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### ***A Message From Your President***

I am so happy to see what is ahead for this club. We have a nice place to meet and some wonderful projects on the calendar. I personally love to learn and stretch my abilities. I sometimes don't care for a new method, but it is a good experience to paint outside of the comfort zone. How will you know unless you try it at least once? Sounds like moms and kids vs vegetables. I would like to encourage you to come, paint, learn.

I would like to use this forum to encourage you to project some good energy. Lots of it. At every opportunity. I have never seen such divisive, negative, disrespectful and openly rude behaviors. This is not just politics and social media, but in every day contacts. This club is a great place to start. Put the good stuff out there. Smile, compliment, hold a door open, help a senior load groceries in their trunk or hold the cart while they do. Paint something and just give it to someone who admires it. Buy a coffee for a stranger behind you. You get it. Tracy Moreau has a group of Facebook called Random Acts of Kindness All Year long. I believe she is on the right track. The good stuff starts with each of us.

I won't be at the February meeting as Judi Henshaw and I are heading to the Las Vegas painting convention. We will have a show and tell report at the March meeting. Have fun trying Donna Corey's alcohol ink. I know it will be fun and informative. *Kellie*

What is FISH  
By Dottie Bishop

Our community service is Fish. What is Fish? As I was told by Kelly Humphreys Who is in charge of the Food Bank. It is the fish Symbol in the Bible. God's followers Fishers of Men. This Food bank is supported by the Oregon Food Bank for Jackson and Josephine County. This is ran by all Volunteers, no one is paid. Only out put of funds is the rent for the space and Purchases. They Stock and feed the needy. They feed Approximately 1000 per month. 280 -350 Families, 40 to 60 Homeless. Items that they distribute is Bread, fruit, veggies, can food, books, toys. Clothes. and Toiletries. The distributions are on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:30 to 4:00. They are always thrilled when I Drop off our Donations. I must say that Our donations have dropped off quit a bit through the years. I think that is due because so many new members do not understanding what this Organization does for our community. So here is hoping that after reading this article that you will remember to go to the Fish Bowl and drop off your donations.

I Thank You!  
Siskiyou Decorative Artist thanks you!  
FISH thanks you!

Editor note: Our chapter concentrates on supplying toilet paper and the toiletries. And to make it really easy on us, Dottie is willing to do the shopping for us when we put our dollars in the FISH bowl.

Recipe for Designs from the Heart Sealer (no longer in business)  
From Kellie Pomeroy

**Equal parts: Shellac (non yellowing) and Denatured Alcohol.**

Both are affordably priced at any hardware store. But you may ask why use this instead of others? I don't always use this because it is a deep penetrating sealer and some sealers are a type of glue that sits on the surface. These seal wonderfully for harder surfaces. However for a rougher grained surface, ie. pine, this is ideal. It may take extra sanding, but it is truly and deeply sealed.

I use a mason jar with a tight sealing lid. Shake well before use. I apply using a cheap sponge brush, but you could use any brush. This sealer is not water soluble. Don't try to wash your brush. You can either throw the brush away or keep it. I just attach the unwashed sponge brush to the jar with a rubber band and let it get hard. The next time you use the brush it will just reactivate and soften. Magic. And I am into good magic.



Here are a couple of photo's from the library in Applegate. Lois Robinson set up the display case for the month of December.

She also taught a class in January that went real well. She had 4 students. One from Rogue River, one from Medford and 2 from Jacksonville. Sounds like there might be at least one interested in joining the club. Way to go Lois!!!

Thanks for representing our chapter in the Applegate.



A recent article from NPR states that taking time to make something just for the act of being creative - even spending only 10 minutes doodling or playing with paint reduces your stress and anxiety as well as improving your mood.

So this year create space and intention around making arts and crafts this year and see your mind and body benefit from it.

**BUNCO PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**By Julie Veronneau**

Come one, come all to the first gathering of the 2020 Bunco Planning Committee. All are invited to help make the decisions and to be at the core of what's happening for your annual fundraiser.

Monday, March 9th at Abby's Pizza in Rogue River is the location. The meeting will commence shortly after the Board Meeting at approximately 1:00 pm..

Please come and participate because it takes EVERYONE to pull this event off. Please don't leave all the work to the same people all the time. Get involved, be an active member! See you there

**Just Around the Corner**

Our annual Bunco & Holiday Faire is just around the corner ladies. As I sit writing this message on 2/10/20 we only have 271 days until the big day. We all know how fast time flies so it is never too early to plan.

Start planning your painted items or gift baskets now. Get to work on your painting or make a plan for that gift basket so you can pick up things you see on sale to spread the cost out over the year. Life happens as we know it does so plan early.

We also have the table prizes to paint for our guests that are always a big success. It's fun to watch the ladies come in and scouting around for the item that is just perfect for them.

Our door prize stash is low this year as well. Kathy Prewitt and I will be coming to you all for assistance in painting the small to medium sized items for this give away.

As always it takes us all to keep our fundraiser alive and well and it is never too early to start planning and doing. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me. Many thanks to you all, **Julie.**

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I'm not a craft hoarder! I'm the curator of an extensive private craft supply collection!

I've come to the conclusion that buying craft/painting supplies and actually using them are two different hobbies!

## Upcoming Chapter Projects

**March 28, 2020**

Karen Damerow will be teaching a Weathered Wood Design by Tracy Moreau. Wood surface is 7 3/4 by 7 3/4 which can be purchased at Hobby Lobby. Picture and Prep instructions are on the website.



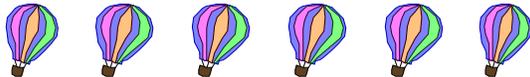
**April 25 & 26, 2020**

Seminar with Janice Miller



More seminar information on page 7 in this newsletter. The sign up sheet for the Seminar can be found on the chapter web site.

My biggest fear is that when I die my family will sell my painting supplies for what I told them they cost.



**March**



Joni Brooks



Donna Corey



**April**



Dorothy Leamons



Marilyn Lopes



Barbara Stuckley



I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year, not to cause any trouble but shouldn't that be an even number????  
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The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Earnest T Bass, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara and, of course, Opie were all single. The only married person was Otis, and he stayed drunk.

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE\***

The deadline for submission of materials to be included in the May-June issue is April 15th.

Please notify the editor by e-mail: artsyclaud@gmail.com. Thank you.

The newsletter is published 6 times a year. If you wish to have an advertisement in the newsletter, please submit it to Claudia Plankenhorn and your check made payable to "SDA" by mail to the Treasurer Marilyn Lopes by the newsletter deadline April 15th. Please notify the Editor of any errors or omissions.

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**Meeting Location**

**Live Oak Grange**

120 Gardiner St.

Rogue River, Or. 97537

The Live Oak Grange Building is at the Northeast corner of Gardiner St. and Arbor St. Parking is on both Gardiner and Arbor Streets. Hope to see you there.

Seminar Updates  
By Kathy Prewitt

The cut off date, Feb 29th, for signing up for the April Seminar with Janice Miller is coming up fast. I will be ordering surfaces on March 1st. The poppies on the music sheet will be prepped and ready to go for class, nothing for us to do ahead of time. I am not sure of the prep for the cardinal. I will have the canvases and prep sheets for this project to give out at the March general meeting. If you can not be at the March meeting please get in touch with me and make arrangements. If you arrange for a friend to pick up your surface for you please let me know who that is so I can track everything. I will be sending out a reminder to everyone who has signed up for snacks, set up and clean up. This will be a fun seminar with lots of learning opportunities, hope you can join us.

The September seminar is with Sandy McTier. I should have samples for us to pick from by the May meeting.

### **We Need Your Help**

One of the perks to belonging to our painting chapter is the of sharing ideas, painting techniques and painting resources. In that vein, we plan to add a page to our website which will feature websites for artists, teachers and painting products recommended by our own members.

If you have a few favorite websites please send them along with a brief description of why you like the site to Karen Damerow at karen7101@hotmail.com. Then plan to visit our website [www.siskiyoudelcorativeartists.com](http://www.siskiyoudelcorativeartists.com) often and check out the new page along with our upcoming projects and photos of our past meetings.

“He who works with his hands is a laborer

“He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman,

“He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist”

St. Francis of Assisi



The Gypsy Tolars of Redlands, CA has invited our chapter to join them for their summer sleepover in July. The event will be at Miracle Spring Resort and Spa in Desert Hot Spring.

If anyone wants to submit a project to teach, they must be in by March 1st. You can check out their web site or call Judy Coates 909-793-9712 for more information.

For all other questions contact Heidi Allison at 909-583-3169.

I hope some of you feel that you can go and represent our chapter.

### Stuck In A Rut!

I don't know about you but during winter I tend to become a hermit. I love to snuggle in with a good book or a good movie and hide from the world. However, when I do this my painting life takes a hiatus too. So how to get motivated back to my brushes?

**1. Schedule, Short, Focused Work Periods-**Decide on an amount of time that you can commit to, don't stress too much how long it is. Even if it's only an hour a week. But schedule this as unbreakable time, an appointment with your creative self. After a while it will come more naturally and the motivation will grow. Start planning and prepping a new project. Spend an hour each week just devoted to finishing a UFO (unfinished object). Just get in there and do it.

**2.Create Space in Your Schedule for Your Craft-**If you have the liberty of a flexible schedule, try working on your art at different times of the day and see which time is most conducive to your finding motivation. For example, try an hour or two in the morning to get your day started. Try to work with your body's natural rhythms, rather than against them, if your busy life permits it.

**3. Acknowledge How Much You Have Accomplished-** Revisiting your own body of work can be a great tool for finding motivation. Take some time to review your past projects and successes to see how far you've come. Someone advised me a long time ago, towards the beginning of my painting, that you always need to take a photo of *ALL* your projects no matter how small. That was fabulous advice. I can go through my photos and remind myself of all I've done. Sometimes you forget all you've accomplished. This is a great way to get a paint brush back in your hands and get a head start on the new year. **Happy painting everyone.**

## Calendar 2020

### February 2020

**Monday, February 10** - 11:30 - Board Meeting, Abby's Pizza, Rogue River

**Saturday, February 22** - 10:00 - Chapter Meeting featuring Donna Corey teaching a project using alcohol inks

### March 2020

**Monday, March 9** - 11:30 - Board Meeting, Abby's Pizza, Rogue River. Bunco Committee Meeting immediately following approximately 1:00 pm.

**Saturday, March 28** - 10:00 - Chapter Meeting featuring Karen Damerow teaching a Tracy Moreau Weathered Wood Design. Various background techniques will also be demoed.

### April 2020

**Monday, April 6** - 11:30 - Board Meeting, Abby's Pizza, Rogue River

**Saturday & Sunday, April 25 & 26** - 9:00 - Seminar with Janice Miller

### May 2020

**Monday, May 11** - 11:30 - Board Meeting, Abby's Pizza, Rogue River

**Saturday, May 16** - 10:00 - Chapter Meeting featuring Lois Robinson teaching a Phyllis Maurer design

### June 2020

**Monday, June 8** - 11:30 - Board Meeting, Abby's Pizza, Rogue River

**Saturday, June 20** - 10:00 - Chapter Meeting featuring Jerri Blake teaching a faux leather technique

### July 2020

**Monday, July 13** - 11:30 - Board Meeting, Abby's Pizza, Rogue River

**Saturday, July 25** - 10:00 - Chapter Meeting featuring Dottie Bishop teaching a "Mandela" project

### August 2020

**Monday, August 10** - 11:30 - Board Meeting, Abby's Pizza, Rogue River

**Saturday, August 22** - 10:00 - Chapter Meeting featuring Kathy Prewitt teaching a winter scene & cardinal

### September 2020

**Monday, September 14** - 11:30 - Board Meeting, Abby's Pizza, Rogue River

**Saturday & Sunday, September 26 & 27** - 9:00 - Seminar with Sandy McTier

### October 2020

**Monday, October 12** - 11:30 - **Board Meeting, Abby's Pizza, Rogue River**

**Saturday, October 24** - 10:00 - Chapter Meeting featuring Judi Henshaw & Cindy Hayashi as teachers

### November 2020

**Saturday, November 7** - 12th Annual Bunco Party & Holiday Faire

**Monday, November 9** - 11:30 - Bunco Committee, Abby's Pizza, Rogue River

### December 2020

**Saturday, December 5** - Chapter **Christmas Party**

**Monday, December 7** - 11:30 - Board Meeting, Abby's Pizza, Rogue River