

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER
of the Society of Decorative Painters

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Happy Father's Day

Verlene Siska - President's Report:

Thank you again, Deb for the wonderful cards we made with you last month. It was so much fun and the cards turned out so beautifully. Who knew you could use napkins to make greeting cards! The board members have pretty much covered all the chapter happenings for the next couple of months. But just to re-cap, we will be having our monthly meetings all summer long, as well as seminars in June and August. And finally if you have not yet decided which pieces you plan on submitting to our Art Show, now is the time to get those pieces ready. September will be here before you know it!



Marilyn Corners - 1st Vice President/Program Chairman

The First thing I want to do is express my greatest and most sincere **THANK YOU** to **Deb Lancaster** and her helpers, **Jodi Tidwell** and **Sheri Sutton** for the exceptional program last month, when we made the greeting cards. That was so much fun!!! I may never send out the ones I made, because I love looking at them so much. They are simply beautiful! Thanks Deb, for all your hard work, getting the mountain of materials ready for us and your excellent instructions. It was definitely one of our most fun meetings ever.

And now, ladies.....I am sooooo excited about the program planned for our next meeting, June 16th. Remember the Gorgeous Decoupage Ornament which **Sherry Flowers** made for our Christmas Ornament Exchange, and **Nancy Glassman** was lucky enough to draw.....? That is what we will be doing at our meeting!!! Sherry has agreed to teach us how to do it. It is going to be another really fun evening, so plan to be there. Below is a supply list which you will need to look over and consider what you might want to use to decorate the ornament you will be making.



June 16 – Vintage Decoupage Ornaments – RMHI Decorative Painters - Sherry Flowers

Supplies you will need to bring:

Flat sponge brush

Light weight Christmas wrapping paper (no foils or treated paper, light craft wrapping paper is the best)

Christmas napkins (these may or may not work, possibly too sheer/thin).

For embellishing the ornament, bring things you may have in your stash, such as:

- Ribbon
- Buttons
- Washi Tape (a self-adhesive decorative tape)
- Brads
- Scissors

Supplies I will bring:

Ornaments to decorate

Extra foam brushes

Mod Podge (glue)

Small foil pans for glue

Some washi tape, ribbon, buttons, embellishments, Christmas paper

Tag punches, paper stock, Christmas greeting stamps and ink

And now, once more.....How fortunate are we to have so many talented and generous members in our Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter?!!!! In July, **Kathy Kula** is going to teach us how to make that fabulous "Quilted Ornament" that she created and brought to the Christmas Ornament Exchange. In thinking about doing that project, start now to consider the fabrics you might want to bring to make your own ornament. Several coordinating and/or complimentary colors of fabric will help create a beautiful ornament.



For the July meeting you will need the follow supplies.

Pins Straight 350 pins will be enough for 1 ornament and some extra. You will also need 3 to 4 1/4yd pieces of colored fabric. It can be any theme or holiday idea. These ornaments will look like they are quilted. Please cut the fabric into 2 x 2 inch squares. For one ornament you will need:

8 pcs. for center row 1
16 pcs. for row 2
32 pcs. for row 3
64 pcs. for 4th row is desired, it is optional.
Other supplies are provided

See you soon,

Marilyn



Elissa McAlear – 2nd Vice President/ Membership Chairman

Art Show

**Are your brushes and paints getting busy completing those beautiful projects for entering?
Sure hope to have another wonderful variety of lovely pieces!**

The Rules for our 2014 Art Shows are:

1. Each entrant must be a member in good standing.
2. There will be one art show on Friday, September 12th, 2014, which will be divided between a Student/Member Art Show and a Teacher's Art Show (Note: Once a teacher you cannot revert to the Student/Member Art Show.)
3. One entry per category per entrant, Category is determined by the entrant.
4. Each piece must be painted or completed within the last twelve (12) months.
5. Names must be covered.

No entry fees this year.
First and Second place ribbons will be awarded.

Plan to enter lots of beautiful painted pieces!

Questions? Call Elissa McAlear [303.421.8714](tel:303.421.8714) or email elissamcalear@yahoo.com put RMHi in Subject, please!!

Here are the categories:

**Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter's
Student/Member Art Show and
Teacher Art Show**

Each entrant determines in which category their piece(s) are to be entered.
Rules were printed in the previous newsletter, on the website and possibly in this issue.
For more information or questions, call Elissa McAlear [303.421.8714](tel:303.421.8714)

Entry Category

Categories for both shows:

- 1. Landscape
- 2. Rosemaling
- 3. Decorative
- 4. Folk Art
- 5. Floral/Fruit
- 6. Animals & Birds
- 7. Pastels or Pencil
- 8. Watercolor
- 9. Mixed media
- 10. Holiday
- 11. Fabric/Wearable Art
- 12. Mini
- 13. Pen & Ink
- 14. Portrait
- 15. Original Designs



Membership

Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter has three new members! Be sure to say hello to Esther Haines, Kit Addington, and Judy Bielecki.



Ginny Sparlin - Secretary's Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by President Verlene Siska at 6:30pm at the Garden Plaza.

Minutes were read by secretary, Ginny Sparlin, and approved as read.

Treasurer Pat Greene reports we now have \$5,016.22.

Membership: Elissa McAlear reported we have 40 members at this time.

Guests tonight are: Esther Haines, Linda Bierman's neighbor, Judy Bielecki,, Kit Addington, and Jane Mataich, from the library classes.

There was discussion regarding local and national membership. The trial membership which only costs \$30.00 for National, which includes the Decorative Painter magazine online only. And the regular membership which includes a supply kit worth \$50.00 for new members. Guests were encouraged to contact Elissa if interested in becoming members.

Newsletter: Verlene will be doing the newsletter this month.

Seminars: Char Bucher requested that anyone who signed up for Marilyn's class in June and has paid already, she will need an additional \$10.00 to cover the lunch, which will be provided by Garden Plaza. Also, if you have not now paid for the class, she is asking that you do so, the cost of which is \$50.00. for the day, which includes your lunch.

Char is sending around pictures of possible subjects for the Paula Leopold seminar for Nov. 1. She asks that you sign every one that you would be interested in taking. The class will be at Garden Plaza, at a cost of \$50.00, which includes lunch.

When Char spoke to Judy Patti, she was headed for Tucson, AZ.

Melinda Barnes reported that Chris Thornton is moving and will have more information on a seminar with her in the future.

Web site: Melinda reported that the web site is up to date.

Building Report: Iris Luckel reported that through the new facility we will have video, microphone, speakers, etc.

Phone committee: Iris tries to call all new members to welcome and keep them up an all the chapter happenings coming up.

Publicity: Iris is looking forward to getting together with Marilyn regarding publicity possibilities.

Ways and Means: Linda Bierman is just back from her fun trip to California. She is accepting donations for tickets for the drawing for Chuck Danford's painting. The cookbook is proving to be a bit of a challenge, and since we want it to be the best it can be, it will be next year before it will be printed and for sale.

Marilyn has extra table favors from Convention, so anyone who donates for a ticket tonight will receive a little treat from her.

Hospitality: Karen Sorenson thanked all who provided refreshments tonight. She brought lemonade and asked for a show of hands as to whether we should have coffee or something cold for the summer. Cold won the vote! Karon is sending around a list for next month.

Iris Luckel volunteered to do Sunshine till Nancy gets back Saturday.

New Business:

Melinda Barnes brought our table setting from convention to display, and announced that our Marilyn Corners won in her run for board member at large for National. She announced that convention is in Chicago next year at the Pheasant Run Resort, and we should all make an effort to attend.

Philanthropic: Kathy Kula reported that we'll offer Marilyn's painted chair that was displayed at the Ross Library, will be offered in a drawing, with the proceeds going to a yet to be named charity.

The program at the June meeting will be Sherry Flowers instructing us in making a decoupage vintage Christmas ornament. Sherry will send a list of supplies to the newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, sec. Ginny Sparlin



Melinda Barnes – Website Manager - Tole Chatter

Hello Painters,

First I have to start off my article with the **SDP Conference**. Congratulation to our very own Marilyn and Michele for winning the **SDP Board-Member-At-Large** positions! Woohooo The Town and Country Resort was so spectacularly beautiful and the location was terrific. Several of us stayed in the Garden rooms that had a patio filled with flowers and trees so we spent many hours sitting out and enjoying the surroundings... well at least I did. *grin* The week was filled with sightseeing, events and classes for some. The banquet was Friday evening and the decorated tables were gorgeous... ours was the best of course. *wink* Below is a photo or two of our table.



You can visit our website and view photos of all of the tables!



I can't say enough about the **SDP conference** and how rewarding it is to attend. The entire SDP staff works very hard to make this conference so much fun. Next year we are back to Chicagoland, so start saving now so you can experience this wonderful opportunity to be surrounded by all those enthusiastic painters, classes and events!

Chris Thornton-Deason is moving so I will be closing her shopping cart on June 15th - July 15th. There is a great sale there now, but don't wait. Chris' metal butterfly that she taught in Vegas this year is on sale, but may be gone by the time you read this. (Note: They are already gone, but fill out the 'Notify When Back In Stock' because Chris is having more made.) If you need canvas Chris is offering 14" x 14" Primed Gallery Wrapped Canvas for \$4.00 and All E-Packet are 50% off. Remember to shop now before the cart is temporarily closed on June 15th.

The new **DecoArt Americana Decor Chalky Finish** is gaining in popularity. You can quickly and easily (their words, not mine :)) refurbish flea market finds with Americana® Decor™ Chalky Finish paint. This ultra-matte chalk paint requires no priming or sanding before using. There are no special skills required to achieve looks from shabby chic to bohemian modern. Customize with waxes or varnishes to finish and protect the paint surface. Unlike some waxes, Americana Decor wax does not need to be reapplied to keep up the protective finish each year. You can apply this product on wood, metal, glass, paper, most plastics, fabric, canvas, terra

cotta and ceramic. You can see all Americana® Decor™ Chalky Finish videos on their website.

<http://decoart.com/chalkyfinish/>

Rosemary West finally has a website. Her site lists all her pattern packets for sale.

<http://www.rosemarywestpatterns.com/>

The Castle Rock Art Guild is presenting workshops in various art forms. Registration is open to everyone. You can visit their website for more information and view their calendar of events. <http://gcrag.org/>

I found a new website for "**Craft Ideas**", which was formally "Crafts 'n Things" magazine. They have some really nice projects, some of you may be interested in. <http://www.craftideas.com/>

Vegas news: Jay Sharp announced he was going to semi-retire in the next year or two and mentioned there will be a new Creative Painting Director. If you attend that show, not to worry. I found out that new director will be his girlfriend Jayne.

Susan Rubin's Studio is an interesting website to visit. Susan specializes in contemporary botanical art. She uses colored pencil, some with black & white photographs and some with Polaroid transfers. Most of her classes are taught at the Denver Botanic Gardens. For more information and to view her unique style visit her website. <http://susanrubinstudio.com/>

I love the colored pencil work of **Arlene Steinberg** and I think you will too.

<http://www.arlenesteinberg.com/>

I found this website which has a chart with the different brands of colored pencils, the number that company produces, the price level and key characteristics.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/217360665/The-New-Colored-Pencil-by-Kristy-Ann-Kutch-Excerpt>

That is all for this month. We will chat again soon!

Melinda

Website <http://rockymountainhiartists.com>

Be sure and visit our website often to look at photos and the seminar schedule. You will find photos of Marilyn and Paula's seminar pieces which will make you want to sign up and take the classes. There is a link on our home page to see ALL the Conference banquet tables.



Char Bucher – Local Teacher Seminar Chairman

Just a word about the June 21st class, taught by Marilyn Corners. The design is one of very colorful, tropical fish filled with whimsy and fun, which you may paint on almost any surface (see below).

Cost for the class is \$50, including lunch, snacks, paints, pens and tulle netting. Please see the supply list below. The class hours are from 9:30 to 3:30. There are spaces still available, so contact Char to sign up. [303-368-0851](tel:303-368-0851).

Tropical Fish Class for Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter

Marilyn Corners, MDA

Saturday, June 21st, 2014



Supply List:

Surface to decorate - Preferably light colored or white fabric, since we will be using DecoArt So Soft Paints. These paints work best on fabric with at least 50% cotton. However, if the object will not be laundered, the content doesn't matter. You will be designing your own piece, using elements in the pattern, so the size of the surface is your choice. Possible surfaces include: Sweat shirts, tee shirts, place mats, cloth napkins, tote bags, table runners, table cloths, aprons, pillow tops, pillow cases, jammies, tea towels, etc.

Masonite or board sized to fit the surface to be decorated.

Brushes ,Acrylic - assortment, nos. 2,4,6,8, flats or angles; nos. 2, 4, 6 round; no. 4 liner. Brushes should be in **good condition** -----however, do not go out and purchase new brushes just for this class. These numbers are a suggestion. Bring good brushes you already own in these approximate sizes.

Water container, paper towels, masking or painters tape, plastic dry cleaner bag or large garbage bag (for protecting the back side of fabric).

Tracing paper and Transfer paper (only if you plan to paint on a surface other than fabric).



Karon Sorensen – Hospitality

A big thank you to all who brought the delightful treats to our May meeting!

Hospitality, Karon Sorensen



Nancy Glassman – Sunshine and all

Sunshine Committee

If you know of anyone who needs a Get Well Wish and /or a Thinking of You Card please let me know!

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Linda Bierman – Ways and Means Committee

We are so excited to announce that we have an original Charles Danford "demo" picture to have for our next drawing! As you can see it is beautiful!



We will draw for the Charles Danford original watercolor at the June 16, 2014 meeting. If you are the winner and are not at that meeting, I will notify you the next day.

Thanks to everyone who helps and participates in our efforts to raise money for the good of our chapter.

Linda Bierman



Kathy Kula -Philanthropic Chairman

We will be having a drawing for Marilyn's painted chair that was displayed at the Ross Library. The proceeds will be going to a yet to be named charity. We hope to have a picture in the next Newsletter, Tickets will be one dollar each, or 6 tickets for five dollars. And the drawing will be at our November meeting.



Sheila Hutchison - Newsletter Editor

Thanks so much to all who contributed to this newsletter. Please let me know if I missed anything.

*Verlene and I welcome all corrections, additions, suggestions or advice. Please put in the subject line 'newsletter' and mail all information to both of us. Thanks! **Sheila***

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