



# Teacher's Notebook

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### Creating Time for Creative People

With the number of books on the market and shows on television dealing with the dilemma of being organized, it must be a subject that challenges the vast majority of us! It is an undisputed fact that creative people acquire and work around a lot of interesting, and necessary, materials. Perhaps the only people that understand why these materials are necessary are the people who acquire them, but usually those who live with and love these "creative people" adjust and are able to live with all the extras. But there is hope on the horizon!!

If you spend valuable time searching for an important document or design, or perhaps going through all those cups and bins of brushes (pencils, pens, markers) trying to find the ones just right for your current project, it's time to organize. Paints are another whole area that can challenge even the best kept studio. Time searching is time that could be better spent in creating your masterpiece. It will require a commitment of time and energy to organize everything, but it will pay you back time and time again.

Martin/F. Weber has come to the rescue with the "Just Stow-It" line of bags designed by artists for artists. Tool bags, Backpacks, Shoulder Bags and



Portfolio, Rollerboards, all unique, smart looking and affordable. Just a sampling of these can be seen on page 4 of this newsletter!! These can help you get organized in your studio space and keep you ready to go for those up and coming classes and seminars. With the help of these, some book shelves, file drawers and yes, even the waste

basket, you can make your work space a joy to be in. Plus imagine the time you will have now that "searching" is not such a big part of your day! Remember, when working on any project "It's not the number of hours you put in, It's what you put in the hours". Make those hours work to your best benefit!

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## *From the Editor's Desk ...*

*A real February chill is in the air but in just a few short weeks we will be seeing signs of spring and the re-birth of nature all around us. I try to work extra hard at our many inside projects during this time of year so that when warmer days do*

*arrive, I can be outside with canvas and brushes in hand for some Plein Air paintings. Also we have quite a bit of exterior work to be done on my new studio when the weather permits. The interior is nearly complete, which means I now have to get all of my painting materials and gear organized so that I can put the studio space to its very best use. Classes and seminars will be scheduled here at our country location just as soon as possible. If you are interested in a schedule, please send your emailed request to Kitty@KittyGorrell.com and I will keep you posted on up and coming events.*

*The brochures for our 2006 Homecoming Hues Painting Retreat are completed and many, many have already been mailed. If you would like a copy just email us your name and postal mailing address and we will get one right out to you. It can also be found on my web sight at [www.KittyGorrell.com](http://www.KittyGorrell.com) then link to Homecoming Hues. This year we are offering some very special opportunities for expanding your painting knowledge and skills. A Design Workshop for original oil paintings will be taught by Dorothy Dent, an Intensive Study of Watercolor will be taught by Mark Polomchak, and Plein Air workshops will be taught by Robert Warren. Additional classes in oils and watercolor are being offered plus many extra events, programs and assemblies. Martin/F. Weber is a very supportive part of the Homecoming each year, getting wonderful reviews from the teachers and painters on the products they have the opportunity to use.*

*Take care and be sure to look us up is you are near one of the events on our 2006 schedule below.*

*With warmest regards, Kitty*

### **Find Kitty's at these 2006 Events**

Creative Painting—Las Vegas, NV—February 19-24, 2006  
Society of Decorative Painters—Nashville, Tenn.— June 5-10, 2006  
Heart of Ohio Tole—Columbus, Ohio— August 7-12, 2006  
ArtExpo—Houston, Texas— August 21-25, 2006  
Homecoming Hues Painting Retreat—Cairo, WV - Sept. 5-10, '06  
Johnnie Liliedahl Studio—Houston, TX - September 25-Oct. 1, 2006  
Mexican Riviera Painting Cruise— October 22-29, 2006



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### **For help in finding a class or teacher in your area**

Check out the Weber Art Learning Centers listed at the end of this newsletter! Or perhaps the web sight for the Society of Decorative Painters ([www.decorativepainters.org](http://www.decorativepainters.org)) can help. And by all means, check [www.WeberArt.com](http://www.WeberArt.com) often for updates and listings of seminars around the country as well as the latest in products for your paint box.

# Susan's Corner



It's hard to believe it is well into 2006 already. With the winter season here it is a perfect time to get out the hot chocolate, your paint brushes and get a head start on painting all occasion cards. I often discover that the cards I have painted are a perfect spring-board for painting larger paintings. Do not forget to take out

some cards for the children to paint for grandparents and family. They will probably become keepsakes and you might want to enclose a photo inside.

Take those wonderful holiday photos and work up scrap book pages that you can accent with your painting. It is easy to pick up the colors in the photos with your watercolors and create frames. Pen and ink with color washes are a lovely accent for those pages. Add dimension to the surface of those pages by using the Dimension Plus which comes in a variety of luscious hues. You may want to add more embellishments to the Dimension Plus such as buttons, glitter, fabric, small sea shells collected on a day at the beach. Allow the children to create their own pages as they will become such wonderful treasures.

Time to plan vacations and trips to seminars. Why not come to Portland, join one of my classes and then stay a few days extra to see the beautiful Northwest? With camera in hand, you will want to visit the waterfalls, mountains and the beach.

July 10 thru 14— Watercolor

July 17 thru 21— Watercolor

August 21 thru 25th - Watercolor and Acrylic  
Classes are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

I will be teaching some classes at conventions around the country also. Sign up early at one of these great conventions .

Creative Painting, Las Vegas, NV— Feb. 20-24  
Society of Decorative Painters - Nashville, TN,  
June 6-10

Heart of Ohio Tole, Columbus, Ohio— August 7-11  
Seattle mini conventions - Sept. 22 thru 24th  
New England Traditions — Providence, RI— Oct. 4-7

With spring near it is a perfect time to put on a fresh look and personalize a room. Bathrooms, kitchens bedrooms and halls can easily be personalized with some accent touches of paint. I have had letters from so many that have found the Susan Scheewe Acrylic have been the paint of choice for home decor.

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. Several years ago I painted accents with trailing vines and called it work in progress. Our visitors who return always want to check to see what little additions I have added.

I have some extra large canvas at our beach condo that I work on when we take our weekend trips ..... again a work in progress. My painting friends who come to visit are so inspired! They are ordering the large canvas as well to add wonderful accents to their homes. They are fun to paint and you can change them with the season.

With the spring flowers starting to reach out we can always find inspiration to paint. My book "Beginning Watercolors" has several paintings, instructions and pattern for tulips and daffodils. You can pick yourself a fresh bouquet as a reference as you create your painting.

You may e-mail me at [Scheewepub@aol.com](mailto:Scheewepub@aol.com). I always enjoy seeing your paintings or hearing what you have created. Also please visit my web site often at [www.painting-books.com](http://www.painting-books.com)

**Enjoy painting as it is a wonderful journey. Sue**

## Calling all Convention Teachers!

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## Innovative Artist Backpack

ITEM No. 66-JS1005

The *Just Stow-it* Backpack was designed for all the needs of the creative person yet still be lightweight, compact and comfortable to wear or carry.

- Brush, paint and tool compartment
- Area for computer and/or additional artwork / pads.
- Bonus pad holder for sketching or writing
- Compartment for pads, artwork or projects.
- Overall dimensions: 14" x 19" x 8"
- Strong zipper with comfortable handle
- Durable water resistant fabric
- Padded shoulder straps and bag backing for all day comfort with your Artist materials or computer.
- Personal item area in the front pocket under the protective flap.
- Bonus removeable tool case fits all artist's tools. Carry separately or it can be retained under the flap as it is equipped with Velcro.



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## Creative Artist Tool Bag

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*Just Stow-it* creative tool bag is made to fit all the toolery of the artist. *Just Stow-it* is a simple way to stow your materials when you are "on the go"

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**Martin/F. Weber** has a long history of supporting the **Decorative Arts Collection** and the artist's works that are a part of the Collection. Weber has been a corporate sponsor and was instrumental in supporting the exhibition "A Sentimental Collection of Roses." This exhibition was on display in Phoenix, Wichita and in 6 cities in Japan. The accompanying publication to that exhibition was a "best seller." Martin/F. Weber Company would now like to congratulate Andy B. Jones as he is hired as Director of the Decorative Arts Collection Museum.

## *Decorative Arts Collection*



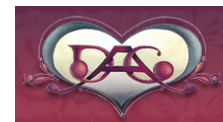
## *Hires Andy B. Jones as Director*

Andy B. Jones, well-known decorative artist, teacher, and author has been hired as Director of the Decorative Arts Collection Museum. Mr. Jones has been a member of the Decorative Arts Collection (DAC) Board of Trustees for six years, serving as president for the past five. He recently resigned his position as president to assume this new position effective January 1, 2006. DAC Board of Trustees Vice President Shirley Miller, will accede to the presidency of the Board.

Jones began decorative painting as a child and by the time he was a young teenager he was teaching and sharing his knowledge of the art form with adults. He later earned a Bachelor of Arts from Florida State University with a major in painting and printmaking and a minor in art history. Mr. Jones has written more than three-dozen books covering instructions on decorative art, faux finishing and decoupage as well as numerous articles and columns in art, craft and home décor magazines and considered by many to be a leading authority on modern decorative painting in the United States. For many years Jones was part owner of PCM Studios, a faux finishing and decorative painting business based in Atlanta, GA.

Board President Shirley Miller said "One of the goals of the DAC has been to hire a Director to lead the strategic planning and day to day activities of the museum. Mr. Jones professional career in decorative painting, his experience as a member of our Board of Trustees and his educational background make him ideally suited to this position. We are excited about the potential to increase our activities and further fulfill the mission of museum."

The Decorative Arts Collection Museum, located in Wichita, KS was established in 1982. The mission of the Decorative Arts Collection is to promote understanding and appreciation of decorative painting by saving outstanding historic and contemporary examples, maintaining exhibitions and providing educational opportunities to the public. Currently the museum has over 1000 pieces in its collection displayed on a rotating basis and through traveling exhibitions. For more information visit [www.decorativeartscollection.org](http://www.decorativeartscollection.org).



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