

Stroke Notes with Donna

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The change of season is upon us once again. This is always an exciting time for me as an instructor and designer. Just about the time I run out of ideas for a season the season changes and I have all new ideas to paint and teach! What would I do without changing seasons?

Speaking of changes...JoAnn has some big changes that will save you lots of money on classes! See page three for all the details!

Autumn is a beautiful time of year with warm colors and cooler temperatures. The months of September and October are filled with Autumn projects from cards to banners at every location!

It's also time for our Fifth Annual Fall Retreat! See page three for more information. The brochure is now on the website ready for you to print and send in your registration! Register by September 1 for huge savings and the most Freebies!

With the beginning of fall comes the beginning of the series classes available at the senior centers in Brighton, Hartland, Hamburg and Wixom. Check out the website for more class information.

Summer is ending and fall is beginning. We usually have more time to ourselves. I hope you will have time to join me in one of my upcoming classes. Happy Painting...Donna

Painter's Tip of the Month

Before summer I spent some time online looking for great new tools that would help us paint quicker, easier and better. Boy! Did I find some great stuff!

One of my favorites is the Mist-It. This pen size, super fine mist sprayer has sooo many uses! Here are just a few:

1. Fill with alcohol for cleaning glass, goo off surfaces and paint off your clothes.
2. Fill with mouth wash to stay minty fresh.
3. Fill with water to keep your acrylic paints moist.
4. Fill with your favorite scent to stay smelling wonderful.
5. Fill with diluted paint to create fun, easy and fabulous backgrounds.

These are just a few of the uses for this great product! I keep several of them on hand since they are the size of a pen and easy to carry in my painting bag, purse or pocket.

Almost better than the product is the great price! One is \$3 or get 3 for \$7! They come in pink or clear. Ask about them in your next class!

Classes Available at the Brighton Art Guild!

Beginning in September you will be able to take classes at the Brighton Art Guild located on Main Street in Brighton.

Classes will be held during the day on weekdays and Saturdays.

To get things started I am offering two classes that I have never offered before.

Have you always wanted to be able to draw? Learn the basics of drawing and tools that are used in a Three Week Drawing Series. Classes are September 15, 22 & 29 from 10-Noon. The price is \$60 with a \$10 supply fee for drawing materials that will be yours to keep.

Join me on September 24 & October 1 to paint a beautiful meadow with a flowing stream in oils. This landscape won First Place at the Fowlerville Fair this year! The two week class is \$50. You may bring your own supplies or use mine for a supply fee of \$25.

I am excited to be able to offer classes through one of the local art associations. Please join me so we can make them a success.

More classes and series will be offered in 2011.

Bragging Rights

This year I entered several painting projects at the Fowlerville Fair. The results were pretty good...

Oil Landscapes: 1st & 2nd Place

Acrylic Animals: Bunny 1st Place and won the Livingston County Fine Art Assoc. Award!

Tiger 3rd Place

Summer Banner: 1st Place and Best in Show!

Tole Painting: Poppies 1st Place

Apple Basket 2nd Place

Hydrangea Glasses: 1st Place

One Stroke: 1st and 2nd Place

Bryce won 1st and 2nd place with his carved ducks. His carved fish won 1st place and Best of Show!!

Senior Center Excitement!

Summer is almost over and fall classes will be beginning again! Be sure to check the schedule for your location for dates and projects.

Tuesdays: 10:00-11:30 Wixom Senior Center (Any AGE Welcome!)

1:00-2:30 Brighton Seniors (Any AGE Welcome!)

Wednesdays: 11:00-12:30 Hartland Seniors—Beginners

1:00-2:30 Hartland Seniors—Intermediate

Thursdays: 1:00-2:30 Hamburg Seniors

Wanted: New Students
Reward: Bring a new student to a Studio class they pay only \$5 for their 1st class.
You save \$5 on Your class!
Bring this coupon to class.
(Not good for Two for Ones)

Time is Running Out

Time is running out to save money on the Annual Fall Retreat. The Early Bird Specials will help you save money. Signing up early also helps you get more cool things and opportunities for FREE!.

Early Bird deadline is September 1 for the biggest savings!

A small non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 will hold your space.

The Comfort Inn in Birch Run is also offering a fantastic deal on our rooms. A room with two beds, fridge and microwave is ONLY \$89.99 per night for up to four people in the room. The standard rate on these rooms is \$119! This special offer is only good until September 30 so be sure to register early. Rooms must be booked at least ten days in advance.

This year's event is packed full of new and incredible projects and techniques you won't want to miss. Sooooo, send in your deposit and book your room!

Class Projects

Denim Jacket

All New Hydrangeas Lap Desk

Autumn Color Block

Double Hung Garden Sign

To Be Determined After my Travels

All surfaces and paints are provided! (Except the denim jacket or button up shirt) Breakfasts and lunches are provided both days! Dinner Friday is on your own with time to shop at Birch Run Outlet Mall!

Jo Ann's Corner

Big News on Great Deals!!!

Beginning August 14 all of my trend classes will be included in the 50% off sale held each month during the Open House event!

This is a one day only event so don't miss out.

Open Houses are usually held the second Saturday of the month.

Can't make it to the store to register?

Register over the phone!

See the JoAnn brochure on the web and see samples in the store.

Sign up for
TWO

August Studio
classes and
your next
Class is HALF
PRICE!

(with this
coupon. Not to
be combined.
Studio classes
only.)

Artistic Attitudes

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\$5.00 off any Regular studio class!

Bring coupon to class.

One per student in September

Not good to two for one classes or combined
with other offers or discounts



Frequent Student Punch Card

Only at my Home Studio

As a special thank you to all of my students I have started a frequent student program. For each class taken one punch is given. If you bring someone to class that has never taken a class from me before you will receive a free punch. Some special classes get TWO FREE punches! Once you fill your card you will receive a FREE \$15.00 class!

Remember this is only available at my Home Studio.

My Birthday Gift To YOU!

Everyone should be treated special for their birthday!

During your birthday month you get \$10.00 off one Studio class.

Just pre-register and let me know it's your birthday month.

Gift Certificates Available!

Do you have a birthday coming up? Ask your friends and family for a Gift Certificate from Artistic Attitudes!

Gift Certificates can be purchased in any amount. They may be used towards classes or purchases. They never expire.

Purchasing them is easy! Just call or email us with the information and we will print a custom gift certificate for the occasion!

Purchase any 25.00 gift certificate in July and get an extra 5.00 added to the amount! Purchase a 50.00 certificate and get an extra 10.00 added!