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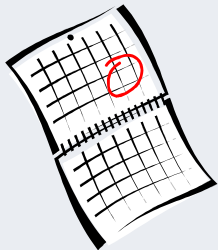
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Upcoming Dates:

11/5 Roundtable

11/12 Cabinet
Finishes

Register online at
NTA's website!

Message from our President

Dear Members,

October 25, 2007

Unfortunately we had to cancel Oct. 8th meeting. The instructor had an unexpected conflict and we decided to cancel the meeting and just update our members with this newsletter.

Next month's class with our own Kathy Chermak teaching Cabinet Finishes will be a great treat. Lots of members have already signed up... be sure to get your place before we're full!

I hope all of you are having a great October. This month in our home it's all about Halloween preparations. Before I was getting paid to paint, I was working behind a desk and my fellow employees would bring in their pumpkins for me to paint funny or scary faces on. Now you can buy these things at Wal-Mart! (mine were much better)

I look forward to our next meeting and hope to see all of you there! Bring with you the desire to create, as well as ideas about how you can help NTA grow.

Keep creating!
Best wishes,
Jennifer Huehns



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

MINUTES



Meeting Minutes

October 8th, 2007

This meeting was canceled.

Treasurer Report

\$430.00 was collected for current memberships.

Current Bank Account Balance: \$1,206.15

Education Report

We had an unfortunate cancellation of the much anticipated Modern Masters class this month. The instructor, Kelly O'Brien, will reschedule the class when her health returns to normal. We will continue with the scheduled November class (Cabinet Finishes) and reschedule Modern Masters for a non-NTA meeting time.

Keep signing up for the currently scheduled NTA classes. Payments are due at the time of class. Please review the NTA website for the class descriptions and policies.

Membership Report

A mailing was sent with our new postcards. 150 postcards were sent to prospective members. Three people have already responded with interest. Another mailing to SALL members located in Minnesota will also be mailed in the next week. My hope for increased membership will give us more awareness in the communities.

Roundtable

Marketing and advertising will be our November topic. Location will be announced shortly.

Adele Bishop Scholarship

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Fund Raiser

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Philanthropic VOLUNTEER NEEDED!!!

Dakota Woodlands contacted Jennifer about having this project again this year. They are very excited. The 2007 Flying Home Event was held on Saturday, October 13th at Ecolab's Schuman Center in Eagan. The food was superb, the decorations gorgeous and the bird houses and gift packages they received for the Silent Auction were awesome! Al Franken drew his free-form United States map on a birdhouse and Kare 11's meteorologist, Sven Sundgaard created a 'weather-themed' birdhouse complete with a Norwegian Flag on the roof! And one was featured from Jayne Haugen-Olson, the Lifestyle Editor for the Minneapolis St. Paul Magazine. They had over 80 hand-painted birdhouses and they were all wonderfully creative and beautiful.

Publicity Chair

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Thank you to K Rauworth who designed a wonderful postcard for marketing our organization!

Outreach

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Social Coordinator

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

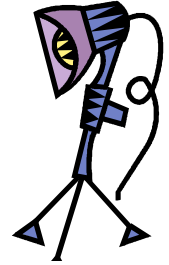
Announcements

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



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



"I want to make something."

As far back as I can remember, I always wanted to "make something" and I was fascinated with the qualities of many different mediums. Not being able to decide which medium I enjoyed more, I experimented with all of them...clay, wood, paper, fabric etc. The one thing I found common in all of them was that no matter what medium I worked with, I always ended up painting it. It didn't matter if it was an object or a wall...if it sat still long enough, it was going to get painted. Having grown up in Wayzata, I decided to attend the Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD) to try to find a focus in my artwork. It was there that I received an assignment to design and build a unique piece of furniture. This was the beginning of my furniture and home décor making passion. I moved to Florida and started a business. I've created many conversation pieces over the years, and have had lots of fun traveling the country doing art fairs and selling my work. I also got into designing giftware and home décor items for other companies such as Disney and Amscan and many other wholesale giftware companies. I have sold some of my items to Target, Nordstrom, the Disney Store and many mail order catalogs and small boutiques. I was a guest on HGTV's Carol Duvall show, twice, demonstrating how to use the scroll saw to make your own home décor items, and how to find a sales rep to market your items.



I experimented on some of my furniture pieces with some simple faux techniques and really enjoyed it. Then, I decided to try it on the walls of my Florida home. After using my home as a guinea pig, I agreed to let 300 people tour my home as one of 6 artists featuring their homes for a fundraiser. It was tons of fun to listen to the reactions of everyone. I think that's when I decided to pursue a career in faux finishing. People wouldn't leave me alone after that. I moved back to Minnesota to get married and decided that if I was going to do this, I definitely needed some formal training. So....it was Jennifer and Rebecca to the rescue and the rest is history.

~ Kathy Chermak