

# **ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER**

## **of the Society of Decorative Painters**

### **May 2014 Newsletter**

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#### **Verlene Siska President's Report:**

**Hello fellow decorative artist,**

**This month's newsletter will be shorter than normal and possibly contain more errors because the newsletter proof readers are busy getting ready for convention. But there are a couple of things the membership needs to know, so let me get right to the point.**

**First of all, on May 19th we will be stamping cards with Deb Lancaster. Deb has asked us to bring a sharp pair of scissors, a small paint brush, decorative napkins (if you have any) and a few dollars to offset the costs.**

**Deb is a very creative artist and the evening promises to be a lot of fun.**

**Secondly the doors to the front door to Garden Plaza is locked at 7:00 so if you need to go out after that time be sure you 'tell a friend,' so the friend can let you back into the building.**

**And finally, because Garden Plaza has been kind enough to let us use their building for our meetings we have agreed to let them supply the food for our workshops at their facility. If you have already paid for workshops in June or November please pay Char another ten dollars to cover food cost. Garden Plaza will have a continental breakfast for us in the morning and then a buffet lunch. The good news is the hospitality chairwoman will not be asking you to bring refreshments on those dates!**

**Hope to see you all on the 19th!**

**Verlene**

**Our new meeting place.**



## **Elissa McAlear – 2nd Vice President/ Membership Chairman**

Ladies,

Just a reminder that the next meeting will be in a week!

Monday, May 19th will be making cards by Deb at the new meeting place, Garden Plaza, 14221 E. Evans, Ave., Aurora - the 3rd building to the east of the complex. See the map in the last newsletter.

The meeting starts at 6:30 PM as we have to be out by 9:00. The front doors do lock about 7 so do your best to be on time.

We'll be back from Conference in San Diego, so I suspect we'll have some things to share.

Be sure to look for your Newsletter for more information.

I do hope you are painting those beautiful pieces to submit for our Annual Art Show in September!

Best wishes,

Elissa

### **Art Show**

**Check out the rules for the Art Show and note the categories will be the same as last year.**

**Are your brushes and paints getting busy completing those beautiful projects for entering? Sure hope to have another wonderful variety of lovely pieces!**

**NO ENTRY FEES again this year.**

**The Art Show Rules are in your Membership Booklet on page 21.**

**If you have any questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to call me.**

**Happy Painting!!**

**Elissa McAlear 303.421.8714**

## ***Ginny Sparlin - Secretary's Minutes***

The meeting was called to order by President Verlene Siska at our new meeting facility, Garden Plaza in Aurora, at 6:30 pm.

The minutes will be posted in the newsletter.

**Membership:** Elissa McAlear reported 40 members at this time.

**Newsletter:** Sheila Hutcheson checked to see who didn't receive their newsletter. Be sure to call Sheila if you do not receive your e-mail copy or your hard copy of the newsletter.

**Hospitality:** Karen Sorenson is passing around a sign up list for the May meeting.

**Ways and Means:** Linda Bierman is asking for donations for tickets for the drawing for the Chuck Danford painting. Linda introduced her guests for this evening. Her mother in law, Mary Ruth, and her neighbor Judy.

Iris Luckel asked for comments on our new meeting room. It is a really lovely room with good lighting and its own sink.

**Sunshine:** Nancy Glassman has been sending cards to members in need of a little sunshine.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, sec Ginny Sparlin.

## Melinda Barnes – Website Manager

Hello Everyone,

If you haven't checked out **Artist's Club** online recently you are missing a great many things. They offer so many free patterns on their website. The patterns are suited for a surface they have for sale, but many can be used on a surface you may have in your stash. You can sign-up for their newsletter too. This is a good way to see what new books, patterns and other supplies are available.

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

The **Art Play Date** website is in full swing now. For \$99.00 you receive 24 weeks of lessons May - October. That includes one new lesson every Monday during those months with some of the top teachers in our industry. You watch the pre-recorded videos and download the PDF for that lesson when you want to paint. You will have class access until April 2015.

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

**DecoArt** has many new videos available now. You can watch technique or project videos on their website and also on **YouTube**. You can spend days watching painting videos on YouTube on just about any aspect of painting you are interested in.

<http://decoart.com/> and <http://www.youtube.com/>

**Trudy Beard-Lazaroe** has been concentrating more in fine art this past year. Her painting are truly wonderful. You can visit her fine art website to see what she has been painting recently.

<http://www.trudybeard-lazaroe.com/>

You can visit **Brushes and More** and see all kinds of new paint brushes. Such as Curved Flats, Double Filberts, Aura, Flora, Long Filbert, Flora Rounds, Loop and Mesa brushes. The site offers videos to show you how to use these brushes! Where was all this information when I was painting??!! \*grin\*

I will be in San Diego at convention when you read this. I will keep my eyes open for new products and fun things so I can tell you about them next month. I wished you were all going with us to convention!

Melinda

## **Char Bucher – Local Teacher Seminar Chairman**

Marilyn Corners will be teaching a fantastic fish class on **June 21** at our new location, 14221 East Evans Ave. She showed her suggested painting at the last meeting and everyone wanted to do fish on fabric. You may wish to do this on wood or a tray. That is o.k.

We have room for 5 more students. Send your check for \$40 to Char if you wish to be included on the class list. The times are 9:30-3:30.

We will publish a photo and supply list in the next newsletter. We will let you know about lunch in the next newsletter.

## **Char**

## **Karon Sorensen - Hospitality**

Hospitality

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

Nancy Glassman

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## 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!



We will draw for the Charles Danford original watercolor at the May 19, 2014 meeting. 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!

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!

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

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