

Brushmarks & Paintspots


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<p>IHDA Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Date: March 16, 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</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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**FIRST
CLASS**



From the President:

March Greetings to All!
 Finally, after a long (well sort of) winter March promises longer and warmer days. With St. Patrick's Day, Easter (sometimes) and the arrival of spring, March gives us many reasons to celebrate. What's your reason? Do we even need a reason? Absolutely not! Celebrate everyday- as life is a gift!

Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's seminars with Deb Mishima, and Tracy Moreau in June and July respectively. Stay tuned to see what projects will be offered. (Only great ones of course!) 😊

If you haven't already done so, register soon for IHDA's Spring Retreat "Creative Escape" April 25, 26, & 27th. I think of it as MY great escape! Three days filled with GREAT projects, a GREAT chance to meet new friends or reconnect with old friends, enjoy GREAT food - all in the beautiful setting of Allerton Park and the 4-H Camp. Please join us - it'll be GREAT!

I would like to take a moment and thank Dorothy Engdahl for stepping up as our Projects from Within chair. We're happy to have you back at our meetings year-round! I would also like to thank my board of directors and all other committee chairs! Without your hard work and dedication, we would not exist. I SO appreciate you all!

I hope to see many of you at our next regular meeting on March 16th. Until then, get outside and enjoy all those spring blossoms and blooms and celebrate new life!
 Spring blessings to you all!

-Joyce



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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
	November – 23
May – 18	
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. May 2024 articles are due by May 2, 2024.	



March and April Birthdays:

03/09	Judy Meyer
03/16	Edda Freeman
03/21	Josie Beisswanger
03/23	Jo Menacher
03/24	Charlotte Craft
03/30	Judi Maxson
04/09	Bunnie Ohman
04/11	Doris Elam
04/12	Sue Link
04/13	Shirley Dammerman
04/16	Bonnie Lehman
04/19	Judy Reitz
04/27	Linnea Rydout

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 March: Judy McCoy-Lindauer and Nancy Bellmore

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 paid your dues for 2024? If you haven't this is your last IHDA newsletter. Dues are January-December, no matter what month you paid last year. Just \$20, no late fees! Membership form is attached to this newsletter. We hope you will join us for another fun year with IHDA!

Pat Adametz, Vice President



Chapter Concerns...

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with health issues: Doris Elam, Marilyn Pettice, Nancy Bellmore's husband, Bruce, Joan Dawdy, Judy Meyer and Faye Colwell.

Please let Joanie know if you have any concerns.

Joanie Dawdy, Corresponding Secretary
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Projects from Within...

Thank you, Dorothy Engdahl, for stepping up and agreeing to chair this committee!

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 on joining us! Can't wait to see what you will be working on!



Creative Escape!

April 25, 26 & 27, 2023

Woo Hoo! The weekend will be here before we know it! At this point in time, we are nearing 35 registrations and 50 is not out of reach! The catalog has been emailed out as well as uploaded to the IHDA webpage. We are not printing extra hard copies so if you want one you need to let us know prior to the March meeting! The PDF version may be downloaded from our website at www.IHDA.us. Remember that you can pay up to half of your registration fee with Merit Certificates before this option disappears.

Let me thank 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. Like last year, the weekend retreat fee excludes overnight lodging, so if you are planning on staying on the 4-H Memorial Campgrounds, please include 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 been fielding phone calls and emails so if you are wanting 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: Don't forget to bring your sample pieces to the meeting!

Committee: There will be a committee meeting after the March Club meeting to sign-up for job responsibilities and to chat about logistics. As of the writing of this article, the Covid-19 guidelines issued by the State of Illinois and University of Illinois Extension have reverted to mainly pre-covid guidelines of basic hygiene. Everyone will need to assess their personal comfort level and be respectful of others and their decisions.

Thanks— Jo Menacher, Chairman



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! Any donations may be brought to the chapter meeting. Contact Nancy Bellmore, Judy McCoy-Lindauer or Jo Menacher with any questions!

Jo Menacher jomenacher@gmail.com

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Judy McCoy-Lindauer- mccoylindauer@yahoo.com

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 Buck!

Cleaning out your paint room?

Bring any unwanted paints to the retreat to be donated to the 4-H Camp.



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.



What's Cookin' in Caryl's kitchen...

CHICKEN TETRAZZINI

16 oz. Linguini, cooked
½ cup butter or oleo, softened
4 chicken breasts, cooked and diced
2 cans cream of chicken soup
2 cups sour cream
1 tsp kosher salt
½ tsp ground pepper
½ cup chicken broth
2 tablespoons parmesan cheese
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

1. Cook noodles according to box instructions. Set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine butter, cooked chicken, soups, sour cream, salt, pepper and chicken broth. Mix well and add cooked noodles.
3. Spray/grease 9x13 pan and pour in noodle mixture. Sprinkle cheeses on top.
4. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes



Seminars for 2024, 2025 & Beyond...

Seminar planning for 2024, 2025 and Beyond is underway!!!

We are excited to announce Deb Mishima as our guest Artist for Friday, June 7th & Saturday, June 8th along with Tracy Moreau as our guest Artist for Friday, July 26th & 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 designs and to paint along with them. **We will be sending another mailing with their detailed registration information soon!**

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



Happy Easter!

Illinois Heartland Decorative Artists, Inc.
Monthly Meeting
February 17, 2024

President Joyce Quinlan called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those attending in person were Joyce Quinlan, Pat Adametz, Jo Menacher, Caryl Nuckols, Dorothy Engdahl, Faye Colwell, Josie Beisswanger, and Alfreda Hopper.

Thought for the day: "A great attitude is like a perfect cup of coffee – don't start your day without it."

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

Vice President – Pat Adametz – Members to date: 24. Dues for 2024 can still be submitted. Although we are not implementing a late fee, please try to pay your dues in a timely manner. February Birthdays: None

Treasurer – Jo Menacher – Reported the current financial information.

Corresponding Secretary – Joan Dawdy – (not present) Joan Dawdy is scheduled to have another procedure on her eyes. Doris Elam – surgery, Bruce Bellmore on going health concerns, Marilyn Pettice still having some vision loss from stroke last month.

Newsletter – Nancy Bellmore/Caryl Nuckols – Newsletter articles are due by February 29, 2024, for the March newsletter.

Spring Retreat – Jo Menacher – Creative Escape, April 25-27, 2024
Registrations are coming in. Looking for donations for Lucky Bucks!

Education – Kim Wayne – (not present) no applications yet

Engineering – Faye Colwell – keep Faye informed if you know of needed supplies. Might need some napkins. 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 March will be Nancy and Judy.

Projects & Donations – Doris Elam – absent – no report

Projects From Within – Dorothy Engdahl has agreed to chair this committee. Thank You Dorothy!
It would be great if everyone would bring something to work on for the craft sale.

Seminars – Judy McCoy-Lindauer – Deb Mishima seminar June 7 & 8 – she is preparing fall & winter projects for us. Tracy Moreau seminar set for July 26 & 27.

Fund Raiser – A date has been decided upon: Friday, November 15, 3 – 7 PM, and Saturday, November 16, 8 AM – 3 PM. We are calling this **Circle of Friends Artisan Market** -A creative collection of hand painted folk art, handmade candles, jewelry, crafts, cards, gifts and more!

No admission fee-free will donations accepted – (can use the large jars we used at Chris Cringle coat room) strategically placed.

A Sweet Shoppe will be set up. Members to donate homemade sweet treats.

Crafters will consist of IHDA members or others that come highly recommended by IHDA members pending space availability.

IHDA can have its own area for donated items from members such as ornaments and small lower priced items.

Preliminary drawing of the layout offers booth spaces (8X10) or also the possibility of offering just single tables. Advertising – social media and flyers. Judy has access to extra tables if needed.

Old Business/New Business –

Board suggested continuing with the Bakeless Bake Sale starting in May.

Next Monthly Meeting – March 16, 2024

Next Board Meeting – February 29, 2024, weather permitting, 5pm at Joyce's house.

Meeting Adjourned – at 10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bellmore, Secretary

