

# **ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER of the Society of Decorative Painters**

## **January 2014 Newsletter**

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### **Verlene Siska President's Report:**

Hello fellow painters and welcome back!

Our first meeting for 2014 is scheduled to start at 6:30 at Gander Mountain on January 20th. There will be a short business meeting followed by our annual Bingo activity. Be sure to bring your painting-related items (or not so related) for the prizes. Any donation you think a fellow decorative painter might enjoy is welcome. Nancy Caldwell has once again agreed to be our caller. Thank you, Nancy.

Don't forget to bring a bit of cash (quarters) to buy cards. You cannot win unless you play!

We were not able to get the Lodge room at Gander Mountain for the 3rd Monday of the months for February, April, and November. For those months only, we will be meeting on the 4th Monday of the month rather than the 3rd Monday at Gander Mountain. The dates are February 24, April 28, and November, 24th. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Our Program Chairman, Marilyn Corners, has our monthly meetings programs planned until the end of the year. I am in awe of what she has planned for the coming year! Be sure to read Marilyn's Newsletter article and then go to the website to see what other activities are planned for you in the coming year.

Melinda has been very busy over the break updating the website. It is very impressive. Melinda has also been working with the Littleton Chapter in planning two co-sponsored workshops this year. They both promise to be great learning opportunities (and a lot of fun).

If you haven't paid your dues, please do so at (or before) our January meeting. The coming year looks very exciting with a nice variety of programs that you will not want to miss. And don't forget to check out what National SDP has planned for Conventions. So many classes, so little time!

Happy New Year! Hope to see you at our January meeting,

Verlene

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## **Marilyn Corners - Vice President/Program Chairman**

Hi Ladies and Happy New Year!!

Hopefully, you have recovered from a most wonderful Christmas celebration and are back into the mood for painting, chapter meetings and seminars. Rocky Mountain Hi has an awesome line-up of programs for 2014. I am very excited to tell you that we listened to your comments and requests and have scheduled the following for this year:

### **January 20th: Bingo with Nancy Caldwell as caller**

Bring your painting-related items which you no longer need to the meeting to be given out as prizes. Also, bring your money to buy cards. You must play to win!! It will be fun and rowdy!

### **February 24th: Name Tag designing and painting with Nancy Glassman**

Rumor has it that we will be doing our own designs on ShrinkyDink. Wonder who will have the most original name tag? Doing ShrinkyDinks is always fun and a little crazy. **Note the change of date from the third Monday to the fourth Monday.**

### **March 17th: Batik Cards with Verlene Siska**

These cards are absolutely gorgeous. You may have seen Verlene's at our Ornament Exchange. She assures us it is very doable and that we will not only learn the technique, but take home a lovely painted piece.

### **April 28th: Fabric Painting with Marilyn Corners**

This will be a fun, relaxed project. Bring your item, washed, without fabric softener. Also bring along a board to fit under/or inside the item on which you plan to paint. Paints will be furnished. **Note change of date from the third Monday to the fourth Monday.**

### **May 19th: Stamping with Deb Lancaster**

Deb is an outstanding Stamper, who is bursting with good ideas and helpful hints which will make this project very fun and informative.

### **June 16th: Decoupage Ornament with Sherry Flowers**

If you were at our Ornament Exchange, you will remember the ornament Sherry made, over which we all oooooed and aaaahed and wanted. She is going to teach us to make our own. You will want to be there!

### **July 21st: Folded Ornament with Kathy Kula**

This was another extraordinary ornament at the Ornament Exchange which we all wanted. Kathy will be giving us instructions prior to the July meeting about what fabric and materials we need to bring, so watch for that.

### **August 18th: Halloween Decorations with Ginny Sparlin**

This will be another really fun project taught by our own Ginny, who is, if you haven't had an opportunity to paint with her, a fabulous painter and a patient, skilled teacher. You will love this project.

### **September 12th: Annual Banquet Luncheon and Art Show**

This is always our wonderful Annual Banquet Luncheon and Art Show. You will hear much more about this as the year goes along. Elissa, who is Art Show Chairman, will be encouraging each of us to paint, paint, paint and enter. It is always a good time. **Note the day is Friday noon, not Monday night.**

### **October 20th: Halloween Decorations taught by Debbie Blair**

We are so fortunate to have Debbie come and teach her adorable designs to our chapter. Debbie is a member of our sister chapter, High Plains Decorative Artists, and we are thrilled to have her.

### **November 24th: Ornament Exchange, Pot Luck and Installation of Officers**

Our final meeting of the year is such a fun evening. We exchange *hand-made ornaments*, which are always extraordinarily beautiful and to be cherished. Along with the ornaments, we have a pot luck, which displays the *amazing culinary talents* of our 'painting women'. It is special. **Note the change of date from the third Monday to the fourth Monday.**

Please do yourself a favor and go to our website, [www.RockyMountainHiArtists.com](http://www.RockyMountainHiArtists.com) where you can see pictures of some of the projects which will be taught at our meetings and check back often for updates. More in depth information will be given closer to each meeting.

**This is going to be a fun year with many painting projects. Mark your calendar and be there!!**

Hugs,

*Marilyn Corners*, 1st VP/Program Chairman

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## **Elissa McAlear - 2nd Vice President/ Membership Chairman**

### **Membership for 2014**

Thank you to those who have already renewed or joined by now as it makes it easier to get our roster completed by the ***February meeting***.

To those who have not yet, but plan to renew or join, please get your membership to me within the next week or by our meeting **January 20th** so we may have our list complete for printing.

The dues are \$20 per year for Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter. Applications are available from me or downloaded from our website with the mailing address.

Remember to put your **SDP member number** on your form since SDP membership is required to be a chapter member. SDP dues are paid directly to SDP. Applications for both are available from me or on line.

Looking forward to hearing from you or seeing you at our next meeting.

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**

**Elissa McAlear, Membership 303.421.8714**

### **Art Show plans for 2014**

At this time the Categories and Rules will remain as last year.

If you have questions or suggestions, ***please contact me very soon so we can answer or make changes.***

We are hoping to have even more entries by more members!

Call me at **303.421.8714** or email me with "Rky Mtn Hi" in the subject: <[elissamcalear@yahoo.com](mailto:elissamcalear@yahoo.com)>

Thank you, Elissa - **Art Show chair**

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## Website

Be sure and visit our website often and send the link to friends who may be interested in painting and joining our chapter. We try to keep the website as up to date as possible with info and photos. <http://rockymountainhiartists.com/>

### TRAVEL TEACHER SEMINARS

If you haven't checked out our chapter seminar page in the past few days you are in for a treat. Project photos are now online for two seminars you won't want to miss! Rocky Mountain Hi and High Plains Decorative Artists are co-sponsoring seminars for Carol Spohn and Chris Thornton-Deason. Registration is open for the Carol Spohn seminar, but has limited seating left, do not hesitate to sign up if you are interested. Check our website first to see if there is seating available or if you would like to be added to the waiting list.

Chris Thornton's seminar registration is not open yet. As soon as the surface is determined for the Snowman project we can figure the cost of the seminar. As soon as we have that information we will open registration by sending out an email blast to both chapters and also let RMH members know on the website and in a newsletter.

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

## TOLE CHATTER

Let's start out with color for the new year. This website can help you choose your color palette.

<http://www.rocket-design.fr/color-template/>

Men and women see the color red differently. Men for the most part see just red with no varying tones, hues or shades. However, women tend to see maroon, cardinal and crimson. Researchers from Arizona State University say it is simply DNA. Women have two X chromosomes and men possess one. If you are picking out a shade of red lipstick to please a man... forget it ! <grin>

Bright colors gain you friends, but the most common favorite color is blue.

Pink is supposed to sooth the nerves... (no wonder I'm a mess, I hate pink!)

## What Your Car Color Says About You (remember these are not my opinions)

This list is based on DuPont Automotive rankings of popular automotive colors in North America. Leatrice Eiseman claims vehicles are revealing about their owners' personalities.

*Silver: Cool and elegant*

*White: Fastidious*

*Vibrant Red: Speedy and high-energy*

*Light to Mid-Blue: Calm, faithful and quiet*

*Dark Blue: Confident and dependable*

*Taupe/Light Brown: Timeless and simple tastes*

*Black: Empowered, not easily manipulated*

*Neutral Gray: Sober, corporate and pragmatic*

*Dark Green: Traditional and trustworthy*

*Bright Yellow-Green: Trendy and lively*

*Yellow Gold: Intelligent and loves comfort*

*Sunshine Yellow: Sunny disposition and young at heart*

*Deep Brown: Down-to-earth*

*Orange: Fun loving and talkative*

*Deep Purple: Creative and individualistic*

I'm sure some of you remember Norma Wells? She posted this on Tolefriends several years ago and I thought you might find it useful.

If an oil painting is a mess and your attempts to fix it aren't working, take a palette knife to it and scrape off as much paint as you can. Dip a corner of a cloth in turp and rub it over the canvas, again removing as much of the paint as possible. The canvas is now covered in a fairly even gray. Leave it to dry and it'll be the perfect background for another painting.

If the scraped-off paint is still quite wet, mix it together and you'll have a gray suitable for eliminating the harsh white of your next canvas.

Blot your Brushes: Keep a piece of paper towel or cloth next to your water basin and get into the habit of wiping water out of your brush before re-loading with paint. -- Norma Wells

I found a really neat "Tangle" website by Susan Clark in Loveland, CO area.  
Her website is <http://tangledinkart.blogspot.com/> Susan is a certified Zentangle teacher.

That is it for this month... See you at the next meeting!

Melinda

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail. Unknown

Visit our site often!

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

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## ***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.**



Crooked River

So mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 29, 2014.**

The class will be at **Gander Mountain**. The price is the usual \$40 for the entire day. Save your pennies for this great class and I will have the photo of it at the January meeting. Bring your watercolor supplies a sweater, and your lunch.

You may guarantee your place in class by sending your check to Char before the next meeting.

Class runs from **9:30 to 3:30.**

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***

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## **Nancy Glassman – Hospitality**

**I am the Sunshine person! If you know of anyone who is ill, or needs a card to let them know the Chapter is thinking of them, please let me know!! -----Nancy Glassman 303-220-8563**

Verlene, Melinda and Nancy Glassman have volunteered to bring snacks for our next meeting.

Anyone who would like to bring a snack for January, ***please let me know!!*** I think it would be nice to have at least one more person volunteer!

It is Bingo Night, we have always had a good attendance and we want to make sure we have plenty of snacks to keep our energy HIGH, to enable us to win all the fabulous donated prizes!!

Please call or email:

Nancy Glassman: 303-220-8563 [nlglasman@q.com](mailto:nlglasman@q.com)

**Linda Bierman -- Ways and Means Committee:**

*We are so excited to announce that we have an original Charles Danford "demo" picture to have for our next drawing! As you can see it is beautiful!*



*Also consider that since this is a signed "DEMO" picture it is a one of a kind. The size on the picture is 10x8 watercolor done on YUPO paper.*

*We got to watch him paint this at the 2013 seminar he held right here at Gander Mountain. So here's your chance to own a Charles Danford original watercolor. This picture is not matted or framed. You can see a "copy" of this picture at all Chapter meeting at Gander Mountain. I will debut it at the Jan. 20th meeting. Tickets for this painting will be for sale for \$1.00 ea. or 6 for \$5.00. We will draw for the painting at the March 17, 2014 meeting at Gander Mountain.*

*That will be the day Verlene will be helping us to make a beautiful and fun batik card. I know we will have a lot of members present for that project! If you are the winner and not at the meeting you will be notified the next day by me. I will be passing out tickets for the next 3 meetings, so be sure to buy your tickets if you want this very valuable and beautiful picture! Good Luck!*

*We have started our big project of the year, creating a chapter cookbook. We hope to have it ready for sale at our Sept luncheon and Art show. That way you can buy several copies to give as gifts to family and friends. What a great Christmas or I love you gift. I will be giving you more information on how you can submit a recipe and maybe (we are working on this) some of your original artwork.*

*We want this cookbook to be special, with artwork and great family recipes, from each person in our chapter. So start thinking what recipes you would like to submit. I will be writing more on this as soon as I have more info. and pricing from the cookbook publishing company. I am so excited about this. It will be so cool with artwork and recipes from all of us in this book. What a statement we will make about our great Chapter!*

*As always we will be doing our "picking the stone" jackpot. The jackpot is climbing, so bring your \$1.00 and enter to have a chance at picking the green stone!*

*You can't win if you don't play!!*

*Thanks to everyone who helps and participates in our efforts to raise money for the good of our chapter.*

*Linda Bierman*

*Ways and Means Committee*

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**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](mailto:hudhut@hotmail.com).*