

# 2007 Summer Newsletter



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Leanne!

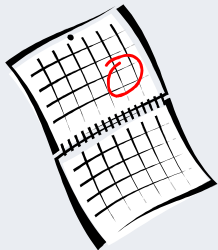
New Board  
Members

Volunteers  
Needed

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Past Meetings

NEW LOCATION!



Upcoming Dates:

9/10 First meeting  
of the year

Register online at  
NTA's website!

## Message from our President

Dear Members,

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007

It is a bittersweet letter that I send out to you this month. At our May meeting I will be turning over the chapter to the very capable hands of Jennifer Huehns. While I look forward to being a participating member next year I will greatly miss the Executive Board members. I have been so blessed to be surrounded by such talented and giving women. I would like to thank Benita for being the older and wiser friend who always had good advice for me, Jennifer for her "can-do" spirit, Rebecca for offering ideas to help us move the chapter to a more professional organization, and Denise for volunteering even though she was a new member.

Most of all I would like to thank Jayne Norman. Many of you newer members do not know that about 4 years ago it was Jayne that made the decision to become the chapter president which kept our chapter from possibly dissolving. During her first year as President she wore many hats and made sure that we had meetings and teachers at each meeting. I had the privilege to serve with her during the second year as her vice president. These past two years she has been invaluable as the Education Chair and this year was an integral part of the team that worked to bring Kathy Carroll to our chapter. Next year will be the first time in four years that she will not be a part of the Executive Board. Please be sure to thank all outgoing members for their volunteer work for the chapter but especially Jayne for stepping in and keeping NTA together.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President. I look forward to seeing how our chapter will change and grow in the coming years.

Respectfully,  
Leanne Schmeising

## Let's congratulate our newest board members.

Jennifer Huehns – President/Membership Coordinator  
Peg Malanaphy – Vice President  
Kathy Chermak – Secretary  
Rebecca Klein – Treasurer/Education Chair

## Lots of Chair Positions OPEN!

Newsletter Editor: Jennifer Huehns will continue this position.  
Business Roundtable: Karen Gehrke will continue this position.  
Publicity Chair: Jayne Norman has volunteered but needs a **helper**.  
Computer/Online Resource: Jennifer Huehns will continue this position.  
Outreach Chair: **OPEN**  
Fundraising: Rebecca Klein will continue to form this committee.  
Philanthropy Chair: **OPEN**  
Adele Bishop Scholarship Chair: **OPEN**  
Historian: **OPEN**  
Social Coordinator: **OPEN**

**!! VOLUNTEER !!**

## Message from our NEW President

Dear members,

I started to get back in touch with NTA after the fastest summer experienced so far. I began to contact many of you with an email verifying everyone's safety. The month of August began with such a sad tragedy when the 35W bridge in Minneapolis collapsed. It was such a scary site to watch on TV. I was grateful that I, nor anyone I knew, was on that bridge. Although, I'm hearing stories from some on how they were affected through someone they knew. I'm sure I share prayers with all of you for those families suffering.

I hope all of you had a successful and fun summer. Whether your success was with your jobs, or taking time off, or visiting friends and family, or just soaking up the sun. I look forward to a brand new year with NTA.

My first order of business will be to thank PADCO for some wonderful years and great generosity. However, they can no longer accommodate us. The Murphy building has new security measures in place where we can not be there after hours or lock up on our own. We would have to hire an employee to stay behind. Also, there are new tenants upstairs and we have to respect their space as well. After speaking with Anne at PADCO, we have come to the conclusion that we will have to leave. But do not fear!!!! Dianne is here!!! Dianne Merten has found us a wonderful location at the West Lutheran High School in Plymouth. We will use the art room. There will be no fee, however a donation of art supplies at the end of the year would be a nice gesture. Thanks Dianne! And thank you West Lutheran! I will send out an email with further information before our first meeting on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes,  
Jennifer Huehns

## Meeting Minutes

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Secretary not available at this meeting. Thank you Leanne for filling in.

Treasurer Report: The account is finally fixed so that Rebecca can sign the checks and the statements will come to her house. Leanne will order a cash card so that we can access our statements online.

### **New Business:**

**Education:** Amy Ouradnik's class was a hit. Thank you to Amy for teaching. The May class will be rescheduled for the fall since we will be doing our Philanthropic project at the May meeting. Please send class ideas to the new Ed Chair.

**Fundraiser:** NTA is considering having a garage sale for a fundraiser. The money would be divided between the chapter and a philanthropic project. The sale would consist of new and gently used art products and samples by members. All proceeds would stay with the chapter. NTA and its membership could advertise. Our first problem is to find a place to dispose of the unwanted art materials that do not sell. Kathy C. has tentatively offered a space for it. We will discuss this further at EXBO.

**Hospitality:** No hospitality needed at May meeting since we will have a potluck that night.

**Membership:** Welcome K Rauworth our new member.

Newsletter is a little behind. Sorry.

**Philanthropic Project:** Due to a scheduling conflict with the original idea Therese Z proposed, we will be completing a second option. We will paint birdhouses for Dakota Woodwinds, a shelter for battered women and children. The birdhouses will be used at their silent auction in the fall. Jane C will pick up and base paint the birdhouses. We will combine our end of year party with the philanthropic project by having a potluck that night as well. End of year scholarship will be awarded as well as the "out of the Box" prize. The event will be held at PADCO. All participating members please remember to bring brushes, stencils, decorations for your birdhouse. Sign up with Jayne. Rebecca will email an invitation to all members.

**Announcements:**

New Executive Board:  
President: Jennifer H.  
Vice-President: Peg M  
Secretary: Kathy C.  
Treasurer: Rebecca K.  
Ed Chair: Rebecca K.

**Next meetings**

**EXBO:** Both old and new to meeting at Panera on Mon, April 30 at 6:00pm

**Roundtable:** Monday, May 7, 2007 at the Fridley Crab Shack  
Karen Gehrke to publish details

**May meeting:** Monday, May 14, 2007 at PADCO at 6:00pm. End of year party and Philanthropic project.

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 14, 2007

End of year party and Philanthropic project.

WHAT A BLAST! Who knew painting birdhouses could be so much fun. Of course, it probably had something to do with the fact that a room full of friends can bring such enjoyment when working together. And we have such talent with our group!

## Roundtable

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Speaker: Carolyn of "Computer House Calls" 612-325-8324

She answered a few questions our group had on computer problems and how-to's, as well as advise such as... having two emails address, one for business and one for family; also control spam with a spybot download at [tucows.com](http://tucows.com). It was also a nice time to catch up with our friends. And dinner was yummy!

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Speaker: Amy Theisen, Feng Shui expert. [amy@goteaminfinity.com](mailto:amy@goteaminfinity.com)

She gave us a mini course on Infinity Life Design. She taught us about our three types of luck (Heaven, Earth, Human); taught us how to find our Destiny Code; gave us a Feng Shui history; and explained the Law of Attraction. It was so fun learning how the location of your bed can determine what you attract, or where your kitchen is in your house, and how to evaluate the entrance of our home. And again, it was great to catch up with our friends again, and have a good dinner.