



Hello Painting Friends,

Well, I thought SPRING was here but didn't Mother Nature play a joke on us!!! Hoping this snow goes away soon.

I would like to thank those that stayed to paint with me in March, it was a sweet project, love those little blue birds. Bonnie will be teaching a Tracy Moreau design in April, hope you all plan to come and attend.

Teachers put a lot of work and effort into choosing a project that everyone will like, prepping, getting permission to teach and sending out the info to everyone and then be ready to teach on the day of, so please try to make it to this afternoon paint programs and support your members who volunteer to put all this together for you.

I want to also thank everyone that responded to my questionnaire, we will discuss this more at the meeting in April. If you have not responded, please take the time to read the letter and respond to the questions.

Paulette DiGesare will be teaching a seminar for us in May and then we will be having Lynn Andrews in June, so the upcoming months will be quite busy for us. Hope to see you all there, supporting our chapter and the teachers/designers we have chosen this year.

We have some fun things planned for our Christmas in July, which will be held at the Westbrook/Warren Church, it will be like old times gathering there.

So, the board has been working hard for YOU, the membership, to bring fun and exciting events this year. Please support your group and your board by participating in these events.

See you soon,

Keep those brushes moving,

Penny

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Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Memory Box Coordinator
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Christmas Party
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Judy Giffin
 Suzi Franklin /Pam Tomkinson
 Christmas in July at Westbrook/Warren Church
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2024 Teaching Schedule

April 20 - Bonnie
May 18 - PAULETTE DIGESARE
June 15 - LYNNE ANDREWS
July 20 - Christmas in July at
Westbrook Church
August 17 - Laurie Keene at
Westbrook Church
September 21- OPEN
October 8-13- NET
November 16- Debbie
December 14- Ornament
Exchange

Meeting Start Times

Board meeting - 9am Day of Meeting
Zoom Meeting - 9AM
Paint Program - 9:30-10:00 AM
All Day Program - 10AM
Big Brush - 9AM

Next Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter deadline is
by noon on April 28th by
noon!! Please have your info to
me on time. I will be leaving
Florida that day but will work
on it the week I get home.



April Birthdays
4-1 Joy Keene
4-10 Diana Michaud
4-20 Maureen Pyteraf

IN SEARCH OF

Have you been looking for a certain book, pattern, or even a bottle of paint? What about you have a piece of wood but do not know what pattern goes with it....maybe we can help. Send me your "in search of items" and I will post them in this newsletter and maybe someone who reads this can you help you out.

Tole n' Me 2024 Schedule

April 13-Rita Hussey – In Person

**May 11- Shannon Miller Seminar – In
Person**

June 8-Bev Haskell – In Person

July 13-Christmas in July at Jan's

August – No Meeting

**September 15 – Debbie Cannistra – In
Person**

October – 8-13-NET

November -9-Jane Shuman-In Person

December -7-Jan Dyer - Zoom

**Sea Strokes would like to
Welcome the following new
members to our group:**

Peg Altemus

Ann Davis

Jan Dyer

Diana Michaud

Debbie Gill

Joyce Stanley

Sandy White

Georgiana Wright

NEDA/NET REPORT

March 2024 NEDA Report

NEDA news report for Sea Strokes is the first report of this year as we changed the meeting schedules and so our timing is a bit different.

New England Decorative Artist presents, New England Traditions Convention, on October 8th through the 13th 2024. It will be held, again, at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, in Marlborough Mass.

Hotel Rates will be 129 dollars plus tax and sale service fees. It is strongly suggested that you book early as our room block booked up very quickly last year. Please remember when you book, it is best to call this number 508 460 0780 and request the NEDA/ NET room rate vs registering on online. Please call during the week not the weekends as they are less busy, and it will be easier for you.

We are getting excited as the NET Catalog will be available online to download by April 1st, 2024, and you can register, online only, by April 27 th, at 8am. The catalog can be purchased through Amazon too. As always, if you have any questions you can refer to www.newenglandtraditions.org

The Artist of the Year 2024 is Cynthia Erekson, and the title is “Transport Yourself to Another World.” Also, Cynthia will be doing the Kickoff Event on Tuesday Evening.

Sea Stroke’s will again have the responsibility to man the Volunteer station from 7 to 10:15. Please keep this in mind when you are registering for your classes. Our chapter needs help to cover all these hours on Saturday, even if its just for a few hours. Many hands make for less work!!

We are still requesting ornaments for the hotels Employee’s Christmas Tree. The theme is of your choosing, so please paint an ornament to give back to the hotel employees, who work so hard to make our convention run smoothly.

Finally, NEDA is putting out the call for the New Artist Submissions for the 2025! So, inspire yourself or someone else to submit to be the 2025 NET Convention Artist!

Thank You , Pam Tomkinson ,NEDA Rep

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Butterfly Kisses

Design by Tracy Moreau taught with permission by Bonnie Rand

Surface: 10-12" Round, Square, or Rectangular Paper Mache Box

Misc: .38 Gel Pen, Polka Dot Stencil, white graphite paper

Brushes: Stencil Brush, Angles, lone liner

Palette: Antique Green Asphaltum Bahama Blue
Cobblestone Margarita Orange Flame
Plantation Pine Prussian Blue Saffron Yellow
Sunny Day Warm White Black

Prep: On the palette: Prussian Blue, Cobblestone, Asphaltum, Warm White

Basecoat the surface with two coats of Prussian Blue. Let it dry and lightly sand the surface. Stencil the surface with the Polka Dot Stencil and Cobblestone. Let them dry then sand the surface lightly to wear through the pattern a little. It should leave the dots a little distressed and a little worn. Wipe off the dust. Apply a thin wash of Asphaltum to the entire surface. Let it dry then float around the edge with Asphaltum, keeping the darkest value to the outside edge. Let dry. Trace and transfer the line drawing to the surface. Base all elements of the line drawing except the center of the sunflower, with a coat of thinned Warm White.

Color photo and line drawings are attachments.

1st VP

Note on the Upcoming May Meeting Seminar, SeaStroke's will be having Paulette DiGesare on Zoom for May 18th 9 to 4, paint in meeting. She will be teaching the lovely, Moth and the Moonlight Pattern. There will be a flyer coming with more details and registration form.

Thank you, Pam Tomkinson, Vice President

Meeting Agenda



President's Welcome

1st VP

2nd VP

Secretary

Treasurer

NET/NEDA

Board Members at Large

Newsletter – Next Deadline April 28th

Old Business

New Business

Ways and Means

Sea Strokes of Maine Decorative Painters 2024 Members Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

SDP# _____ New Member \$15 Renewal \$15

Let us Wish you a Happy Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

Please check if applicable: Teacher Student Shop Owner

Would you be willing to teach at an afternoon program? _____Yes _____No

I give my permission to Sea Strokes to post my picture within our Newsletter, NET publications and on our website and Facebook page. _____Yes _____NO

Please provide an emergency contact person: Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relation: _____

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Please send this form along with payment (check made out to Sea Strokes) to:

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