



Brushmarks & Paintspots

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**Remember the "importance" of an Active Membership - -
Contributing our Time and Talents.**

< CHAPTER MEETING >

Date: **May 21, 2016**
Time: **9:00 a.m.**
Where: **Recreation Center**
100 E. Flessner Avenue
Rantoul, Illinois
(Old Chanute AF Base)

**NO PARKING ON FLESSNER
ONLY HANDICAP**
Parking allowed on that street.

VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED



"REMINDER"

DON'T FORGET ITEMS....!!

- Chairmen: turn in attendance sheets
- Bring Memory Boxes
- Sign up for May Projects From Within
- Sign up for July Water Color Seminar
- Bring a Friend
- Start Planning your Allerton Retreat 2017 Class!

CHAPTER EVENTS

2016 Seminars:

Mark Polomchak, Water Colorist
July 29th & 30th, 2016

SUPPORT YOUR SEMINARS

National Convention:

June 6 – 11, 2016

"An Artful Journey"

44th Annual SDP International Conference & Expo
will be held in San Diego, California

Hoot 35th Convention:

August 8-13, 2016

"If You Give a Mouse a Paintbrush...!"

Chris Cringle:

The Fluid Events Center

November 11th & 12th, 2016

Contact: Joyce Quinlan & Caryl Nuckols

Allerton Retreat:

April 28th, 29th & 30th, 2017

Theme: To Be Announced

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FIRST CLASS

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2016 Board Meetings:

January – 13 – 6:00pm	July – 6 – 6:00pm
February – 3 – 6:00pm	August – (No Meeting)
March – 2 – 6:00pm	September – 7 – 6:00pm
April – (No Meeting)	October – 5 – 6:00pm
May – 4 – 6:00pm	November – (NO MEETING)
June – 1 – 6:00pm	December – (?)

2016 Chapter Business Meetings

January - 16	July - 16
February - 20	August - (No Meeting)
March - 19	September - 17
April 22, 23, 24, 2016 IHDA Allerton Retreat "CELEBRATE ART!"	October - 15
May - 21	November – Chris Cringle November 11th & 12th Set-up Time: Place: The Fluid Events Center
June - 18	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, "the Thursday before" the scheduled Board Meeting, (June Newsletter articles are due no later than May 26th

From the President:

Greetings!

Every day is a gift.

It has certainly been an interesting journey of highs and lows since my March President's letter and to all of you let me express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for everything you have done. Your cards, calls, prayers, kind thoughts and stories of Donna have meant more than you can know.

Looking backwards, Allerton 2016 was a huge success and I hope that you will mark the 2017 dates on your calendars and start thinking of classes to offer. The 2017 theme will be announced at the May meeting.

Looking forward, Mark Polomchak, Water Colorist, will be joining us on July 29th & 30th, 2016 for a fun two days. Again, please take this opportunity to join us for a fun painting seminar.

I hope many of you will stay and paint with Judi after the meeting with her cute Owl project.

Remember – Everyday is a Gift!

Yours - Jo

May Birthdays!

5/3 Ellen Theesfeld
5/15 Sondra Sipes
5/16 Kathy Stevens
5/18 Barb Bickers
5/26 Caryl Nuckols

Happy Birthday Ladies!

Engineering...

Refreshments will be served promptly - 8:45 a.m.

Refreshment Committee:

Liz Orr, Penne Beckett, Bev Norenberg, Becky Smith.

Your help is always appreciated. Please contribute your time and energy by helping with setting up tables & chairs, making coffee, table decorations, clean-up, etc. Doors are open by 8 a.m. allowing time for prep and set-up by the designated refreshment committee.

Please let me know when running low on any supplies. Contact me with questions and concerns.

Thank you, Barb Bickers, Chairman

Phone: (217) 352-1580

E-mail: Barb1gg@aol.com

Merits...

To all committee chairs: please continue to turn in all attendance sheets monthly.

Jo Colman - Chairman

Membership...

Warm welcome to our new member, Diane McNattin of Champaign. Please add her to your directory.

217-356-4567 (cell)

609 S. Victor St. 61821-3736

Birthday is 1/18.

We will have a short membership committee meeting following the chapter meeting. Committee members -- Beverly Beaird, Nancy Bellmore, Joan Dawdy and anyone else who would like to help plan some fun things for the next meetings.

Please make the following correction/additions to your directory:

Barb Bickers - add 's' to last name

Sharon Davis - correct phone # 217-345-3343

Dorothy Engdahl - birthday 8/25

Liz Orr - Cell - 217-778-1991; work 217-384-1991

Marge Stark - Home - 309-268-9284; cell -309-287-9456

Thank you, Judy Reitz Chairman

Phone: 217-781-2848

Email: reitzjudyflies@yahoo.com

Chris Cringle...

Chris Cringle is just 6 short months away! Contracts are coming in. A reminder to members- if you would like a booth space this year, please let Caryl know. She will get a contract to you.

As always, we need the help of our members throughout the show days. The work schedule will be at the May meeting for you to sign up to work a shift or two..or three..)

Please keep an eye out for potential vendors for the show!

Thanks! Joyce & Caryl

Chapter Concerns...

Please keep the following members (former members) in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with health and personal concerns:

Ellen Theesfeld, Carline Collins, Jo Coleman, Linda Sprouse, Penne` Beckett.

Ellen was scheduled for hip surgery in Indianapolis on May 14th. If you would like to drop her a card, her home address is:

Ellen Theesfeld
2011E 3800N Rd
Rankin, IL 60960

Linda Sprouse was in a car accident in late April and is now recovering in rehab. If you would like to drop her a card, her address at rehab is:

Linda Sprouse
Heddington Oaks
2223 West Heading Ave.
West Peoria, IL., 61604

Allerton Retreat...

Chairman: Jo Menacher

2016 is a fond memory and was a huge success. Let me be the first to thank the Allerton Committee for all their hard work. It takes many hands to pull off this weekend retreat and a lot of behind the scenes work as well.

A special thanks to Caryl Nuckols for her help with all the printing / mailing of the catalogs and class instructions / patterns. Thanks to Alfreda Hopper for being our announcer for the weekend. Thanks to Nancy Bellmore and Sharon Gardner for organizing the food for the weekend and keeping the kitchen running. Thanks to our caterers for serving such delicious meals. Thanks to our Lucky Buck Gals (Rhonda Tucker and Sandra Roesch) for coordinating our Goody Bags and Door Prizes.

Thanks to all who helped run Paint city to distribute class paint to attendees. Thanks to Joanie Dawdy for organizing and teaching the pre-retreat workshop.

Allerton Retreat... (continued)

A special hug to all the class teachers who volunteered their time and talents to share their knowledge with everyone.

YOU make the weekend and we could not do this without you!

All in all we had 99.9% positive comments on the weekend with a few complaints which we will work on for next year – although I am not sure that not being able to connect to the Internet is a bad thing! Again, the flashlights and solar lights were well received. Many attendees brought projects to enter into the “Celebrate Art” project and Sharon Davis won the drawing. Barb Bickers, Jo Menacher and Pam Keiper won the grand prize drawings from the completed thank-you cards.

2017 dates are April 28, 29 & 30. Teacher letters will go out in a couple of months so be thinking about what you would like to teach for next year.

Please note: A contributor vendor list of items given to you in your Goodie Bags at the retreat will be passed out at the May Chapter meeting and will also be available as a PDF under the Allerton Icon on the IHDA website as well as emailed to you. Please support our vendors who contributed to our retreat and let them know you are from IHDA when ordering.

From the Lucky Buck Ladies:

We would like to thank everyone who donated items to the goody bags and lucky bucks as well as all who donated their ‘dollars’ to lucky bucks! - Rhonda & Sandra

Intact Families...

Shirley Dammerman is our May Member of the Month! Congratulations for all you do!

Projects from Within...

A painting project has been scheduled for after the May chapter business meeting.
Taught by: Judi Maxson...

Whoo Hoo Owls

Bring a surface - Judi will be painting on a black bag. You may paint it also on an apron, or your choice of surface, etc. If you are using a fabric surface, bring a hard cardboard or something to put inside or behind your painting area. Attach with tape so it won't move around while you are painting. Judi will have the accessory colors, but she advises you to bring the following base colors:
Titanium white - Carbon black - Burnt Sienna - Warm white
Raw Sienna - Burnt Umber

Bring your basic painting supplies including tracing paper and white transfer paper.

Please let Judi know by May 15th if you are coming so she will know how many packets to prepare.

Judi Maxson - Phone: 309-665-0924 -
Text: 309-310-9964 -- E-mail: jmaxson_98@yahoo.com



This is an adorable project; hope to see many of you coming to paint with us.

The following months have projects scheduled:

June: Joanie Dawdy – Memory Box
July: Judy Reitz – Glass Bottle Project
September: Shirley & Mary Lou-Batik greeting card
October: Barb Bickers – Memory Box

Thanks to all who have volunteered to present a project during 2016!

Thank you, Joanie Dawdy, Chairman
E-Mail: joaniedpaints@gmail.com

Seminars...

Mark Polomchak – (Water Colorist)
July 29th & 30th, 2016 - (Friday & Saturday)
10:00am to 4:00pm

Registration Deadline: June 1st, 2016

A Check for the full amount per day or both days must accompany your registration form to secure your reservation.

No refunds will be given after the June 1st deadline.

The Registration flyer is enclosed in this newsletter for you to fill out along with further information about cost and what is provided.

If you have never painted with Mark before, you are really missing out on a new adventure in learning to paint with his technique in water color...as well as a really good time.

Thank you,
Joanie Dawdy, Co-Seminar Chairman
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The Three Laws of Art

1. **Create:** *The worst it can do is suck,*
2. **Create again:** *Bad art happens to good artists.*
3. **Just Create:** *Art is cheaper than therapy.*

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