

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER of the Society of Decorative Painters

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Marilyn Corners President's Report:

Hi Ladies,

As this is my final article as President of the Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter of SDP, I want to take this opportunity to tell you how I love you, our members, our chapter and the Society of Decorative Painters. I so value each of you, your differences and your similarities; your loyalty to our chapter in the way you support our monthly meetings; our seminars; your generosity in donating to PAHA, the camp for disabled children and youth; your willingness to become involved in our Ways and Means efforts; and your gracious donations of delicious goodies at our functions. You have made our chapter possible and in everything you do, you play a critical role. Thank you so much. It has been a true pleasure for me to serve as your President for the past two years. I feel confident that you will give Verlene, our incoming President, your complete loyalty, generosity and support as she takes us into 2014. When we all work together for the good of Rocky Mountain Hi and SDP, great things happen to us. Please remember the Mission Statement of SDP: **“The purpose of the Society shall be to stimulate interest in and appreciate for decorative painting; to raise the quality of the art form; and to serve as a dissemination point for information concerning decorative painting”**. The word “Society” encompasses all of us. I am attaching an article which was printed in the SDP Blog and which I have already forwarded to all our members by email. I found it inspiring. I hope you will as well.

Last Quarter of 2013 ... Have I Done Enough?

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By Jay Staten, SDP Publications Director

Each year about this time, I get a little panicky. Have I done enough about the things that matter most to me? As I go through my mental checklist, I always find things I let slide, didn't make a commitment to, or just forgot about. For me, this isn't about listing new resolutions for 2014 (that I will surely drop by Jan. 15), it's about taking stock of how well I'm doing at keeping promises to myself.

Like most people, I'm watching my pennies—but I still want to contribute. Last year I promised myself to find every way possible I could raise money for my favorite nonprofit organization (SDP) **that wouldn't cost one cent out of my personal pocket. Who knew there were so many ways to do just that online?**

1. **Intrust Bank** offers an **Affinity VISA** card that **directly donates to SDP**. Because I have to use a credit card for a number of things in business and my personal life anyway—booking flights online, shopping on Amazon, getting gas, etc.—I thought why not donate to SDP at the same time? So I applied for the VISA at www.intrustbank.com/sdp. The card is also a rewards card, so I'm also helping out myself a little! The terms and conditions were comparable to the card I had been using, but this one is much prettier with the SDP logo. This is one of the biggest fundraisers for SDP each year, raising more than \$15,000 annually.
2. I started doing all my web searches through **Good Search**. I raised over \$20 doing the same searches I used to do through Google. I simply went to www.goodsearch.com, signed up (which didn't cost anything), chose **Society of Decorative Painters** as my cause, and then made Good Search my home page. For every web search I do, one cent is donated to SDP. By the way, I get the exact same results from my searches as I do from Google. One thing: Just make sure you are signed in to make your searches count.
3. When I plan events with friends and family, I always make sure to check the list of restaurants, museums, and events on Good Search to see if I can add more to my rewards. It's amazing how many local places are more than willing to contribute to a good cause. Of course, so many of the major companies that I do business with are also on the program, including Amazon, Staples, and Hilton Hotels. I simply pay for the event with my registered credit card. When I buy goods and services from participating organizations, a percentage of my bill is donated to SDP. There are a lot of other ways to raise additional money on the site, such as games, surveys, etc.
4. I did some shopping at www.shopformuseums.com. I registered and chose SDP as my nonprofit. So some of my standard gift purchases contribute to SDP as well.
5. I also go to the **Greater Good** site (www.greatergood.com) and "**click to donate**." The site has specific pages for support of animal shelters, veterans, literacy, diabetes, autism, hunger, and the rainforest. SDP is not there, but there are other causes to choose.

Last year I promised myself to give more of my hobby-talents to friends and family.

1. I kept my promises to friends and family. I even managed to sneak in a few surprises. Last week I completed the baby crib bumpers and painted the head- and footboards prior to my great-niece moving little Harper from the bassinet to the crib.
2. I got my mother and grandmother's quilts labeled and distributed to family members. Who knew how prolific those two women were with their quilting? There must have been thirty-five quilts to distribute—all hand quilted.
3. I got all my holiday painting done early this year, which leaves time for more painting. I didn't paint as much as I wanted throughout most of 2013, but I painted enough to keep my skills intact, and I did manage to feed my creative soul (by the way, everyone's got one).

So, on the whole, I'm feeling pretty good about 2013. There's still time to get a few more things done this year, and I managed to get the top things off my list. **My advice:** Don't wait for January to create New Year's resolutions—there is just too much pressure. Just make a few promises to yourself. One year later, take a look at what you have accomplished. It will make you feel great going into the holiday season!

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your President.

With genuine love,

Marilyn Corners

Verlene Siska - Vice President/Program Chairman

Hello Fellow Painters!

The November 18th meeting will be the last meeting for 2013.

Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share with the group, an ornament for our gift exchange, and one dozen cookies to give to the staff at Gander Mountain.

Here is the agenda for the meeting

1. Present Gander Mountain with cookies and tree with ornaments made by chapter
2. The Installation of Officers Ceremony
3. Ornament Exchange and Holiday Party.

The ornament for the ornament exchange does not have to be painted by you, but it should meet the standard of something you would give your best friend.

Thanks everyone! Verlene

Patricia Greene – Treasurer

Note: the budget will be voted on at the January meeting.

INCOME

Membership	\$700.00
Seminars	\$3000.00
Ways and Means	\$1440.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5140.00

EXPENSES

Newsletter	\$50.00
Seminars	\$2500.00
Membership	\$100.00
Treasurer	\$100.00
Philanthropic	\$100.00
Art Show	\$25.00
Hospitality	\$100.00
Ways and Means	\$300.00
Programs	\$1000.00
Miscellaneous	\$475.00
Web Site	\$240.00
Publicity	\$150.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5140.00

Respectfully submitted: Patricia Greene

Elissa McAlear - 2nd Vice President/ Membership Chairman

Membership Dues Time for 2014

December 1st is rapidly approaching which is the date you need to have your dues turned in for 2014. We'll try to have the roster ready for distribution in January or February. We'd like to limit the corrections or changes after we print it.

I know you won't want to miss any of the fun meetings for 2014!

Your check and completed application should be turned in at the meeting or mailed to:

**Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter
6501 Welch Ct.,
Arvada, CO 80004**

Your national dues are also due to be mailed to SDP directly by December 1st to avoid an added \$5 late fee.

The Chapter application may be downloaded from our website or ask me at the meeting. I'll have several for SDP, too.

I have received 23 so far. Don't forget to put your national member number on your Chapter application.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Thank you and happy painting!

Elissa McAlear, Membership Chair

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Melinda Barnes - Website Manager

<http://rockymountainhiartists.com/>

Tole Chatter

As many of you know, **J.W. Etc.** products unfortunately continue to be unavailable. Many people love their products and there is a company exploring options to create their own line of comparable varnishes that would be available around the new year. In the meantime, this company is recommending Jo Sonja's water-based, non-toxic sealers, primers and varnishes as a substitute.

Ronnie Bringle has three new packets, paper and electronic, with adorable bunnies. She also has an informative 19 minutes video clip on how to paint the bunnies using her technique. Those bunnies were really multiplying on my computer the other night! *grin* <http://ronniebringle.com>

Pinterest continues to be my favorite social media. If you use Pinterest for ideas about anything under the sun and have an account please Pin our website in to one of your Boards. You can find the RMH website in my Pinterest Board Website Clients. This will help spread the word about our chapter. Also, if you are a **Facebook** fan you will be happy to know Marilyn created a page for our chapter! Be sure and go to Facebook and 'Like' us.

Patricia Rawlinson has some really nice new patterns. I also discovered she has a line of stencils for banding your projects. How neat is that! Where was all this wonderful stuff when I was painting all the time? <grin> If you are looking for any kind of painting tool Patty's website is the place to go! <http://www.creativeartslifestyle.com/>

There is a great sale on **Della Wetterman's** website right now. 25% off assorted Folk Art Tin on wheels such as the arks, cars, vans, a bus, a plane and the trains. Also if you purchase three of her tin ornaments you receive one free. Della will be back from their cruise on November 15th so don't wait much later to order. <http://dellaandcompany.com>

Owls, snowmen, all kinds of keys and gingerbread men are all really popular right now. **Bear With Us** has been a favorite booth at trade shows for years. They carry many of those wonderful smaller wood pieces that are fun to paint. View their website here... <http://bearwithusinc.com/>

Cupboard Distributing carries all types of surfaces plus all of **Chris Haughey's** pattern packets. Chris is designing and painting a lot of cute patterns. <http://www.cdwood.com/>

If you like the primitive look **Terrye French** designs a ton of fun patterns and books. On Terrye French's website you will also find a few free patterns and a link to her line of stamps and scrapbooking supplies. Another fun website is Terrye French Designs "Painting With Friends". There you will find many artists that paint from a line drawing Terrye gives them. My favorite artist on that site is **Deb Antonick**. Deb has many patterns and books to choose from and I love them all. I think Deb is going to start designing more on Della's tin. <http://paintingwithfriends.blogspot.com/>

That is it for this month! I hope to see ALL of you at our November Holiday Meeting!

Melinda

Travel Teacher Seminars

We are very excited and pleased to announce the wonderful news! The **RMH Chapter** and the **High Plains Decorative Artists Chapter** in Littleton will be co-sponsoring two fabulous seminars in 2014! Both seminars will be held at the Littleton School Administration Building. The facility is large, bright with lots of windows, a full kitchen and did I mention the restrooms are just steps away from the painting area? The High Plains Chapter is hosting **Carol Spohn** on **April 12 and 13, 2014**. Carol specializes in watercolor multi-media. The projects have been narrowed down to a beautiful collage that will be completed in a day and a half and a card on the second day after the collage is finished, yes completely finished. The projects will be announced in December along with the cost. RMH members will be able to attend this seminar at the High Plains membership cost. Carol teaches at conventions all over the country with full classes. As soon as the projects have been selected you can view them on the RMH and High Plains websites. If you would like to view some of Carol's work be sure to visit her website. <http://carolspohn.com/>

The second seminar will be **Chris Thornton-Deason** on **June 21 and 22, 2014**. This seminar will also be held at the Littleton School Administration Building. Chris will be teaching one project on canvas using many DecoArt products so we will learn several techniques. The second day will be at least two projects. Chris is one of the most popular teachers at the Creative Painting Convention in Vegas every year. We will have more details coming soon for the projects and cost of the seminar. You can see Chris' work and free patterns on her website. One of the free patterns is three snowmen just in time for the holidays. <http://christhorntondesigns.com/>

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss the opportunity to take with these popular teachers.

Website

Be sure to check out our website for the most up-to-date information for workshops and seminars. Photos of all projects will be added as soon as they are available. Have you checked out the photo gallery? Most chapter functions are represented there.

Visit our site often! <http://www.rockymountainhiartists.com/>

Char Bucher - Local Teacher Seminar Chairman

For all you Chuck Danford fans, I have some good news. Chuck has agreed to do another water-color class for us next spring.

So mark your calendars for Sat. March 18, 2014. The class will be at Gander Mt. The price is the usual \$40. Save your pennies for this great class and I will have the photo of it in the January news-letter.

There are no more classes on the docket for this year. Melinda and I hope that you enjoyed all of the classes this year. If there is a teacher that you would like us to contact, please send us an e-mail.

Char

Nancy Glassman – Hospitality

Thank you everyone for all the wonderful snacks that you bring to share to the monthly meetings and seminar painting days.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the November 18th Ornament exchange!

In addition to the ornament, please bring **1 dozen of your favorite cookies, wrapped**, for the wonderful Gander Mountain Employees. They really enjoyed our cookies last year and we would like to show our appreciation again this year!!

Also could everyone please bring an appetizer or dessert to share!! We have had such delicious food in the past!!

Please call me!

Nancy Glassman 303-220-8563

Schedule of 2013 Events

Nov 18th Holiday Party and Ornament exchange -Gander Mtn

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'. Sheila at hudhut@hotmail.com.