

# Las Damas de Arte

February 2010 Edition

## President's Message

Hello all LDDA Members, Well, this is my very last newsletter. It has truly been an honor serving as your president. (And keep in mind that Jacque Selitto, the nominating chair, is looking for recommendations for a new one). It has been a great two years and I think we got a lot done and had fun doing it. One thing that I hope will continue to flourish is our website [lasdamasdearte.com](http://lasdamasdearte.com), under the superb direction of Jen Ruebusch. It's a good way to avoid loading up your mailboxes with a lot of mail, and ensures people don't just delete something that they don't recognize. We should use this as the best way to inform our members of all events and upcoming shows, etc. Most of us know about an upcoming event far enough ahead of time to have it posted for good coverage. Please send anything you think would affect our membership to me (or the next president after June 1) and I will work with our webmaster to get it posted promptly. We can also put our business cards on the website to promote our businesses. Let's do some good networking.

The Holiday Auction was a huge success as always, and again we thank Maria

Johnson and Teri Willis for putting on a great party and helping us start off the holiday season with a bang. And by the way we rose a little over \$3000. Not bad!! Having fun and raising money, wow, such a deal.

I also want to introduce our new provisional members. Jocelyn Rowe, sponsored by Jacque Selitto and Kimberli Cummings, is a physician at the VA hospital in palliative care and has already helped out at a couple of LDDA functions

Melanie Feldman, sponsored by Jane Hardin and Donna Morrison, is a professional photographer and painter, and is interested in helping judge and hang art.

Joanne Osborn, sponsored by Marcia Treiger and Jacque Selitto, is an artist and has a marketing, advertising and design business.

Jean Marie DeSpiegler, sponsored by Joyce Howell and Connie Urso is a jewelry artist and the executive director of the Florida Society of Goldsmiths and has more energy than anyone I have ever seen.

Also SITA is coming up and Jackie is writing an article to explain the few changes this year and what to expect...

But I want to add.... Please step forward and help out this year. It is always the same gals who work hard at this and trust me, we are tired. Remember when you marked the SITA box on the renewal form saying you would work, well don't just wait for someone to call; You call and offer you services to a committee chair. You agreed as an active member to put in 3 service hours per year, and yet many of you don't. Actually we have a lot of associates who do, when they don't have to. Get involved and help, please.

This year Marcia Treiger has offered to make a power point presentation of all the art work and have it going in the outside area of the gallery. That way since we can't have food or wine in the gallery, while folks are eating and drinking, they can get a preview of what is inside. That means if you want a picture of your work in that presentation, you need to send me a jpeg image even if you are not entering two pieces of work to be juried.

I certainly hope all of you will continue to support Las Damas and SITA in the upcoming years and remember what we stand for.



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## SUNDAY IN THE ARTS UPDATE

Ladies,

Sunday in the Arts is celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>/Silver Anniversary this year so of course our aim is to make it an extra special event. Silver will be our theme. As we are sure you are aware we have also returned to the Scarfone/Hartley Gallery.

We emailed a committee list so you will get a fair idea the direction SITA 2010 is going but of course everything isn't finalized as yet – your ideas are welcome.

Those of you who haven't completed their volunteer hours please check with the committee list and call the chairperson you would like to work with.

The invitation is in the works and when it is complete, you can mail it out, or send Donna Morrison your

addresses. It will also be on our website [www.lasdamasdearte.com](http://www.lasdamasdearte.com) so you will be able to email it out to many of your friends and colleagues.

The artists' applications are on our website so please contact your artist friends and encourage them to participate in our event – don't forget to apply yourself. The event will be juried by an outside juror and the artwork will be hung and presented under the guidance of Kendra Frorup, Professor at University of Tampa.

This year to help defray the various costs of putting on Sunday in the Arts and the cost of the Gallery, we are requiring all applicants

(members and non-members) to pay a \$20 entrance fee. The artists will receive a complimentary ticket for themselves.

Please check our website for updates.

Many Thanks,

Jacqueline/Elena

Co-chairs – SITA 2010

[www.lasdamasdearte.com](http://www.lasdamasdearte.com)

**May 2, 2010**

**Scarfone/Hartley Gallery**

**5-6 PM Sponsors and Patrons**

**6-9 PM General Admission**

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

**Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain** by **Dee Lobo** Fee \$25

February 20 Saturday 10 – 3 PM

Harbour House Social Room

2401 Bayshore Boulevard

Supply List-Pencils, Erasers,  
Sheets of Drawing Paper

Lunch

**Majolica Glaze Painting on Red Clay** by **Kimberli Bronson Cummings** Fee \$90

April 17 Saturday 1 – 4 PM &

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Location N. Calfee's Home

2512 A Tennessee Avenue

Kimberli will supply 2 pieces of pottery, paint/glaze and fire the pieces. Group will meet the following week to collect pieces and enjoy great wine and appetizers.

**Contact**

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## Workshops Continued

### **Sushi & Asian Appetizers** by *Alex Byrd*

Fee \$40.00

April 10 Saturday 4 – 6 PM

Alex's Home, 371 Channel Dr

Grand View Condo Harbour Isl.

Wine and Food Provided



**Happy Valentines Day to all  
our lovely ladies,**

*Carol Hardina, Editor*