

Duncan In-Service

What a great day we had at the Duncan In-service. There were 50 attendees and as usual Duncan did a fantastic job. We started the day with Dean Saether giving us an overview of what is coming our way, what the future will bring and some really positive feedback on the industry.

We all had the privilege of meeting Madison (Madi) Geller, Dean's new right hand person. What a delight she is, a lot of fun and has a really great smile.

We then had Victoria Raines who is responsible for the Website, walked us through the site, it was very enlightening and I must say after the overview it is truly much easier. She was very open to listening to our input and said she really appreciated our views as the end users. As Victoria said it is a work in progress and they are at stage one, so be patience and give feedback.

Dean then conducted a tour of the plant, which was great; many of the attendees had never been to the facilities before. It was interesting to see how the products are made, how they are bottled and etc. We also got to meet two of the R&D folks (research and development) what a job they have. My hats off to them for all they do.

The most exciting was when we got to meet Suzie, she is the artist extraordinary. We got a preview of the 7 new Duncan University Seminars, boy are we all excited. WOW!!! Can't wait.

We ended the tour in the Hobby Shop where we all had the opportunity to meet Vicki the manager, what a delightful lady. Got to spend money, which we all love to do, and then headed back to the hotel for some R&R.

Thank You to Larry Duncan, Dean Saether, the Duncan Team and all the employees for opening their doors to us and being so gracious.



Dean Saether
Conducting the
tour



Jean, Connie and
Erin our customer
service team



Our group in the
factory

Ceramic Trends

Past-Present-Future

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In the late afternoon after everyone recouped from the morning in-service, we headed back to the Duncan Facility for registration and an evening of make and takes. Dean Saether joined us to surprise a couple of attendees, by presenting them with their Certificates and CDT Pins. Congratulations Evaleen Kilkuskie and Janice Bosco, who are also our newest Southern Stars members. Then Dean asked Caroline Wedeking if she would come up and receive her Diamond Pin for reaching 100 Duncan Seminars. A big Congratulation Caroline, what an achievement.

Among the 50 participants there were 4 members from the IADCCT International Board, 11 Ambassadors, 19 Chapters, 2 members from other countries (The Netherlands and Canada) and 8 States (Alaska, Arizona, Washington, Nevada, Florida, Texas, Colorado and of course California).

At 6:00 we began the make n takes, Southern Stars presents a marbleizing technique, Los Padres taught bubble technique and Golden Poppy Chapter did a technique using tissue paper. What a great time lots of fun, education and friendship. At 9:00 we were heading back to the Hotel for some more R&R.

As you know the theme was "CERAMIC TRENDS, PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE". We started the morning with refreshment to get everyone going, and then on to the "CERAMIC TREND FROM THE PAST" taught by Arlene Smith, Southern Stars member. Arlene chose a seminar from 1986 from the Teachers Seminar Brushstrokes and Banding, featuring Cover Coats, EZ Strokes and Fired Snow. We were thrilled that the creator of this seminar was present at our event, Murriel Thompson. The pressure was on for Arlene to do right by Murriel's creation. When we were done the participants loved the piece. Thank you to Murriel for your creation and Arlene for teaching.

We broke for lunch and then it was back for an afternoon of "CERAMIC TRENDS, PRESENT" taught by Roz Rondash and Ramona Guerra-Smith from Los Padres Chapter. We did finger painting and brush work. Creating violet pots using EZ Strokes, what a fun class. There were no two a like and the various were wonderful to see.

We all left to go back to the hotel and some just rested while others got ready for a fun evening at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theatre. The food was great and the entertainment was outstanding.

Then back on Sunday for "CERAMIC TRENDS FROM THE FUTURE", presented by Fred Rowley from Golden Poppy Chapter. We painted orchids using French Dimensions, Concepts, and EZ Stroked. We again saw the creative abilities of our participants as there were no two orchids that looked a like.

We finished up the day with another great lunch, our silent auction and the special quilt raffle. Arlene donated a quilt and the proceeds when 50% to the regional and the other 50% went to the Church Men's Group who prepared and served lunch both days.

All of us from Golden Poppy, Los Padres and Southern Stars want to thank each and every one of you who attended our Regional. Your show of support was wonderful and we really can not thank you all enough for your continued support.

Till next time
Golden Poppy
Los Padres
Southern Stars



Friday Night, our make n take event.



Class Photos



Dean Saether presenting Caroline Wedeking with her "DIAMOND AWARD" 100 Duncan Seminars.



Some people will do anything for attention, we won't mention any names but her initials are TD.



Hosting Chapters, Golden Poppy, Los Padres and Southern Stars.



Gordy Tyler the winner of the Quilt.

