



Southern Oregon Decorative Artists

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Club Newsletter

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President's Message

I have had a lot off time recently and too much time to think about life. No, I am not going to rant about health and well being. It can certainly be a downward spiral. Instead, I think my energy would be better spent with positivity. We waste entirely too much time on coulda, shoulda, and not enough focus on the better sides of our lives. In that vein, here are some thoughts.

Did you see that strawberry moon? It was absolutely stunning. If I painted a night time scene with a moon like that, even a Halloween scene, it would look so phony. Mother Nature, aren't you amazing!

The rhododendrons in front of my house all bloomed at the same time. It was glorious. I sat in my chair in front of the window and marveled at the variations of color, even in one flower. Of course the bees were loving it. The birds came down to the waterfall for baths and I saw a wide variety of hopping, water tossing and general frolicking. Then I noticed there were so many red dragon flies. Other colors too, but mostly solid orangish red.

I missed going to the SODA meetings, seeing my friends, and even going to my new studio. Then a home health physical therapist showed me how artistically talented her two little girls were, ages 9 and 11, and it fired me up. My PT involved walking to the studio, doing exercises there, and discussing projects a home school working mom could do. It got me fired up that there was another generation coming along who may carry on our traditions.

I quit watching the news for quite some time. It was amazing how much better I felt about the world around me. I remember the adage, "if it bleeds it leads" and decided that hearing about all of the bad news in the outside world, for right now, was not helping me heal from the inside. When all you hear is bad news, it paints in only one color, and plays only one musical note. I want my world to be a full of color and music as I can cram into it.

President's Message continued...

So, my friends, keep seeing the colors in your world. Don't like the color, change it. Add to it. Come share your love of painting with friends at a meeting. Come to Marco's seminar. Even if these would not have been your chosen projects, you will learn so much. You will be outside your comfort zone. Not a bad place to be. You will be entertained. Help with Bunco in any way you can. We have far fewer members who are able to help, so we need everyone to contribute in whatever way you can. Don't forget the sales table. You can sell your items and the club only keeps 10%, plus the club absorbs all credit card fees.

Keep painting, my friends!

Kellie Pomeroy

July Seminar with Marco Aguilar



Saturday & Sunday

July 26 & 27

9:00 am

Just a reminder for those who have registered for the Marco Aguilar seminar to check your calendars for Saturday & Sunday, July 26 & 27. Also remember that seminars begin earlier than regular club meetings. The doors will open at 8:00 am and class will begin at 9:00 am.

Bring your painting supplies, something for the raffle table and maybe a goody to share for when the munchies attack. Remember, lunch will be served.

We will be taking Marco to dinner at Cartwright's Taprock Grill in Grants Pass on Saturday evening after class. Dinner on Sunday night will be at Tarasco Mexican restaurant right there in Rogue River. If it's in your budget, please join us as it's a lovely way to end the day of painting and visit more with Marco.

See you there!

Julie

PS - Make sure to read the seminar information sheet that can be found on the Members Only page of our website. This sheet lists brushes and other supplies you will need for the seminar.



Ladies, as I write this, we are 100 days away from the Bunco party. That seems like a long way off, but summer always speeds away.

Our goal this year is to have 40 baskets or stand-alone art pieces for raffle prizes. At this point we are not even halfway there.

We are doing well with the party favors but still need to have more door prizes turned in.

I know we are asking a lot from each of you, but that is what it takes to keep this club going. Please get those brushes busy!

Kathy

August Club Meeting

Make sure to save the date, Saturday, August 23.

Jamie Mills-Price will be teaching that day and you don't want to miss it!

More information will be available on the website soon.

Kids these days want the iPhone 7 When I was younger, I just wanted the Crayola 64



Treasure Boxes



FISH Charity

Hello SODA Ladies,

As you know, we have one community charity commitment that our club supports.

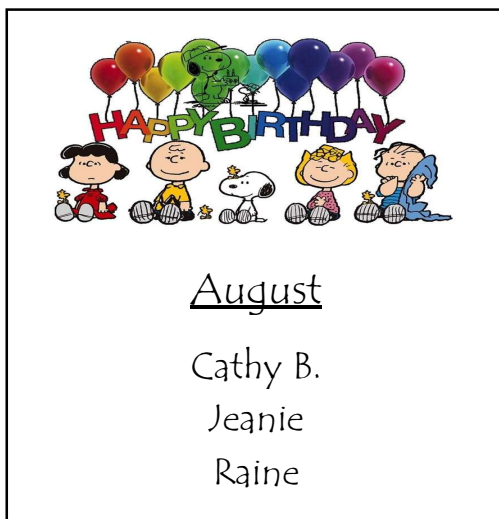
Prices continue to rise everyday and the food banks are struggling.

So, if we could just drop a few dollars or coins in the fish bowl we can help them out.

We as a club appreciate all you can do.

Thank you,

Dottie the FISH Lady



I feel like I'm in a good place. Not mentally. I'm just at the donut shop.



I posted a photo of my clean craft room and it was removed, flagged as "Fake News"

Julie's Poppyseed Cake

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 pkg instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 1/2 Tbsp poppyseeds
- 1 cup hot water

Mix all ingredients together and beat on medium speed for about 2 minutes.

Bake in a greased and floured Bundt pan at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

Let stand 10 minutes before turning out to cool. When cool spread with glaze or dust with powdered sugar.

Glaze

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp softened butter
- 1/4 tsp vanilla
- 1 Tbsp sour cream (If not available, you may substitute vanilla yogurt or milk)

Mix ingredients together. If needed, add drops of milk to get the proper consistency.



Southern Oregon Decorative Artists Meeting Location - Live Oak Grange

120 Gardiner St., Rogue River, Oregon

The Live Oak Grange is at the northeast corner of Gardiner & Arbor Streets with parking available on both streets.

We hope to see you there!