

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER of the Society of Decorative Painters

April 2013 Newsletter

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Marilyn Corners President's Report:

Hi everyone,

SPRING!! It feels like it has finally arrived, doesn't it? I know that we live in Colorful Colorado and that means we can have snow the first of May, but I am choosing to believe that we won't. Some warm showers to clean away the winter grudge would be nice, however. We have so much happening this spring and it is all very exciting.

First, Annie Martinez is teaching her beautiful watercolors this next Saturday, April 13th, 2013. Look for Char's article about that.....

Second, Chawna Bolinger will be teaching us "Face Painting" at our next chapter meeting on Monday, April 15th. It will be very fun. Check out Verlene's article on that.....

Third, our display is up again at the Ross-University Hills Library. Drop by the library, 4310 East Amherst, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 to 6; Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 8; or Saturday, 9 to 5. You will be very proud of our chapter when you see it. Our "Come Paint with Us" free class that was supposed to have been held on Saturday, March 23rd, was postponed due to weather and has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 25th, 10 to 1. Call the library to sign up. 720-865-0955. Pictures of the project are on our website, <http://RockyMountainHiArtists.com>.

Fourth, SDP National Conference is next month, May 13th to 18th, in St. Charles, Illinois and you can still register to attend and take classes with excellent, nationally known teachers. Go to www.decorativepainters.org to get all the info.

Fifth, our chapter has been invited to paint placemats and favors for one of the banquet tables at National Conference. Pat Greene has very generously offered to make stamped, dimensional medallions for the tops of the favor boxes. Thank you so much, Pat. The Placemats will be at our chapter meeting on the 15th. If you would like to paint one or more, please feel free to take them with you then and possibly get together with other members to paint them. I will be taking the finished products with me as I go, so the deadline is not until the 12th of May. (Gosh, almost a whole month!!!) ;o}

Sixth, we have a wonderful opportunity to fulfill our Philanthropic Mission and help make some very deserving children and young people very happy. Our member, Chawna Bolinger, has made us aware of Camp Paha for disabled children. Camp Paha offers safe, challenging and fun leisure, recreational and educational opportunities for youth ages 6-25 with disabilities, Camp Paha provides an array of activities including swimming, sports, games, nature, music, drama, hiking, arts and crafts and field trips within the community. Camp Paha is licensed by the State of Colorado as a childcare program and is accredited by the American Camp Association. Chawna's own daughter has attended camp 5 times and will do so again this year. Obviously she supports Paha.

Friends of Paha (FOP) was founded by a caring group of parents, grandparents and community members associated with Camp Paha. They recognized the need for quality programming for children and young adults with disabilities and the need for it to be affordable, even for low income families.

Friends of Paha is sponsoring a Silent auction and fundraiser on May 3rd. They would love to have some of our painted items to be auctioned off at the event as well as monetary donations. With a donated item above \$40 value, you can attend the fundraiser for free. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chawna at 720-301-1520 or email her at chawna8@earthlink.net. You may bring your painted item(s) to the chapter meeting on the 15th and she will get the items to the auction. The e-vite is below in case you would like a little more information on the event.

<http://pahafiesta.eventbrite.com/>

Well, lovely ladies, I think that is all I have for you to think about in this issue. Looking forward to seeing each of you at our meeting on the 15th.

Hugs,

Marilyn Corners, President

Verlene Siska - Vice President/Program Chairman

Notes from Our Program Chairman:

First we mastered S strokes, C strokes and comma strokes, then we learned to doubleload, sideload, and blend with the best of them. Next we "practiced" by painting every non-movable object in not only our homes but also those of our families and friends. Now that we've painted everything in our homes, where do we go? What do we paint?

What can we do to continue with our painting endeavors? One solution would be to start painting things that move, like our fellow citizens!

Face Painting offers the opportunity to be whimsical, mysterious, and even elegant. The possibilities are endless. This month, our newest member, Chawna Bolinger, has agreed to give us a face painting demonstration and the opportunity to develop our own face painting talents.

Chawna will provide the appropriate acrylic paint. If you don't feel comfortable painting on your own arm and your neighbor is not willing to let you practice on her arm, inexpensive plastic face masks will be provided for practice. **SPECIAL NOTE: Please bring a 3/4" flat brush and #6 round brush (acrylic).**

Keep the date: At our next general meeting, May 20th, Noreen Goetz will present a program on Color Theory.

Elissa McAlear - 2nd Vice President/ Membership Chairman

Please add these to your booklet:

Welcome New Member!

Chawna Bolinger -S
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Aurora CO 80013
720.301.1520
chawna8@earthlink.net
Birthday 6-10-65

Welcome Renewal!

Becky McKittrick -S
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Manitou Springs, CO 80829
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Birthday 4-8-60

Membership and Art Show:

Art Show: The Rules for our 2013 Art Shows are:

1. Each entrant must be a member in good standing.
2. There will be one art show on Friday, **Friday, September 13, 2013**, 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.

No entry fees this year. First and Second place ribbons will be awarded. Questions? Call Elissa McAlear 303.421.8714. Or email me at elissamcalear@yahoo.com and please 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.

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

- _____ Total # entries

Member's Name _____

Entering as Student/Member _____ or Teacher _____

Code# S/M- _____ or T- _____ 2/13

Ginny Sparlin - Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Corners.

Marilyn read the minutes in Ginny Sparlin's absence. They were accepted with Melinda's correction.

Treasurer's report - Pat Greene was absent so there was no report.

Vice President - Verlene Siska stated that the April 15th meeting program will be face painting by Chawna Bolinger. We should bring a 3/4" flat and #6 round brush as Chawna will provide the appropriate acrylic paint. Noreen Goetz will present the May program on Color Theory.

Membership - Elissa McAlear - Our membership remains at 39. She asks everyone to check their membership booklet for any changes or corrections to their listing.

Seminars - Char Bucher gave information about the upcoming local seminars:

1) Saturday, April 13th will be Annie Martinez painting with watercolors. A list of what to bring will be given out as payment is received. Each person will have an original as no pattern will be available. Bring flower pictures you like.

2) June 8th will be a watercolor with Chuck Danford. There are 3 or 4 places still available. You can paint on Yupo or watercolor paper. You bring what you want to paint on plus regular watercolors and supplies. The picture has a big horned sheep on a cliff.

3) August 24th will be with Judy Patti at her studio. Judy has submitted 3 paintings which you may be able to do that day. These are watercolors.

Travel teacher Seminar - Melinda Barnes said Kate Dowd (a former member) will be in town April 10 to May 1 teaching two bead class at the mart. Kate has offered to teach RMH a class she taught in Florida. It will cost \$20 and is taught using colored pencil on Shrinky Dink. Perhaps we could have her teach a class on our Tuesday at The Gander on April 23rd 10-1.

Hospitality - Nancy Glassman - thanks all who brought snacks. She will pass around a signup list for the seminars in particular.

Website - Melinda Barnes - Nice job! Seminar pictures are needed to post. Kate's butterfly will be posted too.

Newsletter - Nice work! Deadline will be the first April 7th, Sunday, Good job by Sheila Hutchison and Verlene Siska. Get your articles in so she may put it together.

Publicity - Andrene Schmelzer - having trouble with getting a listing in the newspaper. Will try YourHub.com again. Several other publications were suggested as possible places to list our meetings and events.

Ways & Means - Linda Bierman - Checked for a painted piece from a teacher in Las Vegas but did not purchase anything for a door prize for later in the year.

Pat Greene told us she has two paintings we can frame for door prizes.

Announcements:

Ross University Hills Library asked us to have another display in the cabinets and to have a paint-in on Saturday, March 27th 10-1. Marilyn will create a pattern and teach this. Member help will be appreciated. People sign up at the library.

Chawna said she is with a **Friends of Paha** which is a nonprofit group which we may be able to donate to or door prize drawing.

The **National Conference** will be May 12-18th at Pheasant Run near Naperville, IL. National is working on some shuttles out of O'Hare and Midway airports. More details later. Sherry Flowers said Black car services are very reasonable with several people per ride. You may still sign up for registration, classes and volunteering for national. As of March 31st the registration fee increases. There are still a number of classes open.

Chuck Danford has an art show "Distinctive Interpretation of Nature" March 2 - April 30 at the Coffee house at 6405 S. Broadway 6 AM to 8 PM. The phone number is 303.758.9090 for more information. This is 1/2 block east of Broadway behind Hyundai dealership.

Meeting was adjourned for Andrene Schmelzer's zentangle with pen & ink.

Respectfully submitted by Elissa McAlear for Sec. Ginny Sparlin

Melinda Barnes - Website Manager

Tole Chatter

I know I am repeating myself, but if you haven't visited **Pinterest.com** you are in for a treat. You will find so many photos of any subject you are interested in from recipes to many art forms. My favorite topics is colored pencil. Most photos link back to a blog or website for more details, larger photo and many times a free tutorial. If you enjoy colored pencils you can also visit **YouTube.com** for many how-to video lessons. Some of my favorites are colored pencil video instructions by our own **Paula Leopold**. For both of these venues use the search box and type in the subject you are interested in. Have you ever wondered what the correct way is to sharpen a colored pencil? I found the answer on Pinterest.

Patricia Rawlinson sent a newsletter out the other day and I thought many of you would be interested reading about **floorcloths**. Patty gave permission to share this info with you all. Patty's website is very informative with lots of videos and all kinds of handy painting tools. <http://www.creativeartslifestyle.com>

A little Floorcloth History:

In the United States, floorcloths were historically a re-purposed home craft. Made from sails of retired ships. Floorcloths added decor and insulated the floorboards (large cracks) keeping breezes and dirt at bay.

Imagine creating a room size floorcloth in a small 1700's home... the oil paints and mediums were long time dryers and frequently included lead based mediums. YIKES!

The more affluent American homes imported floorcloths from England, and at least 3 of our American Presidential estates included floorcloths.

Floorcloths grew in popularity and soon industry was looking for a way to mass create them... Along came linoleum with pre-printed patterns and designs, doing away with the mainstream use of painted floorcloths.

Floorcloths can last 100's of years when properly created and cared for, and yes I mean the ones you walk on.

Today floorcloths are an incredible way to add to home decor on the 5TH wall of the house (the ceiling being the 6th)!

Material:

Tradition used old ships sails... (I don't know about you but, my access to ships is pretty limited in SE Ohio... grin) Canvas cloth can be primed with gesso and then painted. I like RocLon Multi Purpose Cloth these days for mine... It is very heavy and it doesn't fray like canvas. PLUS ... NO PREP, It comes pre-primed and ready to go.

PREP:

Using a heavy enough base with enough "finish" on it means you can get by without hemming. This also helps the floorcloths lie flat.

Un-prepped canvas:

Base with many coats of Gesso on each side.

Pre-primed canvas:

While expensive, has been given several coats of Gesso at the factory... It is ready to paint.

Roc Lon Multi Purpose Cloth:

Comes ready to paint (on either side). No prep required.

Patty

The Color Green

The effects of the color green are soothing. Green relaxes you mentally as well as physically... hmmm maybe it is time for me to paint my living room. *grin* This color also helps alleviate depression, nervousness and anxiety offering a sense of renewal, self-control and harmony. Green occupies more space in the spectrum visible to the human eye than most colors. Second only to blue as a favorite color, green was the favorite color of President George Washington. Green is used for night-vision goggles, the reason being the human eye is most sensitive to green and able to discern most shades of this color.

Happy Spring and I hope it is Green!

Melinda

Kate Dowd workshop April 23

Kate will be teaching a Butterfly Pendant on "Shrinky Dink". All supplies will be furnished in class except for the colored pencils needed.

Time and Place: Gander Mountain from 10 AM - 1 PM

Cost: \$20.00 per student

Supply List: Once you are paid I will send you a list of colored pencils to bring. Photo can be viewed on our website. <http://rockymountainhiartists.com/>

Contact: Melinda Barnes via phone or [email Melinda](mailto:Melinda)

Paula Leopold, CDA Workshop

We are pleased to inform everyone that Paul Leopold will be teaching another colored pencil class for RMH. The date is October 19 so mark your calendar so you can attend. Paula will be teaching a crystal bowl with berries that she taught in Las Vegas this year. The workshop will be held at Gander Mountain from 10 AM to 4 PM. The cost of the workshop will be available soon.



Melinda Barnes

Char Bucher - Local Teacher Seminar Chairman

Two excellent classes in April and June!

Please note the new start time for these two classes. Most felt 10:00 am to be a better start time.

We have an outstanding opportunity coming up on **Saturday, April 13 at 10:00** am to paint an original water color under the direction of **Annie Martinez**.

Annie uses either liquid or regular water colors (your choice) and sometimes applies it with saran wrap. Each student comes out with their very own lovely floral paintings.

The class is full, but you can call me if you would like to be added to the waiting list.

Chuck's class on June 8 at 10:00 am is full as well. Please call me if you would like to be added to the waiting list. The winner of the vote is the "**big horn sheep**" piece.

A PROMISE KEPT

I promised you all a lovely surprise class to be held in **October**. And it will happen.

We are going to have **Paula Leopold** again on the 19th of October. She will be painting her very popular picture containing cut crystal. We all saw this at her class in February.

The class will be filling up fast, as everyone in the February class wanted to do it, so please get your reservation in quickly. Call me or Melinda to sign up.

Please see Melinda's website article in this newsletter—or the website itself—for a photo of the art piece.

Char

Nancy Glassman – Hospitality

Notes from Hospitality Chairman:

Thanks to everyone who brought snacks on March 18th! You guys are awesome!

Pat Greene, Andrene Schmelzer, and Char Bucher will be bringing refreshments to the April 13th Seminar. Deb Lancaster, Elissa McAlear, and Chawna Bolinger have consented to bring treats to our April meeting. Karon Sorensen, Melinda Barnes and Verlene Siska will bring snacks to the April 23rd class.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to share!

If you would like to bring a snack to share to the April 15th Chapter meeting, please call me at **303-220-8563** or email me at nlglasman@q.com. Thanks again! Nancy Glassman

Linda Bierman & Kathy Kula - Ways and Means Chairmen

Andrene Schmelzer - Publicity Chairman

Iris Luckel - Telephone Contact Chairman

Sheila Hutchison - Newsletter Editor

Thanks so much to all who contributed to this newsletter. The articles are wonderful! Please let me know if I missed anything. Verlene and I welcome all corrections, additions, suggestions or advice. Have a wonderfully productive month! --Sheila at hudhut@hotmail.com. Please put in the subject line 'newsletter'.