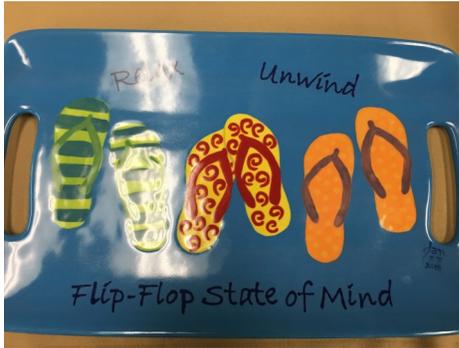


## 2018 Southern Stars Laughlin Retreat...

by Cathy Owen

Our Southern Stars Chapter had another very successful retreat on August 18th & 19th at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort in Laughlin, Nevada. Southern Stars is 20 years old this year and can you believe we have been having yearly functions at the Riverside for 20 years!



This year we had 47 talented ceramists in attendance. Our "Surf and Turf" theme brought us 4 projects, including a Duncan U class, taught over the two days by five awesome teachers. Judy and Donna's project was a Surf and Turf Tortoise on the Duncan Honeycomb Salad Plate. Janet Dietman taught the Relax and Unwind Flip Flop project using Concepts on the Duncan Medium Handle Platter. Helen Castaneda's project was the fun Glazed Shell Box using 6 Concept colors randomly sponged on the outside of the box - then you take it home and apply glaze and mother of pearl. Lastly, Arlene Smith taught the Duncan U class "World of Creativity-Asia: Underwater Excursion" which is Koi Fish on the Duncan Medium Oval French Bread Plate using a combination of Designer Glazes, Envision Glazes and French Dimensions.



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Of course, no Southern Stars retreat would not be complete without the social evening. This year we had lots of laughs and giggles while playing the fishing game, the "name the candy" game and the cow pie toss all in the spirit of "Surf and Turf". We also had the unexpected waterfall through the ceiling in our event room which provided a unique and soggy atmosphere for the social evening!



Many thanks to Arlene for the beautiful centerpieces that some lucky people won and got to take home with them, thanks to all that donated items for the silent auction this year, and, of course, thanks to Duncan for their generous product donation that keeps our retreat affordable.

Plans are already underway for the 2019 retreat-Santa Comes to The River! It will be an event you won't want to miss!



*Laughlin centerpieces!*

