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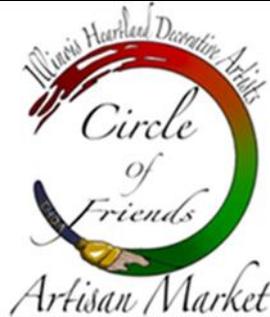
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IHDA Monthly Meeting

Date: September 20, 2025
Time: 9:00 AM
Where: Rantoul Rec Center
OR
*Zoom - requires 24-hour
notice to Jo Menacher



Circle of Friends
Artisan Market
Nov. 14th (3PM - 7 PM)
Nov. 15th (8AM - 3PM)
All hands-on deck!

IHDA Events

2026

Seminars:

Mark Polomchak
July 10th & 11th, 2026

Art, Friends & Fun!
Annual Spring Retreat
April 23, 24, & 25, 2026

Teachers:

**Deadline to submit your
Projects is November 22nd!**

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CLASS**

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2025 Board Meetings:	
January –1/02 – 5pm	July – 7/03– 5pm
February – 1/30 -5pm	August – (No meeting)
March – 2/27 – 5pm	September – 9/04 – 5pm
April – none	October – 10/02 – 5pm
May – 5/01 – 6pm	November – 10/30 5pm
June – 6/05 -6pm	December – (No Meeting)
2025 BUSINESS MEETINGS	
January – 18	July – 19
February – 15	August – (No meeting)
March – 15	September – 20
April 24, 25, 26, 2025 IHDA Spring Retreat	October – 18
	November – 22
May – 17	
June – 21	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. October 2025 articles are due by October 2, 2025.	



From the President:

September Greetings to all!

Can someone tell me where August went? Summer itself seemed to slip by at record speed! I hope you all enjoyed our little respite from meetings and are ready to take up where we left off. If only I could remember where that was! 😊

Time is ticking as we prepare for our upcoming craft sale “Circle of Friends”-November 14-15. Also, fast approaching is the final deadline (November 22-our final meeting for the year) for teachers to turn in Spring Retreat projects. Even if you have never “taught” a class in the past, please consider sharing your talents at this next retreat. It takes quite a few classes to fill all the time slots and we have so many talented members in our club!

I hope to see many of you at our September meeting. I’m looking forward to creating a cute ornament with Sandy Dreher. In the meantime, remember to take time for yourself to slow down and to enjoy the beginnings of this beautiful season of fall.

Blessings to you all!
-Joyce

September 22, 2025





September Birthdays:

09/09	Alfreda Hopper
09/18	Janet Wilson
09/29	Judy McCoy-Lindauer
09/29	Sandy Phillips

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.*

September Refreshments: Pat Adametz, Joyce Quinlan and Charlotte Craft

October Refreshments: Kathy Olinger and Alfreda Hopper

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

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



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

Membership...

Currently, we have 35 paid members for 2025. Do you know someone who is interested in painting and crafting? Invite them to a meeting. We would love to have them join our group!



Chapter Concerns...

Please keep the following members with health issues in your thoughts and prayers: Joan Dawdy as she continues to have problems with her eyes, Faye Colwell is losing her vision, Liz Orr is hospitalized in Maryland, and Doris Elam.

Please let Joanie know if you have any concerns.

Joanie Dawdy, Corresponding Secretary
joaniedpaints@gmail.com



Oops! That would be a "Bake-less" Bake Sale! That's right...you don't even need to turn on the oven...every dollar goes towards the 2026 scholarship fund!

We hope you will support this worthy project. Hey, if you still want to bake that cake or batch of cookies, go right ahead. But won't you please consider donating too!



Projects from Within...

Sandy Dreher has offered to teach this beautiful ornament at our September meeting. A sign-up sheet was at the July meeting. Cost is \$10. Supplies you need to bring: Thimble, Staple Remover, Scissors, and a magnet. Questions? Contact Dorothy Engdahl (217 898-6664) or Sandy Dreher (708 -510-2510).



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Art, Friends & Fun!

IHDA Spring Painting Retreat

April 23, 24 & 25, 2026

Who is Ready for another weekend of Art, Friends & Fun? We are planning for our 2026 retreat on April 23, 24 & 25, 2026 and it is time to start preparing for our Spring Painting Retreat! We need teachers from our MEMBERSHIP! The teacher recruit letters were available at the July Club Meeting.

Please consider what project you would like to teach. It can be acrylic, basket weaving, colored pencil, fabric painting, glass painting, mixed media, oil, sewing, scrapbooking, Stampin' Up, watercolor, etc., whatever fun project you might like to share with the attendees at the retreat. The possibilities are endless. I am looking forward to seeing the submissions come in!

All projects need to be turned in by the November 2025 meeting (11/22/2025) so the catalog can be assembled and ready prior to the January 2026 meeting (1/17/2026).

Thanks— Jo Menacher
Retreat Chairman
jomenacher@gmail.com
217-621-8113



Donations Needed!

Your monetary donations towards the cost of ingredients needed for "Cookies in a Jar" to be sold at the Circle of Friends Artisian Market. Please consider helping out to cover this expense.



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 any club meeting. Contact Nancy Bellmore, Judy McCoy-Lindauer or Jo Menacher with any questions!

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Seminars for 2025 and beyond ~

What a delightful Seminar we had the last weekend in July with France Quirion. France is a beautiful Artist and a wonderful person to visit with and work with on any of her projects. I hope those in her class enjoyed it as much as those of us who gathered in Rantoul.

NOW FOR 2026 ~ We are excited to announce we will be Hosting our friend and awesome Watercolorist Mark Polomchak on Friday, July 10th and Saturday, July 11th, 2026. Projects will be discussed and selected soon. Stay tuned . . . you will not be disappointed!!!

Our Club prides itself in being fortunate to host Artists offering specific styles and mediums, increasing our knowledge, and teaching us new techniques. **If you have a "special Artist" you wish to paint with, PLEASE let me know. Also, if you know of individuals interested in painting, invite them to our monthly meetings.** Our seminars and local events are posted on numerous Facebook sites, and our website: IHDA.us.
Mark your calendars to learn from these Artists.

Judy McCoy-Lindauer, Seminar Chair



November 14th & 15th, 2025

Fundraiser...

Vendor applications are coming in for a space at our Annual "***Circle of Friends Artisan Market***" Fundraiser, held on Friday, November 14th, from 3pm to 7pm and Saturday, November 15th, 2025 from 8am to 3pm. We will again host this event at the Rantoul Rec Center, 100 West Flessner Avenue, Rantoul, IL. Please place this event on your calendars and plan to attend. We hope you will consider contributing your time and talent as we need all our members to participate in some way to help make this a success. Let us know if there are questions, concerns, and additional ideas. Looking for suggestions regarding the easiest way to advertise to the masses while keeping the cost down. Applications for a space, a flyer for distribution and informational cards will be available at the September 20th meeting.

Judy McCoy-Lindauer, Fundraiser Chair



Education...

The 2025 recipient of the IHDA scholarship award is Ellasyn Loudenburg from Heyworth. Moving forward, due to few applications over the past several years, it has been decided that we will award \$ (TBD) to 2 or 3 different school art departments. Post cards (or letters) will be sent out to schools explaining this opportunity and how it will work. Details are still being worked out.



Illinois Heartland Decorative Artists, Inc.
Monthly Meeting
July 19, 2025

At 9:39 AM the meeting was called to order by President Joyce Quinlan. Joyce led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending: Joyce Quinlan, Judy McCoy-Lindauer, Shirley Dammerman, Caryl Nuckols, Dorothy Engdahl, Pat Adametz, Sandy Dreher, and Rita Bartak, Faye Colwell, Alfreda Hopper, Kathy Olinger. Zoom: Nancy Bellmore, Liz Orr, Janet Wilson, and Joan Dawdy. Kathy Olinger brought a guest, Rain Cooper.

Thought for the Day – “Remember to jump into puddles and not to conclusions.”

Secretary Report – Nancy Bellmore – June 2025 minutes were printed in the July 2025 newsletter. There were no corrections. The minutes stand approved.

Vice President/Membership – Pat Adametz reported we currently have 35 members paid for 2025.

Treasurer – Jo Menacher - Reported financial information as of July 17, 2025.

Correspondence Secretary – Joanie Dawdy – Let Joanie know of any member concerns. (Liz Orr, Doris Elam, Faye Colwell, Joanie Dawdy)

Newsletter – Nancy Bellmore & Caryl Nuckols Co-Chairs – Deadline for news articles and reports: September 4, 2025.

Spring Retreat – Jo Menacher (not present)– Art, Friends & Family! April 23, 24 and 25th, 2025. Teachers are needed! Projects must be turned in by 11/22/25 (last club meeting of the year). Lucky Bucks: If you have anything you have decided you do not need, we will be happy to lighten your load. Just let Jo, Nancy or Judy know of any questions.

Education – A motion was made and passes at the June Club Meeting to award a monetary donation to a school(s) in 2026 instead of a single scholarship. Number of schools and amounts to be determined. One suggestion was \$250 to 3 separate school art departments. More discussion to follow.

Engineering – Faye Colwell/Liz Orr – let them know of supplies needed. Thank you, Judy and Shirley for today’s refreshments. September refreshments – Joyce, Pat and Charlotte. Please let Faye and Liz know if you are planning to attend the meeting!

Projects from Within – Dorothy Engdahl – Let Dorothy know if you would like to present a project after any of our meetings. Sandy Dreher will be teaching a fabric ornament at the September meeting. You must sign up if you plan on attending. Cost: \$10.

Projects and Donations – Doris Elam – not present

Seminars – Judy McCoy-Lindauer –France Quirion for Zoom seminar July 25 & 26, 2025. Room is reserved. 20 registered. Project is “A Winter Story”. There is prep work on this project. Judy has Mark Polomchak scheduled for July 2026.

Fundraiser/Craft Sale – Judy McCoy-Lindauer – Room is reserved for November 13, 14, & 15, 2025. Booth Spaces - \$50 for 8X10, \$25 for one Table. Advertising-need to be more aggressive but keeping budget in mind. Thoughts, ideas and suggestions welcome! Requesting donations of quart size, wide mouth canning jars for cookies in a jar (Sweet Shoppe). It was decided that monetary donations are to be made to the club to cover cost of ingredients. Nancy will purchase ingredients and turn in receipts for reimbursement. Applications for booth space are available. Sign-up sheet for booth space and tables.

Old Business/ New Business:

Bakeless Bake Sale is now in progress.

Don’t forget community fairs this summer – Ford County, Champaign County, Fisher Community Fair. Dates are in the newsletter.

Open House at 4-H Memorial Camp at Allerton Park- celebrating 75 years, Saturday, July 19-see details in newsletter. Jo made a display board representing IHDA.

Next Chapter Meeting – Saturday, September 20, 2025
Next Board Meeting –September 4, 2025, 5 PM, Joyce’s House

Meeting Adjourned at 10:28 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bellmore, Secretary