

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER

Denver, Colorado  
Society of Decorative Painters

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## President's Message- Ginny Sparlin



Hello Everyone,

Hope you all are out enjoying this lovely "Almost Spring" weather!! And I even remembered to "Spring" forward all my clocks! Honestly, the days go by faster and faster as I get older, resetting clocks seems a little silly.

A huge thank to [Deb Lancaster](#) for her amazing [Shrinky Dinks class](#)! Everyone had a wonderful time and I hope will try their luck at Shrinky Dinking at home. There are so many cute things to make!

The SDP convention in San Diego is fast approaching! If you haven't made your plans yet to attend you'd better get busy! It is so much fun and there are so many opportunities to learn fun painting techniques. Hope to see you all there!

As you all know our program this month, [March 21, is learning to paint a beautiful stroke rose with Esther Haines \(see supply list under Programs\)](#). I for one, can't wait to see how she does it. If you've ever seen her booth at a craft sale you'll know what I mean. Her work is so pretty, painting with Esther will be a real treat!

For the [April 18 general meeting, we will be painting on fabric](#). I'm including the supply list for this project now and probably in the April newsletter as well.

[You'll need a fine point sharpie, either black or brown or blue. Bring your acrylic supplies: Water container, papertowels, brushes, a foam plate or palette, scissors.](#)

[I'll provide: patterns, paints, surface and anything else we'll need to paint that night.](#)

Questions/comments call me. [Ginny Sparlin 303-693-0771](#)

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## 1st Vice President – Programs- Marilyn Corners

Hi Everyone. So, how much did you LOVE the program last month, doing Shrinky Dinks with Deb Lancaster? Wasn't that fun? Deb, THANK YOU so much! You are so good at what you do! Creative, patient and so willing to share. We are blessed to have you. I really do love my Butterfly.

I am so excited to tell you all about our program for this month. Esther Haines, one of our long time members, who moved away for a while and is now back among us, has graciously accepted our invitation to share her incredible technique of painting roses. Normally, Esther paints on porcelain, but to make it easier for us to relax and enjoy the lesson; she is furnishing canvas paper on which we will paint her roses. She will also furnish oil paints and instructions.

Supplies you need to bring are: paper towel, palette, solvent and container, firm 8x10 surface on which adhere the canvas paper, masking tape, small piece of very soft fabric (silk or cotton, for softening edges of roses), # 4 and # 6 flat brushes, small liner brush. This is going to be a very special class. We are honored to have Esther agree to share her expertise w/ Rocky Mountain Hi. Come prepared to have a great experience.

If you have questions, please email me, Marilyn Corners, at [marilyn.corners@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.corners@gmail.com).

### 2016 PROGRAMS

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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

## Ways and Means - Sherry Flowers and Nancy Glassman

Thank you to all members who PARTICIPATED in bringing their Beautiful ARTWORK to Display at Solid Grounds Coffee House, for the month of March. I'm Happy to report the SALES of several pieces of Art. Hopefully this has brought Attention to our Chapter!

Nancy Glassman 303-220-8563

After much discussion the Board made the decision that our chapter will not participate in either the spring or fall Heather Gardens 2016 Craft Fair. The many hours of planning and organizing plus the time members invested in painting and crafting items for the 2015 shows wasn't the best avenue for raising money.

Nancy Glassman and I as co-chairs are still pursuing other avenues to raise money for the chapter. Several ideas have been looked into however at this time nothing has come to fruition. We will keep everyone apprised as decisions are made.

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. Smaller pieces are truly what we need. We ask that you provide easels or stands; I have several that can be used. If you choose to sell please mark with your name, price and contact information. 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 of 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.

Recently, my contact at the library informed me [the case is now available for March](#) due to a cancellation. Nancy and I have taken a number of pieces and have them on display. Please contact either Nancy Glassman or me if you have any pieces that you would like to display and we'll arrange getting them.

[The Chapter brochure](#) is in the final stages of completion. The target is to have it printed and available by the end of April for distribution at the 2016 Bead Bazaar. Big thanks to our new member Kate Dowd for this avenue in getting the word out about who we are and what we do as an organization. We are hopeful that the brochure will provide awareness, peak interest in our chapter and be a useful publicity tool in acquiring new members.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Ways and Means Co-chair, Sherry Flowers

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## Hospitality- Verlene Siska

Thank you Pat G, Karon, and Nancy G for the yummy refreshments at our February meeting.

### TOLE CHATTER

Hello Everyone,

The Creative Painting Convention was wonderful this year. It is always fun to see old friends and making new ones. Located in Las Vegas doesn't hurt either. \*grin\* Multi-media still seems to be strong. I saw lots of roosters painted in many ways. There is a lot of interest in the first convention in Oklahoma City. More about that later in this article.

Barbara Halvorson taught classes and said she was retiring. She will hold small seminars in the future. One of my roommates took her class with an old mill painted on a large leaf. Her work is beautiful and if you would like to see her patterns you can see them on her website:

<http://www.halvorsonart.com/patterns.html>

Stan Brown announced on Facebook that he and Sue Scheewe will no longer have a booth at trade shows after doing shows for 40 years. It won't seem the same! Sue will continue to teach classes and keep her website up.

<http://www.painting-books.com/>

**TIP** by Peggy Harris: "I find that many of you do not know that you purchase a different paper for printing the color photos in e-packets, etc. Be sure you are at least on **BRIGHT WHITE paper for COLOR** that is a tad heavier than your black and white paper. If you wish to go higher end, fine, but this should do it. All the office stores have it."

Artists Club is having another great sale. All books are 35% off until March 21st, you can't beat that. There are many adult coloring books to choose from and Deb showed us at the last meeting how to use them for Shrinky Dink and colored pencils. Royal Brush sets are featured on a close-out sale for 70% off, but I don't know for how long.

If you haven't looked at the Oklahoma City Painting Palooza's website yet classes are online! Rosemary West doesn't teach at conventions, but is teaching three wonderful classes in OKC. Registration is good and the first hotel block of rooms is sold out. Another nearby hotel is joining in with the convention rate.

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

That's it for this month. See you at the next meeting! I will have the supplies for Kathie George's batik class, please be there and pick them up!

Happy Painting,

Melinda

## WEBSITE

Be sure and check our website for the most recent information concerning chapter meetings and events. Lots of photos are online for you to enjoy past events.

<http://rockymountainartists.com>

## TRAVEL TEACHER SEMINARS

### Kathie George

The Kathie George seminar is almost here! Mark your calendar for April 8 - 10, 2016. We are co-sponsoring the seminar with the High Plains Chapter. Rocky Mountain Hi will be providing the lunch for the Friday batik class. More information about that at our March meeting and I will be sending out an email.

**ATTENTION:** I have the class supplies for the Friday Batik class and will bring them to the March meeting. Please pick up your rice paper, instructions and pattern.

Class will be \$40 per day plus any surface cost. The Friday batik class is full, but there may still be openings in the Sunday class. Email me or check our website for contact information for the High Plains Seminar Chairs.

April 8th the class will be held at the Plymouth Congregational Church and Kathie will be teaching her watercolor batik on rice paper.

### Marlene Kreutz

Marlene Kreutz, CDA will be teaching her doodling and pencil shading technique June 18 and 19 this year. Both chapters have voted on the projects and the most popular piece was the **Gerber Daisies**. While in Vegas I saw some new doodling projects I had not seen before... I knew right away we would all be interested in these so Marlene allowed me to bring them back with me to Denver. I will bring these new items to the March meeting so you can see them. The final decision will be made immediately and I will be taking class sign-ups. 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!

I hope you can attend the March meeting so you can see these four lovely projects that can all be painted in one day!

Melinda

Travel Teacher Seminar Chair



SUE HOOVER MAR 9  
PAULA LEOPOLD- MAR 18  
CAROL KENWORTHY MAR 25  
CHAR BUCHER MAR 31

## LOCAL TEACHER SEMINARS Char Bucher

A word about the Randy Hale class to be held on Saturday March 19 from 9:30 until 3:30 at the Garden Plaza:

The lucky people who are signed up for Randy Hales should have found their patterns in the mailbox last Monday the 7th. Yes, the class is full.

Please have the patterns traced onto your watercolor paper BEFORE you come to class. Your paper may be either 140# or 300#. your choice. Randy seems to prefer 300#.

We anticipate a grand class about enforcing the center of interest in a painting using dramatic contrasts. Randy is so knowledgeable, we know we will be learning all day. Remember to bring a notebook to take notes.

Do sign up with Melinda for the **April and June classes**.

I will tell you more about the **Judy Patti class in July** in the next newsletter. You may wish to indicate to me that you want this class, as it is about half full already.

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## Newsletter – Nancy Hibbert

Articles for the April newsletter will be due by noon Sunday April 10th. Please send articles to me at: Hibbertconsult@comcast.net and put RMHi in the subject line Thanks, Nancy (720) 971-4001

## **Membership Report** - Elissa McAlear

**Membership as of 2/16/2016 Our membership now stands at 41 members!**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Add these to your Roster booklet:**

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**Please correct:**

**Catherine Roche's zip to 80015 and phone 303.693.3472 h**

**If you have not given us your new SDP membership number, please be sure to do so right away. You should have received it with your latest Decorative Painter magazine. If you have not received it, please call national and ask for it.**

**If you have changes or corrections, or note an omission, please let me know right away so we may have accurate information.**

**Thank you for your help!**

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