

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER
of the Society of Decorative Painters
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Marilyn Corners' President's Report February 2015

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to Spring!!! Isn't this warm weather with all the blooming trees and plants just the most wonderful time of the year? I am feeling rejuvenated, happy and ready to tackle spring cleaning. Of course there is the possibility that this burst of energy will diminish with each window washed!!!

We have so many great and fun things happening in our Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter right now, of which you will get all the details in this newsletter.

For the program this month, Becky is coming up from the Springs to share with us a wealth of information concerning all the products we use as artists and their effects on our well-being. She will have free samples of many products to distribute, so you will definitely want to be there.

The program in May will be a design painted on a roofing slate (from New Zealand, no less). I am teaching this project and will furnish the slates. They will be available at the April meeting for you to pick up, take home, scrub the Auckland dirt off and apply the pattern. This will be a fun and easy project. All the details will be in the May newsletter.

Our chapter is hosting a table at the Heather Garden's Clubhouse Craft Sale on Saturday, April 25th, 9 to 4. Sherry will be giving you more details in her Ways and Means article. That event is happening immediately, as in next weekend, so I hope you have been painting some beautiful things for us to sell.

RMHi is sponsoring a table at the Conference Banquet, in May. We will be painting placemats for the table, following the "Gear Up For Art" theme of Conference and creating pins to give as favors. If you are interested in joining us on one or both of the work days, to help out, please let me know, 303-757-5516.

There are two work days set up, Tuesday, April 21st, 1 to? and Wednesday, April 22nd, 6 to ?, at my house, 1763 So. Leyden Street. Sign-ups currently, are: Pins – Sherry Flowers, Sherri Sutton, Iris Luckel, Deb Lancaster, Melinda Barnes, Pat Greene, Linda Bierman and Nancy Glassman. Placemats – Pat Greene, Kathy Beck, Verlene Siska, Elissa McAlear, Melinda Barnes, Ginny Sparlin, Marilyn Corners. Join us.....it will be fun!

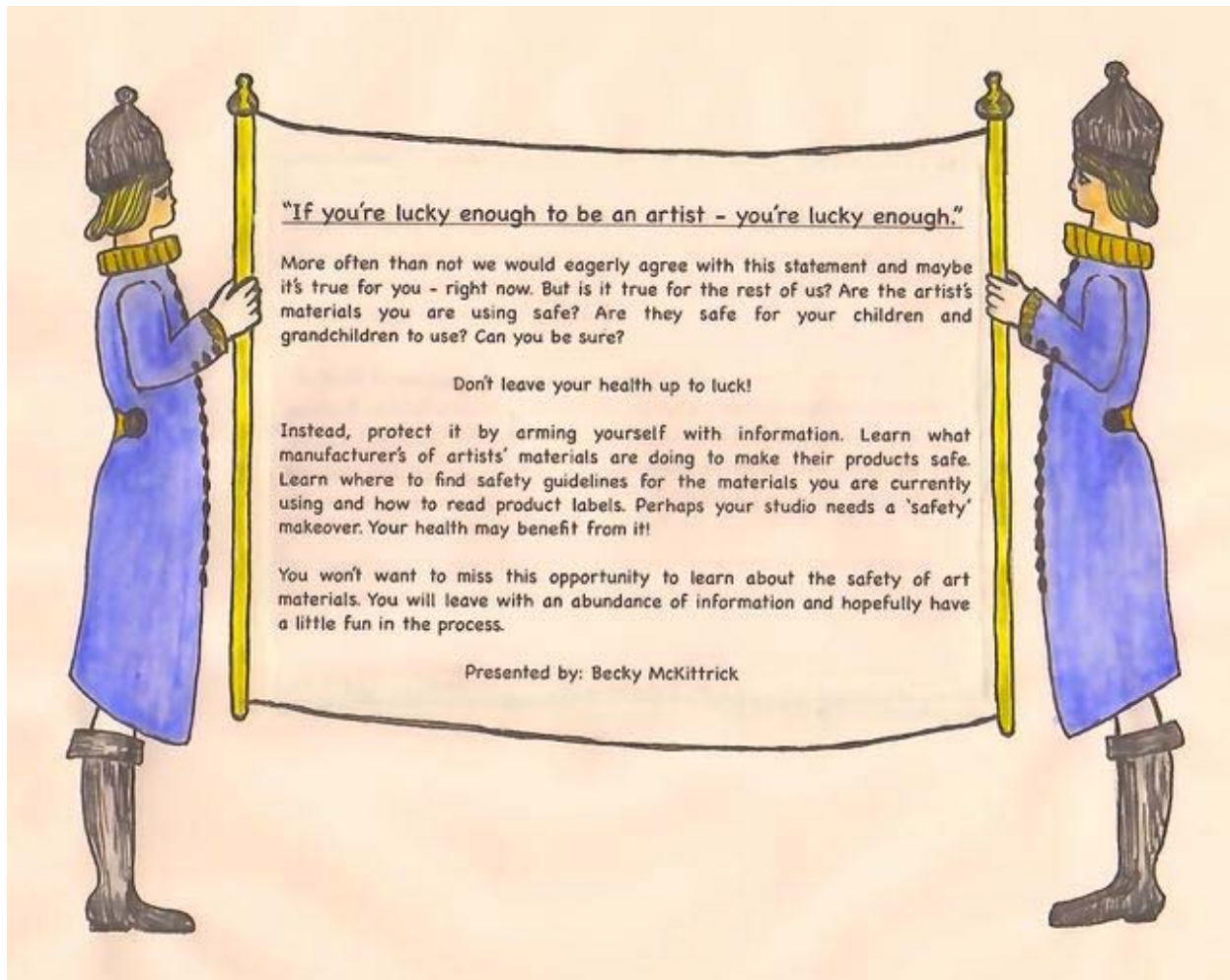
Speaking of Conference, there is still time to sign up, choose classes, book flights and rooms and plan on a wonderful week with nothing to do but paint with awesome teachers, visit with enthusiastic painters, shop in an exciting Expo filled with painting supplies and ideas, eat and sleep. What could possibly be more enticing? I am so excited to get to St. Charles, see old friends again and meet new ones. Think about going, if you are not already registered and packed. :o)

Love you all and will see you on the 20th.

Marilyn

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

Make plans now to attend our April 20 meeting, and bring your note pad. Becky McKittrick has a lot of information on the different products we use in our painting. She has researched in depth and will let us know if any of the paints or chemicals we use are toxic, and how to handle them. This is an important meeting, we need to know how to stay safe while we are enjoying painting



Elissa McAlear - Secretary's Minutes

Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter
General Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2015

6:30 PM The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Corners at Garden Plaza. Attendance was taken by Kathy Beck. "Welcome to new member Stanley Ray Estoll!" Guest Kate Dowd (former member) was welcomed.

Elissa McAlear posted the minutes from the January General Meeting.

Pate Greene - Treasurer - \$4,906.34 was the balance and she has some checks to pay out.

Kathy Beck - Membership - Roster books are to be signed for and those not at the meeting will be mailed. The membership is 43. Kathy Beck passed out to new members a kit which was cleverly put together with a cup with our emblem, a brush, ByLaws, a charm and Chapter business card.

Verlene Siska - Newsletter - the deadline to submit articles is Sunday, April 12th at 1 PM.

Melinda Barnes - Travel Seminars - Chris Thornton's June seminars are almost full. The large metal ornament is \$21 each and there will be preparation instructions to be done before the class. There will be a second project each day. The prep list will be sent out to those who have paid. This is to be held at the Littleton Board of Education building in conjunction with the High Plains Chapter.

Char Bucher - Local Seminars - April 17 & 18 (Friday & Saturday), 9:30-3:30 will be with Janet Nunn at Garden Plaza. See the March Newsletter for all that will be provided for a \$5 fee/project to Janet. There may be 2 projects each day. If you have not paid for your class, you need to do so right away. Lunch is included in your class fees.

Sherry Flowers - Ways & Means - There will be a Craft Show at Heather Gardens 9-4 Saturday, April 25th in the main club house. The Chapter is paying \$35 for the 6' table. Questions may be answered by Sherry Flowers and Marilyn Corners. Marilyn has a background screen and an extra card table for the cash or check sales. There will be no painting demonstration. Hand painted items and painted jewelry are requested donations from members. Please sign up for your painted contributions and include an approximate cost of the items. We need everyone's participation to make this a worthwhile project, so keep those brushes moving!

Linda Bierman - Cookbook - **We need 150 to 200 recipes for our 40th Anniversary Cookbook.** Member's artwork will be featured on the category dividers. The artwork needs to be original or credited to original artist. Marilyn Corners and Ginny Sparlin are working on the cover.

Instructions to post your recipes on the website require a log-in and there is a sheet of instructions. You may call Linda Bierman or Ginny Sparlin for assistance with these postings. **May 1st is the deadline for recipe submissions. There is no copyright on recipes.** Linda Bierman will be selling sponsorships in business cards. A good variety of recipes are needed.

Linda Bierman - Publicity - Cards about our Chapter were passed out for posting on bulletin boards to promote our Chapter activities.

Deb Lancaster - Hospitality - Thanks to those who brought treats. There is coffee and ice water. A sign up list is being passed around for the April meeting.

Elissa McAlear - Art Show - check your Roster booklet for Rules and Categories as there have been some slight but important changes.

Karon Sorensen - Sunshine - Karon has a new hip and is doing great! Next is her husband's turn to have a hip replacement. We also wish Duane Bucher continued recovery.

Kathy Kula - Philanthropic - no report.

Iris Luckel - Telephone - called new members and those without email about the meetings. She will call before each meeting.

Elissa McAlear will send out email reminders.

Iris Luckel - Facilities - We need to bring our own trash bags.

Melinda Barnes - Website - all is posted and good. Nice job!

Nancy Glassman - Outreach - Michael's and JoAnns' classrooms are too small for us to have a large group for painting. She will check the Aurora, Littleton and Arapahoe County libraries for dates during the week and one on a Saturday to accommodate 20-25 people for a class.

Ginny Sparlin - Vice President - Programs - tonight is our egg exchange and Verlene Siska with decorating ginger cookies with icing.

April's program is Becky McKittrick "How to protect your health and enjoy your passion" telling about chemicals in paints and mediums.

May's program will be Marilyn Corners painting a spring project on roofing slate from New Zealand originally from Ireland. Also she will bring the slates to the April meeting so we may clean them for the May painting meeting. You'll need to bring your brushes for acrylics and normal painting supplies in May.

June's painting will be strobework with Elissa McAlear. Bring acrylic painting supplies and brushes and any example you may have to show.

July's program will be BINGO! instead of an ornament. This is your chance to bring painting related items you no longer want to be used as prizes. More details later.

New Business:

Your Board voted to send the Vice President, Ginny Sparlin, to Conference. Guidelines were agreed upon when this was voted. The response was enthusiastic when announced to the members in attendance.

Kate Dowd - Announced that High Plains Chapter, the Rocky Mountain Bead Society and the Pikes Peak Chapter are having a free table on April 25th & 26th. The two chapters are having the free table at the Rocky Mountain Bead Society show. They'll need to have 2 people man the table. There will be Guilds, Society, Glass, demos but No Sales. This 2 day show is with about 70 jewelry classes and lots of vendor for about 84 signed up.

This is scheduled for the Denver Merchandise Mart on Saturday 10-6 or 7 and Sunday 10-5 with an \$8 admission at the door. RockyBeads.org by April 1st to sign up. The finished jewelry by the artisan.

Ginny Sparlin showed the new Chapter banner for Conference - NICE JOB!!

Be sure to sign the attendance sheet.

The Raindrop Chapter Mini Convention is in Portland, OR

Take business cards and write your name on the back when you pass them out to encourage new members.

Adjourned 7:30 PM Respectfully submitted by Elissa McAlear, Recording Secretary

Melinda Barns- Tole Chatter/ Website/Travel Seminars

TOLE CHATTER

Hello Everyone,

Let's start out with Patricia Rawlinson's website, **Creative Arts Lifestyle**. I know I have mentioned Patty many times in my articles over the years, but she is on top of many new tools, ideas and trends. Patty can take a new item she finds and run with it. You will find many videos on her website showing you how to use a tool and how to paint with many different techniques. Be sure and take a look at her New Products in the menu. I noticed Patty is using a lot of lettering stencils recently and the results are dramatic. She also has stencils for about anything you can think of and shows you how to use them in your backgrounds under the painting. You will also find many embellishments that are so fun! One of her new items is LED lights in all colors, with a wire so you can arrange the lights any way you want them. This string of lights can be removed easily and be used for different projects during the year. Oh... did I mention they are battery operated and some have a timer. *grin*

I'm not sure this link will work because it is so long, but here goes. This project caught my eye because Patty said you can complete it (from basecoating to finish) in 1 1/2 hours! It is a stand with the letters spelling out 'Spooky'. That sounds plain, but she embellishes it with stencils and two different sizes of bats cutouts. You have to see this one to appreciate it.

<http://creativeartslifestyle.com/index.php/new-products/spooky-standing-word.html>

You can sign up for Patty's newsletter when you visit her website, but be aware... she sends out a newsletter with a special or sale every single day! The delete key will be your friend if the subject doesn't interest you that day.

<http://creativeartslifestyle.com/>

While on Facebook tonight I discovered **Roxanne Puchalski**, MDA has a website. I'm sure some of you will remember her and have painted some of her designs. I love her style of painting and especially liked painting her ornaments a few years ago. Some of these ornaments are timeless and are available on her website.

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

If you haven't visited the **Creative Artists Resource** website it is growing all the time. Be sure and sign-up for the newsletter. The last newsletter sent out contained the Featured Artist of the Month, a recipe and painting tips provided by Peggy Harris. Vicki beats me to the punch on Peggy's tips... I was going to ask if I could share them with you too. Soon I will get permission from Peggy to do just that. Peggy has

People (4)



Melinda
Barnes

posted dozens of valuable tips on her website and Facebook.

<http://creativeartistsresource.com/>

DecoArt has a new line called **Americana Decor Maxx Gloss Finish**. This paint can be used on furniture and accessories. The end result is a very high gloss finish. Also water-based and brush-on formula in 26 colors. Once fully cured it is highly resistant to household cleaning chemicals so for furniture it would be great to use.

DecoArt has expanded their line of stencils. From backgrounds to letters. I think I am seeing a trend toward lettering recently! **DecoArt** also introduced a **DuraClear High Gloss** varnish which can be used inside or outside and highly resistant to household chemical cleaners. Their **Chalky Finish** line continues to be very popular and available in 2 ounce bottles now. Here is a link to useful information about the Chalky paints.

<http://decoart.com/chalkyfinish/colors>

DecoArt is introducing a line of **Decou-Page Paper**. It is available in packages of three coordinating designs. One important note about their **Decou-Page** is it dishwasher safe and adheres to about any surface.

DecoArt Newsletter (with permission)

Dear Donna,

Q: I have painted my surface with your Craft Twinkles line of products but I still see some of the surface showing through...

A: For the best results using **Craft Twinkles/Glamour Dust Glitter**, basecoat your surface with a similar color of acrylic first. It's amazing how this will make the glitter color pop. For example, when using red Craft Twinkles, basecoat the surface with Santa Red first. Let dry, then apply Red Craft Twinkles with a fan brush. For the smoothest finish, avoid brushing back and forth too much when applying Craft Twinkles or any glitter paints.

Cynthia Erekson is once again offering a free ornament pattern on the New England Traditions (NET) website. The new 2015 convention booklet is available now in an eBook format so you don't have to send for their catalog.

<http://newenglandtraditions.org/>

That is all for this month. I hope you are all enjoying our spring weather and will be at our next meeting!

Happy Painting,

Melinda

WEBSITE

Be sure and check our website for the most recent information concerning chapter events and photos. There is a new photo on our home page of three board members.

<http://rockymountainartists.com>

CHRIS THORNTON-DEASON SEMINAR

The seminar is **June 13 and 14**... that is only two months away! Chris will be teaching two projects per day on Saturday and Sunday. You can see all the projects on our website.

As you know the Sunday Grand Snowman Ornament class is full. I am starting a waiting list, so if you are interested don't delay letting me know so your name is at the top of the list. There are **7 seats left on Saturday**... again if you are interested in that class let me know ASAP so you won't be disappointed. I have the project pieces from Chris of the magnolia and the canvas and will bring them to the meeting this month. They are both incredible.

The paint has arrived... boy did it arrive! *grin* It is unbelievable how much paint and medium that DecoArt sent to us for this seminar. It is truly mind boggling to see yet again the generosity of this company. **PLEASE support DecoArt** when you shop for paints and mediums. I will be bringing the product you need to prep your pieces to the April meeting so please try and attend.

The prices for the seminar are as follows:

\$40.00 for members and \$50.00 for non-members per day

\$70.00 for members and \$90.00 non-members for both days

If you feel you are not a good enough painter to take this seminar... get over it !!! Chris is a relaxed painter (can't think of better word) and she wants you to have a good time in her class. Don't miss this opportunity and sign-up today!

Melinda

Travel Teacher Seminar Chair

Char Bucher- Local Seminars

Hi Ladies:

We are excited to be able to have Janet Nunn as our next local teacher. Janet is an accomplished artist who has represented Dr. P.H. Martin and liquid watercolors for a long time. Her 2 day seminar to be held on April 17 and 18 ,will feature the beautiful pictures

show on our website. (<http://RockyMountainHiArtists.com>). The class is at Garden Plaza, 4221 East Evans. Time is 9:30 to 3:30.

Janet provides all the paint, backboards, #300 WC paper, mats and a glassine envelope for only \$5 each project. If you prefer you may provide your own. We will probably do 3 or 4 projects during the two days. The unit fees are payable at the class.

The cost of the class is \$50 for one day, and \$90 for two days. Remember that this includes your lunch and a snack both days.

Do join us for these fun filled days.

Call or e-mail Char to register. Time is important, so do it post haste!



Sherry Flowers – Ways and Means Committee

Hello Rocky Mountain Hi Artists

As you know I've secured a table in the Heather Gardens Spring Craft Show. What an awesome opportunity for us to showcase our talent, raise money for the Chapter, share our story and possibly recruit new members.

Many have already signed up to contribute items to the show and/or volunteer their time to help with set-up and/or work at the show.

Please consider participating. Ideas that were shared previously are hand painted note cards (single or bundled), hand stamped cards (single or bundled), coasters, trivets, ornaments, magnets, etc. Some of you may have pieces of art or decorative painted pieces you would like to sell; well this will be a good venue. I'm certain you have many other ideas as well.

WHERE: HEATHER GARDENS CLUBHOUSE
2888 SOUTH HEATHER GARDENS WAY, AURORA, CO 80014

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SET-UP: FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH AFTER 3:00P.M.

I'll have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting (4/20) for those that have yet to sign up and are interested in joining in the fun. By contributing a painted item or craft you can help in our effort to raise money. Please give me a call or send me an email and I'll add you to the list. Completed pieces can be given to me in advance, if that's your choice, or delivered when we set-up on Friday.

You still have time, so let the painting begin or let the creative juices flow on other craft worthy items. With all the talent in this group it would be so great to see a contribution from everyone.

REMINDER: DUE TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF COPY RIGHT INFRINGEMENT ITEMS FOR SALE MUST HAVE PERMISSION FROM THE DESIGNER OR IS YOUR ORIGINAL.

PRICING: ALL PRICING WILL BE IN WHOLE DOLLARS (INCLUSIVE OF THE 8% TAX). For example if you plan to sell a card for \$3, profit would be \$2.76. **TAGS FOR PRICING ITEMS WILL BE PROVIDED. DETERMINE THE SELLING PRICE AND WE WILL TAG.** For example cards bundled in five packs could be priced at \$15. Individual cards may be priced at \$4. A small batik could be priced at \$12, a hand painted charger at \$25, etc. You are the one that best knows the worth, but I'm happy to assist as is the Board.

PACKAGING: BUNDLING CARDS CAN BE DONE VERY SIMPLY WITH RIBBON OR RAFFIA OR PLACING AN INDIVIDUAL CARD IN A SLEEVE. PICTURES CAN BE MATTED AND/OR PLACED IN A LARGE SLEEVE. FRAMING IS ANOTHER OPTION. WHATEVER YOU DO IT WILL BE FABULOUS.

If you have any questions regarding the show or copyright concerns, please contact me.

Thanks to everyone for all your support on this thus far and in advance for your contributions to make this show a success.

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Linda Bierman – Cookbook

YIPEE! We have 105 Recipes... Only 50-95 more and were are there with a good size cookbook! THANK YOU EVERYONE for your help...Keep them coming!

19 days and counting...It is time to get your recipes to the typensave.com web site. I want each and everyone of the members of Rocky Mountain Chapter to have a few recipes in our 40th Anniversary cookbook. This cookbook is going to be so special, and I know you have tons of family favorites recipes, so take the time and go on line and enter them, **or if you are fighting for time: mail, call or bring them to our Monday meeting.** I will be happy to convert them into our cookbook.! Also if you

are painting a picture for the index please start to wrap it up and think about how you are going to get them to me. I need to take a picture, and I would like all the tabs to be done alike. I will bend over backwards (sort of) to get them, so just let me know how I can help.

A suggestion to PREORDER the cookbooks was made...so that we can know how many we are selling, so that maybe we can save money and buy more at the initial purchase....Making our chapter more MONEY!

So at the Monday meeting I will pass around a sheet and collect money. **The EARLY SIGN UP and PREPAID PRICE is 5 Books for \$70.00. That is a saving of \$5.00!** This offer expires on May 2, 2015, after submitting our order. Think of all the money you can save, when you buy all your family and friends a gift that will last forever! Think Christmas, Wedding, Birthdays, or just because... Again Cookbooks are \$15.00 each. **An early purchase of 5 or more before 5/2 will be only \$70.00 instead of \$75.00 when we receive them.** I will take checks and can hold them until July 01, 2015, if needed.

So start thinking of all the people who would love not only a good recipe book, but a Great and Beautiful artist cookbook. The pages and cover of the cookbook will be done by members of our Chapter.

I want to extend an offer for anyone who would like to buy a full page, 1/2 page 1/3 page 1/4 page or a patron size add in our cookbook. It will be located before the index. If you have a great **original** poem, statement, quote, or just a message you want everyone to share with you... Here's the place to do it. If you are interested in purchasing an ad, call Linda Bierman at [303-484-1776](tel:303-484-1776). If you know of a business of any kind who would like to place their ad, please call me with the name and phone and I will contact them.

Again Thanks to everyone for their cooperation, help, and enthusiasm for the 40th Anniversary of our Chapters cookbook.

Deb Lancaster - Hospitality

Thanks very much to Kit, Nancy and Ginny for bringing the snacks to our March meeting.

They were delicious. Karon, Judy, Verlene and Andrene have offered to provide the refreshments for our April meeting. In advance, thank you.

Community Outreach – Nancy Glasman

Hi Everyone,

I am very excited to tell you that our chapter will be sponsoring a free class at the Koelbel library, 5955 S Holly St, Centennial, CO 80121 (Orchard and Holly) on Saturday, June 20th, 2015, from 1 until 5 p.m.

The project is undecided at this time and suggestions are welcome. This is our opportunity to engage with people who are currently not members of Rocky Mountain Hi, but who are interested in painting and are potential members.

Please plan to take a few minutes and drop by the library on Saturday, June 20th, to meet and greet those who are there. Who knows, we may find new and eager painters who have just been waiting to join a great group like ours. See you there.

Verlene Siska - Newsletter Editor

Thank you for all who contributed to this newsletter. Please sure to take a peek at the ads we have this month.

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Please put newsletter' on the subject line.

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