

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

Presidents Article

Hi Everyone,

As I write this article for the Rocky Mountain Hi May Newsletter, I am also packing for SDP Conference in St. Charles, Ill. (outside of Chicago) and getting very excited to be there. I am thrilled about the three classes I am taking and which I will share with you at our May meeting; I am very excited to visit the Expo to see all the new products, surfaces, books, pattern packets and ideas which will be introduced; I am eager for the Banquet, to see all the gorgeous table settings (of which ours will, no doubt, be the most awesome); I am looking forward to the Annual Meeting, where we will learn more about the plans for the future of SDP as we go forward under the management of CHA; and maybe most of all, I am happy to have an opportunity to see old friends again and catch the enthusiasm of so many artists under one roof.

Attending Conference, as well, from our chapter, are Ginny Sparlin, Vice President and Melinda Barnes, Travel Teacher Seminar Chairman and Sharon Campbell, Artist. I am thrilled that we have four members attending, but so sad that we don't have more. I dream of having

a whole group of Rocky Mountain Hi Artists showing up in mass next year to represent our awesome chapter. Please give some thought to making Conference a priority on your 2016 calendar. It is a wonderful experience. The location will be the same, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Ill. The dates are May 16 thru 21, 2016. Make a plan.....we will have a ball!

We will all return from Conference on Sunday, May 17th and guess what? Our chapter meeting is the next evening, May 18th! And, guess what again? I am teaching the program, "Welcome Spring" on a roofing slate! So, that means we better have all the plans made and instructions out NOW. I am hopeful that you have your slates and patterns. If you do not, please call Sherry Flowers, 303-791-3189, and make arrangements to pick up your slate and pattern. The only prep is to scrub off all the 100 year old New Zealand grime and flake off any loose slate. You may transfer the pattern if you choose, however, along with the paint and varnish, I will furnish white graphite paper, which you may use Monday night to do the transfer. Remember that the rounded edge is on the bottom and the face of the slate is beveled.

Supplies you need to bring: stylus/pen, water container, paper towel, acrylic brushes, palette for acrylics, happy heart and enthusiasm. It will be fun!

This column is so long already that I am not going to add to it further, so please read the whole newsletter to learn what all the board has been working on and what "good stuff" is planned.

Hugs to you.

Fondly,

Marilyn

### **Elissa McAlear - Secretary's Minutes - taken by Kathy Beck**

Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter

General Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2015

Garden Plaza, Aurora, Colorado

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by President Marilyn Corners

President welcomed new member Betty Mio

General meeting minutes from last meeting were read.

Pat Greene - **Treasurer report:** Balance in checking \$5,579.30

Ginny Sparlin - **VP report:** Becky McKittrick is this evening's program, Marilyn Corners will give May program on painting slate tiles; Elissa McAlear will give program in June on strokework; July will be Bingo and ice cream social, August box lunch picnic.

Kathy Beck- **Membership report:** Member books were mailed to all. Sign up book is available to sign up for attendees at all meetings.

Verlene Siska - **Newsletter report:** Deadline for newsletter is 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May at noon.

Sherry Flower - **Ways and Means report:** Craft Show at Heather Gardens (9-4):Set up Friday, two tables available (no charge for 2<sup>nd</sup> table) thanked everyone for bringing items to this meeting in advance.

Nancy Glassman – **Community Outreach Program:** Koebel Library secured for June 20 free class painting dominos.

Linda Bierman – **Publicity report:** Information cards to hand out about SDP; information on cookbook, which will sell for \$15.00 each or 5 for \$70.00 checks payable to Rocky Mountain Hi. Get your recipes in by May 1.

Iris Luckel - **Facilities/Telephone report:** All is well, hope everyone enjoyed Janet Nunn's classes. Janet Nunn donated her demo piece to the craft show.

**Local Seminar teacher report** – Char Bucher. Absent

Melinda Barnes - **Travel teacher report:** Chris Thornton's class \$40.00 for one day, \$70.00 for two days. Some of the paint is back ordered.

Deb Lancaster - **Hospitality report:** will bring coffee, lemonade and snacks for Chris Thornton's class Sunday morning & afternoon. May snacks: are Kathy Beck, Sherry Flowers, Verlene Siska and Elissa McAlear.

Karon Sorensen - **Sunshine report:** haven't heard of anyone needing a card.

Kathy Kula - **Philanthropic report:** Volunteers of America, Meals on Wheels, Access Gallery – helps kids with disabilities do an art project/also helps vets with PTSD with an art project. Checking with Tennyson Children's Center.

**New/old business:** Joyce Ortner, known for her seascapes, passed away earlier in April. The National Museum of Decorative Painters web site is live. Janet Nunn books available for \$25.00, Elissa brought two more to the meeting.

President Marilyn Corners closed the meeting at 7:10 pm

Minutes taken by Kathy Beck for Elissa McAlear, Recording Secretary

## Melinda Barnes- Tole Chatter/ Website/Travel Seminars

### TOLE CHATTER

Hello Everyone,

This news article will be short since I am getting ready to leave for the SDP Conference in Chicago. I wished you all could go and experience the learning opportunities... and did I mention how much FUN it is! Mark your calendar for next year and try to attend, you won't be sorry.

The redesigned website for **The National Museum of Decorative Painting** is live. Please check the news and exhibits... also the items for sale when you visit the site. Some really neat items are available and the proceeds go to help support the Museum.

<http://dpmuseum.org/>

Another new website was launched Thursday evening... **BrushCaddies.com** has, you guessed it, brush caddies! These particular caddies are unique and handmade in the USA. They are wonderful containers sitting on your painting table or for traveling to and

from classes, no matter how far away.

<http://brushcaddies.com/>

## Peggy Harris

I am printing some tips Peggy shared on Facebook. Listed below are some of those tips shared here with permission from Peggy.

Did you know that **Priscilla Hauser** invented the angle brush? It was to be used to paint the boards on a barn under the slanted roof line. Unfortunately, this "fad" brush is frequently used by painters for tasks that would be much better accomplished with a classic flat brush (such as Priscilla's famous roses). If you find yourself constantly pulling out this brush, think again about its effectiveness!

**Reminder:** Always lay brushes **flat** to dry... keeps water from pooling in the ferrules. Also, plastic is not a suitable storage container for brushes as it does not breathe.

**Tip:** Always apply one coat of varnish to a painting before spattering snowflakes. Unwanted flakes can then be easily removed when dry with a Q-tip without smudging and smearing the paint.

**Tip:** Only share your art with those that think you are wonderfully talented... because encouragement and praise are powerful teachers!

When **mixing color** always start with a very small amount of paint. If you like what you see, add equal proportions again to get more. If you don't like it, alter with tiny amounts of paint until you do. Otherwise it is easy to have a mountain of paint in no time as you play with it.

**Color Wheel:** The first known color wheel was invented by Sir Isaac Newton (of gravity fame) in 1704 when he observed that white light shining through a prism separated into colors that could not be further broken down, such as a rainbow.

For the **finest lines**, such as cat whiskers, heavily load a liner with thinned paint, then remove excess paint on the palette before stroking. This insures the paint is throughout the brush and will unload properly. Never load a liner with paint just on the tip.

The **Jamie Mills-Price** seminar is scheduled for August with the High Plains Decorative Artists Chapter. Registration started May 11th. Visit their website for photos and information.

<http://highplainsdecorativeartists.com/>

That is all for this month. See you 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 are new photos on our website from the last meeting, the Janet Nunn seminar, and our chapter booth at Heather Gardens.

<http://rockymountainartists.com>

## CHRIS THORNTON-DEASON SEMINAR

The seminar is June 13 and 14... that is only one month 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 6 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 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

I have been informed the only source for the Decra Adhere Paintable Adhesive is at Hobby Lobby.

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:

Judy Patti will be teaching her wonderful "shades of blue" painting toward the end of summer at her studio on August 29.

This painting features watercolor, acrylic stamping, and collage. We will also learn how to make our own stamps.

Sign up for this one early. The cost of the class is \$40.

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## Sherry Flowers – Ways and Means Committee

Hello Everyone....

We participated in the Heather Gardens Spring Craft Show on April 25th.

**Thank you, thank you, and thank you** to all that helped and to everyone who contributed because without your participation, support and enthusiasm it would not have happened. It was a good venue to test the waters as a means of raising money for the chapter. We certainly learned from the experience and the board continues to discuss whether craft shows are the right forum for the chapter to pursue in the future. With that said, we are considering participating in the two day fall show October 24th & 25<sup>th</sup> at Heather Gardens.

The proceeds from the show were \$443.50.

### **MEMEBR ALERT:**

If you are interested in purchasing some of the original art, card prints, etc. from the show, bring money to this month's chapter meeting, May 18th. I will bring the items that I have and if those of you who took your items home and are still interested in selling, please bring them. I will continue to look into other avenues to raise money and I welcome any ideas that you may have.

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

Ways and Means Chair

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## **Sherrri Sutton – Hospitality**

Thanks very much to Karon, Judy and Andrene for bringing the snacks to our April meeting. There was such a nice variety, and they all were absolutely delicious.

Verlene, Elissa, Kathy Beck and Sherry Flowers have offered to provide the refreshments for our May meeting. In advance, thank you.

Additionally, Deb will be coordinating the luncheon potluck for the Chris Thornton seminar on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Verlene Siska - Newsletter Editor**

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

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