

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER
of the Society of Decorative Painters
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Marilyn Corner's President's Report

Greetings Ladies

As I write this first article for the new year of the Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter Newsletter, it is fun to think back on all the good times, interesting programs and wonderful friendships our chapter has experienced this past year.

Our chapter has grown in numbers, our programs have been diverse, we enjoyed participating in the SDP Annual Conference Banquet, and were well represented at the conference by several members. We donated to a worthwhile cause. We held an extraordinary Art Show with many guests in attendance and many well - earned awards presented.

As we will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary year, Rocky Mountain Hi - 2015 is well under way. The new board is already at work making solid plans for yet another great year of excellent programs and wonderful camaraderie. It will be a good year to be a member of this outstanding group of painters as we strive to learn more, further develop our skills and simply enjoy the wonderful world of Decorative Painting.

May you have a very Merry Christmas and a glorious New Year!

Hugs,
Marilyn Corners, President

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

Hi Ladies!

The New Year will soon be upon us, and you will need to be prepared for our January 19, 2015 meeting! We will be painting on fabric with acrylic fabric paints. This is a fun, easy project on a T-Shirt.

Please bring: 1 white T-Shirt(short or long sleeved), 1 or 2 black permanent Sharpie markers(the fat one with a fine point), a shirt board, or a piece of heavy cardboard or foam core board, large enough to fit snugly under(inside)your T-Shirt. Also bring your acrylic painting supplies, i.e. a water container, paper towels, brushes, etc.

Paint will be provided, as well as palettes and patterns. Any questions call me:
Ginny Sparlin 303-693-0771
Hope to see everyone there!!!

Ginny

Elissa McAlear – 2nd Vice President/ Membership Chairman

Art Show 2015 Update

Because we are a Chapter for decorative painters, we recognize that many of our members also do other crafts. Along with our 15 categories for painted pieces, we are now adding a category for non-painted items for display only, which will not be part of the judged categories. In next month's newsletter we will list the categories and rules, so be watching for them.

We love seeing what our members are painting and sharing our love of art, so we hope you are planning ahead, and painting for a number of the categories and will enter them in September's Annual Art Show!

Questions and suggestions are welcome, just call or email me asap,
Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and have a Healthy Happy Holiday Season.
Elissa McAlear 303.421.8714 or <elissamc@comcast.net> with RMHi in the Subject line, please.

Elissa McAlear, Art Show Chair

Membership for 2015

Thank you for the many member renewals and new members that have already signed up for the next year! It sure makes the job easier and is very much appreciated.

As I prepare the Membership Roster to turn over to Kathy Beck, we encourage any more renewals or new members to please get your applications filled out (either from me or from the website) and sent to me by December 31st to make our lists accurate for the coming year. If you have any updates of address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc., don't forget to let us know right away.

If you forgot to renew your SDP membership as of December 1st, remember you need to pay an additional \$5 fee. New members do not have to pay the extra fee. New members do have to request the introductory painting package when applying. Once you get your Society of Decorative Painters membership number, please tell either Kathy Beck or me since it is required to be a Chapter member.

Chapter dues are \$20/year. SDP dues are \$50 or check for the Trial membership rate with the online only magazine. Checks made out to Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter and Send to: Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter, 6501 Welch Ct., Arvada, CO 80004.

We are looking forward to an exciting lineup of programs and seminars and hope you plan to participate regularly!

Questions are welcome, just ask me or a Board member.

Elissa McAlear 303.421.8714 <elissamc@comcast.net> with "RMHi"
in the Subject line.

Elissa McAlear, Membership

Ginny Sparlin - Secretary's Minutes

The November 17, 2014 General meeting of the Rocky Mountain Hi chapter of SDP was brought to order by President Verlene Siska at 6:30pm, at the Garden Plaza in Aurora.

Minutes were posted.

Treasurer Pat Greene reported we have \$5,198.05 in checking. She will post the proposed budget for 2015 in the November newsletter to be voted on at the January general meeting.

Incoming Vice President Ginny Sparlin displayed the painted T-shirts which will be our painting project at the January General meeting. A supply list will be in the newsletter. Paint will be provided by Deco Art Americana.

Membership: Elissa McAlear announced 33 members to date, and she has forms for both our local chapter and for SDP.

Seminars: Char Bucher reported the Judy Patti seminar for January 24, 2015 is full, and she has pictures of several subjects for us to vote on tonight to decide what Judy will be teaching.

Building report: Iris Luckel reported she has all our meeting dates set, with Garden Plaza, for 2015.

Telephone committee: Iris called everyone with a reminder of this meeting and Elissa sent out email reminders.

Travel teacher Seminars: Melinda Barnes brought one of Chris Thornton's large flat metal Christmas balls to show what they will be like for next year's seminar. She will be checking with Carolyn in Canyon City regarding having them made.

Web site: Melinda Barnes reported all is well and up to date.

Cookbook committee: Linda Bierman reminded us that next year is the 40th anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter, and she would like to make our cookbook a very special anniversary edition. She suggested that several members paint special dividers for between the sections of the cookbook. She is taking painters of a first come first served basis.

Announcements: Sherri Sutton announced her guests, Janis and her daughter, Ginny and Sharon.

In coming president Marilyn Corners gave out lovely quilted pencil holders to each out going board member in recognition of her hard work on the board. Each zip bag had attached to it, a hand painted tag denoting the office held by that member. I love being on the board!

Out going president Verlene Siska handed off the gavel to incoming president Marilyn Corners.

Installation of officers: Marilyn announced the theme of Convention 2015 is Gearing up for Art as she handed out pins to each incoming officer, each with a dangle representing the office she will hold in 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, secretary.

Ginny Sparlin

Melinda Barnes – Website Manager

Tole Chatter

I bet you are all as busy as I am with holiday parties and decorating... but it is sure fun isn't it.

You may have heard by now that you can preview the SDP Conference classes and special events for the 2015 Conference December 19th! This can be printed at home or viewed electronically. If you would prefer to order a printed version, you will be able to order one directly from Amazon.com. SDP will email all members a direct link with instructions as soon as the Conference Special is posted on December 19th. Registration opens February 10th. Conference dates are May 11-16 for the 43rd SDP

International Conference & Expo at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois. Please consider going if at all possible. You will have a wonderful time... I promise. *grin*

Another series of online classes has started. This one is Acrylic Painting Club and has many top teachers. Some of our members will remember Miyuki from Japan who attended one of our Brenda Harris seminars, she is one of the teachers for the acrylic club. Other teachers include Trudy Beard-Lazaroe, Mabel Blanco, Debbie Cushing, Jill Fitzhenry (Jillybean), Deanne Fortnam, Donna Hodson, Patte Kayne, Lonna Lamb, Liz Miller, Nilda Rosa Rodriguez, Lydia Steeves and Judy Westegaard-Jenkins. If you are interested in more information check out their website.

<http://acrylicpaintingclub.com/>

If you don't particularly like the line-up of teachers above more acrylic online classes have started up. This one is called Purely Acrylics and the teachers are Lynne Andrews, Diane Bunker, Debbie Cole, Janice Cormier, Cindy Harrison, Kelly Hoernig, Tricia Joiner, Arlene Linton, Golda Rader, Lydia Steeves, Beth Wagner and Christine Watson. Whew... I can't keep up. I must say these online classes give me something to talk about. *grin* Check this one out here...

<http://purelyacrylics.com/>

I don't want to leave you oil painters out... you know who you are. There is a new club called Expressions in Oil you may be interested in. Jeanne Downing started these online classes and the roster of teachers include Trudy Beard-Lazaroe, Arlene Beck, Robyn Brooks (Australia), Dorothy Dent, Jeanne Downing, Mary Jo Leisure, Rika Muramatsu (Japan), Pat Parker, Nilda Rodriguez, Cheri Rol, Shirley Nan Ruchong, and Patsy Schultis. All the online classes have an incredible line-up of teachers! For more information check out Jeanne's website.

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

I saved the best one for last. Marian Jackson, MDA is presenting a beginner colored pencil online class. I think this class will appeal to the experienced painter as well. The class is called "Autumn Leaf" and it is stunning. Marian has included the following videos: Tracing from a photograph, Transferring the design to paper, Selecting Pencil Colors, Protecting the line drawing, Method, application and blending, and Removing wax pencil. Followed by several video clips showing the entire painting process. I have watched all of Marian's videos and they are fabulous! Her husband, John, painted the project from the videos and it is fabulous. Did I mention it was John's second colored pencil project ever? You can see a photo of the project on this website...

<http://coloredpencilclasses.com/>

Visit Marian's main website to sign-up and pay for the class. While you are there you can see other pattern packets I think you will love. By the way, this online class is only \$25.00 and well worth every penny.

<http://marianjackson.com/>

Char shared two incredible artists located right here in Denver. If you would like to visit their websites I have listed them for you.

Dorothy Depaulo <http://fineartbydepaulo.com/>

Renee Jorgensen <http://www.reneejorgensenartist.com/>

I discovered the New England Traditions 2015 convention artist is Cynthia Erekson. Cynthia is offering a free adorable ornament pattern on the NET website for anyone to download. Check it out!

<http://www.newenglandtraditions.org/>

Renee Mullins has added a new free pattern on her website too. All of her designs I love!

<http://plumpurdy.com/>

Jamie Mills-Price has added several free patterns since I visited her site last. Her website is always worth the time to visit. Jamie has a Pattern of the Month Club for Christmas and for Halloween! I don't know a single person who doesn't smile when they see her designs.

http://betweenthevines.com/html/whats_new_.html

This is all for this year!

Happy Holiday to each one of you!

Melinda

Website

Be sure and check our website for the most recent information concerning chapter events and photos.<http://rockymountainartists.com>

Chris Thornton-Deason Seminar

We are thrilled to have Chris teach for us June 13 and 14 in 2015! Watch our website for photos of the class projects. Registration will open for this seminar at our meeting in January. Mark your calendar and plan to attend our January meeting so you don't miss out registering for this class. We are co-sponsoring with the High Plains Chapter and expect the seminar to fill quickly. Chris teaches in Vegas and occasionally at the SDP Conference. Chris does not travel teach so this is a great opportunity to take a seminar from her right here in Denver.

Melinda

Travel Teacher Seminar Chair

Char Bucher – Local Teacher Seminar Chairman

Just a word about the class in January. As most of you know, we are having a Judy Patti class on January 24th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Once again Judy will provide the background which will already be gessoed and have the pattern traced for a cost of \$5.00 per student. This is a real time saver! The picture we all approved is the bicycle, shown below.

Bring your regular water color supplies to include palette and brushes etc.

Don't forget to bring your lunch. See you on January 24th.

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Newsletter Editor –Verlene Siska

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