

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER of the Society of Decorative Painters

March 2014 Newsletter

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Verlene Siska President's Report:

Hello fellow painters!



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As of April 21st we will no longer be meeting at Gander Mountain. We WILL meet at Gander Mountain this week, March 17th.

Our new meeting place will be the multipurpose room at Garden Plaza. The address is 14221 East Evans Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014.

Please see the map below for directions. As you can see it is very close to Gander Mountain.





Our own Marilyn Corners is running for Board Member at Large for National!

If you are not going to convention you need to mail your absentee vote ballot to National postmarked no later than April 7, 2014.

Below, please see a copy of the absentee form along with the instructions of where and how to mail the form. The Decorative Painter Issue 1 2014 has a short bio for all those running for office (in my humble opinion Marilyn is the most qualified).



Hope to see you at our March 17th meeting, which will be held at **Gander Mountain**. This will be our last meeting at Gander Mountain. Marilyn has a really great project planned for us. See more about our March meeting in the next section of this newsletter. A good time will be had by all!

Verlene



2014 Election

As a member of SDP, you have a right to participate in the selection of your leaders. Take part in this democratic process and exercise your voting power. You no longer need to request an absentee ballot. In order to make the voting process easier for those who cannot attend the 2014 SDP Annual Meeting, May 14, 2014 (or for those wishing to vote in advance), the ballot is now posted in *The Decorative Painter* magazine, and in the Members Only section of the SDP website at DECORATIVEPAINTERS.ORG. This year's official ballot appears below, and the voting process is simple.

STEP 1: Read the nominee bios and Q&As on the following pages to familiarize yourself with the candidates and their platforms.

STEP 2: Photocopy the ballot, print the ballot from the website, or tear out this page.

STEP 3: Mark your choices on the ballot.

STEP 4: Insert your ballot in an envelope and mail to: SDP Absentee Ballot, 393 N. McLean Blvd., Wichita, KS 67203-5968. Note: You MUST write your SDP membership number on the outside of the envelope to have your vote count.

STEP 5: Mail your ballot by April 7, 2014. All ballots must be postmarked no later than April 7, 2014, to count.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

- If you are attending the 2014 SDP Annual Meeting, show your membership card at the entrance to the meeting hall. The meeting will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, May 14, 2014, in the Golden West/California Ballroom at the Town and Country Resort, San Diego, Calif. Ballot distribution will begin at 8 a.m.
- If you are not able to attend the meeting, or if you wish to vote in advance, simply fill out and send in the ballot below. Please follow all instructions to make sure your vote counts.
- Vote for the following: vote for one 2014-2015 vice president/president-elect; one 2014-2016 treasurer; three 2014-2016 board members-at-large; and three 2014-2015 Nominating Committee members.
- You must be in attendance at the 2014 SDP Annual Meeting to vote on the proposed bylaw and standing rule amendments.

Attach correct postage.

Membership number must be written on the outside of your envelope.



Only one ballot per member is allowed. Photocopied ballots will be accepted. Membership number must be written on the outside of your envelope. Attach correct postage.

Dear SDP Members,

The 2013 Nominating Committee enjoyed working together finding nominees to represent you for 2014 open board positions. We feel you will be happy with the selection of qualified nominees from across the United States and Canada.

Each candidate meets the following qualifications and is willing to serve as required:

Each nominee is an SDP member in good standing for the last three consecutive years.

The vice president/president-elect is required to have previously served on the SDP Board of Directors. This is a three-year commitment: one year as vice president/president-elect, one year as president, and one year as past president.

The treasurer and board member-at-large positions are two-year terms.

Nominating Committee is a one-year term and does not serve on the Society Board.

All board members are required to attend board meetings in Wichita, Kan., at least once per year, as well as board meetings in conjunction with the SDP Annual Meeting, monthly conference calls via Skype, and the Annual Meeting.

Board members serve on committees as board liaisons, as well.

We want to thank everyone who has agreed to run for positions. If you are interested in nominating someone, please get their permission and ensure they can meet these requirements. You will have an opportunity to nominate from the floor during the Annual Meeting, Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

YOU should consider running in the future. It is a great way to build new friendships, learn how your Society works, and make a difference. If not a board position, consider serving on a committee. Committees are the lifeblood of SDP. I personally have made many new lifelong friends from staff to fellow artists. If I hadn't become involved, I would never have met these great people.

I wish to thank the members of the 2013 Nominating Committee (Sharon Buononato CDA, Kim Falk, Toni Girten, and Debbie Carrell) for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Phillips
Nominating Committee Chair

2014 SDP ABSENTEE BALLOT

VICE PRESIDENT/ PRESIDENT-ELECT (CHOOSE ONE)

- Wendy M. Watson
 _____ (write in)

TREASURER (CHOOSE ONE)

- Susan Herr
 _____ (write in)

BOARD MEMBER-AT-LARGE (CHOOSE THREE)

- Marilyn Corners MDA
 Claudine Delaunay
 Michele Heiser
 Anne Hunter
 Dawn Knowles
 Leah Luper

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER (CHOOSE THREE)

- Jeanne Biever CDA
 Teresa Kuchler
 Sandra Reynolds
 Linda Schafer
 Cookie Trent TDA



Marilyn Corners - 1st Vice President/Program Chairman

Hi Everyone,

Well, how much fun was the Name Tag Creation Program which Nancy Glassman led at our February meeting?!!! Every name tag was fabulous and we will be just so proud wearing them. I am so sorry about the girls who were at the Vegas Convention, and missed out on the fun. However, Nancy made several extra name tags from which you may choose at the next meeting, so you won't be too sad. Thank you so much Nancy and Deb and Ginny for your expert assistance and for the use of your oven. You girls are the best!!

For our March meeting on the 17th, we are painting on fabric. I have made a painting apron from a man's shirt, on which I painted flowers, using puff paint. You will see the picture of the finished piece, with this article, along with instructions for making the apron. However, you may paint on anything you choose, if you choose not to do the apron. The only stipulation is that the fabric must contain 50% cotton, be washed and have no fabric softener used in the rinse or dry cycle.

Supplies for the class are basic acrylic painting supplies.....brushes, water basin, paper towels, board for stretching the fabric and masking tape. If you own a filbert, nos. 6 or 8, bring them along. You will be very happy to have that brush. If you do not have one, we can make do with a large round (no. 8 or 10) or a no. 6 or 8 flat. This will be a fun and relaxed class with a fun product, which we are providing.

See you on the 17th!

Hugs,

Marilyn

Instructions for making an Apron from a man's shirt:

Remove the sleeves from the body of the shirt and save.

On the center back of the shirt, make a cut from the hem, straight up to the yoke. Cut along the bottom edge of the yoke both directions to the sleeve openings, to release the back fabric. On either side of the center, cut two strips of fabric, at least 4 inches wide and the length of the back to be used as ties. Set aside.

With the shirt buttoned, open the shirt from the back and lay it out flat. Cut diagonally from the mid-shoulder to the side seam, and then cut straight across to what is remaining of the back of the shirt.

Trim the remaining yoke from the collar, leaving the collar band intact. Hem all raw edges.

Ties

Fold the long strips in half, sew the long side and one short side together, turn inside out, and attach to the top edge of the back of the apron.

Pockets

Cut pieces from the sleeves, as long and as wide as possible. Fold in half, sew sides together. Turn inside out, turn under the bottom edge and attach to the lower front of the apron.

Hint: Pressing with a steam iron all the hems and turned edges prior to stitching, greatly eases the pain!

Hope you can make sense of this. Call me if you can't.

Here are some web-sites with other instructions which you might want to check out:

www.lovegrowswild.com/2013/08/mens-dress-shirt-apron/

www.AllFreeSewing.com/

www.gabrielsgoodtidings.blogspot.com/.../mens-dress-shirt-repurpose

www.instructables.com/id/Mens-Dress-Shirt-into-a-Tie-and-apron/







Hugs,

Marilyn

Preview of our April meeting: Batik!

Because batik can be quite messy, and we don't want to make a bad impression for our first meeting, we will be working with silk scarves and Sharpie markers in April rather than the scheduled project.

I took this class in Vegas and it was so much fun!

If you wish to purchase a scarf or handkerchief, they will be available for purchase at the meeting. The handkerchief will be \$1.50 and the scarves will be \$6.00. Please feel free to bring your own silk material (no wider than 15") to the meeting.

The scarves and handkerchiefs available for purchase came from Dharma Trading Company. The scarves are 11" x 60" and the handkerchiefs are 11" x 11".

If you would like the pattern and instructions used to make the batik Christmas card please let me know and I will email the instructions to you.

Verlene [*verlene.siska@gmail.com*](mailto:verlene.siska@gmail.com)

Elissa McAlear – 2nd Vice President/ Membership Chairman

Membership Report

WELCOME New Members!

Besides Susan Blish who is in our 2014 Roster we have 2 ladies who joined at our February meeting.

Please add the following to your membership list:

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The Chapter membership rosters and ByLaws are being handed out at our meetings and mailed to those who cannot attend. You should receive yours by the end of March, if you haven't already received it. Please check the information for accuracy or changes and let me know right away so I can make corrections or changes by the next newsletter. We now have 41 members with many more fun programs and seminars planned. There will be some changes to the Calendar, so watch for them.

I trust everyone has their SDP membership paid. If you haven't given me your national number, please do so at your earliest convenience. I do have application forms for our Chapter and for SDP if you need one.

Art Show:

Don't forget to keep your paint brushes painting those beautiful pieces for the Art Show in early September!!

Watch the newsletters for updates. Questions please call me.

Elissa McAlear, 2nd VP & Membership Chair
303.421.8714

Melinda Barnes – Website Manager

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Hello Painters,

If you haven't heard about a new website offering online classes you are in for a treat. Art Play Date is the creation of Kelly Hoernig offering 24 lessons with 24 teachers all for the price of \$99. Every Monday, May-October, for 24 weeks you will receive an email letting you know about the teacher and the lesson. You may then watch the videos and download the coordinating PDF. You will have class access until April, 2015.

Here is the impressive list of the teachers: Lynne Andrews, Deb Antonick, Sharon Chinn, Margot Clark, Jeanne Downing, Cindy Harrison, Chris Haughey, Kelly Hoernig, Kim Hogue, Barb Jones, Patte Kayne, Mary Jo Leisure, Pat Lentine, Tracy Moreau, Gisele Pope, Golda Rader, Patty Rawlinson, Cindy Rippe, Patsy Schultis, Laurie Speltz, Lydia Steeves, Sandi Strecker, Lorrie Weber and Judy Westegaard. You can visit the Art Play Date website for more info and a test video.

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

Those of us who attended the Vegas Creative Painting Convention had a great time. I'm sure these ladies will be sharing their class pieces with you at a meeting or at our Art Show. <hint... hint> I don't register for classes, but one of my roommates painted with Mary Owens twice. The first class Mary used a floor tile for the surface and it was wonderful. Mary is using decoupage to adhere a vellum pattern on tile, slate and glass! The end result was a beautiful piece and very different.

If you visit Mary's website you will find free patterns to download and 2 patterns you can receive via email.

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

By the time you read this registration for the Artist Expo in Houston will be open. This year Tim is offering a one, two or three day workshop with A.J. Schexnayder, AWS, NWS. If you would like to see an example of his work you can visit his website.

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

There are many other fantastic classes being offered this year. The Expo is July 15 - 19 in The Woodlands, Texas... a beautiful setting on the canal. Due to the high cost of printing and shipping catalogs will not be mailed out this year. You can download the catalog on the Expo website. There is also a link to CreatSpace.com to order a printed catalog shipped to your door.

<http://www.artistexpohouston.com>

For those of you who are not attending the SDP Convention in San Diego I hope you have printed out your ballot and mail it in to vote for 'our very own' **Marilyn Corners** who is running for **SDP Board-Member-at-Large!** Members are also welcome to attend March 25th at Marilyn's home where we will be painting campaign bookmarks to pass out in San Diego. Please bring scissors and colored pencils. Your help would be very much appreciated! FYI... you can vote for three (3) Board-Member-at-Large **positions** and **Michele Heiser** from Grand Junction is also on the ballot. Michele is also a member of our chapter! We are a lucky group to have both of these ladies in our chapter.

For updated information for all RMH classes and functions visit our website at <http://www.rockymountainhiartists.com/>

Melinda

Melinda Barnes – Travel Teacher Seminars

Carol Spohn Seminar

April 12 and 13

The date for the Carol Spohn seminar is almost here! I will have the pattern packets and supply list available for you to pick up at our March 17 meeting. If you cannot attend the RMH meeting please let me know. I have a MapQuest app installed on the High Plains Chapter website for easy driving directions. Type in YOUR address and click "Get Directions". You will be given the directions from your home to the Littleton School Administration Building (South entrance). You can also program your GPS or phone for 5776 Crocker Street, Littleton, Colorado.
<http://highplainsdecorativeartists.com/meetings.html>

If you have any questions give me a call at 720-936-9666.

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!

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Nancy Glassman – Sunshine and all

Hospitality

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

If you want to bring a snack to the March 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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