

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

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Marilyn Corner's President's Report January 2015

Cheers Everyone and Happy 2015!!! This is going to be a GREAT YEAR for Rocky Mountain Hi. We are celebrating our **40th Anniversary**, which is Ruby, so be on the lookout for all things Ruby Red throughout the year.

Your Officers and Board have been hard at work planning fun, interesting and exciting events and programs for us to enjoy. Please take the time to read this newsletter thoroughly. You will find all our programs for the year listed, thanks to **Ginny Sparlin**, our 1st Vice President/Program Director. She has designed a year of diverse painting projects which will interest each of us. Also, please read through **Melinda Barnes'** Website column. She is our Internet Guru and always has really current informative articles about new websites and all things Toile and Decorative Painting related.

Both **Char Bucher**, our Local Teacher Seminar Chairman and **Melinda**, our Travel Teacher Seminar Chairman, have lined up extraordinary seminars throughout the year. Check these out and sign up early, because they will fill up. Checks are made out to Rocky Mountain Hi, but sent to the respective chairmen.

I, personally and each of the Officers and the Board is eager to hear from you about your wishes and/or complaints concerning our chapter. Your comments are most welcome and important, so please, do feel free to contact us if you have a great idea or a concern. Also, if you are aware of events in the city and/or your community, of which we, as a chapter, should or could take part, please contact a board member to let us know about it. We want to become more active in our communities and reach out to the public so they know who we are and what we do.

We are thrilled to welcome our new members. We hope you will find Rocky Mountain Hi a warm and enjoyable place to share your love of painting, make new friends and perhaps learn some new techniques, hone your skills and discover further worlds of Decorative Painting.

Happy Painting!

See you on the 19th of January, 2015

Hugs,

Marilyn

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

Ladies!!

January Meeting

Come ready to paint at our **January 19, 2015**, Monday night meeting!! We're going to paint on fabric so here is a list of supplies you'll need to bring:

Bring a pre washed and dried white T-shirt (leave out the fabric softener)

brushes

water container

paper towels

1 or 2 Sharpie black permanent markers (the fat one with the fine point)

A T-shirt board if you have one. Or, a large piece of card board or foam core board or even Masonite.

Approximately 17 X 22 inches. This will slide inside your T-shirt while you are painting.

If you have an acrylic palette bring it. If not I'll be providing foam plates to use as a palette.

I'll bring the patterns.

Deco Art Americana is graciously providing our paints.

If you have any questions, please call me. Ginny Sparlin [303-693-0771](tel:303-693-0771)

February Meeting

Come ready to play Bingo at our **February 16, 2015**, Monday night meeting!!

Our friend Nancy Caldwell will be calling our Bingo evening again this year. As in years past this is a good chance to acquire great paint stuff and have fun doing it!

Everyone is invited to bring painting stuff you've fallen out of love with, and donate it for prizes for the Bingo games. Painting supplies like:

Painting books and magazines

brushes

paints
wood pieces you really thought you'd paint but never have...
pattern packets
paint racks

Bring any or all paint supplies that you won't be using, they may be just what someone else is looking for! Come and bring a painting friend, we always have a great time!

If you have any questions please call me. Ginny Sparlin [303-693-0771](tel:303-693-0771)

Here is a quick rundown of the meetings for 2015.

January 19, Fabric painting on white t-shirts.

February 16, BINGO!

March 16, Egg-exchange(like the ornament exchange, but with hand painted/decorated eggs) Plus we'll be decorating Slovakian ginger cookies with Verlene Siska.

April 20, Becky M will be speaking to us about the paints and chemicals we use. Whether they are toxic or not. This will be information we all need to know.

May 18. Marilyn Corners will be teaching a Springtime project.

June 15. An evening of Rosemaling/strokerwork painting with Elissa McAlear.

July 20. Christmas in July! We'll paint a Christmas design.

August 15(Note: mark your calendar, this is a Saturday!)Hand painted/decorated box lunch auction at Ginny Sparlin's house.

September 11(Friday meeting) Art Show and Luncheon.

October 19. Painting on full sized paper mache masks with Karen Ryan.

November 16. Christmas meeting. Installation of officers for 2016, Ornament exchange and hors' d'oeuvres pot luck.

There will be more information on each meeting as it gets closer, but be thinking about what you're going to paint on that Easter egg; be looking for a box or covered basket to paint/decorate for the box lunch auction and remember, the ornament exchange will be here sooner than you think!
See you at the meetings, V.P. Ginny Sparlin

Elissa McAlear – Art Show Chairman

Art Show 2015 Update

As we stated in the last newsletter, because we are a Chapter for decorative painters, we recognize that some also do other crafts. Along with our 15 categories for painted pieces, we are adding a category for non-painted items for display that will not be part of the voted categories.

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

Questions and suggestions are welcome, just call or email me asap,
Happy New Year and have a Healthy Happy Year of Painting,

Elissa McAlear [303.421.8714](tel:303.421.8714) or <elissamc@comcast.net>with 'RMHi in the Subject line.

The Rules for our 2015 Art Shows are:

1. Each entrant must be a member in good standing.
2. There will be one art show on Friday, September 11th, 2015, which will be divided between a Student/Member Art Show and a Teacher's Art Show. (Note: Once a teacher you cannot revert to the Student/Member Art Show.)
3. One entry per category per entrant, Category is determined by the entrant.
4. Each piece must be painted or completed within the last twelve (12) months.
5. Names must be covered.
6. There is a Other than painted item category (i.e. jewelry, crafts, etc.) which will not be voted.

No entry fees this year.

First and Second place ribbons will be awarded. Plan to enter lots of beautiful painted pieces! Questions? Call Elissa McAlear [303.421.8714](tel:303.421.8714) or email elissamcalear@yahoo.com put RMHi in Subject, please!!

**Entry Form for
Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter's
Student/Member Art Show and
Teacher Art Show**

Each entrant determines in which category their piece(s) are to be entered. Rules were printed in the previous newsletter, on the website and possibly in this issue. For more information or questions, call Elissa McAlear [303.421.8714](tel:303.421.8714)

Entry Category

Categories for both shows:

- _____ 1. Landscape
- _____ 2. Rosemaling
- _____ 3. Decorative
- _____ 4. Folk Art
- _____ 5. Floral/Fruit
- _____ 6. Animals & Birds
- _____ 7. Pastels or Pencil
- _____ 8. Watercolor
- _____ 9. Mixed media
- _____ 10. Holiday
- _____ 11. Fabric/Wearable Art
- _____ 12. Mini
- _____ 13. Pen & Ink
- _____ 14. Portrait
- _____ 15. Original Designs
- _____ 16. Other than painted item* not voted entries

_____ Total # entries

Member's Name _____

Entering as Student/Member _____ or Teacher _____

Code# S/M- _____ or T- _____ 1/15

Kathy Beck-Membership Chairman

We wish to welcome the following new members:

Kristen Desbien
Stanley Ray Estoll
Jane Mataich
Virginia (Gini) McQuaig
Janice D. Mendelson

All will be in the Membership Roster that is being completed and should be available at the February meeting.

If you have any changes of address, email, phone numbers, etc., please let us know immediately so our Roster is as accurate as possible.

New members are asked to let us know when they have received their Member number from the Society of Decorative Painters. You may need to contact them to get this after you have paid for it. They will not give it to anyone but you, however they do require us to have it. We look forward to enjoying a wonderful year of painting with you.

Kathy Beck, Membership [303.369.2203](tel:303.369.2203) <kbeck2000@q.com>

Ginny Sparlin - Secretary's Minutes

Hi,

The Rocky Mtn Hi Chapter of SDP did not hold a meeting in December.

Melinda Barnes – Website Manager

Tole Chatter

Happy New Year everyone!

Thanks to Elissa I can report on a wonderful website that offers over 400 video workshops you can watch in the comfort of your own home. All art mediums are offered there. There are videos, books, free e-books, blogs and forums. North Light books is associated with this website. I found free resources including workshops listed by the year and an online seminar directory. This website is packed full of many interesting things and seems to be organized very well. Definitely worth your time to visit.

<http://artistsnetwork.tv/>

Cheri Rol has two websites and I'm not sure if I have ever shared the second site with you. The second site is beautiful with many wonderful photos of her work. This site is titled Cheryle Rol... fine art with a decorative touch.

<http://www.cherylerol.com/art/index.cfm>

Cheri's other site is still up under Cheri Rol. Both websites display Cheri's fantastic artwork and a pleasure to look at it.

<http://cherirol.com/>

Don't forget to take a look at the SDP website and the convention special. I hope you are going to Chicago this year... or at least thinking about it! It is such a great experience to be surrounded by everyone who loves to paint. There are events, classes and a trade show full of everything you love! Take a look at the classes being offered before registration opens on February 10th.

<http://decorativepainters.org/>

Wow... I just now found a new colored pencil site! This one is colored pencil online classes presented by Kelly Hoernig. Kelly created Art Play Date in 2014 and was asked by many artists to offer colored pencil online classes exclusively in one club. The lineup of artists include Lynne Andrews, Bonnie Frederico, Chris Haughey, Erika Joanne, Angela Kennedy, Pat Lentine, Amy Mogish, Pat Parker, Tina Price, Golda Rader, Cindy Rippe, Lydia Steeves, Kathy Swigon and Kelly. Who knew Lynne Andrews designed with colored pencil? 15 weeks, 15 lessons at Colored Pencil Artful Play, March 16-June 15, 2015 for \$99.00. So much to do and so little time! *grin*

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

I believe I failed to mention last month when you visit Marian Jackson, MDA's website she has a free video on her home page. This video is very short and shows you how to protect your colored pencil work as you paint. You can also Google Marian Jackson for other colored pencil videos on YouTube.

<http://marianjackson.com/>

While on the subject of colored pencils (my favorite subject) be sure to visit Paula Leopold's website. She has introduced three new DVD projects. All three projects were taught at a convention and now available for sale. The Iris she taught for us is included in case you need help finishing your project.

<http://paulaleopold.com/>

That is it for this month's article. More art news next month!

Happy Painting,

Melinda

Website

Be sure and check our website for the most recent information concerning chapter events and photos. Since we have many new members you might be curious what our chapter has been doing the past few years. Visit our site and you will find many photos from years past. Were we ever that young? LOL

<http://rockymountainartists.com>

Chris Thornton-Deason Seminar

I mentioned last month we are thrilled to have Chris teach for us June 13 and 14 in 2015! If you have been unable to attend a meeting visit our website for photos of the class projects. I'm sure Chris will also throw in at least one quick and easy surprise project for us.

Registration for this seminar is open. Mark your calendar and plan to attend our January meeting so you don't miss out registering for this class. If you are not going to attend the meeting you will need to mail a check to me. We are co-sponsoring with the High Plains

Chapter and we expect the seminar to fill up quickly. Chris teaches in Las Vegas every year and her classes are sold out and some classes are repeated. Chris does not travel teach so this is a great opportunity to take a seminar from her right here in Denver.

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

Don't miss this opportunity and sign-up today!

Melinda

Travel Teacher Seminar Chair

Char Bucher – Local Teacher Seminar Chairman

This January has reminded me of an ugly step-sister. [No I don't have one.]

The kind found in fairy tales and Cinderella]. Today "it is nice, tomorrow it is nasty" kind of month.

Since the holidays are in the past, at last it is time to think about the Judy Patti "Bicycle at rest" class. Judy probably has another name for this picture. We will have to ask her. The class is on Saturday the 24th at Judy's Studio, 5587 South Broadway.

Bring your usual water color supplies including your palette and brushes, \$5 to cover the cost of the paper, and your lunch.

Judy is having the paper prep'd for us with gesso and the pattern already traced. Some of the colors you will need are: burnt sienna, yellow orche, cad red, purple, paynes gray, antwerp blue, and colbalt blue,



See you on the 24th, Weather or not.

Char

Sherry Flowers – Ways and Means Committee

We kicked off 2015 by discussing a number of ideas that will be researched for raising money for our chapter. Within the next month I hope to share what our plans will be and what each member can do to help. It will be a collaborative effort of the entire chapter, putting awesome talent towards a great effort. I look forward to working with everyone.

Sherry Flowers sflowers@sprynet.com 303-791-3189

Hospitality- Sheri Sutton

A huge thank you to everyone for the fabulous treats shared at our November Holiday Party. Not only are you extremely talented artists, you are fabulous cooks! I'm certainly hoping that a lot of those recipes will be included in the chapter's soon-to-be-assembled cookbook.

Also, the cookies you provided for the staff at Garden Plaza were so very much appreciated. Iris tells us that they were all overwhelmed by our generosity and the variety of treats provided.

As we kick off 2015, Melinda, Catherine, Iris and Deb have offered to provide the refreshments for our January meeting. In advance, thank you.

Newsletter Editor-Verlene Siska

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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