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### Notes from Our President:

Hi everyone,

As I am confident each of you is aware, this is a rather difficult newsletter to compose with the death of our Marlene so recent and so much in our thoughts. Obviously, in spite of the loss we feel so keenly, we must go on with our lives, our plans, our daily tasks and commitments. Among my commitments, is the one I made to help lead our chapter this year. I intend to honor that commitment and I am asking you to make a commitment, as well, to support our chapter in this fragile time. We have wonderful and interesting monthly programs planned. We have inspiring seminars that will teach us new techniques. And we have a beautiful Sunflower Banquet with an

awesome Art Show. Best of all, we have each other, to cherish and appreciate. Will you please join me in making this, our "Tribute to Marlene, Best Year Ever"?

Hugs,  
Marilyn Corners

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"*  
Eleanor Roosevelt

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### **New Meeting Place!!**

Gander Mountain.....6:30 p.m.  
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Beginning last month, we have moved our meeting place to Gander Mountain, 14000 East Jewell, Aurora (Jewell and Abilene). Program that address into your GPS and come on over.

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### **Notes from Our Program Chairman:**

Hi again.....

What an extraordinary program we are treated to this month. We will learn some lovely, artistic and delicious cake decorating techniques, which we may use to turn our common place baked goods into beautiful creations to delight family, friends and self. :o) Ginny Sparlin is our expert cake decorator who will share her delicious knowledge with us. Plan to be there!!

Hugs,  
Marilyn

SAVE THE DATE - next month "Zentangle"

*"Your imagination is your preview of life's coming attractions"* Albert Einstien

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**Notes from our Seminar Chairmen:**



We have a fantastic line up for workshops this year and we think you will be as excited as we are! Char will let you know the details for the upcoming workshops with Charles Danford and Janet Nunn.

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We are starting the year off with a colored pencil workshop taught by **Paula Leopold, CDA**. This seminar is filling up quickly... if you are interested let me know as seating is limited. We will also be opening the seminar to non-chapter members soon. Send your check to Melinda or Char

For a larger photo of Paula's project please visit our website!

<http://rockymountainhiartists.com>

**March 24 -- Paula Leopold, CDA**

**Colored pencil workshop "Peaches and Cream"**

**Time:** 9 - 4 PM

**Place:** Gander Mountain, 14000 East Jewell, Aurora

**Class fee:** \$40.00 for Rocky Mountain Hi members. \$50.00 for non-members.

Send checks to Char or Melinda by Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, at which time we will open the registration up to guests.

Melinda Barnes  
6216 -D Red Canyon Drive  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80130

Char Bucher  
253 So. Alton Way  
Denver, CO 80231

The pattern and supply list will be distributed at the next meeting or emailed to those of you who cannot attend the meeting. The chapter

will purchase the paper and you may purchase it from us. Paula also requests that each student have a firm (masonite) backing on which to work. Those can be ordered at the Feb. meeting if you don't have one. We all look forward to the March 24th date at Gander Mountain

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We also have **Kathy Read** from the **Holly Berry House** scheduled for October 20. The Holly Berry House is located in Old Colorado City and it is marvelous! A must see if you are in the area. The project for the workshop has not been decided and Kathy may design a special project just for us! Details will be added on the website as they become available.

**Contact Melinda to sign up or if you have any questions.**

[Melinda@webworldplus.com](mailto:Melinda@webworldplus.com)

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#### **Notes from Our Secretary:**

November 21, 2011

Our last meeting at Garden Terrace Alzheimer Center was called to order by president Char Bucher at 7:05pm.

The minutes, read by Sec. Ginny Sparlin, were approved as amended.

Treasurer Pat Greene reported we have \$2,222.30 in our account.

Membership: Elissa McAlear reported we have 13 paid members as of this date. Elissa also presented Marilyn Corners with her Best of Show ribbon from the September Art Show, as there was a tie and she had to order another ribbon.

Seminars: Melinda Barnes will try to get hold of Kathy Reid to set a date for next year, possibly June or August. Char Bucher reported she has letters of interest from Charles Danford, Paula Leopold and Janet Nunn. All are interested in teaching here next year. Char is working with our new meeting place, Gander Mountain, regarding dates for seminars. Tentative dates were discussed.

Newsletter: Annie Dennis announced the deadline for newsletter articles is the last weekend in December, for the news letter to be out in January 2012.

We were all asked to bring painting related items to the January meeting for Bingo prizes.

New member, Verlene Siska will be our hospitality chairperson for 2012. She sent around a list for volunteers to bring refreshments to our January and February meetings.

After much discussion about sending out our newsletters every month instead of sending them out quarterly, Marilyn Corners volunteered to be the new news letter chairperson for 2012. It was suggested that newsletters be emailed to members with email addresses and sent through the regular mail to the rest of our members. It will be posted on our website as well.

Iris Luckel reported that Marlene Haviland was in Manor Care nursing home, recovering from her illness, and gave the address for us to visit her.

The new board for 2012 was introduced by president Char Bucher. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm. Respectfully submitted, Ginny Sparlin, Sec.

January 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by past president Char Bucher, at our new meeting room in the Gander Mountain store, in Aurora.

The minutes were read by Secretary Ginny Sparlin.

Treasurer Pat Greene announced our balance is \$1954.15.

Elissa McAlear announced she has a short list of non computer newsletter receivers and that the people with computers will need to look on our website on line for their news letter monthly. Where they may read it and also print it off.

Membership: Elissa McAlear announced 10 more renewals, for a total of 26 members now. She also suggested we include our cell phone numbers in our new directories. She is sending around a paper for us to give her our cell numbers. The new directories will be small enough to carry in your purse or glove compartment.

Seminars: Melinda Barnes announced a seminar on October 20, 2012 with Kathy Reid. Kathy is working on some new designs for us.

Possibly a birdhouse with birds or butterflies.

Melinda also has 4 beautiful colored pencil projects, from Paula Leopold, displayed for us to vote on tonight, for her seminar on March 24, 2012.

The favorite project after the vote is a wonderful still life of a glass pitcher and peaches. The seminar will be at Gander Mountain and the cost is \$40.00 ea. for the day (9:am to 4:pm) bring your lunch! Sign up, as this class will fill quickly! If there are spaces available at the end of our February meeting, we'll open it up to others chapters.

A motion was made by Pat Greene, that if we sign up at least 1/2 the amount of people we need for a class, by one month before the class date, then the class is a "Go". Motion carried.

May 5, 2012 is the date of the Charles Danford class at Gander Mountain.

July 14, 2012, Janet Nunn will do a class that will including "pouring", at Gander Mountain.

Friday September 14, 2012 is our date for the Art Show Luncheon at the Summit Restaurant, in Aurora.

New Business:

Treasurer Pat Greene announced the budget was published in the newsletter. After reading the budget to the members assembled, Elissa McAlear moved to approve the 2012 budget and it was seconded by Melinda Barnes. Motioned passed.

Elissa McAlear asked who from our group would be going to our National Convention in Wichita, Kansas in May. There was discussion regarding sharing rooms and carpooling, etc.

It was announced there will be a board meeting, January 30, 2012 at 10:am. at the home of Marilyn Corners.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Char Bucher at 7:pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ginny Sparlin, Sec.

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**Notes from Our Treasurer:**

Due to the closing balance having been printed in the minutes, no Treasurer's Report is submitted.

Pat Greene

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**Notes from Our Web Site Editor & Tole Chatter**

Hello Everyone,

We are all very pleased to announce our chapter has its very own domain name now! Make sure you bookmark and save the link to our new website location.

<http://RockyMountainHiArtists.com/>

If you visit the old website, not to worry, you will find a link directing you to our new home.

One of the advantages of visiting our website is to see larger workshop and seminar project photos along with the most recent seminar information.

Melinda

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**ToleChatter**

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We are going monthly with our newsletters... thank you Marilyn for being our newsletters editor this year! As a result my article won't be as long each month, but there will be many wonderful new additions I'm sure.

Have you subscribed to the SDP Blog so you can receive updates in your email box? If not, you are missing out on a lot of valuable painting tips, information and video links! Not to worry if you haven't subscribed yet... all the blog posts are archived and you can easily

search back to articles that interest you.

<http://decorativepainters.org/blog/>

Ronnie Bringle also has a fantastic blog where recently she has been posting a new video demonstration each week. You may subscribe for Ronnie's blog updates as well. <http://ronniebringle.com/blog/>

Since I mentioned video links above we have to chat about YouTube.com! The free instructional videos available on YouTube are allowed to be longer now. There are hundreds of instructional painting videos to watch now. The videos clips vary in length from 1 to 30 minutes. To take advantage of this service to go YouTube.com and you will find a Search Box at the top of their web page. Type in your favorite artist's name and hopefully you will be presented with a long list of video clips you can watch.

If you have ever wondered the proper way to prep tin Della Wetterman's article on her website is a must read. Go to <http://dellaandcompany.com/> and in the left menu select "Della's Painting Tips". You will find other interesting articles as well. Here is a direct link to find a photo of Marilyn and Char on Della's website... how fun is that. <http://dellaandcompany.com/photopg/photo-artist-friends.php>

The Color Black – This is a powerful color or absence of color. It represents stability, strength, and authority. Black is often used for expensive products and usually used in combination with other colors, especially white. Brands associated with this color include Nike, Adidas and Smashbox Cosmetics.

See you at our next meeting!

Melinda

*~The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.*

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**Notes from Our Membership Chairman:**

**Membership**

As we are an affiliated chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters, it is a requirement for chapter membership that everyone be a member of the National Society. Please be sure to send your check to National directly (if you haven't already done so) and let me know your member number.

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We currently have 30 members.

In memory of Marlene Haviland her granddaughter, Brittany Kettering, has become a chapter member.

Member News

Pat Greene had her knee replaced and is doing well with her therapy!

Word has it that Jean Kline (former rosealing member) may have had a hip replacement.

When you hear of a member needing a card, please let me know so I can send a card.

We'd like to recognize birthdays, so if your month and day is not in our booklet I'd like to hear from you. Also, if you are willing to have your cell phone number in our booklet, let me know BEFORE the booklet is completed (by February 15th), please!

Elissa McAlear, Member Chair 303.421.8714 or  
[elissamcalear@yahoo.com](mailto:elissamcalear@yahoo.com) with "RMHi" in the subject.

**Our sympathy and condolences**

With much sadness we lost Marlene Haviland January 6th, 2012. Marlene was a very important and wonderful friend who gave so much to our chapter as Membership Chairman, Seminars, Vice President and President four times. Her organizational skills were superb. She was a marvelous cook, bringing mouthwatering treats to meetings and seminars. She was a fine artist, willing to try new and different materials, methods and styles. She loved color and wore them well. She loved traveling the world, western music, Branson and Nashville, too.

Her most recent and special accomplishment was Certification for Botanical Drawing from the Denver Botanical Gardens with at least one drawing being published in a special book by the Gardens. We will miss her smile, her laugh, her energy and her presence for a long time to come. She was such a treasure.

Sympathy cards were sent to her family and several friends.

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Sandy Zarlengo-Albers' 49 year old daughter has passed away of a heart attack.

Condolences are being sent to Sandy, a longtime Chapter member.

Services will be this Wednesday, February 8, at 11 AM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4900 Montview Blvd., Denver, CO

Sandy Zarlengo-Albers  
7877 E Mississippi #206  
Denver, CO 80247

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**Notes from Our Hospitality Chairman:**

A huge "Thank You" goes out to Elissa McAlear, Annie Dennis and Iris Luckel, who so kindly brought refreshments to our January Bingo Meeting. They were Yummy!

The ladies who signed up to feed us in February are: Melinda Barnes, Ginny Sparlin, and Pat Greene. Thanks so much to each of you. We appreciate it. Now, if anyone has a favorite recipe you would like to cook up and/or put together and share with us sometime in the coming year, please let me know by person, email, [verlene.siska@gmail.com](mailto:verlene.siska@gmail.com) or phone, 303-338-3606. I will be asking three people each meeting to furnish food and it would be lovely to have volunteers clamoring to do that. 😊

Thank you again,  
Verlene Siska, Hospitality chairman

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**Notes from Our Telephone Chairman:**

Hi everyone,  
I just want to let you to know that if you have any Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter or SDP concerns or questions, you may contact me. I can help you or find help for you.

Iris Luckel  
303-751-8612

*" If the sight of blue skies fills you with Joy, REJOICE, for your soul is alive."*  
Eleanora Duse

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**Personals:**

INVITATION

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This an invitation to all members to use this space as a vehicle for letting the membership know any and all things pertinent in your life, be it celebrations, illnesses, happiness, sadness or nonsenses, in order

that we may stay in closer touch with each other. Email articles to marilyndenver@aol.com or mail to: Marilyn Corners, 1763 So. Leyden, Denver, CO 80224. Pictures are welcome!

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Thank you everyone for your thoughts and support during Mickey's long battle the past 3 months. Many of you have continued to ask about Mickey and thought you might like to see him! The first photo is back in November when he started to feel a bit better. The second photo is Mickey with his new stuffed bear I purchased for Christmas. Can you see him smiling? Mickey had the feeding tube removed on January 19... Yipppeeeeeee!  
Melinda



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### **Happenings from National:**

There is still plenty of time to register for the National Conference to be held May 14 - 19 in Wichita, Kansas. Check out the "Flights of Fancy" supplement that was included in the last issue of the DP. So many great classes are being offered, along with well planned, fun events. Register and come join the fun!

Included in the "Chapter Happenings" from National was this article with recipes from two National Presidents. They both sound terrific for the cold weather we have been "enjoying". Take a look.....

### **Soup Recipes from your SDP Presidents**

#### **Sue Bower's Tortellini Soup**

3 cans italian stewed tomatoes (14oz)  
3 cans beef broth  
2 tsp. basil  
3 links italian sausage (casing removed)  
1 Lg. can Allen's italian cut green beans  
1 zucchini, sliced  
1 cup chopped onion  
1 pkg. tortellini noodles ~ 3 cheese (refrigerator section)

Saute sausage & onion.

Add tomatoes, broth and spices and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, then add green beans, zucchini & tortellini. Simmer until fully cooked, about 30 minutes.

Served topped with fresh grated parmesan cheese. This soup is actually better the next day.

I actually cook the italian sausage and onion and then toss everything into the crockpot and let it cook for the day.

#### **Nancy Genetti's Ranch Soup**

1 lb. ground hamburger  
1 medium onion  
1 small can chopped green chilies (mild)  
1/8 tsp. garlic powder  
1 can cream of celery soup  
1 can cream of chicken soup

1 can green beans  
1 can whole kernel corn  
1 can cream-style corn  
1 can Cajun-style tomatoes  
1 c. sliced carrots (or one can sliced carrots)  
1 can ranch Style beans  
1 c. picante sauce (mild)  
1 lb. Velveeta Cheese, cut into small pieces

Do not drain any of the canned vegetables.

Brown ground meat, onion, green chilies and garlic powder. Set aside.

In large stockpot, combine the celery soup, chicken soup, green beans, whole kernel and cream style corn, tomatoes, carrots, and ranch beans. Simmer and add meat mixture. When ready to serve, add picante sauce and Velveeta cheese pieces. Simmer until cheese is melted.

## Have a Happy Valentine's Day

and remember: "*It isn't the size of the gift that matters, but the size of the heart that gives it "*

Eileen Elias Freeman



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