

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER**  
**of the Society of Decorative Painters**  
**August 2015 Newsletter**  
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**Reminder:** It is not too late to sign up for the Art Show Luncheon  
Please RSVP to evite sent to you from ‘the board’  
August 24, 2015, no later than Monday, 9/7.  
Make checks payable to Rocky Mtn. Hi Chapter and send to Pat Greene,  
20691 E. Lake Ave., Centennial, CO 80016.  
Contact Sherry Flowers at [303-791-3189](tel:303-791-3189) or [sflowers@sprynet.com](mailto:sflowers@sprynet.com) should you have  
questions. We look forward to seeing you at this year’s event.

**Marilyn Corners’ President's Report 2015**

President’s Report:  
Hello Artists,

It is obvious~~~~~Fall is in the air! Normally, I would be whining, as you all know. But for some reason, I am kind of excited to see the colors change, to find leaves under the trees, rather than on them, to feel the little morning nip in the air and to make plans for all the fun fall events. And, by the way, when the weather really gets cold and I am complaining loudly to anyone who will listen, you don’t need to remind me of all these warm, fuzzy feelings I am having now. Okay?

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As you are aware, our first fun fall event is our Annual Art Show Luncheon this coming Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Both **Sherry Flowers**, Luncheon chairman, and **Elissa McAlear**, Art Show chairman, will have articles in this newsletter with more details. I so hope you have RSVP’d to the Evite and will be joining us. It will be sensational.

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## THANK YOU

**Ginny Sparlin**, for sharing your glorious home and beautiful backyard with us for the Box Lunch/Silent Auction. What a lovely setting we enjoyed and.....the 'mister' was a perfect touch! Ladies, you out-did yourselves in painting/decorating the containers. They were each wonderful works of art and the lunches were delicious. I am so impressed by the participation and the passion you each displayed in the bidding was awesome!! We brought in \$665 to go into our Philanthropic Fund. Give yourselves a pat on the back.

**Sherry Flowers**, for the beautiful display you set up for Rocky Mountain Hi Artists in the Highlands Ranch Library for July and August. That is excellent exposure for our chapter and also for SDP in general. Great Job!

**Char Bucher**, for arranging the seminar at Judy Patti's Studio on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, where we were *stretched* in our thinking and techniques, to try some new ideas. It is always a fun day when we go to Judy's. I have some significant work yet to do on my 'masterpiece'. ;o)

**All you Ladies**, who have turned out on our two 'work nights' to paint on projects for the Craft Sale, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Not only is it fun to get together to paint and eat, the nights were very productive. We will have a great sale.

## ELECTIONS

The election of officers will be held at our October meeting, so the slate is posted here and will be announced during the brief meeting, held at our Art Show/Luncheon on September 11<sup>th</sup>. As you will see, there are positions still open, so if you are interested in being on the board of directors in any capacity, please let me know prior to the 11<sup>th</sup>. We welcome 'new blood' with fresh ideas and are eager to assist in bringing new people up-to-speed on the functioning of RMH. It is fun, interesting and worthwhile to take part in how the chapter is run. Join us! Duties of officers can be found in our By-Laws.

### Nominations for Officers – 2016

President – Ginny Sparlin

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (programs/President elect) – Marilyn Corners

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (membership) – Kathy Beck

Secretary – Sherri Sutton

Treasurer – Pat Greene

Newsletter Editor –

Ways & Means – Sherry Flowers and Nancy Glassman

Hospitality/Special Events – Verlene Siska and Kelley Shirazi

Publicity –

Local Teacher Seminar Chairman – Char Bucher, Deb Lancaster asst.

Travel Teacher Seminar Chairman – Melinda Barnes

Facilities Manager/Telephone Committee Chairman – Iris Luckel

Sunshine – Karon Sorenson

Community Outreach – Linda Bierman

Philanthropic – Carmen Owens

Art Show/ Email contact – Elissa McAlear

Parliamentarian – Char Bucher

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I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our Art Show/Luncheon, Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2015.  
Fondly,

Marilyn

## **Ginny Sparlin - 1st Vice President/Program Chairman's Report**

Thank you to everyone who attended the August box lunch social at my home. A special thanks to Marilyn, Sherri Flowers, Linda, Verlene, Nancy, and Deb for all your help. Hope everyone had a good time, even on the hottest day of the year! All the lunch boxes were beautiful and what wonderful treats inside them!! You all are amazing and we raised \$645.00 for our Philanthropic work.

Hope to see everyone at our Annual Art Show Luncheon on September 11. I know you've all been painting up a storm!! This is always a good time because we get to see what new and interesting directions members are taking their painting skills. Thank you to everyone for making our organization so much fun by participating in each month's chapter events. See you in Church!

Ginny

### **Elissa McAlear- Art Show.**

This year's luncheon will be held at the First Plymouth Congregational Church, [3501 S. Colorado Blvd, Cherry Hills Village, CO](#).

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND YOUR MANY ENTRIES FOR OUR ART SHOW! SEE YOU FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 10:30 AM.

Each entrant determines in which category their piece(s) are to be entered.

Rules were printed in the previous newsletter, on the website For more information or questions, call Elissa McAlear [303.421.8714](tel:303.421.8714)

Art work can be placed on display starting at 10:30.

You may peruse the show prior to lunch being served at 12:00.

Voting will take place from 1:00 -1:30 followed by a tabulation of winners.

Ribbons to be awarded between 2:00 - 2:30.

#### ART SHOW Information:

I also wish to encourage you to finish those beautiful painted pieces to enter in our Art Show!

The Rules and Entry Form which lists the Categories is in your Membership Roster booklet so that you may decide on what you wish to enter and where. THE CHALLENGE: See how many categories you can enter!

If your piece(s) need(s) an easel, please do bring them with your ID so you can get it back. (If you have someone else's easel from a past show, please bring them too.)

Remember your name should be covered on your piece. First and Second Place ribbons as well as Best of Show will be awarded. We have a lot of table space to exhibit all of the beautiful pieces, so get those paintings completed!!

This year's lunch will be catered by Biscuits and Berries Buffet - Delicious sounding and great reputation!!

We will be served an *HERB SEARED CHICKEN BREAST- all natural chicken breast seared in fresh herbs and topped with a champagne butter sauce. Accompanied by a Field Green Salad with feta. Salad has*

*dried cranberries, candied walnuts and a white balsamic vinaigrette, Lunch also includes a creamy mushroom risotto, Tuscan style grilled vegetables, sweet rolls, and chef select desserts.*

*The nuts, feta and cranberries in the salad will be served on the side in order to accommodate those with allergies.*

Please fill out the entry form listed below and attach to each piece you plan on submitting to the show.

### 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
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Other than painted item (non voted entries)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 17. My Favorite
- \_\_\_\_\_ Total # entries

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entering as Student/Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

## **Melinda Barnes- Tole Chatter/ Website/Travel Seminars**

### **TOLE CHATTER**

Hello Everyone,

Let's start off with some more Roc Lon tips from Patty Rawlinson:

1. How to Prep:

Roll on paint... no need to seal.

Rolling is important because brushed on basecoats seem to pool when painting canvas type surfaces.

2. Which side to paint on?

You can paint on either side of Roc Lon, I personally prefer the rough side, because I like the texture.

3. How or when to cut the base of the banner:

This depends on whether or not it is a cut out design or a standard flag shape:

If it is a standard Flag shape pre-cut before painting, make sure to leave enough at the top to fold over for hanging.

If it is a cut out design then you cut it out after you paint it.

If you don't use Roc Lon and want to use canvas instead, then you'll need to hem the canvas.

#### 4. How to prevent the edges from curling?

Give the back of the project some weight.

Meaning... give it a base coat or varnish it.

If the back is "raw" and the front is heavy with basecoats and varnish then of course the cloth will have a tendency to pull forward.

I honestly haven't had a problem with this, because I always do something to the back.

Note: The worst curling I have seen was when a customer used "Fini" on a banner, for whatever reason it makes things shiny and really curly

#### 5. How to Hem for hanging:

You have a few choices:

Hem it with a sewing machine

Use Velcro or magnets (I love the magnets)

#### 6. How to finish a banner:

If you are going to hang a banner outside you **MUST** use an exterior grade varnish (period) I like to keep my products within brand when I can and use Deco Art DuraClear Matte Varnish for my banners and stepping stones!

#### 7. Why use Roc Lon?

Oh My... let me count the ways.

Regular canvas frays.... (messy)

Roc Lon is cheap with no prep! (yay)

Roc Lon comes in wide lengths for a variety of projects (Flexible)

The weight of Roc Lon is perfect for alot of "regular weight" projects.. canvas is soooooo heavy it makes table runners a drag to display!

Used with permission from Patty. <http://creativeartslifestyle.com/>

I haven't visited **Gaby Hunter's** website in a long time. She has a new website and I love the design and use of large photos of painting. Gaby is co-owner of the Art Apprentice Online group of talented ladies. In 2007, Gaby and four other artists, **Susan Abdella, Neadeen Master, Sue Pruett and Donna Richards**, came together and launched the first ever online art community of its kind, the Art Apprentice Online, LLC. On Gaby's site there are video clips that you can watch and learn from as well as online painting lessons. The site may be under construction as I found a couple of links not working yet. Hopefully by the time you visit Gaby's site all will be working for you.

<http://gabysartstudio.com/index.html>

Make sure you visit the **Art Apprentice Online** website too. Many patterns and other supplies for sale as well as online classes. You can subscribe to their e-zine and it is the best online magazine you will find. At no cost you can sign-up for their newsletter and read their blog entries.

<http://artapprenticeonline.com/>

**CARDS - Peni Powell** (This was an old post on Tolefriends, but may be helpful)

I like to make the card 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" or a tad smaller depending on note card size envelopes that are readily available at most craft or paper stores. I then will print out 4 of the pictures on one sheet of card stock.. Making each picture about 3 1/2"X 3 1/2" **CARD STOCK** ..Cut each photo out. I find what works best and gives a nice finish to photos from my printer is 65# Bright White and it has a bit of a gloss finish. Another nice idea is to use color craft paper in Red or Green cut just so about a half 1/2" or less is showing all around the picture once you mount the picture. I like to add

a tad of glitter and this can be done by using DecoArt Twinkle writer glitter like maybe in the holly berries to make the card more festive. Or maybe some white glitter in the snow.

Watch **Chris Thornton's** website for new patterns and a new metal surface, all fun!  
<http://christhorntondesigns.com/>

I guess I'd better get off this computer for a change and find my paint brushes if I want to enter a painted piece for the art show! \*grin\*

Happy Painting,

Melinda

## WEBSITE

Be sure and check our website for the most recent information concerning chapter events and photos.

<http://rockymountainartists.com>

## TRAVEL TEACHER SEMINAR

We have an exciting teacher planned for next June 18 and 19, 2016! Marlene Kreutz, CDA will be teaching her doodling and pencil shading technique. More information will be shared in our newsletter or our website as we work out all the details.

Melinda

Travel Teacher Seminar Chair

## Char Bucher- Local Seminars

It is with pride we are able to present Renee Jorgensen to the chapter as a new-to-us teacher. Renee is a Natural Sciences and Botanical Artist. Her foundation in Calligraphy and Illustrated lettering inspire her unique modern Short Story Illuminations. When is not working in her studio, Renee is an instructor for the Denver Botanic Gardens School of Botanical Art and Illustration Program.

This seminar will be held Oct 17th at our regular meeting venue, Garden Plaza, from 9:30 to 3:30. The following is a list of supplies:

- Graphite pencil, pencil sharpener, white erasure.
- Watercolor pencils: main colors:
  - Scarlet Red,
  - Ochre Yellow,
  - Ultramarine Blue,
  - Emerald Green and
  - Violet, and any additional colors you like to work with.
    - Recommended brands: Caran d"arche Supracolor, Prismacolor, or Derwent.
- Bring your regular colored pencil set.
- 2 Black Pigma Micron pens: .005 and one with a thicker line.
- Gelly Roll pen: gold
- Good quality watercolor paint brushes: 00 and 0 round (good points important)
- Spoon burnishing tool (several will be provided)

- Water container
- Paper Towels
- 12 inch ruler

Renee will provide individual packets with samples of designs to choose from, tracing paper, watercolor paper, burnishing film, gold ink, gouache, reference materials, and giclees of her personal works. There is a \$3.00 charge for these supplies.

I know you will all be excited to render your own personal ILLUMINATION letter.



## **Sherry Flowers – Ways and Means Committee**

The case display of artwork at the Highlands Ranch Library came to an end on August 31<sup>st</sup>. For those that didn't have the opportunity to make it by the library my contact said the patrons enjoyed viewing the art. I'm waiting to hear what the availability of the case will be in 2016. With that in mind I welcome any new pieces of art that you may want to share (just for display or for sale).

I've signed the Fall Craft show contract at Heather Gardens and paid the fee to participate. The Fall Show is October 23 & 24 (Fri/Sat). We met again Tuesday 9/1 at Garden Plaza to work on items for the show. Thanks to everyone who came and painted/crafted and for all the treats. We have been given approval to sell our Cookbook at the show which I'm pleased about. What a wonderful Christmas gift for a fabulous price! I'm hopeful we will sell many.

I welcome any ideas that you may have on ways to raise money for our group.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Ways and Means Chair

Sherry Flowers

[sflowers@sprynet.com](mailto:sflowers@sprynet.com) to

(303) 791-3189 (home)

(303) 725-7912 (cell)

## **Linda Bierman – Cookbook**

I really hope is that everyone is using our beautiful cookbook recipes! If you have not purchased yours yet, there's still time. Verlene will have a few cookbooks to our annual art show luncheon. The price is \$15.00 each. If you haven't seen one yet, prepare to be surprised!

They are beautiful, with 248 delicious recipes, beautiful pictures by our club members, lots of helpful hints and information. The 3 ring binder comes in handy so you can add other recipes.

The cover is beautiful, and of course the aspen trees on the back make it a true Rocky Mountain scene. I urge you to think about Christmas present for your family and close friends, and neighbors. They will be gift that they will treasure!

## **Sherri Sutton – Hospitality**

As all of you who were able to attend the Judy Patti seminar already know, the snacks were great. Thank you to Andrene Schmelzer, Ginny Sparlin, Char Bucher, and Nancy Hibbert for providing them. They were yummy! You are all such fabulous cooks that Judy even bought one of our cookbooks.

Karen Sorenson and Deb Lancaster generously provided the refreshments for this month's craft show work night. It was obvious that all of the painters really enjoyed them, because there were only crumbs left.

In advance, thank you to those who have offered to meet our refreshment needs in October. Nancy Glassman, Kelly Shirazi, Verlene Siska, and Marilyn Corners are providing the snacks for the October 5<sup>th</sup> Make & Take for Garden Plaza residents. At the last regular meeting of the year on October 19<sup>th</sup>, Carmen Owens, Kit Addington, Melinda Barnes, and Iris Luckel have volunteered to provide the refreshments.

## **Nancy Glassman - Community Outreach**

I have contacted Solid Grounds in Littleton to exhibit our Art Work in the Coffee Shop. They will contact me when a month is available, should be 1st quarter of 2016.

Monday, October 5, 2015, 6 until 9 pm, we will have a free Make and Take at Garden Plaza for the Residence. The project will be alcohol ink on tile with accented stamping. I will be out of town, so I need **volunteers to help with this project.**

Thank you,  
Nancy

## **Verlene Siska - Newsletter Editor**

Thank you for all who contributed to this newsletter.

Please send corrections to [verlene.siska@gmail.com](mailto:verlene.siska@gmail.com). Please put newsletter' on the subject line. Corrections will be published on our website. <http://RockyMountainHiArtists.com>

The forms to renew your local and national are attached to this newsletter. You may also find the form to renew your local membership at: <http://rockymountainhiartists.com/membership.html>

You can renew you National membership online the link is: <http://decorativepainters.org/membership.php>

You can also print out the National form and mail form to:

Attn: Membership

393 N. McLean Blvd

Wichita, KS 67203

Form can be download at: [http://decorativepainters.org/downloads/MembershipForm2016\\_0715.pdf](http://decorativepainters.org/downloads/MembershipForm2016_0715.pdf)



Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter of the SDP

**Membership Application 2014**

[PRINT OUT THE MEMBERSHIP FORM](#)

New  Renewal  SDP Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Student  Teacher  CDA  MDA

Would you like to be listed as a teacher in the directory

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

List the types of mediums and skill levels you teach, or if student, list the mediums you enjoy:

If you would like your business listed in the Directory, please include the Name, Address, Phone Number and email address.



