

SHOPS OF ONE FLIGHT UP

ARTISTIC GENIUSES COME TOGETHER TO OFFER YOU A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE.

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This neighborly assembly of women entrepreneurs knows the secret to success is working together. The Shops of One Flight Up - The Frolicking Femme, One Flight Up Café and Jane Slivka Gallery have all banded together to make this quick flight up the stairs to their shops one of the best experiences you will find in Downtown Mount Dora.

Jane Slivka, acrylic painter and artist shows off her beautiful display of paintings while she helps the locals create their own masterpieces. Her art classes are full of inspiring artists learning the tricks of the trade from one of the best art teachers around. Her classes host beginners to the advanced. To find out more please call 352-385-0883.

The creative artists of the Frolicking Femme have designed a vast array of items for their very unique and one of a kind shop. The four owners offer items for every age group and even their pets. Items range from jewelry, jeweled appetizer servers, hand painted tiles for decorative or coaster use, painted glassware and signature T-shirts....Be a Frolicking Femme!!! Great Gift ideas... and cost conscious. Dawn Mader paints special occasion portraits and pet paintings. Mader is also the designer of the "anywhere top"; this top can be worn as a dress, top, cape, bathing suit cover up and much more. It is said to be an excellent travel piece as you can make 5 different outfits out of it and it will not wrinkle.

Kathy Bowden has been painting for 31 years within 4 countries and can

turn you into Mona Lisa or George Washington. The process starts with a simple photograph and she creates her work of art from the photo. You can request to be painted as you are or she can turn you into your favorite historical icon.

Sonya Watson does floral design, interior re-designs of your home and she is also known for her custom jewelry pieces. Her business partner Lindy Colvin also does jewelry design. Together they offer two different styles of gorgeous jewelry pieces. Sonya states, "We really compliment and inspire each other." They offer ready-made pieces or they will customize jewelry just for you. If you have a nice focal piece that you are not sure what to do with bring it in and this dynamic duo will be sure to create a majestic look just for you.

Lindy Colvin also creates wonderful pet photography and dresses up furniture with whimsical paintings.

Because of all the wonderful snippets to see there you are sure to stay for a while. While you are there take a break and head over to the wonderful full service café, One Flight Up. You can relax and enjoy a cup of coffee, lunch, or sip on a glass of wine. The café seats 50 guests and there are three areas to choose from, the café, the lounge, and the beautiful outside balcony overlooking the downtown streets.

Owners Judy Ransanici and Cody Spitzig are a tremendous team offering a wonderful atmosphere, delicious food and some of the best desserts around. Judy boasts that Cody makes



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the best desserts saying "it's her passion and it shows."

Recently this group of women hosted a fashion show at the top of the stairs and is also known for group outings and even has a full psychic medium, Nathan there for your spiritual needs.

One thing is for sure with this talented group -you will not only have a special shopping experience, will have a great time doing it. Take a day and go see the creative geniuses of the Shops of One Flight Up.



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