



Silver State Toile & Decorative Painters

May 2020 Newsletter

President's Message

Hi Everyone!

First of all, I was so overwhelmed with all the chaos last month, I don't remember addressing the March meeting. Thank you very much Janet Mitchell for teaching the Sunflower Farm plaque at the March meeting. All the ones that were shared looked phenomenal and I'm really sorry I had to miss the class.

And speaking of meetings, ***the Board has decided to cancel the May meeting.*** The country is just now thinking about rolling out in several stages and we want to make sure our members stay safe and healthy. We will assess again in mid-May and decide about the June meeting, provided the church is open.

We are only taking this one month at a time. If we have a June meeting we will pay

close attention to the social distancing and use all the tables in the room. Janet Mitchell will be returning to teach us a multi-media piece.

I hope you have been putting your time to good use. Have you painted some memory boxes for Nanette's distribution to the hospital(s) and mortuary? Have you worked in your sketchbook, or tried a new technique/different surface than you're used to? Have you been cleaning out your painting area and making a raffle basket with the treasures you found?

Whatever you are doing, I hope you are feeling productive. I hope to see your projects at the next meeting!

Until we can meet again, happy painting!!

Pat G

Birthdays

Sue Crump—May 14

Sheila Hughes—May 15

Shayron Monahan—May 29

Gwen Palmer—May 31

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These are strange times, as you all know. I have never, in the thirty years that I've been painting, been able to paint as much as I've wanted to. Until now. I hope you are all getting a similar opportunity and are enjoying it as much as I am.

As for news, I will tell you what we all know--we all hope to be together again soon. Although it can't be May 11, as our GIFT day has been canceled. I am hoping its June 13 for our workshop with Janet Mitchell, Steampunk Pumpkin. Janet is planning on traveling from her home in California if her and our states' situation have improved enough by then to allow it, and if the church is open to us. She is willing to reschedule this class to a later date if the board determines it must be canceled. So, rest assured, we will be having it no matter what, even if it sits in next year's lineup.

The wood kit for this class is available online at bearwithusinc.com, item #3287.

Please email me directly if you would like to take the class. I will email you all the class details and the prep sheet for you to print out. If you can't print, request a hard copy and I will mail it to you. Payment for the class will be due when we find out for sure we can have it. This way you can all get started with your prep and get your supplies. I hope to be hearing from you!

As for our canceled April class, Winter Menu, some of you had already gotten started and would most likely want to be able to finish. That class has been rescheduled to October and signups reopened, as our class for that month had to be canceled for other reasons.

I hope this answers all your questions! Feel free to email me or call. Patty Clark will have information on the July class, if you'd like to contact her. Thanks, Patty!

Stay healthy and happy painting!

Judith Gibson

Ideas to Cope with Stay-at-Home Order

It would seem that in our current state of enforced “stay at home,” that we should be relaxing and enjoying the time. So how are you coping?

I find that one of the most difficult hurdles for me these days is staying focused. There is no end to the projects around the house that I have used my well-honed procrastination skills to avoid. Cooking and baking (which I truly enjoy) are now becoming a challenge as I search for a different way to cook hamburger or use those leftovers! If that isn't enough, watching the daily world news seems to act as a sure-fire way to dampen my spirit.

It is times like this that I need a plan and perhaps you do too! Here are a few ideas that I have found to help.

- 1) **Set a time** just to let your mind and hands enjoy creating and painting. You may only finish one little thing or a step in the process. It doesn't need to be a completed project. Just one step and you're heading in the right direction.
- 2) **Get the mood going.** Put on some background music to set the tone while you work on that UFO.

- 3) **Enjoy the small pleasures.** This may be as simple as sitting in a chair with your feet propped up on the table and looking at the signs of spring around us or sitting outdoors with that morning cup of coffee.
- 4) **Set a goal.** Make a serious deadline for finishing that Christmas present now instead of waiting until December!
- 5) **Live only in the present.** Stop and observe everything. Don't just admire that daffodil in the garden, smell it and touch those delicate petals. By the way, daffodils are an easy paint project.
- 6) **Count your blessings.** Write your list of blessings then read the list as if it belonged to someone else. Life can suddenly look better!

It's not self isolation.

It's a self-imposed artist residency.

Now get to work!!

When we get together next, bring your show 'n tell!!

Kaye Singer

Winter Splendor: July 11 workshop taught by Patty Clark

The wood frame surface with the laser cut snowflakes will be ordered from SmoothCut Wood through me. I have arranged with Judy Zogg to have the surface custom cut just for our class. The cost will be \$12.50 for this two-piece surface. I am setting up a due date by May 16 for you to make your order and pay for it. You will still be turning in your \$20 class fee to Judy Gibson as usual.

If you want to take the class, please send me a message

or call so I can put your name on the list. Or send a check made out to me for \$12.50 to make sure I order your wood frame. This is the only way we can get the wood frame with the snowflakes laser cut. I need to make the bulk order in order to get this special price. Please let me know as soon as you can.

Looking forward to getting back to painting with you.

Patty Clark

Hospitality

I know we are **not** having a meeting in **May**. I hope you are catching up with your UFOs, or learning a new technique, or painting a memory box. Whatever you are doing, I hope you are well and **happy**.

When we do meet again **please bring your own lunch (BYOL)**, and if you do bring anything to share, it

must be individually wrapped. Let's stay safe and help others to stay that way too.

Happy Painting!

Jane Banks

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