

Note from the President's Palette

Las Damas De Arte has always had a newsletter, but never a name for it. With our roots deeply ensconced in Ybor City, my thoughts ran to the cigar factories and immigrants that were employed there many years ago, sitting row after row, cutting and rolling cigars by hand. High atop the workers, a man known as *El Lector* would read books, poetry and newspapers each day. Many workers spoke little English and had no formal education. Because of *El Lector*, they be-

came extremely knowledgeable in politics and current events, well versed in the classics, and could quote Shakespeare. Our Newsletter Chair, Joanne Osborn, and I put our heads together and *Lectura* was born. This is our second one and we hope you enjoy it.

Linda Johnston Rodriguez

Workshops!

We had two great workshops. The first was with Alex Byrd, chef extraordinaire, where sushi lovers learned this edible art form. Two weeks later, the picturesque Lake Thonotosassa,

home of Lauren Carr, was a perfect venue for Pastels with yours truly as instructor. We had a delightful picnic lunch, then painted our shoes and handbags which all went home *Chihuly style*, thanks to the expertise of Elena Cifuentes. Lauren's husband, Rob, took everyone for a boat ride around the lake which really topped off the day. Thank you Lauren and Rob! Our last workshop before year-end will be a glass pendant class on November 13 with Elena Cifuentes.

Jennifer Ruebusch, Chair

Congratulations Debra Radke



Monotype Guild of New England SECOND NATIONAL
Monotype/Monoprint Juried Exhibition



FITCHBURG ART MUSEUM, FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Holiday Auction!!!

HOME OF PATTI ITALIANO
DECEMBER 8th @ 6:00 pm
DRESS: FANCIEST FINERY

Sunday In the Arts...

April 17, 2011
 Black Box Theatre
 Tampa Preparatory School :
 "What can we do to
 make this show the best ever?"

First meeting in January.
 Martha De Ambrose,
 Chairperson

Anteek n' Junque

March 5, 2011
Chair - Ira McEachern

We are proud to announce the *inaugural* LDDA **Anteek n' Junque** to be held March 5 at my home in Valrico. This will give us exposure in the Brandon area and we hope to make this a major annual event. We need your clothing, jewelry, art, electronics, artifacts, books, children's items, furniture, and tchotchkes. Nice stuff! Your

own LDDA member might purchase it. Remember, one woman's trash is another woman's treasure!!! Please e-mail me at irabtj@aol.com or call 681-8559 for pick-up.

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Who is She?

With the influx of new members, we need to learn a little about them and they about us. Lectura introduces. . . **Who is She?**
Her mother was an inspiration for a few Grateful Dead songs and also dated a Beach Boy. Her father was a UnivCal@Berkeley painting major who lived in Haight Asbury and knew all the rock stars. They two met at Woodstock and the result was a LDDA artist and Officer.
Who is she?

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Standing Committees:

Kendra Frorup should be under Membership.
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*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

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