

2016 IADCCT CONVENTION "SWEET SIXTEEN"

Another convention under our belts! 2016 IADCCT Convention went really well. A huge thanks to all of the participants, the Board, the Hosting Chapters and the Orleans staff for making this year's convention a truly memorable one.

Friday was filled with the customary meetings and registration, along with the Annual Membership meeting.

EDUCATION:

To cap off Friday night, Duncan represented by Dean Saether and Heather Bliss, with David Hoff (teaching a Duncan University Class), showed off the new line of True Matte Pastels



glaze. A majolica technique, with irises being created with Concepts, was taught on one of the new Duncan bisque handled platters.



Classes for Saturday were taught by Bill Young and Bob Moreni. Bill taught a glaze interaction class, while Bob, who represented Mayco, taught silk screening and stoneware glazing on stoneware bisque.



Sunday classes were taught by Cathy Housley and Marie-Therese Pearson.

Cathy shared a recipe for making a chalkboard glaze using Cover Coats and Satin Glaze along with teaching a paper resist method.

Marie-Therese Pearson showed us how to do pen and ink design using a quill pen and EZ Strokes for our ink and then utilized Concepts to colorize the project.



HOSPITALITY NIGHT & AWARDS BANQUET:

The Oklahoma Dreamcatchers, the hosting chapter chair for "Sweet 16", designed the convention themed logo which was used for the goody bags.



They designed and made stoneware key chains that were put in the goody bags too. They also designed pins that the Chapter sold at convention. If you missed getting yours at convention, they still have some for sale; they are \$5 and they can mail them, so if you would like to order some for your

group, just contact Jane Lawrence, Ann Barton, or Donna Gould.

The Dreamcatchers also provided the entertainment for the evening, Music and Ceramic through the ages, adding comments from the members that responded to our questionnaire. They did a great job with the theme. The entertainment kept everyone in stitches for about an hour, and many people dressed in theme, danced, and in general had a great time. The choice of ceramic pieces they used for the times were priceless. And the music took most of us back a year or two!



AWARDS:

Arlene Smith, our President welcomed Duncan guests Dean Saether and Heather Bliss. Dean had special awards to present to Ambassadors. Last year he challenged Ambassadors two ways; first, who would have the most increase in students for the year and secondly, who would teach the most classes and therefore have the most students? The Ambassadors who won the challenged were very surprised; Tammy Shumate had the



Heather Bliss, Tammy Shumate, Dean Saether



most increase in students and Arlene Smith taught the most classes and had the most students. Congratulations to them both for working hard and for stepping up to beat out our other Ambassadors and each were presented a check for their efforts.

Following that presentation, the Ceramics Gone Wild Chapter recognized and presented "First Timers", members who attend convention for the very first time, with a special goody bag and all were welcomed by every one of our members in attendance.

Heather, Arlene Smith, Dean



First Timers in alphabetical order: *Joann Clinton, Sandy Felder, Nancy Gosser, Edward Hinz, Cheryl James, Carne Quick, Sharon Roberts, Sharon Schmidt, Norlene Tchida and Maryann Webb-Dowling*

Arlene then presented Chapter Charters to Chapter presidents or their representatives in attendance for 2016.

Pat Lackey introduced the Quarter Century Club members, those who have been members 25 years or more, in attendance and gave special recognition to the three generations of the Marjon family who were once again with us. Louise Dickson gave a short history on the club and Jerry Vickers told about the "Goody Bags" given to members during their special dinner at Ricardo's thanking those who contributed and their thoughtfulness.



There were 14 members and their guests attending the Quarter Century Club dinner at Ricardo's: Gail Bowers, Claudia Brown, Ruthann Conn, Louise Dickson, Elaine Herbert, David Hoff, Pat Keanini, Pat Lackey, Lee McCrite, Dixie Peterson, Carol Richard, Jerry Vickers, Shannan Vickery and Dru Woodward.

Quarter Century Club Members-starting in back row, left to right
Claudia Brown, Shannan Vickery, Elaine Herbert, Carol Richards, David Hoff, Dru Woodward, Larry Knight, Lee McCrite, Ruthann Conn, Gail Bowers, Pat Lackey, Louise Dickson, Pat Keanini, Dixie Peterson, Gerry Vickers

Up next was the Educational Showcase Awards. These were presented to our members by Judy LeBlanc the committee chair. Members are awarded with a bronze, silver, gold and diamond pin depending upon how many points they receive. Several members received awards, however our two most recognized members were Arlene Smith for 700 points and Marie-Therese Pearson for 1400 points!



Arlene Smith, MT Pearson

Then it was time for our most prestigious award, the Cleo Curtis Award. This award is named after Cleo Curtis in tribute to her unceasing love for ceramics and ceramic teachers. Bill Young was the honored recipient. The announcement was made by David Hoff, Member at Large, and Gerry Vickers (Cleo winner 2014) helped with the award presentation. All previous Cleo Curtis Award recipients present were invited on stage to share in the presentation.



*Above-David Hoff, Gerry Vickers, Larry Knight and Bill Young
Left-Bill Young and Musette Young*



Cleo Curtis Award recipients-David Hoff, Larry Knight, Dru Woodward, Carol Richards, Pat Lackey, Bill Young, Musette Young, Gerry Vickers, Arlene Smith

The evening concluded with the Oklahoma Dreamcatchers entertainment of "Ceramic Thru the Ages" which was enjoyed by all.

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