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Marilyn Corners' President's Report 2015

**CONGRATULATIONS
NANCY GLASSMAN !!**

Hi Everyone,

I am totally aware that I am embarrassing our **Nancy Glassman** with this congratulatory opening of our newsletter, but I hope she will recover (and I believe she will). She deserves this recognition because she has brought great honor to not only herself, but also to our Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter and SDP. Nancy bravely submitted her paintings to both the Elbert County Fair and to the Douglas County Fair this summer and here are the stupendous results:

Elbert Country Fair: Open Class, 25 participants, Nancy placed **1st** and received **Reserve Champion** for her watercolor.

Douglas County Fair: Open Class, 75 participants, Nancy placed **4th**.

This is very exciting and I applaud you, Nancy, for having both the courage and willingness to enter a judged art show. It is a fun, scary, exciting and anxious experience. When I asked

Nancy for the specifics of her honors, she asked to give "a big Thank You to all my Wonderful & Patient Art Teachers". Nancy has not been painting very long, but is clearly hooked now!

My fondest hope is that next year, 2016, we will have many members take part in ALL the County Fairs in the Denver Metro area and come home with boat-loads of ribbons and accolades to share. How awesome would it be to have a RMHi chapter member earn a ribbon in every County Fair in Colorado?

Have you looked carefully at your Christmas and Birthday Lists to determine who should receive a "**Rocky Mountain Hi - 40th Anniversary - Cookbook**"? I hope you have really scoured your own book to find the recipes you want to try for yourself. These books are truly works of art, as well as packed full of amazing tried and true recipes.....some old family favorites, some from past members of RMHi and some from significant 'Big Brushes' of SDP. So far, I have purchased 10, but I may need more. **A thousand 'Thank Yous' to Linda Bierman for making this all happen.** It was truly a magnificent work of love. Any recipient will be thrilled to have one.

What an exciting fall **Ginny Sparlin**, our 1st V.P. has planned for us! First of all, this month, August, is our Box Lunch/Silent Auction at her home, 14813 East Radcliff Place, Aurora, 80015, on Saturday, August 15th, 10:30 A.M. You will be receiving an email/phone call this week asking for a commitment to attend, so Ginny will know how many chairs and napkins she needs to rent! Seriously, we do need to have a head-count by Friday. I hope you have all your baskets/boxes/bags decorated and your menu chosen. It is going to be such a fun day. Hopefully, we will have some guests attend, whom we can encourage to become members of RMHi!! See you Saturday.

Another of our traditional and exceptional events is our Annual September Luncheon/Art Show. No doubt, you have been busy finishing the project(s) you plan to enter into our Art Show, September 11th, at Plymouth Congregational Church (corner of Colorado Boulevard and Hampden Avenue). **Elissa McAlear**, the saint of a woman, who has masterminded our art show for sooo many (????????) years, has posted the rules, regs. and categories in our membership booklet, as well as on our website (<http://RockyMountainHiArtists.com>) and in several newsletters. Check them out and make plans to have your beautiful painted artwork on display at our luncheon. It is so inspiring to walk along and absorb the incredible talent we have in our chapter. Invite a guest to attend and see how wonderful our artist members really are!

Sherry Flowers, our Ways and Means Chairman, has procured the display cabinets at the Highland Ranch Library, where she has organized an awesome display of our chapter members' beautifully painted pieces. You really owe it to yourself to take a field trip out there to enjoy it. She will dismantle it at the end of August, so make plans now.

Did you enjoy our Bingo Night? If you have any suggestions or remarks you want the board to hear, please contact anyone listed above, to let us know what you are thinking. We are genuinely interested in knowing what you want to have for our meeting programs. Programs for 2016 are being processed now, so we need to hear from YOU! And, we need to hear NOW!

Elections!! The slate of officers for 2016 will be published in September. Elections will be held in October and Installation of the new officers will be held in November. If you would like to run for the board, or know of someone who would be great in one of the offices, please get in touch with me ASAP. You may reach me at <303-757-5516>, [303-249-](303-249)

[1009, marilyndenver@aol.com](mailto:1009_marilyndenver@aol.com). Members must have served on the board for 1 year, prior to running for 1st V.P/President Elect. All other board positions have no restrictions, other than being a member in good standing of RMHi and SDP. Give some thought to where you might fit into the board. You are also encouraged to consider volunteering to work on one of the committees. New members are welcomed with open arms, to become part of the governing body.

I am looking forward to seeing your lovely face at the Box Lunch.

Hugs,
Marilyn

Ginny Sparlin - 1st Vice President/Program Chairman's Report

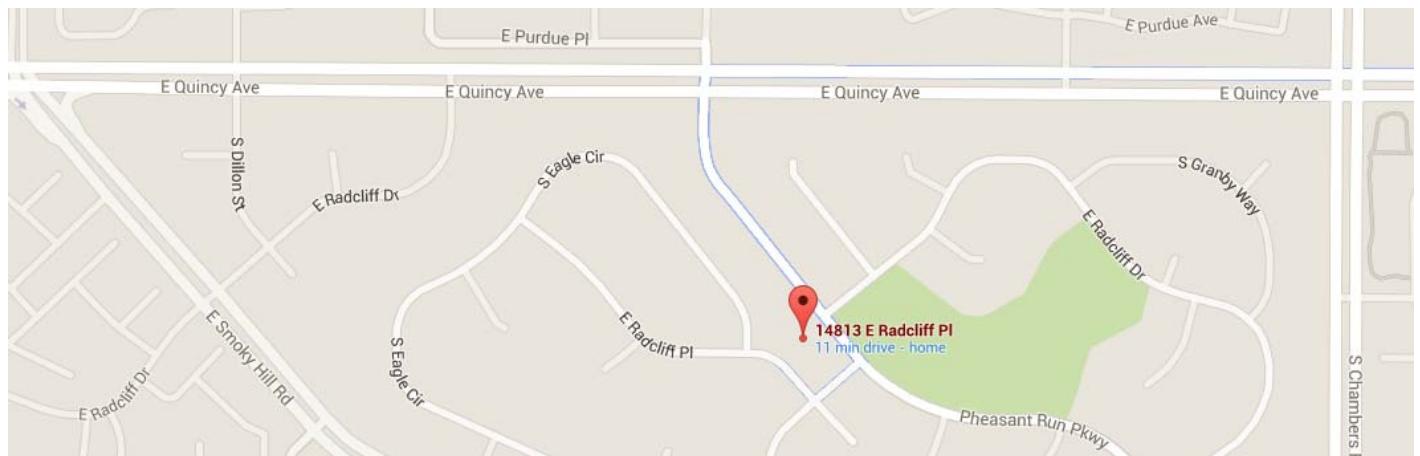
Ladies and Gentleman,

The August general meeting will be at the home of Ginny Sparlin, 14813 E. Radcliff Pl., Aurora, CO, 80015. August 15 from 10:30am till 3:30 or 4:00pm

All attendees are asked to bring a painted/decorated box or basket or container worth at least \$5.00. One that YOU would pay actual money for. Each box needs to include a lunch, which can be kept in the box or in your small cooler till lunch starts. As we have some members who have food allergies, each lunch needs to have all its ingredients listed on a piece of paper to be attached to the silent auction bidding sheet when you to the picnic.

When you arrive at 10:30 A.M, your box will be checked in and placed on a table with a silent auction bidding sheet. If you are bringing guests, you are responsible for bringing a decorated box with a lunch as described above, for each guest, at 11:00 A.M. the silent auction will start and you and your guests can circulate around the table to bid on the box lunch of your choice. At the end of one hour, the bids will be collected and the winner of each box will be announced. The money you have bid will be collected, and everyone will have a lovely lunch to enjoy all afternoon and a beautiful box to take home. The proceeds of this afternoon will go to the Rocky Mountain Hi chapter, to sponsor all our educational and philanthropic work.

If you have any questions, please call me. Ginny Sparlin, [303-693-0771](tel:303-693-0771)



Elissa McAlear- Art Show

THE ART SHOW IS COMING!!

Keep your brushes painting!!

Anticipation is building for the wonderful entries you all are working on completing to enter in our annual Art Show! Please refer to the rules and categories in your Roster booklet, or on our web page. There are a couple of changes so be prepared to know the categories in which you want to enter your pieces.

There are no entry fees but ribbons will be awarded for First, Second and Best of Show for both the Student/Member and Teacher Art Show.

All levels of painting experience are encouraged to make the show a big success and provide a good feeling of accomplishment.

Since we are a painting chapter, the emphasis is on our paintings. **Please bring easels for better displaying you work.**

Looking forward to seeing you all on Friday, September 11th, beginning at 10:30 AM at the First Plymouth Congregational Church. 3501 S Colorado Blvd, Englewood, CO 80113 (SW corner of S. Colorado Blvd and Hampden or Rt 285)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask as soon as possible to avoid confusion later.

Elissa McAlear, Art Show Chair

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Elissa McAlear - Secretary's Minutes

Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter of SDP

General Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2015

Garden Plaza

6:40 PM Marilyn Corners, President, called the meeting to order.

Elissa McAlear - The Minutes were approved.

Pat Greene - Treasurer - absent - no report available.

Ginny Sparlin - Vice President - Bingo and Ice Cream Social will be for tonight's meeting; painting related items to be used as prizes. Sheri Sutton ran the Bingo since Nancy Caldwell was unavailable (Her grandson was in a bad accident).

Saturday, August 15th is a Box lunch and auction at Ginny's home. Be sure to bring a lunch for each person coming with you to be auctioned. List the items included in case of allergies. They will be auctioned off.

September is the Art Show and lunch to be held at the First Plymouth Congregational Church, Colorado and Hampton on Friday, September 11th starting at 10:30 AM. There will be plenty of display space and the lunch will be catered.

Kathy Beck - Membership - absent - There are 44 members.

Verlene Siska - Newsletter - Sunday, August 9th, noon is the deadline for the next issue.

Sherry Flowers - Ways and Means - The next craft sale will be Friday and Saturday, October 23 & 24 at Heather Gardens if we can get in. Our entry will not be available until after Labor Day. We'll get together to paint items for sale at Garden Plaza, as available.

Sherry is able to display our art work during July and August at the Highland Ranch Library. There will be a contract to sell items that you wish to sell with 10% going to the library as a donation. Members get the balance of the sale for pieces sold. You do not have to sell your pieces. Sherry is accepting pieces so consider the size to fit into the glass case. This is to expose more people to our work.

Linda Bierman - Publicity/Cookbook - Call Linda to order cookbook(s) at \$15 each. Packets of 25 blank pages are available for \$5/packet. A mailer box that fits the cookbook is available for \$.85 each. Is it possible to sell at the library display?

Deb Lancaster and Sheri Sutton - Hospitality - Thank you everyone for the wonderful refreshments! A signup list will be sent around for the October 19th meeting.

Char Bucher - Local Seminars - Those who have signed up for Judy Patti's seminar, Aug. 29th, need to pay, \$40. This will be held at Judy's Studio. A supply list will be furnished as soon as you have paid for the class. There is one space remaining.

The next seminar will be Renee Jorgenson "Letter Illumination" with watercolor colored pencils on Saturday, October 17th at Garden Plaza for \$55 including lunch. There is a limit of 15 or 16 people, so get signed up and paid soon.

Melinda Barnes - Travel Teacher Seminars - working on travel teachers for 2016. Watch the website for updates.

Iris Luckel - Facilities - clarified dates of our extra meetings.

Our meetings will be posted on the activity board for the residents. Monday, October 5th will be a Make-it-Take-it for the Garden Plaza residents.

Monday, August 3rd will be a craft workshop and Tuesday September 1st, 6-9 PM will be workshops for items for the craft sale at Garden Plaza.

Nancy Glassman - Outreach - Make-it-Take-it will be a project painting and stamping on tiles.

Nancy said she spoke with Solid Grounds and we can schedule a display of artwork after February 2016.

Kathy Kula - Philanthropic - no report.

Karon Sorensen - Sunshine - Member Kathy Kula is going from the hospital to skilled nursing care for rehab. A card shower will be greatly appreciated.

Elissa McAlear - Art Show - be painting for the Art Show! Rules and Categories are in the Roster booklet. This should be a super opportunity to bring your beautiful artwork. It will be from 10:00-4:00 at the First Plymouth Congregational Church, Denver. Watch for the specifics in the next Newsletter.

Announcements:

Noreen has a set of 3 pieces for a body shape that go together in the prizes for Bingo.

6:50 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Elissa McAlear, Recording Secretary

Melinda Barnes- Tole Chatter/ Website/Travel Seminars

TOLE CHATTER

Hello Everyone,

As I write this article it is the official closing day of HOOT... The Heart of Ohio Tole Convention. From what I saw on Facebook the convention was successful. The classes looked great and there were crowds on the trade show floor... all good things! If you have never attended HOOT you might consider going. It has been a great convention for years.

NEW BOOKS!

Sandra Malone has a new book called "Holiday Hang Ups" and as always, a fantastic book. There are two Halloween tote bags that are sooooo darn cute! A multi-media rose with a little doodling in it, and of course some Christmas projects. You can view the projects and order from Sandra from her website.

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

Susan Scheewe Brown has a new book called "Season to Season Landscapes". This book features a wide variety of projects in acrylic and watercolor.

<http://www.painting-books.com/>

I saw on Artist's Club website there is also a new book titled "Zentangle" by Jane Marbaiz. Everything from animals to letters in this book.

http://www.artistsclub.com/cfBooks/books_display.cfm?id=38390

Della Wetterman introduced two new books at HOOT. "CELEBRATE FALL WITH FRIENDS" includes artists Jane Allen, Lynne Andrews, Deb Antonick, Kim Christmas, Chris Haughey, Robin Mani, Amy Mogish, Maxine Thomas and Rosemary West. The second book "CELEBRATE THEIR LEGACY" features work by legendary artists Helan Barrick, MDA, Ginger Edwards, Heidi England, JoSonja Jansen, MDA and Mary Jo Leisure, MDA. Needless to say these books have sold like crazy at HOOT and on Della's website this past week!

JOYCE HOWARD PATTERNS

I hope by the time you read this Joyce's patterns will be on Della's website too. Della was too busy at HOOT to give me the final information to put these timeless patterns in Della's cart. You can preview the patterns on the website's home page now. If they are in the cart by the time you read this you can click on a link to purchase the patterns.

<http://dellaandcompany.com>

DECOART TIPS

Tips for Using Stencils:

When stenciling on fabric, try adding fine grit sandpaper between the backing board and the fabric, grit side up. The fine grit sandpaper will "grab" the fabric and prevent it from moving or shifting while you are stenciling. (Who knew?)

Properly loading your stencil brush is the key to achieving successful stenciled images. It is best to load the stencil brush and then remove some of the paint creating a "dry brush." To load, apply paint to the bottom bristles of the brush and wipe onto a paper towel prior to stenciling on your project surface.

When stenciling an overall background pattern on your project surface, it is best to begin stenciling in the center of your surface and work out toward the edges. This will ensure that you end up with an even design that is centered and equal at the edges.

DecoArt has a YouTube.com channel where you can see tons of videos and learn.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLW8xbeUPkb9n0ZpNI5jZe_uqwt_sZGxr3

Linda Sharp, CDA has her blog up and running. Linda is a very talented artist and also a member of the SDP board. Watch for more fabulous things to come on her blog.

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

I found some tips in my files for painting on raw or galvanized tin. I'm sorry to say I do not know who wrote the following tips... therefore I'm sorry to say I can't give any credit to that person. I'm sure these were from a credible source or I would not have saved them, right? <grin>

TIPS FOR PAINTING ON RAW TIN or GALVANIZED TIN

#1 CLEAN IT

Be sure the surface is clean. Wash with a mild soap solution, but rinse with vinegar + water 1:1...then rinse with just water. DRY. Can heat oven to 250 degrees... turn off... place tin in until oven is cool... or allow to dry overnight, or in a hot car. DO be sure it is all dry... even the cracks and crevices, should there be any.

#2 PREP IT

I've seen at many craft shows where painters just slap coat after coat of paint on tin, so much so, the built up ridges show, chips are abundant and overall it's just a cheap looking mess. There are several ways to prep raw tin for a factory-like baked on finished look. Some of these were learned from Helen Jeglic, and others I've learned on my own...either way, if you're going to the trouble of painting a design on a piece of tin, the background should look as good as the design itself. Tin is extremely "unforgiving" and every little mark, hair, or even dust particles can show up, especially on a dark background.

Probably the easiest prepping to ready raw tin to accept the basecoat paint is a spray on rust inhibitor, such as (my favorite) Blair "Tole Primer". This comes in a gray matte finish and is a metal primer. Krylon and Rustoleum both make a gray metal primer that works well with acrylics.

My biggest tip for applying the spray is to place the project on a large turn table...spin...and spray away. Shake can vigorously then direct the nozzle away from the surface and begin moving the spray ONTO the surface while still spinning. Fewer drips that way and paint won't concentrate in just one area. Apply sparingly using several light coats, but allow each to dry, usually only a few minutes is required, then spray again until opaque coverage is achieved. I CANNOT URGE STRONGLY ENOUGH THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING THIS OUTSIDE IN A WELL VENTILATED AREA.

BASE COAT IT!

When this surface has dried... thoroughly thinned (with water) and well blended acrylic paint can be slip/slapped on using a large (at least 1" filbert) for the applicator. No corners... means no ridges. At least 3 or 4 coats will be necessary to achieve that factory like finished look, but it doesn't take long if using a hair dryer in between coats. It is EXTREMELY important each application is dried before continuing. In fact, I would never paint tin without using a hair dryer because I KNOW when it's dry that way. DO let the surface cool before continuing.

The 1st & 2nd application will look awful, but the 3rd will give one hope, and the 4th is usually quite pleasing. Remember...less is best so keep the applications thin. If your brush begins to "drag" while painting, you need to thin and blend your paint more. Also, a very thick paint will need more water or thinning agent.

ANOTHER PRIMER

Another primer that is easy to use, and an alternative to spraying is Delta's Metal Primer. Brush on, allow to dry, and you're good to go using the same method as described above for basecoating color over a spray on primer. While both work very well, if doing a "masterpiece" I would use the Blair Harvest Tole Metal Primer. Since the Delta's Metal

primer is brushed on or even sponged on, if preferred, the surface will not be "quite" as smooth as a spray will allow.

That's all folks! See you all at Ginny's Saturday!

Melinda

WEBSITE

Be sure and check our website for the most recent information concerning chapter events and photos. <http://rockymountainartists.com>

TRAVEL TEACHER SEMINAR

We have an exciting teacher planned for June 18 and 19, 2016! Marlene Kreutz, CDA will be teaching her doodling and pencil shading technique. More information will be shared in our newsletter or our website as soon as we work out all the details.

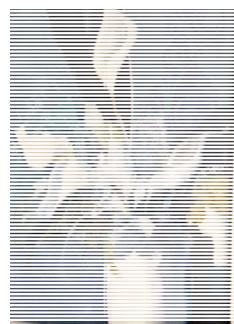
Melinda
Travel Teacher Seminar Chair

Char Bucher- Local Seminars

Hello Ladies:

Listed below are the supplies you will need for the Aug 29th, Judy Patti class.

- ½ sheet 140 # cold press water color paper (not rough)
- Watercolors of choice Judy used blues, greys, purple, yellow, black and white
- Acrylics (Golden fluid acrylics)
- Regular acrylics darks and lights in colors
- Acrylic brushes, watercolor brushes
- Liquin Matt medium and brush to apply it with
- Stamps (large arty with letters) Also letter stamps
- Butcher tray
- Rice paper with no colors some design (Can also get some from Judy)
- Support board
- Acrylic pallet
- Roll of toilet paper with no designs in it



Back in the days before stamping, computers, typewriters, or printing presses, people still had books. Yes they were hand printed by monks and very expensive. Few people could

afford a book. These monks often painted the first letter of a chapter very large, and intricately decorated. Today we call this beautiful art ILLUMINATION.

On October 17 we are offering a class in illumination taught by Renee Jorgenson from Botanic Gardens. It will be held at our regular meeting venue, Garden Plaza, from 9:30 to 3:30. The cost of the class is \$55 and includes a catered lunch plus snacks. Space will be limited, so call for your reservations send your check soon. I will accept checks at the picnic on August 15 at Ginny Sparlin's picnic.

The following is a list of supplies: Graphite pencil, pencil sharpener, white erasure.

- Watercolor pencils: main colors:
 - Scarlet Red,
 - Ochre Yellow,
 - Ultramarine Blue,
 - Emerald Green and
 - Violet, and any additional colors you like to work with.
 - Recommended brands: Caran d'arche Supracolor, Prismacolor, or Derwent.
- Bring your regular colored pencil set.
- 2 Black Pigma Micron pens: .005 and one with a thicker line.
- Gelly Roll pen: gold
- Good quality watercolor paint brushes: 00 and 0 round (good points important)
- Spoon burnishing tool (several will be provided)
- Water container
- Paper Towels
- 12 inch ruler

Renee will provide individual packets with samples of designs to choose from, tracing paper, watercolor paper, burnishing film, gold ink, gouache, reference materials, and giclees of her personal works.

I know you will all be excited to render your own personal ILLUMINATION letter.

Char

Sherry Flowers – Ways and Means Committee

WAY AND MEANS

It's hard to believe that August has arrived right along with the heat. As you know I've secured a locking display case at the Highlands Ranch Library to display and sell our artwork for the months of July and August. We have just three weeks left to showcase artwork. The case looks great and I've recently added a few more pieces that I've received, plus the 40th Anniversary Cookbook. Just to recap there isn't a rental fee; however Owner donation to the library is encouraged from the sale of artwork on display. Suggested donation is 10% of sale price. With that in mind, if you have case ready art, please contact me and I'll arrange getting it. Please provide easels or stands, I have several that can be used. If you choose to sell please mark with your name and the price. Proceeds from any sold pieces can be kept by the owner or all/portion can be donated to the chapter. Display only items please mark with your name and NFS (Not For Sale). Additionally, if you would provide an inventory

list with your pieces it will be helpful for tracking purposes. Thanking you in advance for your efforts. I've attached a picture if you haven't had the opportunity to make it by the library.



I've contacted the coordinator for the Fall Craft show at Heather Gardens and she confirmed the Fall Show is October 23 & 24 (Fri/Sat). She will be sending out apps to last year's fall crafters in August and will not be filling any outside vendors (not in previous year fall show) until middle of September. At her suggestion, I will follow-up with her just after Labor Day. We met Monday, 8/3 at Garden Plaza to work on items for the show. Tuesday 9/1 is reserved from 6-9 pm for anyone who's interested in working on items for the show. Thank you to Iris for getting the room. Additional thanks to everyone who came and painted/crafted on August 3rd and for all the treats. Hope you will consider joining in on September 1st. I welcome any ideas that you may have on ways to raise money for our group.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Ways and Means Chair

Sherry Flowers

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Linda Bierman – Cookbook

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. What I really hope is that everyone is using our beautiful cookbook recipes! If you have not purchased yours yet, there's still time. I will have a supply with me at our annual first picnic at Ginny's home 8/15. The price is \$15.00 each. If you haven't seen one yet, prepare to be surprised!

They are beautiful, with 248 delicious recipes, beautiful pictures by our club members, lots of helpful hints and information. The 3 ring binder comes in handy so you can add other recipes.

The cover is beautiful, and of course the aspen trees on the back make it a true Rocky Mountain scene. I urge you to think about Christmas present for your family and close friends, and neighbors. They will be gift that they will treasure!

Linda

Sherri Sutton – Hospitality

Our July ice cream social was such fun. Thank you very much to Nancy Hibbert, Verlene Siska, Kathy Beck and Sheri Sutton for bringing the sweets and to the board members for providing all of the wonderful ice cream toppings. Everything was so delicious!

We also appreciate Nancy Glassman and Melinda Barnes furnishing the goodies for the craft show work night. It was just the fuel all of the busy painters needed.

In advance, thank you to Andrene Schmelzer, Ginny Sparlin, Char Bucher and Nancy Hibbert for offering to provide the snacks for the Judy Patti seminar later this month. We also want to acknowledge the generous response to our October refreshment needs for both the make-and-take for the Garden Plaza residents and our chapter meeting. There will be more information next month regarding these activities.

Nancy Glasman - Community Outreach

I have contacted Solid Grounds in Littleton to exhibit our Art Work in the Coffee Shop. They will contact me when a month is available, should be 1st quarter of 2016.

Monday, October 5, 2015, 6 until 9 pm, we will have a free Make and Take at Garden Plaza for the Residence. The project will be alcohol ink on tile with accented stamping. I will be out of town, so I need **volunteers to help with this project.**

Thank you,
Nancy

Verlene Siska - Newsletter Editor

Thank you for all who contributed to this newsletter.

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