. Notice it's a class with Rebecca Parsons? If we rally together and find fundraising, we could invite an outside instructor like her.

Keep creating!
Best wishes,
Jennifer Huehns

MINUTES



Meeting Minutes

September 10th, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Vice President Peg Malanaphy.

Treasurer Report

Rebecca passed out a new budget proposal which was discussed at the EXBO meeting. We made some major cuts to the budget which could make our chapter much more financially comfortable. We currently have available in our bank account \$398.07.

Education Report

Education report was given by our education coordinator Rebecca Klein. There is a last minute change for the October 8th class. Dianne Merten's Cloud class will not take place this year. We had instead planned a field trip to the Pompeii exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota. However, that has since changed as well. After having had a great speaker from Modern Masters she agreed to come back to our next meeting and do some hands-on play with Modern Masters paint products. Everyone in attendance agreed they would like to do this class. We could still discuss doing the Pompeii field trip at a later date. Let Rebecca know if you are still interested.

Membership Report

Report was given by Rebecca Klein on behalf of Jennifer Huehns. She reported that we have two new members: Heather Triplett and Diane Brady. Also reported was the fact that we have new business cards on order which we hope will help promote ourselves and generate new members.

Roundtable

Karen Gehrke passed out a questionnaire to get feedback on what everyone wants to talk about at the upcoming roundtable meeting. Marketing and advertising was a great meeting in the past and may end up being our November topic. We are also looking for an interior designer for one of our meetings.

Adele Bishop Scholarship

We need a volunteer to take this chair position. It could really help our education budget if we won this scholarship. All we need is someone to notify National SALI of our philanthropic project to try to win the scholarship.

Fund Raiser

Again, we need volunteers for this position. We discussed selling T-shirts or having a wine tasting with silent auction combo. Also, we discussed getting a booth at a craft fair to help generate new memberships. All of these are great ideas, but we need people to help execute them... volunteer PLEASE.

Historian

Dianne Merten volunteered to continue with this position. She is still working on organizing last year's photos.

Hospitality

We decided it was not really necessary to have a chairperson for this position. We placed a sign-up sheet at the front table and filled many spots. Please check the sign-up sheet and make sure to participate. We also agreed that the person bringing the snack will also be the greeter for that month's meeting. So they will just wait at the front entrance and greet people (especially new members) to our meeting room.

Philanthropic

We discussed possibly doing the birdhouses again. Everyone really enjoyed it last year. Also, Karen and Peg know someone who has a non-profit mural company. They will look further into this as a possible option.

Minutes continued...

Publicity Chair

We need a volunteer for this position. Again, this could really help generate new members or even generate some income for us by letting others know about our classes, etc.

Outreach

This is another very important position. We really need volunteers to fill these chairs.

Social Coordinator

This is a fairly easy volunteer position. We just need someone to coordinate our holiday party.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dianne talked about additional parking as there will be many sporting events overlapping our meeting times. If the parking lot is full by the main entrance, there is also parking on the side of the building as well as the back. Otherwise overflow parking is available at the counseling center out to the right of the parking lot and up the hill.

We also discussed donating some type of supplies to the school's classroom for letting us use this space free of charge for our meetings. It's a great space and much appreciated. Thanks Dianne!

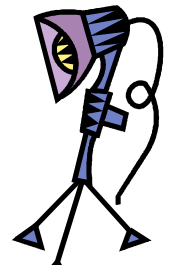
Our next Roundtable meeting is November 5th. Watch for emails with the details.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This section is reserved for "Member News". Be sure to submit your accomplishments, ideas, or thoughts to have your news in the spotlight! Email jenrebstudio@yahoo.com



"It's not all about the money."

I was asked recently that if I didn't have bills to pay or was debt free if I would continue to work. I tried to picture myself not painting or creating. I wasn't sure what else I would do. When I paint in silence or even with a friend it fills my soul with something I don't think I could get from anything else. Sure, I could do without the occasional crabby client. But you get past those and end up with a project that reminds you of why you do what you do. Getting paid to do what you love is just a bonus. Give me a paintbrush, or trowel, and I can be me.

~ Jennifer Huehns