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President's Column

Chris Radeff

Creativity: The use of the imagination or original ideas, especially in the production of an artistic work.

Artistic: Having or revealing natural creative skill; aesthetically pleasing.

(As defined in Dictionary.com)

I do not consider myself a creative or artistic person. Sure, I can rhyme almost anything, or come up with some good one-liners, but I do not consider that creative. (My staff has a more DMS-V description of my talent). No, I consider creativity and artistry as someone who can turn a lump of clay or piece of marble into the Statue of David. So why, I ask myself now, did I go to one of those make-your-own-creation studios? The end result was not pretty. No, not pretty at all.

It started out as a get-together with four of my girlfriends, who all happen to practice law. We gathered for a quick coffee and then headed into the studio. Now, not only am I not creative in these kinds of situations, but I actually get very stressed out when doing these kinds of projects. But I was a trooper, and after all, this was about having fun with friends. They allow you to bring wine while "creating", however, it was early afternoon and none of us thought of that. We. Really. Should. Have.

First, you pick your project. Two of the group picked the ambitious bird house, complete with scalloped roofs and intricate window shutters. One resulted in a birdhouse that any bird would be proud to live in. The other resembled a crime scene. She, too, was not a creative person.

Another of our group decided to create a six-sided cube and "modge podge" positive sayings that you could rotate in display each day. I'd never heard of modge podge before, although I have heard of hodge podge. They are not the same. This requires some glue-like goop to hold the pre-typed sayings down without getting the paper all soggy. I was all set to do my own cube when I noticed all the sayings were things like "You will soar far in life!" Or "Give yourself a hug!" No, I was looking for things like "My boots were not made for walking but for kicking your sorry butt!" Or "I'm sorry, I just need you to not talk right now." Alas, I moved on.

The fourth of our group created a centerpiece for her Thanksgiving table, complete with stenciling, leaves, beautiful holiday sentiments. Since I really only like Thanksgiving because it is a four day weekend, I felt that was not in my wheelhouse.

So I picked the coffee cup and saucer planter. Simple enough. Just add paint, wait for it to dry, add some more paint and whala – a beautiful planter for the kitchen window. Right. My first mistake was to pick a red color, which is a predominate color in my kitchen. My second mistake was to not understand you cannot paint something that is already glazed. Now, I'm not sure that was all my fault, as the studio guide should have given me the head's up. But let's not place blame here (but she really should have!).

I happily started painting. Well, not exactly happily. I tried to paint in straight lines around a round object, but that was harder than I thought. I now had streaks. I

painted a second coat, but I had not let the first coat dry all the way – I forgot to mention I can be somewhat impatient at times – so the streaks got worse. I moved on to the saucer. Ditto. The interior – the part that was glazed – looked like a scene from Amityville Horror when the blood drips down the walls. I looked around, trying to go into the light – oh wait, that's Poltergeist! I probably should have just followed the twins into Room 237 (yes, that's from The Shining). By the time I was done, I was perspiring, cranky and had a craft that even a mother would not love.

Rather than chalking this up to a bad day (without wine), it made me realize a few things. One is, we all have different talents. Some we use every day when we practice law, a talent in its own right. The other is, that no matter if a task is unappealing, if you are doing it with friends you have a great memory for life. Hmm., maybe I should have hodged podged that little gem onto some friggin' six-sided cube!

Writing is its own reward.

-Henry Miller

Are you a budding poet?

Do you have a short story about your travels?

Nearly finished writing the next Great American Novel?

Have an interesting legal topic to address?

Then send it our way! This year we will be featuring writings of members of the 1st JD in our Proclamation. If you would like to be a guest writer, please contact Vicki at admin@1stjd.org for deadlines and availability.

Don't try to figure out what other people want to hear from you; figure out what you have to say.
-Barbara Kingsolver



Jefferson County Historical Commission and the 1st Judicial District

Cordially invite you to attend a reception to reveal the

Judicial History Wall Display

November 2, 1017, at 4:00 p.m.

*Jury Assembly Room
Jefferson County Court and Administration Building
100 Jefferson County Parkway
Golden, Colorado*

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If you are interested, please fill out the following information below and return it to Robyn McDonald, Chair 1st JD Access to Justice Committee; Robyn@mmgadr.com .

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Committee Corner

Banquet

The Banquet Committee is chaired by Sherene Stenger with the following committee members: Robin Beattie, Kathleen Curley, Kerry Simpson, Kimberly Sparks and Catherine Tieman.

Sherene and her Committee put on an absolutely fabulous Banquet this year! See photos in this edition of the Proclamation.

Go to www.1stjd.org for more information, or email Vicki at:

admin1stjd@gmail.com





1st Judicial District Bar Association CLE

1st JD CLE LUNCHEON

Monday, November 6, 2017

12:00-1:00

Lookout Mountain Room

Jeffco Courthouse

CLE & Lunch

Members \$20 & Non Members \$25

No Lunch \$10

CBA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

2017-2018 CBA President

DICK GAST

Guest Speakers

Court of Appeals Judge Rebecca Freyre

&

Magistrate John Jostad

Presenting an Ethics CLE.

Ethics of Unbundling: Candor

Register at: <http://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2017/11/6/president-apos-s-briefing-dick-gast-judge-rebecca-freyre-mag-john-jostad-ethics-cle>

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2017 JUDGES & AWARDS BANQUET



Jan & Joe Pickard



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1st JD Bar Association Committees

Each year committee Chairs solicit volunteers for the standing committees that are listed below. If you have an interest in joining one of the committees, please let us know by sending your name and the name of the committee you are interested in to admin@1stj.org. by November 1.

AWARDS	Reviews nominees and chooses recipients for the annual awards
BANQUET	Plans and coordinates the annual Judges and Award Banquet
BENCH/BAR	Serves as a liaison between the bench and the bar
CLE	Plans and coordinates continuing legal education programs
COMMUNITY RELATIONS	Develops and coordinates various events designed to promote the goals of the Bar Association
GOLF	Responsible for the annual Golf Tournament
LAW DAY	Presents the Law Day celebrations
MEMBERSHIP	Monitors dues membership levels, explores various opportunities to offer membership benefits to members and makes recommendations to the board.
MOCK TRIAL	Assists the teams from Jefferson County schools in the annual Mock Trial
NOMINATING	Responsible for presenting a slate of Officers, Trustees, and Board of Governors Representatives for consideration by the membership.
OPEN HOUSE	Arranges Open House events for the bar membership
PROFESSIONALISM	Plans and organizes Professionalism programs for the membership
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