


Brushmarks & Paintspots

ILLINOIS HEARTLAND DECORATIVE ARTISTS, INC

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<p>IHDA Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Date: February 17, 2024 Time: 9:00 AM Where: Rantoul Rec Center OR *Zoom - requires 24-hour notice to Jo Menacher</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Retreat committee will have a short meeting following the club meeting. Work schedules will be available for sign-up.</i>• <i>Let's paint together after the meeting...bring your brushes, paints, and a project of your choice!</i>	<p>IHDA Events</p> <hr/> <p>2024 Retreat</p>  <p><i>Creative Escape</i> April 25, 26 & 27, Save the Date</p>

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2024 Board Meetings:	
January – 1/04 – 5pm	July – 6/27 – 5pm
February – 2/01 -5pm	August – (No meeting)
March – 2/29 – 5pm	September – 9/05 – 5pm
April – none	October – 10/03 – 5pm
May – 5/02 – 6pm	November – 11/07 5pm
June – 5/30 -6pm	December – (No Meeting)
2024 BUSINESS MEETINGS	
January – 20	July – 20
February – 17	August – (No meeting)
March – 16	September – 21
April 25, 26, 27, 2024 IHDA Spring Retreat	October – 19
May – 18	November – 23??
June – 15	December – (No Meeting)
**Please note that if you ever have questions whether a scheduled meeting/event will occur, please feel free to contact an officer before you travel to confirm that everything is still on.	
Newsletter Deadline: Please, e-mail your report or information to the Editor, Nancy Bellmore. March 2024 articles are due by March 1, 2024.	



From the President:

Hello February! Can you show us some love already? These dreary, cloudy days have been relentless! I find solace in my comfy chair, armed with a cup of coffee, my notebook, seed catalogs, and YouTube Garden videos. I must say, I have run across some great exercise videos on YouTube geared for adults of a "certain age" - so I forced myself to do a few and I have to admit they are kind of fun and I do work up a sweat even doing yoga sitting in a chair! Who knew?

I have managed between slowly putting away all my Christmas decorations, to carve out some time to paint! I'm finishing some ornaments that should have been given to a couple new babies in our family back at Christmas! Joanie, you were right, I should have started them a lot sooner!

I am SO looking forward to sunnier days and our Spring Retreat! The catalog is out and there are many great classes to choose from. I hope you will join us! There are also a couple of seminars in the works for this year, so look for details in the newsletters.

More discussion and decisions are needed regarding our craft sale in November, so I hope to see many of you at our February 17th meeting. We need a chair for Projects from Within so be thinking about that. Since there is no set project for after the business meeting, just bring something you would like to work on. It is always fun to see what others are painting! I am sure there are a few UFOS out there!

Don't forget, February 29th is making an appearance again, so LEAP into greatness on this extra day of the year! Happy Valentines Day to all you Lovely IHDA members and as Charles Schultz said, "All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt".

Blessings to all!
-Joyce



January Birthday which was missed by mistake (so sorry)! – 01/02 Beckie Underwood

February Birthdays:

02/10 Susan Herricks
02/18 Michelle Pollheim

Engineering...

You have the option to meet at the Rantoul Rec Center in person or connect with us on ZOOM. ZOOM is easy and if you need help, just ask. I hope all will join us in the way that will be most comfortable for you.

When gathering in Rantoul, please let Liz and Faye know by *Thursday before the meeting so they can set up seating for each of us.*

Refreshments for February:

Pat Adametz, Faye Colwell and Joyce Quinlan

Liz Orr - email: Auntwizzy2@aol.com
217 778-1991

Faye Colwell - email: istampwithu@yahoo.com
217-893-1097



If you are not planning on attending in person, please consider connecting with us on ZOOM...it's easy and we would love to see you! Jo will email the link out a few days before the meeting to anyone interested in joining us. Any questions, please contact Jo Menacher at: jomenacher@gmail.com

Membership...

Have you renewed your membership for 2024? Dues are \$20 and were due by January 31st. Membership form is attached to this newsletter.

Pat Adametz



Chapter Concerns...

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with health issues: Doris Elam, Liz Orr, Terry Kohl, Sharon Davis, Marilyn Pettice and Nancy Bellmore's husband, Bruce. Joan Dawdy's right eye is now doing wonderfully, so pray her left eye will respond as well.

Please let Joanie know if you have any concerns.

Joanie Dawdy, Corresponding Secretary
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Projects from Within...

We are seeking a chairman for this committee. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Joyce Quinlan.

Meanwhile, let's paint! Bring a project of your choice and join us following the meeting to do what we all love to do! Maybe it's something you have been wanting to finish or possibly something new...or something for the craft sale in November! Please pack up those brushes and paints and plan to join us! Can't wait to see what you will be working on!

Behind every crafter is a huge pile of craft supplies they're definitely going to use. Someday.....



Here's your chance...

Jo Menacher will be bringing a variety of stencils (some new and some used) to the February and March meetings. These stencils were originally purchased by either the club or the retreat and used for previous craft sale projects or retreat classes. Club members get first choice to buy any of these at a reduced price. After the March meeting they will be packed up and taken to the retreat to be sold or used for Lucky Bucks.

Fundraiser...

Plans are under way for the first (of many, we hope) "Circle of Friends Artisan Market" which will be held at the Rantoul Rec Center on November 15th & 16th.

The committee is working hard to figure out all the details. Crafters will consist of IHDA members as well as others highly recommended by IHDA members pending available space. If you would like to get in on the ground floor planning this event, we invite you to join this committee. More details will be revealed as the planning continues.



Creative Escape!

April 25, 26 & 27, 2023

Woo Hoo! The catalog is finished and has been emailed out as well as uploaded to the IHDA webpage. Completed registration forms are already coming back so do not wait to sign up for classes! We are not printing extra hard copies of the catalog, so if you want one you need to let us know prior to the February meeting! The PDF version may be downloaded from our website at www.IHDA.us.

Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to the plate and is offering classes. We can't do this retreat without everyone pitching in. We have a nice variety of mediums and skill levels. Thursday includes time for prep work, several make-it-take-it classes, and an evening meal. Similar to last year, the weekend retreat fee excludes overnight lodging. If you are planning to stay on the 4-H Memorial Campgrounds, please include a separate check for the lodging fee with your registration fee.

We are all looking forward to spending time together, being creative, good food and beautiful surroundings! I have already been fielding phone calls and emails from several former attendees that are hoping to join us this year so if you want a particular class, don't wait too long to send your registration in! All classes will have a limit of 15 attendees so keep that in mind!

Teachers - Please bring your sample pieces to the February Chapter Meeting!

Committee will meet following the club meeting.

Thanks— Jo Menacher
Retreat Chairman
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Seminars...

Seminar planning for 2024, 2025 and beyond is underway!

We are excited to announce **Deb Mishima as our guest Artist for Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th.**

In addition, we are excited to announce **Tracy Moreau as our guest Artist for Friday, July 26th and Saturday, July 27th.**

Each of these wonderful Artists ... Deb and Tracy are designing special projects for their individual 2-day Zoom Seminars!!! Looking forward to seeing their beautiful pieces of art and to paint along with them. We anticipate having all data for our March Newsletter.

“Time is round and it rolls swiftly by” ... do not wait, join us now for the calendar year of 2024 and you will be ready to sign up at our member price. Whatever level of painter you may be, if you wish to continue your interest in decorative painting, join us. Keep in mind that joining IHDA also provides you the opportunity to participate in our seminars whether in person or via zoom at the member rate.

Our IHDA organization prides itself in being fortunate to present numerous Artists offering specific styles and mediums, increasing our knowledge and teaching us new techniques. We encourage everyone to share the opportunities we offer. Our seminars and local events are posted on numerous Facebook painting websites, by word of mouth, and on our website: IHDA.us

NOTE: Be sure to mark your calendars so you do not miss the chance to learn from these awesome Artists.

Judy McCoy-Lindauer, Seminar Chair



Lucky Bucks and Goody Bags for 2024...

Spring Cleaning? Thinning out your stash? Bought too much? Running out of room? The Lucky Bucks committee is looking for donations to be used as Lucky Buck items. Please consider donating your new or almost new items (that you don't use) to Lucky Bucks for the IHDA Spring Retreat!

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Painting tip:



Tracy Moreau

Aug 31, 2023 · 🌐

Painting tip:

Having trouble getting just the right amount of water in the brush?? (Floating , shading Highlighting etc)

Paper towel or Shop towels for blotting, often takes out too much and not blotting leaves too much in.... try blotting your brush on a damp cellulose Sponge. (kitchen sponge) Wet the sponge thoroughly, and squeeze the excess water out. The sponge should be wet but not drip when squeezed. it is now dry enough to draw the excess water from your brush with out removing all of it.

(you also wont pick up any fuzzy bits... fuzzy bits drive me nuts)



Illinois Heartland Decorative Artists, Inc.
Monthly Meeting
January 20, 2024

President Joyce Quinlan called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those attending in person were Joyce Quinlan, Pat Adametz, Jo Menacher, Caryl Nuckols, Dorothy Engdahl, Shirley Dammerman, Judy McCoy-Lindauer, Nancy Bellmore, Faye Colwell, and Janet Wilson. Attending on Zoom: Terry Kohl.

Thought for the day: "The world you see is created by what you focus on. It is never too late to adjust your lens."

Secretary – Nancy Bellmore – November minutes were published in the January 2024 newsletter. There were no corrections and the minutes stand approved.

Vice President – Pat Adametz – Members to date: 19.

January Birthdays: None

A motion was made by Caryl Nuckols that when the birthday brush supply is gone, we will discontinue giving out birthday brushes. Giving the option of a \$5 bill will be discontinued immediately. Second by Faye Colwell. All were in favor.

Treasurer – Jo Menacher – Reported as of January 19, 2024, the current financial information. Jo also presented the 2024 budget.

Corresponding Secretary – Joan Dawdy – (not present) We just heard this morning that Marilyn Pettice had a mini stroke but is doing well. Please keep Doris Elam, Faye Colwell, Liz Orr, Terry Kohl and Nancy Bellmore's husband, Bruce, in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to deal with health issues. Joan Dawdy is scheduled to have another procedure on her eyes.

Newsletter – Nancy Bellmore/Caryl Nuckols – Newsletter articles are due by February 1, 2024, for the February newsletter.

Spring Retreat – Jo Menacher – Creative Escape, April 25-27, 2024

Catalog is finished and is available on our website www.ihda.us. It was necessary to increase rates by \$25 this year. Have already received 5 registrations. Looking for donations for Lucky Bucks! Faye will have tape and Dorothy post-it-notes.

Education – Kim Wayne – (not present) Postcards were addressed at board meeting and mailed.

Engineering – Faye Colwell – keep Faye informed if you know of needed supplies. Liz Orr and Faye will co-chair this committee moving forward. Sign-up for refreshments. Respond to both Faye and Liz when letting them know if you are attending the meeting. Refreshment committee for February will be Faye, Pat & Joyce.

Projects & Donations – Doris Elam – absent – no report

Projects From Within – Terry Kohl has stepped down and we now need a chairman for this committee. For now, it would be great if everyone would bring something to work on for the craft sale.

Seminars – Judy McCoy-Lindauer – Deb Mishima has committed but we have not decided on a date. Tracy Moreau will be on zoom July 26 & 27. Judy will be working on rates for these seminars. Reminder that this is the last year to use your merit certificates.

Fund Raiser – A date has been decided upon: November 15 & 16. Therefore, monthly meeting will be moved to November 23rd. Lots to figure out...sale times, measure for booth/table spaces, what to charge

Old Business/New Business –

It was decided that we do not need to pursue sales tax exemptions status at this time.

The board recommends anyone interested in the Annual Painting and Craft Expo on June 24-29, 2024 (sponsored by Painting World and Viking Woodcraft) make their own plan/carpool with others.

Next Monthly Meeting – February 17, 2024

Next Board Meeting – February 1, 2024, weather permitting, 5pm at Joyce's house.

Meeting Adjourned – at 10:41 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bellmore, Secretary

