

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER of the Society of Decorative Painters

October 2013 Newsletter

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Marilyn Corners President's Report:

Hi there, Rocky Mountain Hi Painters and Happy Halloween.

Wow, our year 2013 is fast coming to the end, isn't it? I constantly wish for a magic pill to slow time down, but never seem to find it. I must admit that as much as I dread the cold and snow that is headed our way, I am LOVING our fall colors. Aren't they absolutely stunning and inspiring? What a glorious display of yellows, golds, reds and purples. We are blessed.

At our October meeting on the 21st, we will be electing officers for 2014. Our slate of officers is complete, except for one position and we will be taking nominations from the floor. If you are interested in being on the board, please let me know. Following is the current slate on which we will vote.

President: Verlene Siska	Committee Chairmen
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I so hope you are giving serious thought to attending our SDP Annual Conference, which will be held in San Diego, May 12 to 18, 2014. It will be a wonderful experience with outstanding teachers, exciting booths with fun products to entice and inspire you and worthwhile events for further learning in all medias and techniques for painting. Think about it. Okay?

Remember to block out at least part of the day on Tuesday, Oct. 22 to join us at our "Paint Day" to make ornaments to present to the wonderful staff at Gander in November. We will be doing Shrinky Dink ornaments in the Sporting Theme. Come and have a good time 'painting' with us.

May I take this opportunity, one more time, to thank Verlene for the bang-up job she did on our Luncheon! Kudos!!

Elissa, our Art Show, under your direction was simply AWESOME! What a beautiful and amazing display of exceptional work from both our student/members and our teachers. Thank you, thank you.

Hugs to all,

Marilyn Corners

President

Verlene Siska - Vice President/Program Chairman

Hello Fellow Painters!

At our general meeting October 21st we will be painting plant buddies in the shape of Halloween masquerades. Each mask is about 4" x 2.5" and the wood is 1/8 inch. There will be a \$1.00 charge for each masquerade. The chapter will supply the paints. Please bring your acrylic painting supplies (brushes, water container, paper towels, newspaper, graphite, hair dryer).



The folks at Gander Mountain have been so gracious to the Chapter and the Chapter Board members would like to offer all members a chance to do something special to thank the Gander Mountain staff. There will be a special workshop on October 22nd from 10 to 4 at Gander Mountain. We will be making Shrinky Dink Christmas Ornaments to give to the staff. The theme of these ornaments will be Gander Mountain-i.e hunting, fishing, camping, the great outdoors.

Please bring color pencils, micron pens, sandpaper, an embossing gun and scissors. The chapter will supply the Shrinky Dink film, and patterns. You are, of course, welcome to bring your own 'great outdoors' patterns. Hope to see you there!

Our annual Holiday party will be held November 18th. This year we are asking you to bring a covered plate (or gift bag) of cookies to give the Gander Mountain staff, a Christmas tree ornament for our ornament exchange and a food goodie to share with the group.

Verlene

Elissa McAlear - 2nd Vice President/ Membership Chairman

Art Show 2013 Report

A MILLION THANKS for the wonderful help from Ginny Sparlin and Iris Luckel who helped with our art show in so many ways!

There were five (5) Teachers who submitted 28 beautiful art pieces to 13 categories. There were twelve (12) Student/Members who submitted their 40 special pieces to 14 categories. The entries were all especially beautiful and an interesting variety.

We had a sixteenth category, "My favorite Piece", added at the last minute. This piece did not have to be finished in the past year - just be a favorite piece.

The following were winners of ribbons:

Teacher: Art Show:

- 1) Landscape - Ginny Sparlin; 2nd Noreen Goetz
- 2) Rosemaling - No entry
- 3) Decorative - Ginny Sparlin
- 4) Folk Art - Marilyn Corners
- 5) Floral/Fruit - Marilyn Corners; 2nd Ginny Sparlin
- 6) Animals & Birds - Noreen Goetz; 2nd Marilyn Corners
- 7) Pastels or Pencil - Marilyn Corners
- 8) Watercolor - Noreen Goetz; 2nd Marilyn Corners
- 9) Mixed media - Karon Sorensen; 2nd Noreen Goetz
- 10) Holiday - Ginny Sparlin; 2nd Noreen Goetz
- 11) Fabric/Wearable Art - Noreen Goetz; 2nd Marilyn Corners
- 12) Mini - Noreen Goetz
- 13) Pen & Ink - Noreen Goetz
- 14) Portrait - No entry
- 15) Original Designs - Marilyn Corners; 2nd Char Bucher
- 16) My Favorite Piece - tie: Marilyn Corners and Noreen Goetz; 2nd Ginny Sparlin

Teacher Best of Show - Marilyn Corners for Original Design of Aspen leaves

Student/Member Art Show:

- 1) Landscape - Elissa McAlear; 2nd Linda Bierman
- 2) Rosemaling - Elissa McAlear
- 3) Decorative - Elissa McAlear; 2nd Linda Bierman
- 4) Folk Art - No entry
- 5) Floral/Fruit - Sharon Campbell; 2nd Pat Greene
- 6) Animals & Birds - Elissa McAlear; 2nd Pat Greene
- 7) Pastels or Pencil - Iris Luckel; 2nd Elissa McAlear
- 8) Watercolor - Jody Tidwell; 2nd Verlène Siska
- 9) Mixed media - Verlène Siska; 2nd Pat Greene

Student/Member Art Show (continued):

- 10) Holiday - Sharon Campell; 2nd Linda Bierman
- 11) Fabric/Wearable Art - Sue Hoover
- 12) Mini - Melinda Barnes; 2nd Iris Luckel
- 13) Pen & Ink - No entry
- 14) Portrait - Kathy Kula
- 15) Original Designs - tie -Pat Greene and Sharon Campbell; 2nd Ginny Sparlin
- 16) My Favorite Piece - tie - Pat Greene & Elissa McAlear; 2nd Iris Luckel

Student/Member Best of Show - tie - Jody Tidwell & Pat Greene

This year we had a separate ballot for Guests to vote for Category 16 in each of the Art Shows. The votes were for Noreen Goetz and Marilyn Corners in the Teacher's Show and Sue Hoover for the Student/Member Art Show.

Thank you **Verlene Siska** and **Iris Luckel** for finding Blossoms at Heather Gardens for our luncheon and art show! We had more room for displaying our art work. Everyone who brought entries made the Art show possible and I THANK YOU ALL! We'd love to have more teachers and student/member entries in each of the categories next year!

If you have any suggestions for next year to make displaying and voting easier, PLEASE do not hesitate to let me know so we may make appropriate changes by January. We may eliminate the categories that had no entries unless you wish to keep or add a category.

With my greatest appreciation to ALL of You,

Elissa McAlear, Art Show Chair 303.421.8714

Membership Dues Are Now Due

Membership dues for **2014** are now being accepted. I have received about a dozen renewals already. They need to be paid **by December 1st** so that the directory can be made up by the January or February meeting. An application may be downloaded from our website or ask me for one.

Our dues are \$20 per year. You may send your completed application and check made out to: **Rocky Mountain Hi, 6501 Welch Ct., Arvada, CO 80004** or bring it to our meetings or seminar.

We are looking forward to a fun year of programs and seminars that you will not want to miss! We welcome new members, too, as the more we have, the more interesting and fun we have.

Remember, as an affiliate of SDP, you must also join national, but that application and dues are paid directly to them. I do have a few copies of their application. Don't hesitate to ask me for one.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to check with me. Hoping to see you soon,

Elissa McAlear, Membership Chair 303.421.8714

Melinda Barnes - Website Manager

<http://rockymountainhiartists.com/>

TOLE CHATTER

Hello Everyone,

Now that fall has settled in I thought you all might enjoy a little trivia. The following is shared with permission from Shara Reiner and Rosie Mae from Shara's newsletter. No peeking! Answers are at the end of my article.

Thanksgiving Trivia

1. How many Pilgrims came over on the Mayflower?
a. 89 b. 102 c. 185 d. 217
2. In what year did the first American Thanksgiving celebration take place?
a. 1900 b. 1492 c. 1621 d. 1776
3. How long did the first Thanksgiving Feast last?
a. 1 day b. 1 week c. 3 days d. 4 days
4. What does the term "Cornucopia" mean?
a. Corn husks b. Horn of Plenty c. A Greek d. A Traditional Corn Dish
5. Approximately how many feathers does a mature turkey have?
a. 750 b. 1,500 c. 3,500 d. 4,000
6. Which US State produces the most turkeys annually?
a. Alabama b. North Carolina c. Missouri d. Arkansas
7. How fast can wild turkeys run?
a. 15 mph b. 55 mph c. 5 mph d. 25 mph
8. Which country consumes the most turkey per year * per capita?
a. Israel b. United States c. Mexico d. Germany
9. How high must the cranberry bounce before it is harvested?
a. 6 inches b. 8 inches c. 3 inches d. 4 inches
10. Who was the first President to make Thanksgiving a national holiday?
a. Washington b. Lincoln c. Jefferson d. Roosevelt

~ Shara

I am pleased to report that **Sandra Malone** is in the top 5 finalists for her fabric designs on Artists Club sister fabric website! I will keep you posted... if she wins. <grin> Sandra is very pleased and thanks everyone who voted for her.

Free Patterns: You might want to revisit Renee Mullins' website. Renee has some really cute free patterns available for fall and Halloween. She also has two brand new fall nightlight kits and a couple new books.

The DecoArt Helping Artist Fall Newsletter contained a wonderful salute to Doxie Keller, ambassador for decorative painting. Most painters have met this wonderful lady if you have attended any shows around the country the past 'umpteens' years. Doxie has worked for DecoArt for as long as I can remember and will gladly answer any questions you might have with a big smile. Doxie went to work at the Leisure Arts Center in Hutchinson, KS and was assigned the task of developing a painting program. Doxie and other staff members enrolled in a painting program in

Wichita, KS, at the Decorative Art Institute for 18 weeks. That was in 1964 and she has been painting ever since! Over the next 20 years, the center turned out hundreds of tole and decorative painters. In addition to the students she taught, Doxie left her mark on the arts center where her teaching career began – the center is now called the Keller Leisure Arts Center, in honor of Doxie and her husband, Les Keller. During those early years Doxie and her students met with other painters in the Midwest. As a result of those meetings, the Society of Tole and Decorative Painters was formed, now known as SDP. Doxie served as SDP president twice, once during its early days and again during 2000-2001. One of her accomplishments was to form the committee that developed SDP's excellent Teacher Development program. I will stop now... I could go on and on about this lady and what she means to everyone who knows her.

DecoArt has a new blog with all types of product info you may be interested in.

<http://www.decoart.com/blog/>

I try to keep all the Colorado chapters seminar info listed on each of their websites. If you have some free time you can take a look at our sister chapters and see what they are doing and also see what travel teachers they are bringing in.

High Plains Chapter in Littleton: <http://highplainsdecorativeartists.com/>

Pikes Peak Chapter in Colorado Springs: <http://pikespeakdecorativepainters.com/>

Western Colorado Decorative Artists in Grand Junction:

<http://westerncoloradodecorativeartists.com/>

Don't forget to visit [our Rocky Mountain Hi website](http://www.rockymountainhiartists.com/) for the latest info and photos:

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

I have been checking back to a website started by Lynne Pittard back in 2009 called **Visual Arts Network**. Unfortunately the site has never been completed, but there are some older video lessons you can watch at no charge. You can view lessons by Brenda Harris, Joyce Ortner, Lynne Pittard, Stefan Bauman, Jerry Yarnell and Mark Polomchak... I knew that would get your attention. <grin> They are old videos, but I think you would enjoy watching them when you have time.

<http://www.visualartsnetwork.tv/lessons.html>

The color Orange: Here are a few words to define the color orange: Whimsical, fun, happy, hot, glowing, friendly, good natured, fall, pumpkins and Halloween!

That's it for this time. See you at the next meeting?

Melinda

Answers to Thanksgiving Trivia: 1-B (102), 2-C (1621), 3-C (3 days), 4-B (Horn of Plenty), 5-C (3,500), 6-B (North Carolina), 7-D (25 mph), 8-A (Israel), 9-D (4 inches), 10-B (Lincoln)

SEMINARS

PAULA LEOPOLD

There is still time to sign up for Paula Leopold's colored pencil workshop on October 19th. Time is short so contact me ASAP! This is truly a beautiful project and we will learn how to paint berries and crystal glass.

CHRIS THORNTON

Mark your calendar now for the Chris Thornton seminar June 21 and 22, 2014! Chris has been sending me possible projects to teach next year. Chris has authored 46 books at last count and teaches Special Events in Vegas every year. Two years ago Jay registered 104 students for her Event and 4 of us had to do a little teaching as we were monitoring the class. Yikes! Chris doesn't travel teach so I hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity we will have in Denver next year.

Melinda
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Be sure and visit our website often for the most up to date info about our meetings and workshops:

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

Nancy Glassman – Hospitality

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

If you have not brought a snack to share, in the past, we would appreciate your participation in the last few months of this year! **Please call me at 303-220-8563.**

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the November 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!!

Any QUESTIONS please call me!

Nancy Glassman 303-220-8563

Linda Bierman & Kathy Kula - Ways and Means Chairmen

Start saving your money for our new upcoming drawing starting in January! It is beautiful and well worth the price of a chance ticket!

I am going to keep everyone in suspense, until January when I post the picture. I can tell you it is from someone we have had as a teacher in a seminar! In fact in the last two years they have given two seminars!

I am also looking into a Cookbook from our chapter members. How fun to enjoy recipes from everyone in our chapter! *Your recipe down in print for the world to see for generation to come!*

Ok maybe you will be famous within your circle of friends, and they will all want to have one. I will keep you informed on this new project. Maybe I will present it at our November meeting. So start thinking of those family favorite recipes.

We are also going to continue on the drawing of the colored rock game that we sell tickets to at each meeting. So don't forget to bring that \$1.00 to each meeting for a chance to win Big Bucks!

A Big Thank You to everyone who bought and sold tickets to the Anne Martinez Painting. I appreciate your help in raising money for our worth-while projects here at the Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter.

Linda Bierman, Ways and Means Committee

Schedule of Events

Oct 19th Paula Leopold Workshop-Gander Mtn

Oct 21st General Meeting-Gander Mtn

Oct 22nd Paint in-Gander Mtn

Oct 26th Paint and Take with Ginny Sparlin- Ross U-Hills Library

Nov 5th Board Meeting

Nov 18th Holiday Party-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.