

Decorative Wonders



A Painting Studio

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Decorative Painting and
ONE Stroke™
Classes

Newsletter

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Celebrate Summer!

The warm weather is finally upon us!!! Everything is beginning to bloom and wake up. Many have already started their gardens!

This time of the year always gives me an urge to paint. Not that I need much encouragement, mind you! But, with the birds returning and the chipmunks waking up, it just seems like everything is fresh and new!

What better time of the year for you to get as creative as you can?! What a perfect time to start painting in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

Some really fun and exciting projects are planned for the coming months. Please remember to visit our website frequently to get the most up-to-date information and schedule.

Lena Pfeffer, OSCI



Brush-Up Classes Return!

Having trouble finishing a project you started ages ago? Need help just finding the time? Want to learn a new flower or technique you've never tried before or sharpen your skills? Come to a **Brush-Up Class** for advice on your latest project, new ideas or just to be with other painters. So, it's time to clean out your closets and hiding places and find all those UFOs (UnFinished Objects)!!!

Just in time for the wonderful weather and that feeling that we need to get things DONE! These classes will be held every OTHER Tuesday night from 6pm-8pm.

Make It and Take It

We will be starting something new here at Decorative Wonders! For all those that don't have the time to devote four or more weeks to a project or for those that just LOVE to paint, we're introducing **Make It and Take It** classes! These classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6pm-9pm and we will be doing a project that you will complete and take home that very evening! These classes are perfect for all those **BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE** students! Please check the schedule for dates of up-coming classes.

As always, any NEW student that enrolls in a class will get \$10.00 off their first class. If an

EXISTING student brings a new student, you EACH get \$10.00 off! How can you go wrong??!!

Let's Party!!

Speaking of the warm weather, what would be a better time to get together with friends and have a super time learning something new??!! Our **Girl's Night-Out Parties** are just the thing! You'll have a super fun-filled evening (or day) painting up a storm with people you LOVE to be with!!!

Girls Night-Out Parties

Girl's Night-Out Parties are all the rage! Learn the OneStroke Painting Technique and complete a project you can give as a gift or keep for yourself! Have fun with up to 10 of your friends! Here's how it works:

- Book an available date for a party at my home studio and invite a minimum of 4 friends with a maximum of 10.
- Each guest pays \$35.00. This fee includes 2-hours of instruction and all you need to complete the project – surface, use of paints, brushes, etc.
- There is no class fee for the hostess who books the party and who has the minimum number of students.
- Refreshments are included.

These parties are great get-togethers for friends, religious groups, senior centers, women's clubs or any group that wants to have an enjoyable time with friends!

Interested?
Call us at 732-615-0582
to book an available date!

Guests must be prepaid at least 5 days prior to the scheduled party, no exceptions! Parties must be booked with no cancellations.

Tips and Techniques!

Do you love to use crackle mediums but can never decide which colors to use as the base and top coats because you don't know how it will turn

out? Well, here's a really neat technique!

Take several sheets of card stock (or heavier weight paper) and paint it with your favorite colors that you use as a base coat when crackling. These would be the colors that you would normally apply directly to the surface.

Now, take a transparency (like those used on overhead projectors) and apply your favorite crackling medium according to manufacturer's directions. Next, paint your favorite color on top of the crackle medium (one color per transparency). The cracks will reveal the transparency which is see-through.

What you will come up with are sheets that you can save in a notebook and interchange to see how each crackled top coat will look on a selected background!

Recipe

Jonnis' Applecake

Phyllis Zimmerman

- 1 ½ cups oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 6 small Granny Smith apples

Mix oil, sugar and eggs.

Add the mix to flour, salt, cinnamon, baking soda, eggs and vanilla.

Stir in 3 cups peeled sliced Granny Smith apples (5-6 small)

Pour in to a sprayed bundt pan.

Bake 350F for 1 hour 15 min. Let cool before removing.

NOTES: You can add 1 cup raisins (soak at least 1 hour first). Can be cut into sections and frozen.