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Message from the President

Happy New Year to all, I hope you all had a blessed holiday season.

I want to thank the board members for my lovely ornaments that adorned my Christmas tree and for all of their hard work during the past year.

For last year IPP donated Memory boxes to local hospitals. The Art Sale in March was a great success. Ways and Means has done a booming business thanks to Peggy Lynn's creative ways and talent of our members who donated items, it brought in over \$2000.00 for the year! Let's keep it going! We put a tree up in the Lemont Library; we also had a painting demo at the library to promote decorative painting. With the help of Jan Baier we were able to decorate Pleasant Home as well.

Our December meeting at Ruffled Feather was wonderful; we will be going back there again this year. If you missed it be sure to mark your calendar now! Speaking of calendars Bettie has them, be sure to see her at the February meeting to pick yours up. Bettie should also have the new directories by then.

Thank you, to Ronni Benedetti for getting them printed for us, they look great!

February brings our annual fund raising bag raffle. Please bring in an item for the raffle whether it be painted, knitted, sewn, cross-stitch, we will gladly take any item in any form from our talented members, remember your money for purchasing raffle tickets.

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Romance & Roses

February 2, 2008

Chapter Meeting

Luncheon and....

*Philanthropic -Paint
Program*



**December 2007—Ruffled Feathers Country Club—Lemont
IPP Meeting, Luncheon and Installation of 2008 Officers
and....**



Thank you to Nancy Carley for all the great photos she has supplied to me this past year. I know how much I appreciate her efforts, and I am sure all the members love to see the happenings of the chapter in pictures. Barb Marshall and a few other members have also submitted photos. Thank you, Toni

Message from the President—continued

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There will also be sign-up for Cheri Rol seminar for April. Be sure to stop by the education table. The pictures of the projects are on line at our website. Gretchen Cagle will be here in January; call Carol Wiksten there is still some opening in all days.

Our Prairie Pride award was given out at the December meeting. Peggy Lynn McCarthy was the recipient of this award. Congratulations Peggy Lynn!

There are few changes to this year's board. Here they are in case you missed it at the meeting.

Marge Vargas will be working the Raffle with Sue Wesley. Gai Moodie and Nancy Swingle are in charge of Library, Historian is Luella Rooney, and Parliamentarian is Judy McComb. Welcome to all, whether new or returning!

I think that is it for now. I hope you all keep warm and safe. See you at the February meeting at the Church!

Lora

February 2, 2008-Philanthropic—Paint Programs

Project #1—Marge Coughlin

Brushes needed for project; #1 round, #4 and #8 flat, also a Conte chalk pencil of a light color is needed. I will bring what I have to share. Marge



Project #1-Barb Carlson

Palette – DecoArt Americana

Baby Blue, Bright Yellow, Bluegrass Green, Calypso Blue, Indian Turquoise, Lamp Black, Lavender, Royal Fuchsia, Sea Aqua, Tangerine, Titanium White

Other Supplies

- Black Sharpie Ultra fine point permanent marker or Black
- Pigma Micron 08 Marker
- Fabric Brushes (Large one for background)
- Regular brushes (especially liner)
- Tracing paper
- Chalk to trace pattern with
- Normal Painting supplies



IPP Philanthropic

The February meeting will have a philanthropic painting program. We will be painting collapsible suitcases which will be given to women at a local shelter. There will be 2 patterns to choose from, one for the women, an original tulip pattern designed and taught by Marge Coughlin, and a sea life pattern being taught by Barb Carlson for the children. Please bring your normal acrylic supplies for the projects. We have 30 surfaces available. (Note: projects for February can be seen on page 2.)

We are still also accepting memory boxes, so please remember to keep working on those and bring them in too! For those who may not know, they are given to women at hospitals who have lost a newborn or have had a stillborn baby, to take home the belongings such as the foot print and tag, that are given to the baby in the hospital.

In addition, we are still taking blankets for the newborns at the neonatal hospital. They should be 18 x 18 inches square. They are blankets that are given to a baby at the hospital. The blanket stays with the baby, in the NICU and where ever else it is transferred to. They are greatly appreciated.

We are also taking metal tabs from pop cans, or any can that has a tab on it. They are being given to Ronald McDonald house to help pay for parents lodging for those families who have children in hospitals.

We are collecting empty small ink cartridges to be given for care for a cat shelter.

We have some other great philanthropic projects coming up for the year, which I will give you the details on once they become more firm. I am looking forward to a great year and as always, thank you for your generous support and participation in the philanthropic projects and programs!

Rose Schulz

CHAPTER DISPLAY

Romance & Roses is the theme for our February meeting! Please bring a piece of your art to share with everyone.

It would be interesting to see how many different styles of roses we could come up with. You will receive a free raffle ticket when you bring a piece for the display.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting. Robin Richer

Ways and Means

The December meeting was quite eventful. I sold \$540.00! I am very excited to sell that for the club. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has donated items for me to sell. Without your support this could not have been possible all year long. Also, thank you to all who come over to the table and let me talk you into buying 'one more item'. You know who you are! I don't know what I will have for you at the next meeting, but I am sure that you ALL HAVE to have one...or two! Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful new year. Thank you. Peggy Lynn McCarthy

2007—PRAIRIE PRIDE AWARD

If you haven't heard who this year's Prairie Pride Award recipient is, Lora Haberstroh spelled it out this way at the December meeting:

She is **p**assionate about painting,
Her **e**nthusiasm is contagious,
Great with people,
Guaranteed to do her best,
Young at heart,
Loves to laugh,
Yearns to learn all there is about decorative painting,
Never let's you down,
And sometimes can be **n**aughty.



A member since 1994, **Peggy Lynn McCarthy** is the recipient of the 2007 Prairie Pride Award. She has worked on Vintage Books, Education and is currently in her second term for Ways and Means.

To sum it up, the nomination submissions for Peggy best describe her as the following: Available to help whenever needed for club activities. Supports club activities by attending meetings, paint-ins, seminars and retreats. Excellent teacher for our paint-ins and retreats; helping others to grow. Has brought many new members into the chapter over the years that have become an important part of our club. And one we can all agree upon, one of her best qualities is the simple fact that with her smiles and happy personality she makes every person she comes in contact with feel welcome at IPP. Congratulations Peggy, we do know how much this means to you! Submitted by Linda Molitor

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I can not say it enough. I was touched at the meeting finding out that I was the recipient for the Prairie Pride Award for this year. It is the greatest feeling in the world to find out how people feel about you and what effect a person has on you. I have learned many things from many of the fine painters in our group and I would not be doing many of the things that I am doing today, if it were not for that knowledge. Everyone who knows me understands that painting is a big part of my life and I just love to paint. I also love to learn more any chance I get. So, thank you for teaching me and for letting me teach you. I am very grateful for all the friendships that I have made through the chapter and I look forward to making many more

Your fellow painter, Peggy Lynn McCarthy.

Vice President

I can't believe I have completed one year as Vice-President of Illinois Prairie Painters. It surely has been a busy year. We have had an Art show and reintroduced Oc'tole'berfest. I would like to thank all of our many members for all the help and donations that they have made this year to support our club. I hope that you have enjoyed our paint-in programs this year. I am looking forward to many new ones this year.

We will be having our annual February bag raffle. The proceeds will go to raffle this year. Please bring any painted or handcrafted item (this includes knitting, crochet, stitched items, jewelry, etc).

Our program for February will be a philanthropic project of hand painted suitcases that will be donated to a women's shelter. Please see Roses article for information on teachers, cost etc.

In April we will be having Jane Drynan teaching a water color project. She is a very talented teacher and I can't wait to take a class from her again. I will be looking for volunteers to teach convention pieces at our June paint-in. Please, once you know that you will be attending the national convention in Tampa, Florida think about teaching.

Hope you all enjoyed a safe and happy holiday. Pam

Oc'tole'berfest

Pam Boesch, Lora Haberstroh, Linda Molitor, Robin Richer

Hi everyone. This will be last time you will hear from us. We have found a new Chairperson for 2008 Oc'tole'berfest and her name is Colleen Lehman. She has been a member of IPP for 2 years. She has already had people volunteer to help her. We are now looking for teachers for the 2008 Oc'tole'berfest. Please think about teaching. Please bring in submissions to the February meeting; there will be a display of classes at the April meeting. Sign up will be at the June meeting. The dates for Oc'tole'berfest will be one week later October 24th, 25th and 26th and will again be held at the Hyatt Place in Lombard.

I have the final total for the 2007 Oc'tole'berfest.

Income \$2,326.03

Expense \$1,439.09

Net Profit \$ 886.94

Thank you,

Pam Boesch and committee!!!!



Big round of applause!!

Treasurer's Report as of 12/1/07 Submitted by Bobbie L'Heureux, Treasurer

Total Income Current Period	\$ 6,995.43	Balance in Checking	\$ 7,325.64
Total Income Year to Date	\$ 22,347.78	Balance in Investments	\$ 13,809.20
Total Expense Current Period	\$ 3,980.68	Total Accounts	\$ 21,134.84
Total Expense Year to Date	\$ 19,158.38		

ROMANCE & ROSES

February 2, 2008

Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ

6871 Joliet Rd

Indian Head Park, IL 60525

708-246-1218



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 AM Doors Open – Hospitality Coffee/Rolls

9:30 AM Seminar Sign-up – Cheri Rol

10:00 AM Business Meeting/Raffle

11:30 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Philanthropic Paint-in

MENU

Roasted Rosemary Chicken

Italian Beef

Baked Beans, Potato Salad

Mostaccioli with Meat Sauce

Rolls & Butter

Coffee, Tea, Lemonade - Desserts

Reservation Deadline: January 26, 2008 _____ Cost: \$14.00

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Send checks payable to Illinois Prairie Painters in the amount of \$14.00 to:

Darlene Durkovic

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Member's Name _____ Dietary Restriction_____

Guest's Name _____Dietary Restriction_____

Total enclosed _____

I will be staying for the Philanthropic paint-in Yes _____ No _____

Please call or email Gail Piazza 815-409-0964 memom51256@hotmail.com

Let me take a moment to say wasn't Ruffled Feathers a great place for our December General Meeting, the staff was a pleasure to work with. However, with a new venue comes new deadlines out of our control and in order to meet the requirements of the facility I had to changed the registration date to a few days earlier than usual. I extend my apologies to those who felt inconvenienced by this change.

Choosing a menu to please everybody is not an easy task; therefore, if there are any dietary needs or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any hospitality committee member if a suitable plate is not offered. We will work with the facility (vendor) to accommodate you the best that we can, but in order to do that we need to be aware of your restrictions.

This is a reminder that hospitality will not open the doors to the IPP General Meeting for members until 9:00 AM.

Thank you,

Hospitality

Newsletter

Please continue to send your photos via email or a disk. Newsletter articles are due the Monday after every board meeting, no change in deadlines for 2008.



Thank you,

Toni Girten, Newsletter Editor



IPP Committee Chairs—Contact Information—2008

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Education

If you are still interested in signing up for Gretchen Cagle, please contact Carol Wiksten. The cost is \$35, 00 per day which includes the palette fee. You will have to bring your own surface at this time. A reminder -- classes start at 9 A. M. and go till 5 P. M. Please arrive early so you are ready to start at 9A.M. The classes will be held at the Lyonsville Church. I will be supplying coffee, tea and goodies in the morning as a thank you for coming to the seminar. There will also be surprises each day for those attending so you don't want to miss out. Lunch is on your own. Hope to see you there.

Our next seminar is with Cheri Rol who also teaches in oils. Cost is \$40.00 a day which includes a five dollar palette fee. The classes are as follows:

Friday, April 11th is beginner oil-- a beautiful Yellow Rose. This is a great class for inexperienced oil painter but also good for those who just enjoy oil painting.

Saturday, April 12th is Sweet Peas and Gapes. Cheri calls this a beginner/ intermediate class. Painting multiple items in oil will be taught. This would be a good first or second class for those who want to learn more about painting different items in oils.

Sunday, April 13th is called Shinny Stuff- Glass. Cheri calls this an intermediate/ advanced class. For those who have wanted to learn how to paint glass this is a must.

All of these oil painting classes require very little prep (how great is that--very little homework). There will be more information on Cheri Rol's classes at the February meeting.

If you wish to sign up for any of the classes, please call Carol Wiksten at 1-708-798-6816 or e-mail me at clwdale@aol.com and type in IPP seminar so I won't delete the e-mail. I hope to see you at the seminars. I'm planning on learning a lot from such great teachers and I hope you can join us. Remember--If you don't step out of your comfort zone you'll never grow as a painter.

If you wish to join us for dinner any of the nights, please let me know as I will be making dinner reservation so as to be sure we can all eat together. This is a great time to get to know such distinguish teachers and a great way for them to get to





IPP General Meeting
December 1st, 2007
Ruffled Feathers Golf Course
Lemont, Illinois



- President** Lora Haberstroh called the meeting to order at 10:16 AM. She welcomed all to The Ruffled Feathers. She also welcomed the guests; Jan Becker guest of Angee Fikaris, Lorraine Cleary guest of Dianne McGrath, Tamara Davis guest of Marti Davis, Jan Suffern Guest of Sandy Braun. Lora reminded everyone about the bag raffle and the Education table.
- Vice President** Pam Boesch thanked everyone who helped teach the last years programs. It was a very successful year. At the February meeting we will be doing our Philanthropic project, painting on suitcases. At our April meeting we will have a watercolor presented by Jane Drynan. June will be pieces taken at the convention. We need volunteers so anyone interested please contact Pam. The October project is TBA. Pam thanked everyone who participated in the ornament exchange.
- Treasurer** Bobbie L'Heureux reported the income was \$6,995.43; expenses \$3,980.68; with a balance of \$7,325.64. The A.G. Edwards account is \$13,809.20. Total of Accounts is \$21,134.84. Treasurer report will be filed as reported.
- Secretary** Carol Wiksten asked if there were any corrections or additions to the October 6th General Meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. There were none. Dianne McGrath made a motion to accept the minutes as reported, seconded by Norma Rappelt. Motion passed.
- Newsletter** Toni Girten reported that the raffle for the free newsletter seminar will be awarded at the February meeting. If still interested in receiving your newsletter by e-mail, please contact Bettie Slazyk.
- Ways and Means** Peggy Lynn McCarthy thanked everyone who purchased items and/or donated items for Ways and Means. She also thanked everyone for everything they have done to make Ways and Means so successful.
- Hospitality** Darlene Durkovic reported that 76 people signed up with 75 attending. She announced that Carol Wiksten did the centerpieces. Winners were called.
- Carol Wiksten thanked Peggy Lynn McCarthy who painted half of the lids and also cut out the pieces of suede. She also thanked Fran Gilkerson for helping with prepping the lids.

Minutes-continued

- Raffle** Pat Berkhout and Sue Wesley. Sue announced that the raffle made \$635.00. She thanked everyone for all their donations and for helping with raffle.
- Education** Lora Haberstroh announced that the surfaces for the Iris panel for Gretchen's class were here so be sure and pick them up at the Education table. The jewelry box piece has not arrived as of yet but we will get it to those who ordered them in time for prep. We are still taking sign ups for Gretchen Cagle. Cheri Rol is April 11, 12 and 13. The pictures are at the education table. Prep sheets are available today and additional information will be available at the February meeting. You may supply your own surfaces.
- Membership** Bettie Slazyk announced that 50% of our members have signed up to date. The new calendar is available, please see her if you did not get yours. She reminded members if they wish to be in the Directory they must sign up by the end of December. She thanked Ronni Benedetti for preparing the calendars.
- Library** Judy McComb and Luella Rooney. Judy thanked everyone who checked out items from the library this last year. Please continue to do so.
- Chapter Display** Robin Richer reported that Pat Berkhout brought an item for the chapter display. Thank you Pat. She announced that February's theme is Romance and Roses.
- Traveling Display** Fran Gilkerson wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Current display is in New Lenox at the Library.
- Vintage Books** Marge Rios and Sandy Panozzo. Sandy reminded everyone that books will be \$.10 each till the supply drops. She reminded everyone that for every can good item they bring to the February meeting, they will receive a free book.
- Philanthropic** Rose Schulz said thank you for everything thru the last year that you have donated /painted. For our next project we will be painting on tote bags for the Shelter, one theme for children and one theme for the adults that help out at the shelter. We still need teachers for both projects. Lora announced that packages were sent to the soldiers. Lora read the thank you note from the Family Shelter Service.
- Publicity** Linda Molitor announced that she put two articles in the Lemont Reporting Met Paper. One was about the Traveling display and the other one was about the painting demonstration at the Lemont Library. Thank you to those helping with the painting; Peggy Lynn McCarthy, Pam Boesch, Bettie Slazyk and Lora Haberstroh. Lora said there were lots of people interested. They handed out pamphlets and old newsletters about IPP.
- Relief Crew** Sandy Dreher said the relief crew was here; please let them know if you need help.

Minutes—continued

- Historian** Barb Carlson thanked everyone for the articles and pictures they gave for the historian book. She especially wanted to thank Nancy Carley for all the pictures she provided for the book. Barb said she really enjoyed being part of the committee and enjoyed doing the book.
- Parliamentarian** Dorothy Carbonara said we are ethical. Good thing, Santa's watching.
- Sunshine** Norma Rappelpt hoped everyone enjoyed their birthday cards. If she missed anyone she apology but she has been ill but is mush better now. Barb Loehman had an accident but is improving and was able to come to the meeting today.
- Oc'tole'berfest** Pam Boesch thanked her committee members, Lora Haberstroh, Linda Molitor and Robin Richer for all their help with the retreat. She discussed the different happenings at the retreat and how much fun everyone had. She presented the budget as follows; Income--Breast Cancer Quilt was \$215.00, Paddle Auction was \$520.03, Bag Raffle was 541.00 with a total income of \$2,326.03. The Total expense was \$1,439.09. The Net profit was \$886.94. Great job Oc'tole'berfest' committee. Lora thanked everyone who attended and who helped with the retreat. Next years retreat will be October 24th, 25th and 26. The new Chairperson is Colleen Lehman.
- Old Business** None.
- New Business** Lora announced that SDP has created a new board position, liaison between SDP and the club other than the President. Lora announced that Toni Girten will be the IPP member.
- Announcements** Alex Salnikov announced a new seminar in Zhostovo style with Marina Domnikova February 3rd to the 7th. Classes will be held at Banbury Fair. Please see him if interested. Carol Wiksten said it was a wonderful class to attend, learning an old Masters technique that has been around for centuries. Marina is an excellent teacher and she comes around to each person after the demonstration to be sure the student understands how to do the technique. Carol suggested that painters not to be afraid to step out of their comfort zone, otherwise they will never grow as painters. Mary Domanus thanked everyone for the pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. She received a thank you note from them. Ronald McDonald is now having a fun raiser with a colored ornament hung based on the amount donated. She wondered if IPP would like to participate as one of their service projects. Anyone interested in donating, please see her. (After the meeting, Mary announced we had collected \$200.00). Barb Carlson announced that her daughter is hosting a Mary Kay demonstration to be held at Barb's house on Sunday. Anyone interested in holiday gifts feel free to drop in. Lora reminded board members that their financial reports are due at the board meeting as well as their year end report. Lora announced changes to the board for 2008 are as follows; Gai Moodie and Nancy Swingle will be taking care of the Library, Judy McComb will be Parliamentarian, Luella Rooney will be Historian, Marge Vargas will be working with Sue Wesley on Raffle and Carol Wiksten will be Education.

Vintage Books

Vintage books had a great year. Thank you to all who donated and purchased books. We hope to be even better this year.

There have been so many donations of books that we have more books than we can handle. So we have lowered the price of the books to 10 cents in an effort to boost sales. We are also going to continue the canned goods promotion. We would like to fill the food pantry at the church so you will get 1 free book for every canned good you donate. Remember if you donate a canned good make sure it's not outdated or an item no one will eat.

Thank you

Sandy Panozzo and Marge Rios

Minutes—continued

Installation of Officers-Bettie Slazyk and Sue Wesley installed the officers with a beautiful ceremony and a white rose was given to each board member. Board Members installed are; President Lora Haberstroh, Vice President Pam Boesch, Treasurer Bobbie L'Heureux and Secretary Julie D'Souza. Congratulations to the board of 2008. Lora thanked Bettie and Sue for doing the installation of officers.

Prairie Pride Award-Lora reminded everyone that the Executive board is excluded from the Prairie Pride Award. She explained what the award means and then used the recipient's name to explain why that person was chosen. Imagine Peggy Lynn McCarthy's surprise when her name was announced. Her family was present to see her receive the award. Peggy was not only surprised but speechless. She finally was able to thank everyone. She was definitely grateful.

Marge Vargas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pam Boesch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL--HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Bag Raffle for February Meeting

Happy New Year Everyone!

Marge Vargas and I (Sue Wesley) will be your Raffle committee this year. We hope you will support our efforts to raise money for the organization. At the February meeting we will be holding another bag raffle. Please consider donating something to this special raffle to help offset some of the education expenses for the club. We are looking for like new items, bought or hand crafted. Your contribution is always appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Marge Vargas and Sue Wesley



2008 Calendar of Events - Illinois Prairie Painters

Gretchen Cagle Seminar- 1/25-1/27
 General Meeting—2/2
 Board Meeting—2/4—Lemont Library
 General Meeting —4/5
 Board Meeting-4/21-Lemont Library
 Cheri Rol Seminar—4/11-4/13
 SDP Conference-Tampa-5/16-31
 General Meeting-6/14

Board Meeting-6/16-Lemont Library
HOOT Convention-8/11-8-16
Board Meeting-Cookout-Pam’s House-8/18
Lynne Deptula Seminar-9/12-9/14
Oc’tole’berfest –
General Meeting-10/4
Board Meeting-10/6
General/Holiday Meeting-12/6
Combined Board Meeting-12/15-Pizza Party

Sunshine

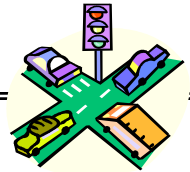
Norma Rappelt (nrappelt@sbcglobal.net)

January Birthdays
 Carol Buck
 Barb Carlson
 Dolores Cherenak
 Pamela Frederick
 Marge Coughlin
 Elizabeth Kurnat
 Cyndi Monroe
 Georgia Wanda
 Sally Salvato
 Marilyn Ropp

February Birthdays
 Janet Weber
 Bettie Slazyk
 Diane Masloroff
 Sandra Dreher
 Angee Fikaris
 Darnette D’Angelo
 Elizabeth Hanrahan
 Betty Miller
 Theresa Krohn
 Patricia Martin



Traveling Display for 2008



The libraries have been thrilled with our displays of art. It’s a great way of showing the public what we are about. Come out and see our displays.

Fran Gilkerson-Chair

Please keep Ronni Benedetti and her family in your prayers and thoughts on the loss of her father. He lived a very protective life, his passing was sudden, due to natural causes.

General Meetings

Are held at the
 Lyonsville Congregational Church
 6871 Joliet Road
 Indian Head Park, IL
 60525
 708-246-1218

Board Meetings

Lemont Public Library
 6:30 PM
 50 E. Wend Street
 Lemont, IL
 60439

Thank you for all your kind thoughts and prayers during my recent illness and surgery. Toni

We are on the Web!

www.illinoisprairiepainters.org

The Illinois Prairie Painters’ Chapter was formed in 1975, to pursue the Goals of the national organization on a local level. The Chapter is designed for students, teachers, and friends of the art of tole and decorative painting.

Membership News

First of all I would like to acknowledge and thank Ronni Benedetti for getting our two-year Calendars (2008-2009), printed up. They were handed out at our Christmas Party. If you've sent in your membership dues, I will give you a calendar at the February chapter meeting.

If you've paid your 2008 Membership dues by the time you are reading this newsletter, your name will be in the directory. I have to get the completed directory to the printer by the first week in January, so he has enough time to print them up and get them back to me for the February chapter meeting. Also, just a gentle reminder, you are required to be a member of SDP to join any chapter, so if you haven't paid your SDP dues yet, please pay them directly to SDP.

You should have received your 2008 SDP Membership Card by now, if you paid your dues by December 1, 2007. You would also have received information on SDP's NEW INCENTIVE PROGRAM. You can get your 2009 Individual Membership FREE, if you simply add your name and membership number to the coupons you received and have your friends include your coupon with **their** membership form. You'll receive \$4.00 off your own 2009 renewal for each NEW member you recruit, (good up to \$40).

Bettie Slazyk, Membership

2007 PRAIRIE PRIDE WINNER

Congratulations.....Peggy McCarthy, our 2007 Prairie Pride Winner. You've accomplished a lot this past year and you certainly deserve the award. Nice going, great job! You are in good company with our past winner.

Bettie Slazyk, Membership

ALKOTA RUSSIAN TREASURES and Mrs. Marina Domnikova will be holding seminar classes:

2/3-7, 2008 from 10 a.m.—6 p.m. daily, location to be

announced. Classes are \$75.00 per day and \$25.00 daily for supplies. Please contact: Alkota, 212 E. Scranton Avenue, Lake Bluff, IL 60044,

Phone: 847-615-9138 or fax: 847-615-9138, email: unefinc@aol.com for additional details and travel/hotel information.



ILLINOIS PRAIRIE PAINTERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2008

Please complete the following application form and return it along with a check for \$20.00.

Make check payable to: Illinois Prairie Painters

If you have any questions please contact our Chapter Membership Representative, BETTIE: eslazyk@cs.com.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP # _____ Name registered under if different _____

NAME: _____ (_____)

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ADDRESS: _____ Apt. # _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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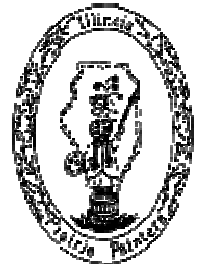
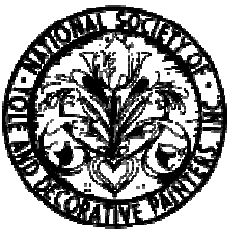
NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL MEMBER _____

CATEGORY: Student: ___ Teacher ___ Independent ___ Shop Owner ___ CDA ___ MDA ___

NAME & LOCATION OF SHOP OR STUDIO (where you teach) _____

Other talents and/or occupation, would you be interested in serving on a committee? _____

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE \$20 _____ BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP \$20 _____ (Business member must also have an individual membership)



You must be a member of the Society of Decorative Painters in order to be a member of any of their painting chapters. To obtain an application form you may either contact our Chapter Membership representative, **Bettie (see information on above application form) or contact the SDP directly at their website: www.decorativepainters.org, call **(316) 269-9300, ext. 105**, or e-mail: sony@decorativepainters.org.**

To join the Society of Decorative Painters you must send a separate check directly to their office with your completed application form.