

Decorative Wonders



A Painting Studio

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www.DecorativeWonders.com

Spring has Sprung!!!

Oh yes! Spring is here and summer is right around the corner! What a great time to paint! The days should be getting a bit less hectic. Why not carve out a special time for YOU for rest and relaxation? Plus, this is a great time to start thinking of creating some of those beautiful, handmade holiday gifts!

So, take a minute, grab a cup of coffee and take a look at the classes that are being offered. We're sure there will be something that piques your interest!

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Decorative Painting and
ONE Stroke™
Classes

Newsletter

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Classes at Other Locations

Old Bridge Recreation

Old Bridge Recreation Center
Old Bridge, NJ

See schedule attached for current projects
(Call 732-721-5600 x4999 to register)

MAECOM

Tinton Falls, NJ

Please call for schedule.

(Call Linda Risetto 732-542-3439 to register)

MSEP

Matawan, NJ

Classes have ended for the summer! Call to be
put on the mailing list for the Fall!

(Call 732-566-7900 to register)

AC Moore

Shrewsbury, NJ

Thursdays, 6:30pm-8:30pm

See schedule attached for current projects

(Call 732-389-2940 for more information)

MSEP Classes

Thanks to all those who took the MSEP Saturday Morning Classes this past year! We had a great time and you all did a SUPER job!! If you still want to reserve your Saturday mornings for painting, read the

description later in the newsletter about the new classes available at my Home Studio!

Girls Night-Out Parties

Don't forget the Girl's 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.

New! Summer Saturday Morning Classes

For those of you that want to continue classes on Saturday mornings or want to take some additional classes, there is a new Saturday Morning Class at my Home Studio! This will be for the summer only. Bring your brushes and a surface to paint and ideas of what you want to learn. Paints, basins, towels, etc. will all be available for your use!

New ONE Stroke Books

New books available now:

- Babies and Kids Decor
- Wreaths for All Seasons
- Papercrafting with Donna Dewberry

- Painting Borders for Your Home
- Quilting with Donna Dewberry

Coming in the next few months:

- Terrific Table Settings
- Memorable Scrapbooks

Tips and Techniques

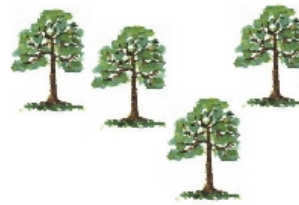
(About.com)

Painting Composition Class: Choosing the Number of Elements

Why having an odd number of elements in a painting makes for a more dynamic composition than an even number.

One of the first things to decide in a composition is how many elements or items there will be in it. And one of the simplest ways to make a composition more dynamic is to have an odd number in the composition, say three, five, or seven, rather than an even number, say two, four, or six.

This way your eye and brain can't pair them up or group them easily. There's some how always one left over which keeps your eyes moving across the composition.



With an even number of elements, such as in this basic composition, your eye instinctively pairs up the trees, whether it's two left and two to the right or two top and two to the bottom.



Whereas the next two compositions, each with an odd number of elements, are more dynamic in terms of composition, because your brain can't pair up the elements.



Why do we pair things up naturally? Perhaps it's because our body is designed in pairs: two eyes, two ears, two arms, two hands,

and so on. (Okay, we've only one nose, but it's got two nostrils!)

Does It Make a Difference What I'm Painting?

No, whether it's bottles, apples, trees, or people, the same composition rule applies. Of course, the number of elements is not the only thing to consider in a composition, but it's essential and quite a good starting point for developing a painting.

Recipe

Double Filled Mushroom Pizza

FILLING ONE

1/2 cup stuffed olives -- sliced
1 4-ounce can slice mushrooms -- drained

FILLING TWO

5 small scallions -- thinly sliced
1 14" long loaf French bread
1 14-ounce jar Ragú Pizza Quick Sauce
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Slice bread vertically into 10 slices without cutting completely through the bread. Spoon sauce equally into each section. Alternate fillings between slices. Sprinkle cheese over fillings.

Loosely wrap pizza in heavy aluminum foil. Bake 30 minutes, or until heated through. Open foil; bake 10 to 15 minutes.

Recommended Websites

- My web site, Decorative Wonders:
<http://www.decorativewonders.com/>
- One Stroke Cross-Reference:
<http://www.onestrokecrossreference.com/>
- Amaryllis Creations:
<http://www.amarylliscreations.com/>
- Donna Dewberry's One Stroke site:
<http://www.onestroke.com/>
- One Stroke Question and Answer Help:
<http://www.onestrokehelp.com/>
- The Stroking Edge magazine:
<http://www.thestrokingedge.com/>

- Plaid Enterprises:
<http://www.plaidonline.com/>
- DecoArt:
<http://www.decoart.com/>
- Crafters' Internet:
<http://www.craftersinternet.com/>
- Tera's Wish - Creativity for Everyone:
<http://www.teras-wish.com/>

Artists Websites

- Roxanne Jarvis:
<http://www.tolefairie.com/>
- Connie Parkinson:
<http://www.connieparkinson.com/>
- Diane Trierweiler:
<http://dianetrierweiler.com/>

Discussion Lists

- Official One Stroke list:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/onestroke_painting/
- Time to Tole (seminar announcements):
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/timetotole/>
- Tole Friends:
<http://tolefriends.com/>

Creativity

Tera's Wish (Tera Leigh):
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/teras-wish/>

The Business of Crafting

Artistic Ventures:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ArtisticVentures/>