

# The Left Bank Studio Newsletter | November 2010

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## Write Brain Café





The Write Brain Café has really taken off. Up to 25 at a time have come to the Café for lunch. If you've never tried the Cafe, it's like a French restaurant where you all sit together, eat and talk, laugh and paint. It's a place where you can come for the experience and take home the memories.

## Write Brain Café Placemat Contest



You've all heard it said "Every picture tells a story" or "a picture is worth a thousand words." Well, that's what's happening at the Write Brain Café. Every day Jo paints chickens on the placemats, and every day people come for lunch and to paint. Stories are shared. and all have fun. Because it's so much fun, we want to share this art with you by having a monthly contest at the Write Brain Café. When you have lunch and paint, we will enter your placemat into the contest. At the end of the month, a winner will be chosen to receive a free lunch. How's that for fun!



## "Gilbert" Gnome Wins "People's Choice"

Yes, it's true! The "People's Choice award at the Reiman Gardens go to the Gilbert Gnome created by Jo. Congrats!

#### **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, Dec. 4 Make & Take Time Sunday, Dec. 51-5 pm **Christmas Market at the Winery,** Prairie Moon Winery, Ames, IA Deb. Jo. Sarah will be there

#### **Classes:**

#### Repurposed Jewelry

Sarah Dorn Nov. 17th 6:30pm-8:30pm Email Sarah of your interest in class at mamapeacock@hotmail.com

#### Gift Bag Making Workshop

Regina Smith Nov 13 at 9:30-10:30 and Nov 13 10:30-11:30

#### Jewelry by Rhonda

Rhonda Scott Call or email Rhonda of your interest in class at 231-1750 Rhonda@silverleafshop.com

#### Watercolor

#### Jo Myers-Walker

Starting Mondays Nov. 8th 6 – 8 pm Starting Thursdays Nov. 11th 9 - 11 am Reiman Gardens, January 13-March 10

## Watercolor

**Gwen Foster** 

Mondays Nov. 14, 22, 29 1 - 2:30 pm

#### Make and Take Time

**Deborah Gnagy Ruby** 

Sat Nov.6th 9am-11am Paint Fall Leaves on Old Shirt w/Stencils and Stamps Nov.11th 6-8pm Paint a snowman on Old Barn wood with Pattern and Stencils Sat. Nov. 13th 9-11am Make and Take a Painted Holiday Ornament Nov.18th 6-8pm Make a Holiday Glass Pendant With My Artwork

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#### **Christmas Market at the Winery**

Jo, Sarah, and Deb will be at Christmas Market at the Winery, a holiday craft show, **Sunday, Dec. 5**<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 pm at the Prairie Moon Winery in Ames.

#### Classes for November and Beyond

The following artists will be teaching and displaying their work at the Left Bank Studio.

## Regina Smith - Giftbag Making Nov.



Nov. 13 at 9:30-10:30 and 10:30-11:30 Cost: \$10-15 supplies included and \$3 for each additional bag

Join us for this quick and easy class on how to turn that shiny cover that always falls off your books into something great! We will take those book covers and make them into handy gift bags perfect for the holiday season or any gift-giving occasion. Bring your own book cover if you like.

**Bio** I am a visual artist and my interest in fashion accessories and the influence of a book artist led me to design purses from recycled books in 2003. Since that time, I have expanded the concept into making everything from necklaces and belts to clocks and shelves from books. See my site at <a href="https://www.espartostudio.com">www.espartostudio.com</a>

## Deb Gnagy Ruby

**Sat Nov.6th 9am-11am** Paint Fall Leaves on Old Shirt w/Stencils and Stamps...All you need is a old shirt...\$25.00

**Nov.11th 6-8pm** Paint a snowman on Old Barn wood with Pattern and Stencils Pic on FB ...\$25.00

**Sat. Nov. 13th 9-11am** Make and Take a Painted Holiday Ornament...Pic on FB ...\$25.00

**Nov.18th 6-8pm** Make a Holiday Glass Pendant With My Artwork...Pic on FB... \$25.00 Plus \$5.00 Supply Fee

Please register ahead of time so I have enough supplies. Email me at <a href="Deborahspalette@globalccs.net">Deborahspalette@globalccs.net</a> Or Leave a comment on Facebook (FB) <a href="http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Art-to-the-php."/pages/Art-to-the-php."/pages/Art-to-the-php.

Soul-Gallery/135683238189 Or call the LBS.

### **Gwen Foster - Watercolor Painting**

<u>Three Monday classes</u> – November 15, 22, and 29 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. \$25 per class. Gwen will be teaching watercolor painting of foliage and portraits. Pre-registration is not necessary, just show up. Questions, call Gwen at 382-1686.

#### Sarah Dorn – Repurposed Jewelry RING CLASS Wed. Nov 17 6:30-8:30 pm









Create two lovely and unique rings that are all your own! Students should bring to class images that they would like to make into a ring. The sizes we will be working with that day are a 1" circle and a 1"x1" square. Photos, paper and fabric are good choices, there will be a selection of these at class to choose from as well. The 1" circle ring will be made using a glass cabochon, which magnifies the image nicely, the 1"x1" square ring will be made using a resin. Both are fun, chunky rings perfect gifts for yourself or someone else! **Wed Nov 17**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. It is open to all skill levels. **Cost:** \$30, (\$25 for the class and \$5 for supplies.) Register/info: email Sarah at mamapeacock@hotmail.com

## **Jewelry Classes with Rhonda**

Having trouble finding a class that fits into your crazy schedule? Sign up for a class with Rhonda. When we have six people for a particular class, we will find a time to meet—around your schedule. And then, slow down, take a breath and create! The fees (non-refundable) are due at the time of registration. To register, call Rhonda at 231-1750 or email her at <a href="mailto:Rhonda@silverleafshop.com">Rhonda@silverleafshop.com</a>.



For complete class descriptions, go to www.silverleafshop.com & click on New Classes.



# Jo Myers-Walker – Creating Holiday Gifts and Watercolor Painting



Starting Nov 8, Mondays, 6-8 pm & Nov. 11, Thursdays 9–11 am. 4-5 weeks ending on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. (no class on Thanksgiving Day). Starting November 11<sup>th</sup>, Gift Giving Class For Grandmas. Jo will be doing a multiple mediums gift giving class combining watercolor, acrylic and permanent paint to create holiday cards, aprons, pillows, bags, chairs, etc. Or, if you wish to start or continue with watercolor, Jo will continue teaching watercolor classes. Whether you want to paint with watercolor or focus on making gifts, this class is for you. \$25/class For more info or to register, call Jo at 233-1405 or email jomyerswalker@gmail.com

## Watercolor Class in January 2011

Jo will be teaching a watercolor class starting on January 13, 2011 through March 10 at the **Reiman Gardens**. The theme will be the winter garden. Aaron Steil (294-4817) at the Reiman Gardens is handling registration for the class. Call early to reserve your space as the class is filling up.



# Iowa Watercolor Society Traveling Show Beginning November 1

As president of the Iowa Watercolor Society, Jo took the Red Van to the Waterloo Center for the Arts to launch the IWS Traveling show on October 31. The tour will feature 30 paintings and will journey on to Fort Madison in February, Burlington in March-April and Fairfield (May-July). Go to www.iowawatercolorsociety.org for details.

**Birthday Celebrations** 



#### Want a great alternative to the same old birthday party?

You can celebrate the occasion and foster your child's creative genius by having a t-shirt making party at the Left Bank Studio. Call Jo for info.

## Repurposing at the Left Bank Studio

October brought many changes at the Left Bank Studio. Things have been moved out to make more seating for the Write Brain Café and for teaching. Windows have been repaired and prepared for winter.



We have two items, an oak ice box and a stained glass window available for sale. Call Jo to make an inquiry about them.





**Emerging Artists Show Oct 29th** 







What a show at the Prairie Moon Winery. Many of the student artists of the Left Bank studio showed and talked about their work. Here are a few pictures from the show.



"Thoughtful Contemplation"

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Taking It In



It's ALL about the Art

It's A Family Affair



Wine and Watercolor – Wonder!