



# The Capitle Record

## Seasons Greetings

### Congratulations 2008 Executive Board

## Next Chapter Meeting at Beltsville Library

When: January 19, 2007  
 Time: 10:00 A.M.  
 Where: Beltsville Library  
 4319 Sellman Rd  
 Beltsville, MD 20705  
 (301) 937-0294

What: Ornaments Cost \$10 ( see pg 13 )

Paint: Will be provided

Surface: Will be provided. Please let Kathy Denneler know if you will be painting so that she can prepare the surfaces for you.

Teachers Kathy Denneler

Bring: A Guest.  
 Regular painting supplies.  
 VA Hospital Donations  
 Raffle Donation.  
 Wear your name badge or pay \$.25  
 Library returns and  
 donations. Your lunch

#### DIRECTIONS TO THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

From 495 Beltway: Take Exit 25 (Rt. 1 North). Go approximately 0.75 miles. Turn left on Montgomery Rd. Go 4 blocks to Sellman Rd. Library is on the right.

#### SEMINAR TEACHER SELECTION

Please let me know who you might like to have as a Seminar Teacher in the next three years. Most teachers are scheduling now for 2009 and 2010 and we do not want to be left behind. Please send me the name of who you might like to paint with and why. At present we have Maureen McNaughton for March, 2008, Margaret Wilson for September, 2008, and Peggy Harris for March, 2009.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Betsy Thomas*

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**SUBMISSIONS TO THE CAPITOLE RECORD NEWSLETTER:** All information and advertising is due by the 1st of February, April, June, August, October, and December. Members and honorary members are welcome to drop the Editor a line on any subject they wish to share with the membership. The *Capitole Record* exists for the benefit of the membership of The Nation's Capital Chapter of The Society of Decorative Painters. All articles and advertisements should reflect the purpose of the newsletter in providing information and education for the entire membership. Please e-mail all news of interest, Chapter exchange newsletters, and any advertising copy to: [jmkirzl@cox.net](mailto:jmkirzl@cox.net) or mail them to

**John Kirzl 7211 Ashview Drive, Springfield, VA 22153; (703) 644 1805**

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• 1/8-page (2-1/4 x 3-1/4)	\$18.00	\$ 4.00
• 1/4-page (4-1/2 x 3-1/4)	\$30.00	\$ 6.00
• 1/2—page (4-1/2 x 7)	\$60.00	\$12.00
• Full page	----	\$20.00

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*Peg's*

*Post Its*

What a wonderful year this has been and how fast it has gone by. We had an outstanding Luncheon in MD and a fun filled Get-A-Way in DE. I would like to thank all my Board members and my Committee Chairs for all their hard work. I would also like to thank all of you who gave your time and energy to make all our functions a big success.

We held our Get-A-Way this year in Rehoboth Beach. We had 45 attending and we could not have asked for better weather. It was sunny and warm and, when we were not painting, we could stroll the boardwalk. Thanks so much Kathy Denneler and Louise Frederick for all your hard work making this an event to remember.

Our last meeting of the year was held on Nov. 17th. We had our elections, and ornament exchange. We also held our drawing for the fire screen. The lucky winner was Sandra Davis of Temple Hills, MD. There were two Make it/Take it ornaments to paint. Kay Brown taught an adorable gingerbread ornament and I taught a snowman ornament. Thanks so much Kay, we all had a great time and a finished ornament.

We will have a joint Board meeting on January 13th at my house at 1:00. Both the '07 and '08 Board members and Committee Chairs are invited. We need a MD Rep and a Luncheon Chair for next year. We have a big year coming up with Maureen McNaughton in March and Margaret Wilson in Sept. with lots of other stuff in-between. Please volunteer. We could use your help.

Hope we see all of you at our January meeting. It's our birthday and we are going to celebrate. Kathy Denneler will be the teacher of the day and her project is beautiful. So come and have a good time.

Happy Holidays.

*Peg Altemus*

*President '08*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

If you have any painted tote bags for the Hermitage, please get them to Ann Davis prior to December 15th.

If you have any donations for the VA Hospital please bring them to the January meeting.

*Ann Davis*

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## MEMBERSHIP

Just a friendly reminder that it is that time of the year again. It is time to pay your Membership dues. Membership dues are still \$20.00. You can mail your dues to me or see me at the January meeting. Remember that you must be a member of The Society of Decorative Painters to be a member of a Chapter.

Also you must be a paid up member for 2008 to register for the Maureen McNaughton Seminar. My address is 15363 Bowmans Folly Drive, Manassas, VA 20112.

There is a form in the newsletter and it is really helpful if you fill out the form. Thanks and looking forward to seeing all of you next year.

*Lorraine A. Lasch*

Membership Secretary

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## THANK YOU

Thank you all for the lovely mirror and basket you gave me. I could not have asked for a nicer gift. Judy Diephouse is one of my favorite painters. The mirror and basket will have a special place in my home. Thank you again, it was my pleasure to serve as your President this year.

*Peg Altemus*

**Nations Capital Chapter of The SDP  
Treasurer's Report  
November 17, 2007**

**Balance as of September 15, 2007.....8292.76**

**Receipts:**

**Getaway.....5943.50**  
**Membership..... 480.00**  
**Fund Raiser..... 188.00**  
**Interest ..... 0.66**  
**Ways &Means ..... 62.00**  
**Library ..... 15.00**  
**Seminar.....2016.00**

**Total Receipts:.....8705.16**

**Disbursements:**

**Programs..... -319.56**  
**Gifts.....-150.00**  
**Getaway..... -5007.17**  
**Newsletter.....-180.63**  
**Seminar.....-1954.63**  
**Library Rental .....-480.00**  
**Website..... -23.90**  
**Donation..... -50.00**  
**Postage..... -11.57**

**Total Disbursements.....-8177.46**

**Ending Balance as of November 17, 2007..... 8820.46**

**Summary:..... Checking.....8820.46**  
**..... Money Market..... 19124.33**



Nation's Capital Chapter  
General Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Saturday, November 17, 2007

The meeting was held at the Beltsville Library, 4319 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

MOTION: Lorraine Lasch moved that the slate be accepted as presented. Debbie Sellers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Lorraine Lasch moved to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter. Debbie Sellers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### VICE PRESIDENT

-Betsy Griner showed the piece to be painted during the January meeting at the Beltsville Library. The surface will be provided for \$10, payable to Kathy Denneler. Sign ups began at the meeting. The January meeting will also celebrate NCC's birthday.

-The March meeting will include Maureen McNaughton, since she will be the seminar guest.

-The May meeting will highlight the Art Show display and Kathy Bacskay will teach her painted jewelry.

-September will have a seminar teacher and the Lunch Box Exchange.

-November includes elections and is open for an activity.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Lorraine Lasch asked members to encourage friends to sign up in a timely way. To date, there are 53 members signed up for the new year.

#### PAINT-INS

Maryland: February 2nd at the Beltsville Library, provide your surface.

Virginia: February 16th at the Apple Tree, provide your own flat surface.

#### NEWSLETTER

-Members were reminded to provide data by the first of the month prior to publication. Plan ahead when planning events to give members time to read information and respond.

-Check your directory listing carefully and give John and Marie notice of corrections.

-Thanks to BJ Grey for her work on the website.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

-Ann Davis explained the Treasure Box Program. 50 boxes were passed out and 90% were returned and forwarded to the program.

-Another need is for painting items, brushes--surfaces, books and patterns—to be collected and delivered to Mary Dunlap, NCC member. She lives in W. VA and will

deliver items to the veteran rehabilitation center where she teaches painting. Call or email Ann about any donations.

-Ann is collecting the tote bags painted by members which she will distribute in December.

-Ann hopes to hear from members with suggestions for future community service projects.

#### FOUNDER'S MEDALLION

Deadline for nominations is November 24th.

#### GETAWAY

Thanks so much to Kathy Denneler and Louise Frederick for a fabulous getaway full of fun, painting and friendship.

#### HISTORIAN

Kathy Bacskay needs more photos of seminars and events, or any photos. BJ Grey will assume the job of Historian in January.

#### LIBRARY

Irinea Lindsay is taking over in January.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ann Davis will collect items and get them to the reps who couldn't attend the meeting.

#### SEMINAR

-Ann Davis reported that Maureen McNaughton will be here March 14, 15, 16, 2008. Saturday's meeting piece will be a bird she did for this year's HOOT. Information will come on the surface. Registrations to Betsy Thomas start January 2nd.

-September 19, 20, 21, 2008, NCC is happy to present Margaret Wilson of Sugar Brushes.

-Peggy Harris is expected in March 2008, but will not be here over a meeting.

#### SUNSHINE

Louise Frederick said that Muriel Walburn had her knee surgery and is doing well. Judy Halderman, an NCC Founding Mother, wrote to tell NCC she lost her son recently.

#### WAYS N' MEANS

Fran Schmitt thanked everyone for the beautiful pieces in today's raffle.

#### WEBSITE

BJ Grey asked for pictures to include on the website.

#### FIRESCREEN

Sandra Davis, of Maryland, won the firescreen raffle.

NO OLD BUSINESS *Rebecca Benton*, Secretary

Nation's Capital Chapter  
Executive Board  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Sunday, November 11, 2007

The meeting was held at 2141 Deed Court, Vienna, VA, with attendees: Peg Altemus, Betsy Griner, Ann Davis, Lorraine Lasch, Erika Somers, Marie Kirz, John Kirz, Irinea Lindsay and Becky Benton.

The meeting was to called to order at 1:20 p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arrangements are in place for NCC events in Maryland next year that includes 3 meetings and 5 paint-ins, 10-4.

NCC has contracted with the West Park Hotel in Tyson's for the luncheon in Virginia next year. The event still needs a chair or chairs.

#### VICE PRESIDENT

Betsy Griner previewed upcoming meetings: November, ornament exchange; January, Kathy Denneler is teaching a piece she taught in Las Vegas; March, Maureen McNaughton seminar; May, Kathy Bacskay teaching one of her jewelry projects and the annual Art Show; September, annual Lunch Box Exchange and seminar teacher; November, elections and a project tba.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Lorraine Lasch said NCC has 49 paid members for the new year. Paid members have first consideration when registering for seminars.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Peg spoke to Barbara Gloeckner and Linda Dudley about advertising in local papers to increase interest in painting and NCC membership.

#### NEWSLETTER

John reiterated the December 1 deadline for the next newsletter, and that paint-ins need to be advertised at least one, or preferable two, newsletters ahead of the event. John will email members reminding them that the next meeting is in the Beltsville Library and to bring a brown bag lunch and an ornament to exchange.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ann Davis will collect canvas bags painted by members at the next meeting to be used as gifts for the Hermitage residents.

Ann is also collecting painting items for donation to a veteran's rehabilitation center. She seeks brushes, gently used and new, books, patterns and painting surfaces.

#### FOUNDERS MEDALLION

Marie Kirz said her committee plans to meet to consider candidates.

#### PAINTER'S HOLIDAY

Discussion per interest, topics and ideas.

#### SOME NOMINATIONS

Historian and Webmeister: B. J. Grey

Treasurer: Kathy Bacskay

Nominating: Open

Public Relations, VA: Barbara Gloeckner

Public Relations, MD: Linda Dudley and Ann Pielert

Parliamentarian: John Kirz

Secret Pals: Open

Ways N' Means: Myrna Manolis

#### SEMINAR

Betsy Thomas has been working on upcoming events. In March, NCC will host Maureen McNaughton. Margaret Wilson of Sugar Brushes will come to NCC in September 2008. Peggy Harris will come in March 2009, the week after the general meeting. Other artists being considered are Nancy Dale Kinney, Debby Forshey and Linda McDonald.

Peg will ask Sandy's input on the project ideas. Board will view options and vote.

#### SUNSHINE

Muriel had her knee operation is doing well. Pat Miller's husband had a stroke.

#### CAPITOL CASH

Turn in your tallies to Amanda Davis at the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca Benton*, Secretary

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### NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Conventions

2008: May 27-31, Tampa, FL

2009: June 9-13, Grapevine, TX

2010: TBD

2011: May 31-June 4, Kissimmee, FL

2012: May 29-June 2, Nashville, TN

**PAINT- INS**

**VIRGINIA**

Date: February 16, 2008  
 Time: 10:00 - 4:00 PM  
 Place: Apple Tree  
 Project: Faux Stone  
 Teacher: **Kathy Bacskay**  
 Surface: Round Surface approx 10” in diameter of your choice  
 Supplies: A list will be provided when you sign up. There is prep work  
 Paints: Will be supplied  
 Bring: Regular painting supplies  
 A bag lunch. Drinks will be provided  
 Register fee: \$7.50 check payable to NCC  
 Supplies cost: \$5.00 check payable to Kathy Bacskay  
 Contact: Ann Davis (703) 356-8485  
[ah.davis@verizon.net](mailto:ah.davis@verizon.net)



**DIRECTIONS TO THE APPLE TREE:**

5248-A Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22151 (703) 321-9311

**From American Legion Bridge:** Take Exit 54A West-Braddock Road off Beltway. Bear left to go across Braddock at light. Right into Ravensworth Shopping Center. Apple Tree is located between the clock shop and the health food store on the lower level.

**From Woodrow Wilson Bridge:** Take Exit 54A West-Braddock Road off Beltway. Turn left at light onto Port Royal Road; then follow directions above.

**Maryland**

Date: February 2, 2008  
 Time: 10:00 - 3:30 PM  
 Place: Beltsville Library  
 Project: Grandma’s Garden  
 Teacher: **Ann Davis**  
 Surface: Round Surface approx 5 1/2” in diameter of your choice  
 Supplies: Normal painting supplies.  
 Paints: Will be supplied. If you wish to change the colors, you will need to provide your own paint. The background color is Delta Ivory but any light off white or cream would work.  
 Bring: Regular painting supplies  
 A bag lunch. Drinks will be provided  
 Register fee: \$7.50 check payable to NCC  
 Supplies cost: \$5.00 check payable to Ann Davis  
 Contact: Ann Davis (703) 356-8485  
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## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHAPTER

As another year comes to a close I look back on all that has happened. As in years past there are many thoughts about painting and my painting friends that I hold dear and treasure. As this year comes to an end I reflect on the wonderful Luncheon in Beltsville with many friends and family present. The great time at Rehoboth Beach for the get-away. The seminars with Judy Deiphouse and Brenda Stewart. I realize that I haven't spent so much time laughing and enjoying friends for quite awhile. All the classes were great and I must say that I did go home with finished pieces, (a major thing in my book).

The chapter as always is a major part of my life. I joined the chapter shortly after the national convention was held here. I am sorry that I wasn't involved with that because it seems like such an exciting time. At that point in the life of the chapter we were over 200 people strong. There were people from Maryland, Virginia, and D.C. We traveled to many different libraries and craft stores (at that point there were at least 5 stores still open) for meetings and paint-ins. Sure you heard "I don't cross the bridge", but it seemed that we all did. You never heard I won't or I can't. We had our "family" disagreements but we seemed to always work them out. We relied heavily on the newsletter, phone calls and word of mouth to know what was happening as opposed to now where the email and website (both are great tools but less personal than a phone call) are our major forms of finding out what's happening.

The chapter has seen me through deaths of close family to births of grandchildren to illnesses that took all my strength just to get through the day, but without this chapter my life would have been harder and less fulfilled. The chapter as with life seems to go through many changes. With the addition of many new chapters in our area (we are adding new family members) to our larger family The Society of Decorative Painters. I am happy to see that there is a growth of new chapters but with this growth we are losing some of our long time members. Many of our very active members are getting to the age where they want to do less and rely on the newer (younger) members to pick up the slack. We are lacking the core group of members needed to keep this chapter the vital active chapter we have been for years. We have always had paint-ins in both Maryland and Virginia. This last year we have struggled to get enough people to attend paint-ins, seminars and meetings. We are all so busy with life that at times we forget that teachers are putting in hours of their time so we can paint beautiful pieces with their help and support. We are so busy that we forget that without our support the chapter won't have luncheons, paint-ins, get-aways, and seminars. If you are like me we just expect it to be there when we want it, remember without you I am nothing and without me you will be less. We need to give some of our time to make every member's time better. That said please support NCC and attend a paint-in, a meeting, or a seminar. Volunteer to head a committee or even just be on a committee. Call a member that you know and ask them to go with you to a chapter activity. As those of us that love and support our chapter move into 2008 we need to work together to revitalize this chapter and come together again as one group not a Maryland group or a Virginia group. Remember we can "cross the bridge" and we should cross the bridge because there are great things on both sides. Remember the good times we've all had as a chapter and let's get together and do it again.

**REGISTRATION FORM  
MAUREEN McNAUGHTON SEMINAR  
MARCH 14-16 2008**

Maureen McNaughton will be teaching a three day seminar for us, March 14-16, 2008. The Seminar will be in the Hermitage ( All three days). The cost is \$52.00/day Friday and Sunday and will include lunch. The cost for Saturday is \$10.00. Paint will be provided. You may sign up for one, two, or three days.

**You must be a paid up member of NCC for 2008 in order to register for this seminar**

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**Friday – March 14, “ Autumn Leaf Charger” \$52.00**  
**Hermitage Penthouse from 10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, March 15 “Winter Bird”(\$10.00)**  
**Hermitage Auditorium 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, March 16 “ Stargazer Lilies Spice Bin” (\$52.00)**  
**Hermitage Penthouse 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Days @ \$52/Day** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Saturday @ \$10.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION begins January 5. ENVELOPES CONTAINING REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO EARLIER THAN January 5, 2008.**

Enclose one (1) self addressed, stamped (first-class postage for 2 – 3 Ounces, i.e. \$0.41 for first ounce plus \$0.26 for each additional ounce) #10 business size envelope, the completed registration form, and check (made payable to NCC of NSTDP) and mail to:

**Betsy Thomas**  
13116 Andrew Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20904



Friday Autumn Leaf Charger



Saturday Winter Bird



Sunday Stargazer Lilies

### Secret Painting Pal

This is a great way to make a new friend and get to know a Chapter member better. It is easy to - do just let your Secret Painting Pal know that you are thinking of him/her at least 6 times through out the year (Chapter Meetings are wonderful for this.) In return, you will be remembered by your own Secret Pal. A painted pin, flower pot, or one of you own special ideas would be great to give. It's fun to see how creative everyone can be. It's not the value of the gift, but the thought that counts!

Participation is on a voluntary basis, but it is also a commitment!

Complete the form below and mail it by January 4, 2008 to:

Amanda Davis  
13732 Autumn Vale Court  
Chantilly, Va. 20151

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#### NCC 2008 SECRET PAINTING PAL REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month and day only): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Family info \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite colors are \_\_\_\_\_

Things I like \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My favorite foods are \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Colors in my home \_\_\_\_\_

I love the painting style of \_\_\_\_\_

**SECRET PALS**

Thank you to Jennifer Shaffer for all the wonderful gifts I received from you this year. You are a great secret pal.

Ann Davis

Dear Kathy Bacskay,

I'm so glad you got my name as your secret pal this year. I have loved and enjoyed everything you have given me. It is so nice to go to a meeting and find a special surprise waiting for you. Your gifts and cards have made this a wonderful year. Thank your so much.

Hugs, Peg

**THANK YOU'S**

Dear Kathy and Louise,

Thank you so very much for the Retreat gift bag you gave me! I absolutely love it and am amazed at the creativity and ingenuity you display year after year. The lighthouse bottle of candy is so clever, and definitely delicious. The "Friends" picture book, complete with pictures of the group, is fabulous and made me feel so thankful to have people like you in my life. The Angel ornament is wonderful, and well loved. She'll hold a special place on our tree, and in my heart, this year and always.

Debbie Sellers

A great big thank you to Marie Kirzl for the loan of her sewing machine when mine magically lost its foot peddle while hemming the towels for the chapter. You were a life saver for me, Marie. Thank you so much.

By the way, I owe you two needles.

Debbie Sellers

Congratulations to John Kirzl for his Second Place award in pastels at the Ohio mini-convention.

John, your piece was just wonderful!

Debbie Sellers

Thank you all for such a wonderful seminar experience last weekend. It was truly a pleasure working with your group once again. Robert and I had a great time and now have many new fun seminar memories. Special thank you's go to Kathy, Betsy, Ann and other who worked so hard organizing and preparing for the seminar. The food was wonderful as well! Now, each of you get busy and put those final touches on your seminar pieces. I look forward to painting with you again in the future.

Warm regards,  
Brenda Stewart

**SUNSHINE**

We had another good month. No one was in the hospital, no one seriously ill, and no deaths.

Congratulations went out to two of our members for wonderful achievements. Shirley Eppard and her husband Phillip celebrated their golden anniversary. Lorraine Lasch has retired after many years with the government.

We are pleased to learn that Pat Miller's husband is doing well in the Burke Rehabilitation Center.

A sympathy card was sent to Rosemary Reynolds at DecoArt on the death of her husband. Rosemary is the person we call when we need paint for a class.

I hope all members have a happy holiday.

If there is anyone we should be remembering with a card, please let me know by calling  
703-361-3179.

*Louise Frederick*      *Sunshine Chairman*

**CANCELLATIONS**

If a meeting needs to be cancelled due to weather or other unforeseen events, notification will be posted on the website.

We will also use a phone tree and e-mail to notify members.

January	
Amanda Davis	1/5
Emmy Lou Midgette	1/5
Diane Brower	1/12
Evie Lester	1/15
Mickey Mewshaw	1/17
Jennipher Davis	1/19
Pamela Kaiser	1/19
Mary Ann Holt	1/20
Carol Rohrbaugh	1/20
Sandy Scales	1/27



February	
Audrey Edelen	2/1
Debbie Sellers	2/10
Ann Hendley	2/11
Ranny Overby	2/11
Debi Stoll	2/13
Lynne Morgan	2/14
Lorine Mason	2/15
Scottie Foster	2/16
Linda Dudley	2/17
Adeline Rieger	2/24



**THE 2008 EXECUTIVE BOARD IS INSTALLED**

**JANUARY MEETING PROJECT -  
"ORNAMENTS"  
TAUGHT BY KATHY DENNELER**

Please **call** Kathy Denneler if you will be painting so that she can prepare the surfaces for you.

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## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

A deck of cards is made up of many different cards. In the deck every card is necessary. If one card is missing, the deck is considered to be incomplete and useless. In the same manner, every member is essential to the well being of a club. If one member is missing there is a hole in the organization. The officers are an integral part of a club's leadership. Specific cards are used to symbolize each officer's particular duties. Like a missing card, if any officer does not perform, an organization can become ineffectual.

Today we will install the officers of the Nations Capital Chapter. In electing these persons we are starting with a new deck of cards for the upcoming year. Within a deck, no two cards are alike, and every single card is needed for that deck to be usable. Likewise no two officer's duties are the same, and the job of every officer must be performed to the highest standards for us to have a successful year.

Will the newly elected officers please come forward.

**TREASURER – Kathy Bacskay** - As treasurer you oversee the finances of the chapter and its financial well being. The nine of hearts symbolizes this office. Between running to the bank, issuing checks, keeping track of finances you may feel that there should be nine days in the week.

May the nine of hearts give you the energy, vitality and perseverance to fulfill the duties as treasurer.

**SECRETARY - Becky Benton** – As secretary your duties include keeping an accurate record of all club business. Writing up each meeting's minutes will require a great deal of thought. The jack of hearts symbolizes this office. Notice that he is holding a feather. That feather symbolizes the pen that you will be using to take minutes and other records of chapter proceedings. May the Jack of Hearts give you the mental concentration and optimism needed to fulfill your duties as secretary.

**MEMBERSHIP – Lorraine Lasch** – You are the first person the new members to the chapter meet. You are bright, optimistic and thoughtful of others. You are responsible for recruiting and retention. The ten of hearts symbolizes this office. Ten symbolizes the effort required to recruit new members and to effect the renewal of current members. May the ten of hearts give you the outlook needed to fulfill the duties of the membership secretary.

**VA. REPRESENTATIVE - Ann Davis, Kathy Denneler** – Each of you is there to help with the growth and continuance of the chapter through the activities that you schedule and host for the chapter. The Queen of Hearts symbolizes this office. You may sometimes feel that you are trying to control wonderland. Unlike Alice's queen, may the this queen of hearts keep you calm and allow you to fulfill the duties of your office.

**VICE-PRESIDENT – Betsy Griner** – As vice-president you are important to the chapters members, and especially, to the president who will rely on you for help. As a member of all the committees you will need to inspire members both new and old to participate in chapter events. You must strive to keep members in harmony about projects and goals. The King of Hearts symbolizes this office. The King is second only to the ace and likewise you are now understudy to the president. May the King of Hearts give you the inspiration needed to face the challenge of this office.

**PRESIDENT – Peg Altemus** – As president you will be treated royally for you have been elected to the highest office in the chapter. Being president is an honor and a privilege, but with this esteemed office come many responsibilities. Duties of the office include presiding at all meetings, dealing with internal chapter matters and handling any chapter crises. You are also the person we will look to for guidance in all things this chapter does. The Ace of Hearts symbolizes this office. The Ace is the highest card. Likewise you are now assuming the highest office in the NCC. It is an honor and a privilege as well as a great responsibility. May the Ace of Hearts remind you that you give unselfishly of yourself as you lead us through the upcoming year.

Officers, note that your cards are all in the suit of hearts. Hearts symbolize the love, patience and kindness that you, as leaders, must exhibit to all club members. Alone, your cards mean nothing in the game of poker, but together they are a royal flush ( a little poetic license here). Likewise, alone you can accomplish little, but together you can do much. Members you are the rest of the cards in the deck. You bring various talents and skill to this chapter. Remember, a deck needs every card to be whole. Work with your officers and together you can make this chapter a beautiful one.

May I present your executive board for 2008.

**THE NATION'S CAPITAL CHAPTER, #99034**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
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New\* \_\_\_\_\_ Who introduced you to our chapter? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Renew \_\_\_\_\_ Year Joined \_\_\_\_\_ SDP# \_\_\_\_\_ Year Joined \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live within 25 mi. of the Capital Beltway? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be able to bring other members to/from meetings? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Do you teach? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ What medium(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues are paid annually, and are currently \$20.00. (Dues are not prorated, and are payable each year between November 1st and 30th for the next year.) Please complete this form and mail it with your check, made payable to NCC of SDP, in the amount of \$20.00 to cover your dues for this year. Mail to: The Nation's Capital Chapter; Membership Secretary; Lorraine Lasch 15363 Bowmans Folly Dr; Manassas, VA. 20112-5476. If you have any questions, please email [mgtart@aol.com](mailto:mgtart@aol.com) or call (703) 670-5238.

**\*TO BE A MEMBER OF NCC, YOU MUST ALSO BE A MEMBER OF SDP. IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER OF SDP, PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING FORM.**

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**SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE PAINTERS**

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 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you teach? \_\_\_\_\_ Mediums? \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues are paid annually, and are currently \$40.00. (Dues are not prorated, and are payable each year between December 1st and 31st for the next year.) Please mail this form with your check, made payable to SDP in the amount of \$40.00.**

Mail To: SDP 393 N. McLean Blvd. Wichita, KS 67203

## TO ALL NCC MEMBERS,

Many of you are aware that Art and I are retiring. We always thought we'd go to Williamsburg, but it's not turning out that way. We've found a wonderful little home in the valley of Vinton, Virginia, and will move on or about November 28th. Vinton is approximately 10 - 15 minutes outside of Roanoke. However, it's in Bedford County rather than Roanoke County, which reduces the cost of things like taxes considerably. Our home is situated on an acre of land in a cul de sac, and is surrounded by trees which will allow us a view of the mountains when the leaves drop each year. It's a wonderful place and a quiet neighborhood, and there's a painting chapter right in Roanoke (although I plan on keeping up my membership in NCC).

I cannot adequately express just how I feel and how much I am going to miss you. You have been an inspiration to me and many of you have gone out of your way to help me over the years. Each and everyone of you has such special qualities and talents--when you all pull together you are magnificent! I envy you the time you will have together in the future; and simply hope that I will be able to come back from time-to-time. NCC and its members will always have my love, friendship, and admiration.

*Debbie Sellers*



*You are invited  
to a Christmas Tea*

*Where: Home of Brenda & Robert Stewart*

*228 Yorkshire Drive*

*Williamsburg, VA 23185*

*When: Monday, December 17*

*2:00 PM until 5:00 PM*

*RSVP: By December 13*

*Phone: 757-564-7095*

*E-Mail: bstewartbd@aol.com*

*Robert and I are looking forward to seeing each of you  
during the holiday season.*

## REMINDER TO EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Year end reports are due to the President this month.

Also, make sure that you turn in all requests for reimbursements and transfers of money to the treasurer prior to the end of the year.

## DAC MUSEUM OPENING

I have just returned from the opening of the new Decorative Arts Collection Museum in Atlanta, Georgia. WOW! I cannot tell you how impressed and pleased I was with what I saw. Andy Jones, the Museum Director, and the many volunteers from the Dogwood Chapter out did themselves with the presentation. The main area was truly a museum with pedestals holding a myriad of pieces representing the many aspects of the Collection. The "historical" room held the treasures of Peter Hunt and Peter Ompir as well as very old frakturs and theorems. It was exciting to see our gift of a Joyce Howard tray "front and center" for all to see and giving the Nations Capital Chapter full credit for the donation.

The warehouse area was also open to the public. The shelves were set up in such a way as to allow people to walk up and down and see the many items that we have not been able to display before. The true highlight was the 40 plus hand carved St.Nicks all dressed in Holiday splendor that will be the focus of the new DAC Book, "St.Nick." to be unveiled in Tampa. The DeBrekht hand carved St. Nicks were sent to different artists for their interpretation of Father Christmas. The artists could embellish, re-carve, add adornments, and anything else they deemed necessary to give the project a very special look. The publication is going to be outstanding. The St. Nicks will be on display at the DAC Booth in Tampa and will be for sale or auctioned off.

I want each of you who is a Friend of the DAC to be very proud of your membership. It is with your support that the Museum is now a functioning reality. Thank you so much.

Please, if you are driving to Tampa thru Atlanta, stop and see the Museum. At present, the plan is to have the Museum open from 11 – 4:00 p.m. daily. It is best to call first to make sure someone is there. The telephone is 404-627-3662. The web site is [www.decorativeartscollection.org](http://www.decorativeartscollection.org) and it will have the most up to date information.

For those of you who are not yet friends, but would like to be, please call me. We would love to have you on board for our next 25 years.

*Betsy Thomas*

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### DISCLAIMER

Various paints, finishes and solvents are used at meetings, paint-ins, seminars etc. Please evaluate your health status before choosing to participate in any activity where they are used. NCC of SDP assumes no liability for health status while using any painting-related products



## 2008 CALENDAR

<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
Combined 2007/2008 Board Meeting 13th Peg's House  General meeting Beltsville Library. 19th	Md. Paint-In 2nd Beltsville Library  VA Paint-In 16th The Apple Tree	Board Meeting 9th Peg's House  Maureen McNaughton Seminar 14-16 Hermitage  General Meeting Hermitage - 15th		Board Meeting 11th Peg's House  General Meeting Art Show 17th Beltsville Library  SDP National Convention Tampa FL 27-31	
<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
General Meeting Luncheon - 19th Tyson's WestPark	HOOT 11th thru 16th Columbus, OH	Board meeting 14th Peg's House  General Meeting Beltsville Library 20th  Margaret Wilson Seminar 19-21		Board meeting Peg's House 9th  General Meeting Election of Officers Hermitage 15th	

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### FROM THE EDITORS' DESK

#### DISSOLUTION OF THE NCC

If you read this headline with shock and dismay, rest assured it's not happening. However, based on current trends, that headline is a very real possibility in the not to distant future.

What is making dissolution a real possibility is the lack of members willing to run for office. Based on comments I've read in the Robert's Rules of Order forum, this is a serious problem in many organizations and generally leads to the dissolution of those organizations.

Hopefully, you will have read the very pertinent and well written article on pg. 8. We don't usually print unsigned contributions, however this article represents the feelings of many of our members and thus carries more impact then if it were signed.

I've gone through the lists of Executive Board members from 2000 - 2008. In that time there have been only 27 different people on the nine boards.

Of those 27, ten have served on four or more boards. Seven of those ten are on the current board.

This means that a very small percentage of the membership has been in charge for a long time. This leads to stagnation, a lack of new ideas and eventual burn-out.

Do you see the picture? If no one is willing to step up and fill the positions, then we no longer have a viable chapter and we will need to dissolve.

I don't know about you, but I would hate to see that day come.

What can we do?

More of our current members need to become more active, and we need to figure out how to recruit new members. There is a lot of competition for discretionary time out there, so we need to figure out how to make decorative painting the fun thing to do, and the NCC the best place to do it.

This applies both to keeping current members and recruiting new members.

Your ideas are welcome.

Regards, *John and Marie*

*The best minute you spend is the one you invest with someone else.*