

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER of the Society of Decorative Painters

February 2014 Newsletter

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Verlene Siska President's Report:

Hello fellow painters!

This month our monthly meeting will be held on the February 24th rather than February 17th. We were unable to secure the lodge at Gander Mountain for the 17th. Nonetheless I am so appreciative to Gander Mountain for allowing us to hold our meetings at their location.

I will be out of town for our meeting on the 24th. Marilyn Corners will be leading the monthly meeting and she and Nancy have such a fun activity planned. I so wish I could be there!

Speaking of Marilyn you might have noticed in your Issue #1, 2014 of the "The Decorative Painter" magazine that she is one of the candidates for board member at large. In-person voting is at the 2014 national conference in May. If you are not going to the national conference, be sure to mail your absentee vote by April 7, 2014.

Speaking of the national conference you still have time to register for SDP's Annual Conference in May!

Happy Belated Valentine Day and I hope to see you all at our March Meeting!

Verlene

Marilyn Corners - Vice President/Program Chairman

Hi Everyone,

Our program for February is going to be our first ‘painting’ event of the year 2014. Get ready! It is going to be fun. Nancy Glassman, our Hospitality Chairman, plans to guide us through an evening of creating new name tags, using Shrinky Dink Fabric and colored pencils. If you have always longed to have a very special, unique and gorgeous name tag to wear at all Rocky Mountain Hi chapter functions, this is your chance to make your wish come true.

If you have a design in mind, bring it along. If you are not yet inspired, no worry, we will have plenty of ideas from which you may choose. Also, if you have a friend who will be in Vegas for the convention, rather than at our meeting, you might offer to make her name tag as well as your own. Bring your colored pencils. It will be a fun meeting. See you there.

We have had a slight change in the order of programs for March and April. Verlene and I have exchanged meetings. I will teach fabric painting in March and Verlene will teach the Batik Watercolor in April. I would like to suggest that our painting surfaces in March be ‘Paint Shirt Aprons’, which we will make from men’s shirts.

A picture will be posted of my finished shirt in the March newsletter as well as on our website. For the apron pattern and instructions to make it, you can go to my Facebook page and scroll back to December. It is there. However, if you prefer to paint on another surface, you are totally free to do that. Any surface you choose must be laundered without fabric softener.

More information will follow in the March newsletter.

See you next Monday evening.

Hugs,

Marilyn Corners

Elissa McAlear – 2nd Vice President/ Membership Chairman

Membership 2014:

The booklets are being printed for distribution starting at the February 24th meeting.

If you find any errors or omissions, please let me know right away so we can make the corrections or additions. Be sure your phone numbers and email addresses are correct.

Thanks to all those who paid their membership by December 31st!

See you at an upcoming meeting!

Questions? Call Elissa 303.421.8714

Art Show:

Don't forget to get your paint brushes working to create those beautiful painted pieces for the Art Show in early September!!

Elissa McAlear 303.421.8714

Melinda Barnes – Travel Teacher Seminars

Carol Spohn Seminar

There are two seats left for this spectacular seminar. You need to be a member of either RMH or High Plains to sign up now. The seminar will be opened up to non-members soon. For all the details be sure and check our website.

<http://www.rockymountainhiartists.com/seminars.htm>

I will have more info in the next newsletter for driving directions and other things.

Chris Thornton-Deason Seminar

I am sad to announce we canceled the Chris Thornton seminar. As many of you already know Chris' husband passed away toward the end of last year. Chris will be putting her house on the market for sale this spring and the estate will be settled. Not knowing the timeline for these events forced us to cancel the seminar. My hope is we can reschedule the seminar next year.

I will be trying to find a replacement and will pass along any new information as it becomes available.

Melinda

Melinda Barnes – Website Manager

Tole Chatter

Hello Painters,

Hopefully you are all staying inside and painting because the weather has been so cold!

Marian Jackson, MDA is putting together a new colored pencil packet you won't want to miss. The new packet is "Blue Orchids" and it's stunning. The packet will be available on her website by the time you receive this newsletter. <http://marianjackson.com/>

Have you checked **Paula Leopold's** website recently? On Paula's home page are new designs she is teaching in Vegas, San Diego, Houston and Seattle. The Pikes Peak Decorative Painters are bringing Paula in to teach a colored pencil project May 31st. That info will be posted on their website soon. <http://paulaleopold.com/>

DecoArt has announced their new product line for 2014. Some of these are on the shelves now others have not been shipped yet. I must say some of these products sound like they will be fun to play with.

Americana® Decor™ Chalky Finish paints and accessories

Americana Decor Chalky Finish is ultra-matte, water-based paint. They are ideal for up-cycling flea market finds and updating inexpensive items, giving them a distressed look. The paint adheres to almost any surface without any priming or sanding. Use it on furniture, cabinets, walls, home decor pieces, and more. Sound good so far? Americana® Decor Chalky Finish is available in 29 home decor colors and comes with three wax options and three varnishes. Included in the line are three specialty products: image transfer, stain blocker/sealer and crackle medium to help further customize the look. The Chalky Finish products also include a complete stencil line with inspiration taken from old-world, European, shabby chic, and vintage imagery.

Mixed Media Products

This is a comprehensive system of products that were hand selected by a team of mixed media consultants and formulated to work together. The DecoArt Mixed Media products include fluid acrylic paints in 56 colors; 13 unique textures, mediums, and specialty products; permanent mister inks in 11 colors; antique glazes in six colors, and three varnishes and sealers.

Americana new colors

Five new colors were added to the line for 2014. Orange Flame, Coral Shell, Sweet Mint, Blue Haven, and Burlap are based on current color and fashion trends.

Dazzling Metallics new colors and label update

In addition to three new popular colors added to the Dazzling Metallics line, the packaging label has been redesigned using a reflective foil. The new jewel-toned

color additions including Berry, Teal, and Amethyst which add softness to the existing Dazzling Metallics color palette.

Patio Paint new colors

DecoArt's new Patio Paint colors are Sizzling Pink, Scorching Yellow, Thermal Green, Electric Blue, and Splendid Gold.

Decou-Page Product

Building on the original Americana Decou-Page Glue in matte and gloss, DecoArt has expanded its line of decoupage products to include specialty formulas for fabric, outdoor, antique, glitter, napkin, paper, and photo transfer as well as a new sheen option, satin. All offerings are still water-based. In addition, DecoArt is introducing 3 brush sets containing extremely soft nylon/polyester tapered filament bristles to deliver a very smooth finish.

Americana Soft Touch Varnish

Americana Soft Touch Varnish has a velvety smooth finish. It's a non-yellowing, durable varnish that is scratch and scuff resistant. The matte finish resists fingerprints and smudges... ideal for use on wood, papier-mâché, plaster, tin, terra cotta, and more.

Chalky Finish for Glass

This finish is perfect for giving a soft, ultra-matte chalky look to glass and glazed ceramic pieces. This new paint line is perfect for up-cycling flea market finds and customizing home decor items. This high-end paint is bakeable for a dishwasher safe finish. Chalky Finish for Glass comes in eight popular home decor colors and is available in 2-oz. bottles.

More new **stencils** have been added to their line. **Glass Paint Markers** for porcelain and glass are now available in a larger 2mm size. These paint markers are designed specifically for glass and glazed ceramics. They can be baked in the oven for a durable, dishwasher safe finish. There is also a new 6-pack set available with the most popular color combinations.

You must be thinking by now I work for DecoArt. <wink> I have always loved DecoArt paint and this year sounds like some fun and exciting new products were introduced.

More news next month... Melinda

Char Bucher – Local Teacher Seminar Chairman

We have a nice sized class going for Charles Danfords' upcoming (March 29) beautiful fall river scene "Crooked River."



Crooked River

There are a few seats still available if you have forgotten to get on the list. Give me a call, or send in your check for \$40 made out to the chapter.

Do you realize what a bargain it is for us to get a class this comfortably priced? Have you checked class prices with other clubs or at national? One of our best privileges in being a member of Rocky Mountain Hi chapter is getting classes which we can all afford. The chapter is not dedicated to make enormous profits from the classes, but rather to provide education for the members.

So show your support by signing up early. You show your appreciation by enjoying the day.

Chuck's class runs from **9:30 - 3:30** at **Gander Mountain**. Bring your usual watercolor supplies, 1/2 sheet of water color paper...and don't forget your lunch!

Char

Nancy Glassman – Sunshine and all

Program for February is to make your own shrinky dink name tag!

The shrinky dink material will be provided, but you will need to bring the following supplies:
colored pencils, pattern for the design of your name tag and scissors (See Marilyn's article above).

We have done shrinky dink projects in the past and everyone had a great time!
See you Feb. 24th, 2014!

Nancy Glassman

Hospitality

Thank you everyone who brought snacks to the January meeting!! What excellent choices!

If you want to bring a snack to the February meeting please call:

Nancy Glassman 303-220-8563

Sunshine Committee

If you know of anyone that is having surgery, or just needs to receive a cheerful note please let me know!

Nancy Glassman 303-220-8563

Linda Bierman – Ways and Means Committee

We are so excited to announce that we have an original Charles Danford "demo" picture to have for our next drawing! As you can see it is beautiful!



Also consider that since this is a signed "DEMO" picture, it is a one of a kind. The size on the picture is 10x8 watercolor done on YUPO paper. We got to watch him paint this at the 2013 seminar he held right here at Gander Mountain. So here's your chance to own a Charles Danford original watercolor. This picture is not matted or framed. You can see a "copy" of this picture at all Chapter meeting at Gander Mountain.

Tickets for this painting will be \$1.00 ea. or 6 for \$5.00. We will draw for the painting at the May 19, 2014 meeting at Gander Mountain. If you are the winner and are not at that meeting, I will notify you the next day. That will be the day Deb Lancaster will do stamping. I know we will have a lot of members present for that project! I will be passing out tickets at the March and April meetings. I will miss the February meeting, as I will be in Las Vegas. Be sure to buy your tickets if you want this very valuable and beautiful picture! Good Luck!

We have started our big project of the year, making a chapter cookbook. We hope to have it ready for sale at our Sept luncheon and Art show. That way you can buy several copies to give as gifts to family and friends. What a great Christmas or I love you gift. I will be giving you more information on how you can submit a recipe and maybe (we are working on this) some of your original artwork.

We want this cookbook to be special, with artwork and great family recipes, from each person in our chapter. So start thinking what recipes you would like to submit. I will be writing more on this as soon as I have more info. and pricing from the cookbook publishing company. I am so excited about this. It will be so cool with artwork and recipes from all of us in this book. What a statement we will make about our great Chapter!

As always we will be doing the picking the stone jackpot. The jackpot is climbing, so bring your \$1.00 and enter a chance at picking the green stone! You can't win if you don't play!!

Thanks to everyone who helps and participates in our efforts to raise money for the good of our chapter.

Linda Bierman

Ways and Means Committee

Sheila Hutchison - Newsletter Editor

Thanks so much to all who contributed to this newsletter. Please let me know if I missed anything.

Verlene and I welcome all corrections, additions, suggestions or advice. Please put in the subject line 'newsletter'.

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