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Notes from the President:

*Hi Everybody,
It's FALL! Halloween, trick-or-treaters, falling leaves, jack-o-lanterns,
Thanksgiving, turkey, cranberries, pumpkins.....don't you just love this season?
The leaves have been so incredibly beautiful, my camera is chock full of
gorgeous pictures to paint and I can hardly wait to get started.*

*Our "International Decorative Painting Month " exhibit at the Ross-University Hills
Library displays some of the most beautifully painted pieces I have ever seen.
We have truly talented artists in our RMHi chapter and it is thrilling to have their
work on display for the world to see. Our exhibit will be on display until
November 17th. Take a little field trip over to Ross-University Hills Library, 4310
East Amherst (behind Michaels and Pier One) and take a look. You will feel very
proud of our chapter. Artists exhibiting are **Melinda Barnes, Char Bucher,***

Elissa McAlear, Verlene Siska and Ginny Sparlin.

Speaking of the Ross-University Hills Library, the Rocky Mountain Hi chapter is hosting a "Learn to Paint" workshop, free of charge, at the library on Saturday, November 17th, 10 to noon. Seating is limited to 30, so if you are interested in taking part, drop by the library and register soon. We will be painting a fun and colorful design on a memo book. All materials will be furnished.

May I take a moment to thank all the members who brought their fabulous painted gourds to our October meeting? Each gourd was an exceptional work of art and served as an inspiration to all the rest of us. You made the meeting a fun and productive . Thank you, thank you, thank you.

*Now, put your painting aprons on.....our November meeting is not only Installation of Officers, it is also our Ornament Exchange and Holiday Party. Ornaments should be hand painted/hand made. These ornaments do not have to be done by you, but should meet the standards of "something you would give to your BFF" :o) **Verlene**, our Hospitality Chairman, is asking each of us to bring our favorite hors d'oeuvre to share. It is going to be a good time. I so hope each of you will be there.*

Hugs to all,
Marilyn

"Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused",
(author unknown)

Recording Secretary

Minutes of the October general meeting.

The October 15, 2012, General meeting of the Rocky Mountain Hi chapter was brought to order by president Marilyn Corners at 6:50pm at the Gander Mountain store in Aurora.

The Minutes were posted.

Seminars: **Melinda Barnes** announced that the Kathy Read class is full at 20 students. The class on Oct. 20 will be from 10:am till 2:pm. at which time we plan

to all go to lunch together. Bring scissors, a #2 or 3 liner brush, and your regular paint supplies. Paint will be provided.

Char Bucher has a total of 14 students signed up for the Janet Nunn seminar, she's still waiting for payment from 6 students. There is space for a total of 20 students. Hydrus watercolor and paper will be supplied. Bring an old towel for the pouring process.

Elissa announced 6 new members, and **Marilyn** had those who were attending the meeting, stand and introduce themselves.

Elissa has membership applications available. If you are renewing for 2012, she needs you to fill out the paperwork and include your membership number from National.

Marilyn told us she had attended the Rosemary West seminar at the High Plains chapter and it was lots of fun.

The slate of officers for the 2013 Rocky Mountain Hi board was read and voted in unanimously by the members present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Sparlin, Secretary

"Rules for Happiness: Something to do, someone to love, something to hope for."
Immanuel Kant

Treasurer's Report:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI 2013 Budget Proposal

INCOME

Membership \$700.00

Seminars \$3000.00

Ways and Means \$800.00

TOTAL INCOME \$4500.00

EXPENSES

Newsletter \$50.00

Seminars \$2500.00

Membership \$50.00

Treasurer \$100.00

Philanthropic \$100.00

Art Show \$25.00

Hospitality \$100.00

Ways and Means \$100.00

Programs \$1000.00

Miscellaneous \$475.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$4500.00

Respectfully submitted: **Patricia Greene**

"The Real Voyage of Discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in Having New Eyes"

Marcel Proust

Membership:

Hi Ladies,

Following our "Lunch with VanGogh and Friends", annual luncheon in September and the Reception at our "International Decorative Painters Month Exhibit and Reception" in October, we now have **10** new members to add to our wonderful family of painters. I am so pleased to welcome.....

Kathy Beck

Sharon Campbell

Sherry Flowers

Nancy Glassman

Michele Heiser

Sheila Hutchinson

Debbie Lancaster

Cynthia Murphy

Marcy Peterson

Sheri Sutton

Just a reminder to all our members.....please get your renewal application (found on our web site, <http://rockymountainhiartists.com>) filled out and sent to Rocky Mountain Hi Decorative Painters, 6501 Welch Court, Arvada CO 80004, prior to December 1, 2012 along with your check for \$20 made out to Rocky Mountain Hi Decorative Painters. National dues are required for membership in RMHi. Send your check for \$50 to Society of Decorative Painters, (application form available at www.decorativepainters.org). Remember, new members.....you will receive a wonderful 'new member gift' from The Society equaling the \$50 dues you pay. Get those dues sent in soon, so that we can enter you into our member directory with your national membership number.

Thanks,
Elissa McAlear, Membership Chairman

"Learning is weightless, a Treasure you can always carry easily"
an old Chinese Proverb

Seminars:

This has been an amazing year of outstanding seminars. We have been so fortunate in having talented and generous teachers share their knowledge and skills with us.

Chuck Danford - Watercolor

Paula Leopold - Colored Pencils

Kathy Read - Stamping and Watercolor

And, our final seminar for the year: **Janet Nunn** will teach her gorgeous watercolor on Saturday, November 3rd.

If you are signed up for Janet's class, please bring your regular water color supplies, ie. brushes, water container, paper towels, terry towel. Janet will supply a kit including paper, pattern and picture. Paints will be provided. Class starts promptly at 10 a.m. and goes to 4 p.m. Bring a lunch. Coffee, water and snacks will be provided.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the Kathy Read Workshop. We had soooo much fun and went home with a finished project. Woooo hoooo!

Some of you expressed the desire to make the Santa Christmas Card. The board

felt it was less expensive and more fun to take a 'road trip' down to Old Colorado City and take the class at Kathy's shop. Kathy set the date for December 1st from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. That will give us time for a nice lunch in Old Colorado City and maybe a bit of shopping. Kathy can accommodate as many as 20, or as few as 3 students. Kathy promises to make it an 'event with extra fun' for us. The cost will be \$24 per student and the kits will be ready for us with the embossing completed for us again.

Please contact me if you are interested and we will start thinking about carpooling arrangements for the visit down there.

Melinda

MelindaLee@aol.com or Melinda@webworldplus.com

Hospitality Chairman Notes:

It has been a long time since I last had an opportunity to thank the ladies of the Rocky Mountain Hi Decorative Painters for bringing refreshment to the meetings and workshops. There are so many folks to thank!

Thank you, **Pat Greene and Marilyn Corners** for bring treats to the Seminar we had with Chuck Danford on September 22nd. Thank you, **Elissa McAlear, Ginny Sparlin and Char Bucher** for bring snacks to the October meeting. And thank you **Marilyn Corners and Jody Tidwell** for bringing nourishment to the seminar we had with Kathy Read last Saturday, October 20th. Having food at our meetings and workshops makes the time we spend together so enjoyable.

Marilyn Corners and Verlene Siska will be bringing treats to the workshop with Janet Nunn on November 3rd.

The regular November meeting will be a potluck. Please bring one of your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share with the group!

Thanks,

Verlene Siska, Hospitality Chairman

"There's more to life than just increasing its speed"
Gandhi

Website Manager Notes:

Phone number Change - **Melinda Barnes** Please remove 720-934-4114, that number is no longer in service. Cell number 720-936-9666 will be my only phone number.

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Tole Chatter

DecoArt has created a new section on their website titled "Come Paint With Us!". You will find painting lessons, product information and how-to videos. You can download and print out a brushstroke guide which may be helpful if you are teaching. You can order painting kits on the site as well. Video Lesson 1 is a beginner clipboard project with a demo in basecoating, finger dots, penwork, sideloading, dots and linework by **Shara Reiner**. 43 minutes long. Lesson 2 is fruit coasters painted with strokework, sideloading, and doubleloading with **Lynne Deptula**. Video is one hour and 14 minutes long. Lesson 3 is a floral notepad teaching strokework with **Judy Diephouse**. This lesson is 54 minutes long. Each lesson has suggestions for utilizing the designs. Other video tutorials are available on the site. <http://decoart.com/comepaintwithus/>

If you haven't visited **Patricia Rawlinson's** website recently you are in for a treat with her new **DecoArt Americana Paint Converter!** All you have to do is type in the Delta, Plaid or Jo Sonja paint color name and press a button... up pops the DecoArt conversion recipe. This is a great tool and there is no charge to use the converter. Yipppeeee! While you are visiting Patty's site be sure and take a look at the wide selection of painting tools and patterns. This is the home of "Tole TV" and dozens of how-to videos by Patty and other artists.

<http://www.creativeartslifestyle.com/categories/Paints-%252b-Mediums/DecoArt-Americana-Paint/>

Speaking of videos... If you visit **YouTube** you can search for videos on any subject you can possibly think of. Many artists in our industry have instructional video clips on their website and/or YouTube. <http://www.youtube.com/>

Since we have many new members (welcome!) I thought I would mention again I have a large collection of painting and craft related links on the **Tolefriends'** website. Look for the Links tab in the menu. The links are broken down into categories for your convenience. Tolefriends is an International mailing list with people from all over the world that will help you with any painting questions you may have. <http://tolefriends.com/>

Color White – Simple and purity are two words that describe this color. For marketing it is often seen used with black, or with health related products. Most brands won't only use white, many use white in at least some part of their color scheme, including Apple, Volkswagen and Tylenol.

Paint Storage Tip: Use file cabinet drawers and store the paints upside down.

By storing the bottles upside down the air can't get at the paints so they won't dry out. The paints should be kept away from any heat source and out of direct sunlight.

That's it for this month. See you all at the next meeting!

Melinda

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“The whole world, as we experience it visually, comes to us through the mystic realm of color.” — Hans Hofmann, German artist

Slate of Officers

The slate of Officers of Rocky Mountain Hi chapter of SDP for 2013 were presented to the membership and unanimously accepted at the October 15th, 2012 general meeting. I would like to sincerely thank all the members, new and old, who have stepped up to work in the various capacities for the growth and betterment of our chapter. Having a vital and growing chapter is a group effort that requires teamwork, along with a strong work ethic and a gnawing desire of all members to spread the knowledge and pleasure of Decorative painting. I applaud this attitude in our chapter and look forward to another year of growth and commitment. As you can see when you scan the list of officers and committee chairmen, we still need a Community Liason and a Historian. Give these two positions some consideration. Maybe one will be just the perfect match for you and your interests and energies. We welcome you to the board and invite your ideas.

Warmly, **Marilyn**

2013 Slate of Officers, Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter, SDP

Election Monday, October 15th 2012

President: **Marilyn Corners**

1st Vice President/President Elect: **Virlene Siska**

Membership/2nd Vice President: **Elissa McAlear**

Recording Secretary: **Ginny Sparlin**

Treasurer/Budget Advisor: **Pat Greene**

Installation of Officers – Recognition of Board, November 19th, 2012

Newsletter Editor: **Sheila Hutchison**

Hospitality Chairman: **Nancy Glassman**

Seminar Chairmen:

Local Teachers: **Char Bucher**

Travel Teachers: **Melinda Barnes**

Phone Committee Chairman: **Iris Luckel**

Email Committee Chairman: **Elissa McAlear**

Web-Site Manager: **Melinda Barnes**

Art Show Chairman: **Elissa McAlear**

Publicity Chairman: **Andrene Schmelzer**

Ways and Means Chairmen: **Linda Bierman**, co-chair: **Kathy Kula**

Community Outreach Chairman: _____

Historian: _____

"Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it"

Lou Holtz

Happy Birthday To You.....

Rocky Mountain Hi wishes a very Happy Birthday to the following Birthday Girls.....

Sept:

Edi Finkleman

Pat Greene

Debbie Lancaster

Oct:

Cathy Roche

Linda Bierman

Lois Sanford

Kathy Beck

Michele Heiser

Nov:

Jody Tidwell

(If you have not been wished a Happy Birthday in our newsletter, it means we do not have your birthday date. Please send your information to Elissa McAlear so we can acknowledge your special day.) :O)

"Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky."
Rabindranath Tagore

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