

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER
of the Society of Decorative Painters

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Verlene Siska President's Report:

Hello fellow decorative artist,

Normally we do not have monthly meetings during the summer, but this year Marilyn had so many exciting ideas and she wanted to share many ideas as possible. Besides I miss you all when we don't meet.

Last month we all had such a good time when Sherry Flowers revealed to us how to make beautiful Christmas ornaments from Christmas wrapping paper. Thank you, Sherry. We all know how much work you put into coaching us and we really appreciate your efforts.

July 21st promises to be just as much fun with Kathy Kula showing us how to make quilted Christmas ornaments. I can hardly wait.

Alert! Alert! Alert! You only have a few days left to get your fabric pieces cut into two inch squares, and don't forget to bring a thimble and all those straight pins. The supply list is below in this newsletter.

Our activities for August include a seminar at Judi Patti's studio on the 16th, then on the 18th Ginny Sparlin we be teaching us how to make these really cute Halloween treat baskets.

The last thing I would like to mention is the Art show in September. There is just enough time to apply the finishing touches to the art pieces you will be submitting this year. My how time flies.

I look forward to seeing you on the 21st!

Verlene

Marilyn Corners, 1st Vice President, Program Chairman Report:

First, Thank you, thank you, thank you, Sherry Flowers for the great program last month! All the decoupage ornaments were gorgeous. You know, Ladies, it would be such fun to have an opportunity to see all the finished masterpieces again, so, if you could each bring to the meeting, the beautiful ornament which you created with Sherry, we would all love to see it. What a beautiful show we will have!!

Also, while I have your attention.....May I ask a personal favor? I would (selfishly) be so thrilled to see your completed "Tropical Fish Projects" from our June Seminar. Could you, would you, will you, please bring your completed piece to the July meeting for us to admire? Pretty Please? They were each so awesome!

Now, for our next fun, exciting event.....This month, at our July meeting on the 21st, Kathy Kula is teaching the "Quilted Ornament" which she brought to our Ornament exchange last year. Yes, the one over which we oooooed and aaaaahed! It is very special. Check out the picture! You will definitely want to make one of these.



The supply list follows:

- 350 straight pins
- thimble (for pushing 350 straight pins into a Styrofoam ball!!!)
- 3 or 4 1/4 yd. pieces of fabric, cut into 2x2" squares
- When you consider color for the different rows of fabric on the ornament, remember that you will use:
 - 8 pieces - center row #1
 - 16 pieces - row #2
 - 32 pieces - row #3
 - 64 pieces - row #4 (optional)

All other supplies will be provided

Looking forward to seeing YOU at the meeting, July 21. It is going to be such a fun time.

Hugs, Marilyn

Elissa McAlear – 2nd Vice President/ Membership Chairman

Membership

We now have 43 members for this year! We are so pleased to have so many new members this year. We'll start our membership drive for 2015 September 1st, but we still have a number of fun and exciting programs for the next several months. Bring a guest to one or two of these meetings to introduce them to our painting chapter.

Please WELCOME and add to your membership roster:

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If you have any questions about membership, please do not hesitate to give me a call, too.

Elissa McAlear 303.421.8714

Art Show 2014

Time is sure vanishing at a very rapid pace but we hope you are busy painting entries for the Annual Art Show!! New members are also encouraged to plan to submit one or more entries and have the fun of winning a ribbon. The variety of categories offer a number of chances and YOU decide in which category you want your piece to be entered.

The rules are in your membership roster and categories have been and will be in the next newsletter. (FYI: Previous newsletters can be found on our website: RockyMountainHiArtists.com.)

This is always a fun time and we are changing the voting procedure which will speed up the counting process. We hope to have a lot more entries!

If you have any questions, let me know.

Looking forward to a wonderful show of your artwork!

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Melinda Barnes – Website Manager

Hello Everyone,

Let's start off with a newsletter I received from Hofcraft. They are carrying a line of **Traditional Wooden Bowls**. They also carry **Bee's Oil** and **Wood Preserver**, the original natural beeswax and mineral oil blend that protects and preserves your bowls. You can order Behlen Salad Bowl Finish that is clear, nontoxic and food safe. Oh, the best part is the bowls are made in the USA! The bowls are on sale now, but I don't know for how long. <http://www.hofcraft.com/wood-bowl.html>

Hofcraft carries a wide variety of artist supplies so be sure to look around their site when you visit. They are carrying a nice assortment of **wooden charger plates** with the Anchor Hocking glass plates in the sizes needed to go with the chargers. The wooden plates are available in several different finishes.

DecoArt has introduced a new line that sounds fun. The Chalky Paints have been so popular now there is **Americana Chalky Finish Paint for Glass**. It is opaque paint with a chalky ultra-matte finish. Formulated for glass and glazed ceramics and it is dishwasher safe. The best feature is it covers in one coat for most surfaces! The paint is available in 2 oz bottles.

Erika Joanne has a new redesigned website you may find interesting to visit. There are free patterns, videos and interesting tips. Erika paints in many different styles and the site is fun to visit. <http://www.erikajoanne.com/>

There are a couple of new books that are going to be coming out at **HOOT** in Columbus, Ohio this year I can't wait to see. **Della Wetterman** and **Rosemary West** are co-authoring a book that should be awesome. **Marlene Kreutz** is coming out with a second book on her doodling. Her first book did very well and I have had a sneak peek of this book and it will be even better than her first. Marlene combines doodling with ink and graphite shading. Some of her designs are accented with a bit of paint for a dramatic affect. When these two books are put on their websites I will let you know so you can look at them.

I know it may seem a bit early, but if you are thinking about doing some of your Christmas painting soon here is a tip. If you need a **hat for snowmen** you can use Fun Foam that comes in black so you won't have to paint it. If you do paint the Fun Foam you can spray it first with a Matte Sealer and it will require less paint for good coverage.

The following was posted on Tolefriends many years ago by Kathy Bacskay, but still would be helpful today.

"I've used wallpaper several times after taking classes with **Betty Caithness**. You can use it on the back of a plaque or to line a box or lap desk. Using a color matching the wallpaper's background, paint the inside of the box just where the sides meet, and where they meet the bottom, so that in case there are tiny gaps where the paper meets, they won't be

obvious. Cut the wallpaper to fit the sides and bottom. If it doesn't matter which way the wallpaper goes, you can cut one big piece to go around all the sides. If it must be up/down, you'll need a separate piece for each side.

If the wallpaper's pre-pasted, you can follow the normal procedure for wetting the wallpaper. If the wallpaper's not pre-pasted, use the kind of paste they sell for adhering borders. If you aren't sure a pre-pasted wallpaper has enough paste (some don't), use the border adhesive as well as wetting the paper. Put the paper in the box, smoothing it down with your hand or a tool like a palette knife or credit card. Wipe off any extra globs of paste. Make sure all the edges and corners are secure, and that any lumps of paste are smoothed out.

One neat trick of Betty's is how to make the top edges come out even? Varnish the outside of the box and the top rim. Cut the wallpaper a bit higher than the inside of the box. Then insert the wallpaper so that it comes up over the edge, smooth it as noted above, and let it dry. Use sandpaper to gently sand away the part that overlaps the edge. Now, you have paper that comes all the way up to the rim, and the paste doesn't show. The varnish protects the paint from being sanded off." ~ Kathy

See you all at the next meeting!

Melinda

Char Bucher – Local Teacher Seminar Chairman



Indian Pots on August 16 should get us ready for Indian Summer, or so the tom-toms tell me. And what could be a better venue than to go to Judy Patti's Studio, 5849 South Broadway to paint. The time for the class is 9-4.

Most of you who signed on for the class have paid the \$40 fee. We will pay Judy an extra \$5 per person for the paper and the prep work at the class, so be prepared.

Bring your usual watercolor supplies and your lunch. Those who have not paid and who signed up for the class need to pay right away. Just a reminder that ALL classes must be paid one month prior to the date of the class. This has been a rule for several years. This lets us know if the class is a GO or NO.

We have room for 4 more students if you hurry.

Char

Karon Sorensen - Hospitality

Hospitality

A big thank you to all who brought the delightful treats to our last meeting!

Hospitality, Karon Sorensen

Nancy Glassman – Sunshine and all

Sunshine Committee

If you know of anyone who needs a Get Well Wish and /or a Thinking of You Card please let me know!

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Linda Bierman – Ways and Means Committee

OMG! I am so excited to inform everyone that we are going to do a drawing on an original, and signed BRENDA HARRIS painting.

It is so beautiful, and it is framed and ready to hang on some lucky winners wall. Tickets will be 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 ea.

We will do the final drawing at our Sept. luncheon. That's right, an original Brenda Harris, that you could be taking home with you after our luncheon.

Everyone who is present for the "folded ornament" by Kathy Kula, July 21 will get a packet of tickets to sell, with a picture you can show to sell more tickets. If everyone does their share, then we can add lots of money to our club, so that we can spend it on fun things.

A short bio on Brenda Harris in case you have never had the pleasure of meeting her or taken a class of hers.

Since 1987 Brenda has taught thousands of artists through her television program. Paint with Brenda Harris. The show was broadcasted nationally from WJCT in Jacksonville, Fl., and the PBS satellite network. In addition she travels across the country teaching in seminars on her basic yet masterful approach. She also has authored several workbooks, and magazine articles. With all that information I know that you will want to own this painting by Brenda.

If you don't get a packet to sell tickets, notify me and I will get you one, so you have a chance of winning this painting.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Melinda Barnes for donating this beautiful picture to our club to help earn money.!

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' and mail all information to both of us. Thanks! Sheila

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