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IHDA Monthly Meeting

Date: **January 20, 2024**
Time: **9:00 AM**
Where: **Rantoul Rec Center**
OR
***Zoom - requires 24-hour**
notice to Jo Menacher



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Happy New Year!

IHDA Events

2024 Retreat



Creative Escape
April 25, 26 & 27,
Save the Date

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**FIRST
CLASS**

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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)
2023 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. February 2024 articles are due by February 1, 2024.	



From the President:

Welcome 2024 and fellow IHDA members! Cheers to new beginnings! I sincerely hope that your holiday season was a joyful one.

There is so much to look forward to in our club this new year. Opportunities to learn, paint and create within our seminars and Spring Retreat. We voted at the November meeting last year to go forward with hosting our own small craft sale in November of this year! It will take place at the Rec. Dept where our meetings are held. Several dates are available and there are so many details to work out, so stay tuned for more information on that!

So, in this new year, what is your wish for IHDA? Do you have any projects that you think we should/could pursue? Any ideas or thoughts on activities or what you'd like to see happening at meetings? Your board is always open to new thoughts and ideas so please let us know!

I want to thank the officers and committee chairs for continuing in their roles and all members near and far, for rejoining. We obviously wouldn't exist without all of you so THANK YOU! I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our January 20th meeting! In the meantime, I want to wish you all a Happy New Year filled with joy, good health and countless reasons to smile!

-Joyce



Happy Birthday

There are no January Birthdays...

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 me know by Thursday before the meeting so we can set up seating for each of us.

Refreshments for January:

Pat Adametz, Shirley Dammerman, and Afreda Hopper

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 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, and Sharon Davis. Joan Dawdy is having one last eye procedure for scar tissue. Bruce Bellmore (Nancy's husband) still struggling with health issues and will go to Barnes in St. Louis for another opinion.

Please let Joanie know if you have any concerns.

Joanie Dawdy, Corresponding Secretary
joaniedpaints@gmail.com

Something to think about...

An advertisement for the Annual Painting & Craft Expo. The background is a dark green forest scene. The text is white and pink. It says "READY FOR A NEW CONVENTION?" in pink, followed by "It's a great new annual event in the heart of the Smokies! More than just a painting show, there will be vendors with crafts, art, supplies, demonstrations and all your favorite teachers with great classes! Giveaways, swag bags, inexpensive hotel rooms, and a great city to go shopping, all in a really convenient location in Chattanooga!" in white. Below that, it says "FOLLOW US to keep up on news & details!" in white. The main title "Annual Painting & Craft Expo" is in white, with a large pink ampersand. At the bottom, it says "June 24-29, 2024" and "Chattanooga Convention Center, TN" in white.



Creative Escape! ***April 25, 26 & 27, 2023***

Classes, Classes, Classes! We are preparing for our 2024 Painting Retreat - Creative Escape! I am working on completing the catalog so I can't really say how the classes will be laid out at the writing of this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to the plate and is offering classes. We can't do this retreat without everyone pitching in. The catalog will be available at the meeting for those of you who requested hard copies. It will be ready for download on the website also. April 2024 will be here before you know it!

Thanks— Jo Menacher
Retreat Chairman
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Education...

Over 100 postcards were prepped in early January and mailed to area high schools advertising the IHDA \$500 Education Scholarship. The website has been updated with the updated application. The postmark deadline for 2024 applications is March 9th.

Kim Wayne, Chairman

Projects from Within...

There will not be a project this month. Stay tuned for future projects.



Seminars...

Seminar planning for 2024, 2025 and Beyond is underway!!! I have reached out to several Artists and waiting to finalize.

Many Artists have shared their talents with members of IHDA. I have had the pleasure of scheduling and organizing these events for a few years and in that time, we have been honored to host Shara Reiner, Maxine Thomas, Mark Menendez, Mark Polomchak, Lynne Andrews, Janice Miller, Ruth Green, Annamarie Oke, Jamie Mills-Price, Ros Stallcup, etc.

“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 the members price when our seminars are announced. So, while we all wait to learn who our Artists will be, complete the registration form attached to our newsletter and available on our website listed below. If you are a beginner and would enjoy learning more, or, 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.

IHDA 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

If you have a favorite Artist you wish to paint with, let me know at: mccoylindauer@yahoo.com ... our next monthly meeting is Saturday, January 20th, held in Rantoul, IL 9am ...arrive early!

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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Judy McCoy-Lindauer mccoylindauer@yahoo.com



Art is what we call...the thing an artist does. It's not the medium or the oil or the price or whether it hangs on a wall or you eat it. What matters, what makes it art, is that the person who made it overcame the resistance, ignored the voice of doubt and made something worth making. Something risky. Something human. Art is not in the ...eye of the beholder. It's in the soul of the artist.

Seth Godin

2023 Fundraiser Wrap-Up...

Thanks to everyone for their time, talent & donations to support a successful fundraiser in 2023. Between participating in the show & personal purchases, the Fundraiser grossed \$1,030. Expenses totaled \$112.62 leaving a net profit of \$917.38 for the club.



Painting tip:

Do your texture mediums, modeling paste, etc., keep drying out???

Cut a small piece of shop towel or sponge and moisten it with distilled water (moist, not dripping). Drop it into the jar and seal tightly. The additional moisture will keep your mediums soft and workable without thinning them. Change it every time you open the jar. Keeping the edges of the jar and the threads of the lid clean as well will help the jars seal tightly.

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Illinois Heartland Decorative Artists, Inc.
Monthly Meeting
November 18, 2023

President Joyce Quinlan called the meeting to order at 9:40 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, Joanie Dawdy, Sharon Davis, Alfreda Hopper, Sherry Cundiff,

Marilyn Pettice, with Nancy Bellmore and Terry Kohl on ZOOM.

Thought for the day: “You are the artist of your life. Don’t give the paintbrush to anyone else!”

Secretary – Nancy Bellmore – October minutes were published in the November 2023 newsletter. There were no corrections and the minutes stand approved.

Vice President – Pat Adametz – Members to date remain at 45.

November and December Birthdays: Kim Wayne, Joan Dawdy, Sherry Cundiff and Linda LaRocca.

Treasurer – Jo Menacher – Reported as of November 18, 2023, the current financial information.

Corresponding Secretary – Joan Dawdy – Sharon Davis had another stroke and is with us today (thanks to her son for bringing her). Joan Dawdy is scheduled to have eye surgery. Nancy Bellmore’s husband has been in and out of the hospital and continues to have health problems.

Newsletter – Nancy Bellmore/Caryl Nuckols – Newsletter articles are due by January 4, 2024, same day as the board meeting.

Spring Retreat – Jo Menacher – Creative Escape, April 25-27, 2024 – Project deadline has been extended and due today, November 18th. Keep perusing your private stashes for any items you would like to donate to Lucky Bucks!

Education – Kim Wayne – Kim was absent today but Joyce read a thank you note received from St. Thomas Moore High School.

Engineering – Faye Colwell – keep Faye informed if you know of needed supplies. Kim Wayne said she would be able to help set up.

Projects & Donations – Doris Elam – absent – no report
Projects From Within – Terry Kohl – Caryl Nuckols will teach a project at the January 20th meeting.

Seminars – Judy McCoy-Lindauer – waiting for responses from possible artists: Tracy Moreau, Debbie Mishima, France Quirion for zoom seminars in 2024 or

2025 and Mark Polomchak and his watercolor for a return visit.

Fund Raiser – The Bakeless Bake Sale is still going on for anyone that wishes to contribute. The Fund Raiser was November 3rd & 4th, held at the Champaign County Farm Bureau building on Country Fair Drive, Champaign. Thank you to all who helped load, unload, setup, worked shifts, donated items to sell, and tear-down and return props to Jo Menacher’s garage. Thanks to Jo for donating the use of those props and keeping track of the cash box. The show, for the most part, was a success. Thoughts on continuing participation? Possibility of our own show here at the rec center next year. Discussion began by noting we could have a club bake sale; we could sign up

vendors and rent tables/spaces. This could be considered the return of a “Mini Chris Cringle” and then maybe another name would be better. The club voted to move forward with organizing our own craft show to be held at the rec center in November 2024. A new committee will

be formed and the sign-up sheet has several names already. Judy and Joyce might be co-chairs. As a club, our members should work throughout the year on items to donate for the sale.

Old Business/New Business – Officers were elected for 2024 and all were duly installed at the November meeting.

2024 Slate of Officers:

Joyce Quinlan – President; Pat Adametz – Vice President; Nancy Bellmore - Secretary; Joan Dawdy -Corresponding Secretary; Jo Menacher – Treasurer.

Any continuing thoughts on a possible trip to Chattanooga, TN for the Annual Painting and Craft Expo on June 24-29, 2024 (sponsored by Painting World and Viking Woodcraft)

A big thank you to everyone for being a part of IHDA! Looking forward to next year and all the good things it will bring.

Next Monthly Meeting – January 20, 2024

Next Board Meeting – January 4, 2024, weather permitting, 5pm at Joyce’s house.

Meeting Adjourned – at 10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bellmore, Secretary (with the assistance of Judy McCoy-Lindauer)