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IT'S NOT TOO LATE

We have availability in virtually every class and workshop for the Spring term. Our Club stays vital and viable only if members participate. We encourage you to look over the diverse class offerings and find one that you would like to try.

We're offering one-day workshops like, Spanish tapas cooking and pillow stenciling as-well-as longer mini-classes like shell art and primitive landscape painting, in addition to our regular classes. Try something new and discover a hidden talent!

Bobbie Binder & Pam Gardner
Class Co-Chairs

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are about to start our spring term and we have some wonderful new opportunities, as well as your old favorites, so please take some time and look over the class listings and find something that interests you and enroll now!!! We need our members to be active in the club to keep it current and interesting.

Looking ahead, the Annual Preview Party and Exhibit will take place on May 16. Please mark your calendars now, so you don't miss this wonderful evening. If you are a new member you really should try to attend, as it is a great way to meet other members and to see all the wonderful work that is done by our talented members.

If you have anyone interested in becoming a new member of our club, now is a good time to get that process going. If you get an application with the corresponding support letters in by May 1st, their application will be presented at the May board meeting, then the prospective member will be posted for the required time and voted on at the June meeting.

As you will learn by reading this newsletter, the club is trying to hire a bookkeeper / administrative assistant. This is something the board has been thinking about for some time and we finally are making it happen. We are in the process of accepting applications, so if you know of anyone that might be interested in this opportunity, get in touch with **Izzy Goff**.

HAPPY SPRING!!!!

Trina

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ARE YOU READY FOR SPRING?

By **Margie Edwards**, Second Vice President

The Handicraft Club is preparing for an exciting Preview and Cocktail Party. On Monday, May 16th from 6-8pm, please join us as we officially usher in the Spring while celebrating our members' finest work of the year! Three wonderful raffle items have been secured for this fundraiser:

- One Week at a Charming 4 Bedroom Home in Boca Grande, FL with Pool and Golf Cart – right across from the Beach!
* Donated by **Izzy Goff**
- A Beautiful Chest in Decoupage Transforming the Piece into an Aquarium
* By **Virginia Mead** and the Decoupage Class
- A One-of-a-Kind Necklace in Silver, Gold and Semi-precious Stones
* Created by **Vivien Jones**

Raffle tickets will be on sale, \$25 a piece or 3 for \$50. In April, the necklace and pictures of the Boca Grande House will be on display at the Club – as will the Decoupage Chest, once it's been completed.

Nancy Moger will be chairing the evening's edible donations. She'll be looking for 30 members to provide their favorite hot and cold, bite-sized hors d'oeuvres for the evening, so please volunteer to help **Nancy**. Recipes are welcome and will be considered by the Cookbook Committee. At the time of this writing the following members have volunteered their specialties: **Pam Gardner, Alice Beckwith,**

Rhea Brooks, Barbara Colt, Sally Whitin, Trina Sherer, Jen Auber, Nancy Dunn, Izzy Goff, Kit Barnum, Meredith Swan and Nancy Moger.

Complimenting the delicacies provided by our members will be an open bar tended by Dennis Brown and his servers.

Rhea Brooks and her committee are coordinating the members' exhibition. Members may submit up to 2 items for the show. Please sign up in your classroom or contact **Rhea** directly. We are looking for items from all classes.

Securing the hostesses to receive exhibition items, to hostess at the public showing and to be there when we pick up items after the show, is **Trish Sylvester**. Please contact her if you are willing to hostess.

The Party and Raffle comprise our major annual fundraiser; our success depends on you. Invitations, being designed by **Kay Lisle**, will be mailed in April. The cost is still \$35 per person. We hope that you will encourage potential members, spouses and friends to attend with you. If you have any questions, please call **Margie Edwards** at 737-0809 (email margedwards@verizon.net) or contact a committee chair listed above.

Think Spring.....picture our beautiful house filled with our work.....imagine how lovely our garden will be..... and COME TO THE PREVIEW PARTY MAY 16TH!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If a workshop has space availability 10 days prior to the scheduled date, a member may bring a nonmember guest. The nonmember guest must be registered for the Workshop in advance, and the member will be responsible for the tuition and materials fees



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DID YOU KNOW?

We are looking for a part time bookkeeper/administrative assistant with bookkeeping, computer and strong interpersonal skills.

Job duties include:

- * Bookkeeping
- * Maintaining databases and class registrations
- * Updating and printing of the handbook
- * Monitoring the Club's Gmail account
- * Maintaining teacher pay and contract schedules

Our new administrative assistant needs to be detailed oriented, computer literate, have strong communication and organizational skills, and (most importantly!) be flexible and able to work with the Club's diverse member.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEBODY WITH THESE SKILLS, WHO'S LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Please have them email their resume and cover letter to thehandicraftclub@gmail.com.

We'll let you know when we hire some one. I know the bells will ring from rooftop to rooftop!

FACULTY EXHIBITION NOTICES

Richard Harrington

Abstract Landscapes

The Providence Art Club

<http://www.providenceartclub.org>

Dodge House Gallery The Exhibition Runs

March 20-April 8, 2011

Opening Reception on Sunday

March 20, 2-4pm

And don't forget to visit Richard's studio, next door at the Deacon Taylor Studios, during the reception hours

Gallery Hours

Monday - Friday, 12-4pm

Saturday & Sunday, 2-4pm

All exhibits are free and open to the public

Kathy Weber

A One-Woman Show

The F.A.N. Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

<http://www.fanartgallery.com>

The Exhibitions Will Run

During the month of September

Per Kathy's Feb. 22, 2011 blog post:

"...so for the past week I've been stretching canvases and organizing my subject matter to facilitate things. I'll need 30-40 paintings for this show- yikes!- so I'm going to be a very busy girl for months to come."

<http://weberstudio.blogspot.com/>



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Important Dates This Spring

March 14th – classes are scheduled to begin
Early April – preview party invitations to be mailed
May 1st – member candidate submission deadline
May 7th – cookbook contribution deadline
May 16th – preview party

JULIA LIPPITT MAURAN

June 25, 1860 – May 21, 1949

Gentlewoman, Farmer,
Horticulturist, Woodcarver,
Founder of Countless
Societies, Champion of
Good and Controversial
Causes, Beloved by Friend,
Respected by Foe.

A Special Thanks Goes To....

Fran Gammell-Roach, for her generous
gifting the Handicraft Club a wonderful 8-
harness loom!

Many Thanks!

ABOUT THE COOKBOOK

Recipes... Secret Ingredients... Special Techniques - What Are Yours?

The Handicraft Cookbook Committee has met three times since December. Everyone involved in this project is very excited! We want to make a book that each of us will love having on our kitchen shelves.

It will be easy to use, full of inspiration and information. And, as illustrations, we even hope to have photographs of the wonderful crafts that we do in our classes. Since this project is a fundraiser for our club, we need your participation and support. We know that everyone of our members (408 strong!) has at least one favorite recipe... or maybe a special technique... or a secret ingredient to share with us.

Please write them down and drop them in the box in the kitchen anteroom or email them to **Sally Whiten** at pardeecott@aol.com. Our deadline for receiving contributions is the end of the spring term, May 7th. We plan to have the cookbook printed and available next fall.

So please... look through your recipes, we'd love to have input from each and everyone of you!

Sally Whiten & Sue Clough
Cookbook Co-Chairs