

2008 February Newsletter

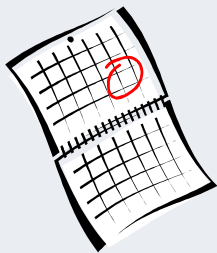


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**An artist
cannot fail;
it is a success
to be one.**



Upcoming Dates:

03/10 NEW CLASS
French &
Italian
Designs

04/14 NEW CLASS
Clouds &
Dramatic
Skies

05/12 Philanthropic

Message from our President

Dear Members,

Happy Leap Year!

Change is in the air! That must mean Spring is coming! But I'm not reporting on a change in weather, but changes to our organization.

I'm happy to announce new members continue to join NTA. This can certainly brighten our day! The EXBO has gotten together on a few items and brought them to vote with the members. These items will hopefully bring an even brighter future to NTA.

Big items we look forward to will be attending the Fall Home & Garden Show in October, as well as hosting Rebecca E. Parson's as our next national instructor invited to teach our group on October 11th. I don't know about you, but as much as I look forward to Spring, I also look forward to this Fall!

I was able to stop by Dakota Woodlands, the location of our philanthropic project, to pick up the birdhouses. I met with their director, Reyne. She is very nice. She gave me a tour of their facilities. It's a clean and well-designed homeless shelter. I would not have expected it to look like that. Each family has their own bedroom (similar size to what we would consider a master bedroom). These rooms have beds, dressers, TV, large closet/storage, and things to live (like towels, toiletries, bedding). Each wing has bathrooms and showers. There are various lounges to gather as a family. There are game room and a nursery. There is a main cafeteria where they all eat their meals. There is also a "store" where the tenants can buy things they need when they get a place of their own. To be able to buy these items, they have jobs at the shelter, like cleaning and kitchen duties, to earn points to use at the store. They are doing a very good thing at Dakota Woodlands. Reyne has agreed to speak to us about their organization in May while we paint birdhouses.

Our next remaining months for this NTA season will be exciting and busy. I look forward to working with all of you during classes, Philanthropic projects and the Business Round Table.

Creative Wishes,
Jennifer Huehns

Advertise with NTA!

Be a part of our "find an artist" web page. Simply fill out a form and the cost is only a one-time fee of \$25. The form can be collected at any NTA meeting, or you can contact Jennifer Huehns (jenrebstudio@yahoo.com).

Think about this while NTA is advertising their organization at the Home & Garden show in October!

Announcements

Welcome New Members:

Alicia Danzig; Lulu Painting; Minneapolis

Shona Dockter; Shona Dockter Decorative Finishes; Roseville

Sherry Funk; Funky Faux Finishes; Grand Forks, ND !!!

Philanthropic:

Dakota Woodlands Birdhouses

Jennifer went to Dakota Woodlands to pick up the birdhouses to be able to pass out to our members at the following March and April meetings. Each of us will take one or two home to prime and then we will design our birdhouses in May at our final meeting of the year. We will also have a member of Dakota Woodlands speak to our group about their program. At that time we will also present Dakota Woodlands with \$100 (cash or in donations) for their charity. **NTA is also taking up a donation of current needs; i.e. 32 gallon-sized Garbage Bags, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, or Non-perishable foods (condiments, canned veggies, etc.); Greeting Cards, Gift Cards (McDonalds, or other restaurants), Regal or Marcus Theatres, Groceries (Rainbow, Cub Foods or Sam's Club).**

MEETING NOTES

February 11th, 2008

Our meeting came to order at 6:10pm.

The NTA Budget was revised. A request for members to vote to approve was announced. These new budget items included: removing Class Cash; increasing Marketing; adjusting Class Supplies, Hospitality, Parties, Office Supplies and Web Site; and adding to Education.

Proposed new budget categories and amounts:

<u>Class Supplies (items supplied by chapter)</u>	<u>\$15</u>
<u>Education (outside instructors/speakers)</u>	<u>\$500</u>
<u>Hospitality/Gifts (thank you gifts)</u>	<u>\$25</u>
<u>Marketing (Outreach)</u>	<u>\$595</u>
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>\$50</u>
<u>NTA Parties (Xmas and Year-End)</u>	<u>\$20</u>
<u>Office Supplies</u>	<u>\$15</u>
<u>Philanthropic Project</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>Postage</u>	<u>\$20</u>
<u>Web Site</u>	<u>\$300</u>

Total Budget \$1,640

NTA discussed the possibility of getting a booth at the Fall Home & Garden Show in Minneapolis this October. A vote was circulated to get a head count of interest. NTA will advertise their organization, and members will sign up for time slots to advertise their own businesses. More information will be handed out soon.

A new Teacher Guideline was proposed to incorporate SALI's policies. NTA Teachers will price their classes based on cost of supplies, teacher fees and now a percentage for NTA to retain. NTA will retain 30% of the class fees to maintain a profit to be used to help pay for national instructors or other benefits for our members.

MEETING NOTES continued

Class cash was a coupon given to members for signing up on time for membership dues. This was \$10 to be used towards NTA classes. This will now be removed and NTA will follow the same bylaws as SALI. Members must pay their dues on time (each September) and any member shall be in default of payment of their dues for a period of 3 months. Membership may thereupon be terminated by the Executive Board. These bylaws will be posted on our web site. Any member wishing to read the SALI bylaws can do so by logging on to SALI.org and viewing Bylaws.

It was announced that Rebecca Klein will be in contact with Rebecca E. Parsons to schedule a class for NTA in October. Approximate cost for NTA will be \$500. Members will pay approximately \$150 for this full-day class. Rebecca and Dianne are in the process of securing the high school art room for this class.

A vote was taken to determine if an NTA Garage Sale on used items and such from our members. We only have 3 votes for YES. If you haven't voted yet, please let Jennifer know a.s.a.p! Dianne Merten reported the high school board of West Lutheran High School and they enthusiastically approved our participation in the school's Wise Penney garage sale. In return for allowing us to use space, we will give the school 10 percent of our sales.

Meeting closed at 7:00pm.

January's Class – Gold Leaf II:

Amy's class was terrific. We all learned new techniques, including how to antique mirrors and how to apply gold and silver leaf to wood frames. Some of us chose more intricate frames, and others simpler. Whichever was chosen, they turned out beautifully!

Amy showed us some samples of her own involving applying these leaf products to walls and ceilings, very cool! Amy is very talented indeed!

Northern Territory Artisans Treasury Report

January Totals

Total Income: \$67.00

Total Expenses: \$118.50

Net Income: \$-50.50

Bank Balance: \$1,490.07

Upcoming Classes:

March 10, 2008 – French Restaurant and Venetian Suede

Simple finishes that are sophisticated and offer the perfect backdrop for any level of interior design.

Cost for members \$35 (non-members \$45)

Instructed by Jennifer Huehns

April 14, 2008 - Clouds and Dramatic Skies

In this class, you will learn brush techniques and color recipes to paint dramatic skies and clouds for those big murals. The instructor will provide you with 2 brushes.

Cost for members \$35 (non-members \$45)

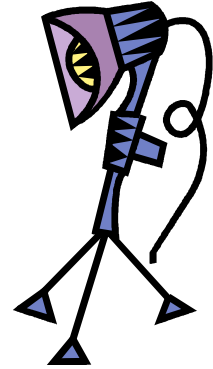
Instructed by Dianne Merten

REBECCA E. PARSON'S is coming October 11th!

Watch for more information on this one-day, all-day class.

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!
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