

Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter Denver, Colorado

Society of Decorative Painters

January 2016



President's Message- Ginny Sparlin

Here we are starting our Happy New Year, and I hope everyone's Christmas was very Merry! Last year went by so quickly I'm still spinning like a character in a cartoon!

I hope everyone will be sure to read and keep your newsletters this year. There is so much information each month about all that's going on both locally and nationally in our society. Be sure to highlight upcoming classes and other events, dates and times, so you won't forget or miss anything! Char and Melinda have a great line up of classes, so try to sign up early before they fill.

Have you all signed up for the SDP Conference in San Diego yet? Look out the window at our weather and think about it! Conference is always a great time to see what's new in painting and supplies at the trade show. Take a class or two from a famous teacher, make new friends from all over the world or reconnect with old friends, and this year it's all in San Diego, what could be better!! Hope to see you there.

Our favorite Vice President, Marilyn Corners has lined up a whole year of great programs for us to enjoy, so sort out your brushes and other supplies and make plans to attend all our monthly meetings, and think about bringing a friend or two with you. Our meetings are a good way for anybody to try a different medium for a couple hours and know if they're going to like it, plus they'll have the basic knowledge and supply list to try it at home where they have more time to play!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at Garden Plaza, January 18, for a great Watercolor Demo. Till then, Have fun Painting!!

Ginny Sparlin, President

Questions, comments, suggestions? call me- 303-693-0771

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1st Vice President – **Programs**- Marilyn Corners

Hi Ladies and Stan,

I am so excited to tell you about all the great programs we are going to enjoy this year. We will either paint, or have a painting demonstration each month, except for our Picnic box lunch/Auction in August, our Annual Art Show/Luncheon in September and our Ornament exchange/Installation in November.

To kick off the year, we are honored to have Randy Hale, Watercolorist, give us a demonstration of the technique he will be teaching us at the seminar in March. It will be an amazing and unforgettable event, filled with information and inspiration. You will definitely want to be in attendance. Here is the Line-Up for 2016:

January 18th, 2016 – Randy Hale, Watercolor Demonstration

February 15th, 2016 – Deb Lancaster, Shrinky Dink Easter Egg/Ornament/Name Tag

March 21st, 2016 – Esther Haines, Oil Painting Roses on Slate

April 18th, 2016 – Ginny Sparlin, Fabric Painting

May 16th, 2016 – Juliette Salter, Bob Ross Landscape

June 20th, 2016 – Conference Recap w/ New Products and Ideas

July 18th, 2016 – Andrene Smeltzer, Painted/Beaded Spoon

August 13th, 2016 – Picnic Box Lunch/Auction (*Saturday*)

August 15th, 2016 Make It- Take It for Garden Plaza Residents and friends

September 9th, 2016 – Art Show/ Luncheon

October 17th, 2016 – Marilyn Corners, “Mud” Designs on Glass Blocks

November 21st, 2016 – Ornament Exchange/Installation

December – No Meeting – **Merry Christmas**

Local Teacher Seminars- Char Bucher

Everyone who comes to the January meeting will get a sneak preview of our next watercolor class to be held on March 19 at the Garden Plaza, 14221 East Evans Avenue. Your \$55 will get you a lovely lunch, a snack, and this incredible new watercolor teacher.... **Randy Hale.**

Randy Hale – January preview and March local class



Randy attended Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, CA where he developed a solid understanding of design and composition. A successful commercial career followed in product design, project management, and sales. Pitching creative concepts gave him a strong foundation in working successfully with people. Randy is currently involved with art groups throughout the country. He has served as president of the Colorado Watercolor Society and works on boards organizing nation exhibits. Not only does Randy do painting demonstrations, he is an active workshop instructor and juror of art shows. His approach to teaching makes the complexities of painting in watercolor easy to understand. Classes are always fun and relaxed- his encouragement and joyful approach to the craft bring out the best in his students!

Ways and Means – part one- Sherry Flowers

Happy New Year.... hope everyone had a festive holiday. I certainly did but I'm now ready to put it behind me and look forward to 2016. I think it's going to be a fun year in the world of RMHI!

I'm in the process of providing feedback to the new management of the Heather Gardens Craft Fair and await answers to questions I have regarding the shows. At this time our participation is undecided until I hear back from the new contact.

Nancy Glassman and I as co-chairs will be pursuing other avenues to raise money for the chapter. Several ideas have been suggested of which we are looking into. We may consider a **craft/art sale** (something similar to a garage sale) but need to work through details of venue, cost, etc. As decisions are made they'll be shared.

As a reminder I've secured the locking display case at the Highlands Ranch Library to **display and sell our artwork for the months of April and May 2016**. Just to recap there isn't a rental fee; however Owner donation to the library is encouraged from the sale of artwork on display. Suggested donation is 10% of sale price. With that in mind, you have several months to look at your art work and determine if you would like to display or sell. So, pieces you may be displaying at Solid Grounds in March can also be considered for the library if you wish, unless they sold. When the time gets closer you can contact either Nancy Glassman or me and we'll arrange getting it. Again I ask that you provide easels or stands, I have several that can be used. If you choose to sell please mark with your name and the price. Proceeds from any sold pieces can be kept by the owner or all/portion can be donated to the chapter or library. Display only items should be marked with your name and NFS (Not for Sale). Additionally, if you would provide an inventory list with your pieces it will be helpful for tracking purposes. Thanking you in advance for your efforts. I look forward to show casing the beautiful pieces and I know the library patrons enjoy admiring your work.

I'll be working with Marilyn Corners, VP on **developing a brochure** for our chapter which will get the word out about whom we are and what we do as an organization. We are hopeful that this effort will peak interest and be a useful tool in acquiring new members.

Looking forward to an exciting year with our chapter! If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sherry Flowers sflowers@sprynet.com (303) 791-3189 (home) (303) 725-7912 (cell)

Ways and Means- part two — Nancy Glassman

Solid Grounds Coffee House, at 6504 S Broadway, Littleton 80121, is allowing Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter members to **display our Artwork for the month of March 2016.**

Solid Grounds Coffee House allows us to display your artwork free of charge and you are allowed to sell your artwork that is displayed in the store. Solid Grounds Coffee House does not take any part in the sale of the artwork. Solid Grounds Coffee House is not responsible for any financial loss you incur from creating and preparing artwork for display in its store.

Solid Grounds Coffee House is not RESPONSIBLE for lost or stolen, or damaged artwork.

February 15th, 2016, at the monthly chapter meeting, I will collect all Artwork you want to display at Solid Grounds. All Artwork you wish to display or sell will need to be labeled with your contact information, (not for sale or price of item, your name and phone number). I will also need an inventory list of any Artwork you give me. More details to follow.

This is a great way to show the Talent we have in our Chapter!

Nancy Glassman 303-220-8563

Community Outreach- Linda Bierman

I am seriously looking for different venues to approach for offering art classes from our great club to teach. We would like to find places in the community that might want us to **display our artwork**, for sale or not, and consider anything we could as a club contribute to our community, city or state, to promote art, and to our chapter. Soooooooo... if anyone has a lead, or just a thought please call me or e-mail me and I will be happy to check it out. So if Uncle Vinney has a Pizza place and loves to display free beautiful art every month. he's our man. Call me!

I am also encouraging everyone to start collecting some of those recipes that you forgot to send in for our **cookbook**. Remember they need to be e-mailed, mailed or given to me by July 1, 2016. I also need everyone who wants to submit one of their finished art projects to be put in the cookbook to get started in finishing it or taking a picture of it and giving it to me. All this will certainly add to our beautiful cookbook. The deadline will soon be here! You will be able to purchase this special packet for the cookbook at our Sept. luncheon.

Thanks and Have a fun and productive month.

Linda Bierman, Community Outreach Chairman 303-484-1776 Ladylinda777@q.com

Hospitality- Verlene Siska

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful treats shared at our November holiday party, and for the cookies you provided for the staff at Garden Plaza. It is your generosity that made our annual gala such a huge success.

As we kick off the New Year, Marilyn, Ginny and Carmen have offered to provide the refreshments for our January meeting. Thank you ladies.

TOLE CHATTER- Melinda Barnes

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and you are ready for the New Year filled with friendship and painting!

Sandra Malone has published a couple of new books recently. One of which is called "Miles of Smiles". The book is 16 pages of an inspirational journal that includes 13 original Christmas designs from her previous painting books. It also has plenty of extra pages for journaling, decorating and doodling. "Miles of Smiles" has been especially handmade by Sandra and the cover is cardstock and the inside pages are a good quality paper so you can doodle, color, or write on.

This book is exclusive to Sandra's website in limited quantities. Visit Sandra's website to order.
<http://www.sandrastudio.com>

Char has lined up an interesting program and class with Randy Hale. A watercolor demo will be at our January meeting and the class in March. If you would like to read more about Randy and view his beautiful watercolor paintings visit his website.

<http://halegallery.com/>

One of our programs this coming year is presented by Marilyn Corners in October. Marilyn is going to teach a technique called "Mud". You can see examples of this beautiful method on Margot Clark's or Diane Bunker's websites. Look like fun???

<http://dianebunker.com/> <http://margotclark.com/>

Classes have not been published yet for the Painting Palooza in Oklahoma City. Many well-known artists are teaching classes and having a booth in the trade show. The convention will be held September 26 - October 1, 2016... mark your calendars! Some of the designers invited to teach that I know of are Paula Leopold, Chris Thornton, Marlene Kreutz, Della Wetterman, and Dorothy Whisenhunt. You can check out the hotel information and bookmark this website here...

<http://okcpaintingpalooza.com/>

If you are a Facebook fan be sure and "Like" the chapter's Facebook page. Marilyn is doing a great job posting interesting paint related videos and articles.

<https://www.facebook.com/RockyMountainHiChapterSocietyOfDecorativePainters/?fref=ts>

COLOR: Black, White and Gray are called neutral colors. White is the presence all color and black is the absence of color. Black and white is a mixture that creates gray. Neutral colors can be mixed with colors in any color scheme.

VALUE: Value is the lightness and darkness of a color. You can change the value of any color by adding black, white or gray. By adding white to a color it is called a tint of color. By adding black to a color it is called a shade of color. You can tone a color by adding gray.

The Pikes Peak Chapter in Colorado Springs is bringing in Jillybean and Mary Owens for seminars this year. The High Plains and Rocky Mountain Hi chapters are co-sponsoring Kathie George and Marlene Kreutz seminars. In addition High Plains is bringing in Lynne Andrews to teach. This will be the second time Lynne has taught for the High Plains Chapter and she is going to design a Colorado Santa for the seminar.

Artist's Club continues to provide many good free pattern downloads. Adult coloring books are still very popular and Artist's Club is carrying many to choose from.

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

That is all I have for you this month. See you at the next meeting?

Happy Painting, Melinda

Art Show – Elissa McAlear

By request, the Art Show will add 'Sill Life' to the categories listed last year. More details about the Art Show will be coming next month. In the meantime, be sure to get your brushes creating those beautiful pieces to enter in the Annual Art Show on September 9, 2016!

Questions or suggestions are welcome,

Elissa McAlear, Art Show 303.421.8714 <elissamc@comcast.net> with 'RMHi' in the subject line

Membership Report for January 2016- Elissa McAlear

As of January 9, 2016 we have 40 members for our Roster. Welcome to new members!

Jeanne Chin Glenna deZafra Nancy Hibbert Sandi Mullenhour Juliette Salter Gina Rehlander
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The Roster Booklet will be available at the February meeting. It will include the Membership, Calendar, Board Members, Ethics, History, Art Show Categories and Rules.

Remember, SDP has modified your national membership number. If you have not given that to me, please do so asap since they do check and make sure I have it listed. Thanks for those who have already given the new number to me.

We are always pleased to be able to add new members. Application forms are available either from our website or from me. Membership in the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP) is required separately with application forms available either from me or online from them.

I do send email reminders to those who have email addresses with "RMHi" in the subject line, so please be sure I have the correct e-address for you.

It is greatly appreciated if you do check your emails about a week before our meetings for information about our upcoming programs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Elissa McAlear 303.421.8714 or <elissamc@comcast.net> with RMHi in the subject line.

Rocky Mountain Hi **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Kit Addington- January 22nd

Ruth Lamb- January 4th

Cec Rae – January 20th

Newsletter – Nancy Hibbert

The newsletter is a great way to stay current with all the happenings at Rocky Mountain Hi chapter of Society of Decorative Painters. I will be publishing the newsletter every month except December. The articles are due to me *no later than the second Sunday of each month at noon.*

If you have changed emails or are not getting the newsletter, please make sure to have your membership information current with Elissa McAlear.

Please send articles to me at: Hibbertconsult@comcast.net and put RMHi in the subject line

Thanks, Nancy (720) 971-4001

Travel Teacher Seminars- Melinda Barnes

The **Kathie George seminar** is approaching quickly. Mark your calendar for **April 8 - 10, 2016**. We are co-sponsoring the seminar with the High Plains Chapter. We will be able to paint one, two or all three days with Kathie. So far the class will be \$40 per day plus any surface cost. I will be bringing the photos of the proposed projects for you to vote on Monday January 18th. If you are interested in Kathie's seminar be sure and attend our meeting. You will also be able to register for the seminar at this meeting. Don't delay registering for this seminar if you are interested, seats will not last long!

April 8th the class will be held at the Plymouth Congregational Church and Kathie will be teaching her watercolor batik on rice paper. April 9 and 10 classes will be watercolor at the Littleton School Administration Building. If you would like to familiarize yourself with her style visit her website.

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

Marlene Kreutz, CDA will be teaching her doodling and pencil shading technique June 18 and 19 this year. More information will be shared in our newsletter and website as soon as we work out all the details. You might like to visit her website to see examples of her designs. We will be having Marlene's pencil drawing and shading designs for the seminar with maybe a splash of color added. The seminar will be co-sponsored with the High Plains Chapter and held in Littleton. Marlene teaches with a projector so there is not a bad seat in the room!
<http://marlenekreutz.com/>

Melinda

Travel Teacher Seminar Chair

Be sure and check our website for the most recent information concerning chapter events and photos.

<http://RockyMountainHiArtists.com>

