

# **ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER**

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

### **July 2015 Newsletter**

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### **Marilyn Corners' President's Report 2015**

Marilyn has an article for this month's newsletter, but she has had no internet access for the last couple days. In lieu of Marilyn's article I am offering the following quote from Allan Lokos, "Technology offers us a unique opportunity, though rarely welcome, to practice patience."

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

Ladies and Gentleman,

The general meeting for July 20 will be our Bingo evening and will also include an ice cream social! Please bring all your lightly-used art supplies to be used as prizes for our bingo night. Think of that wood piece that's been sitting in your closet for years that you'll probably NEVER get around to painting, the oil paints you were so sure you'd love to learn to use but never have, never will. If you've had it with colored pencils.....Bring those old books and magazines you loved but probably will never use again.....You may have something someone would just love to win and use!!!

The board will be supplying ice cream and all the toppings and trimmings so come on down for a fun summer evening!!



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

I've been asked to explain this whole box lunch picnic auction thing.....so here goes!

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**

Art Show is coming SOON!!

The Art Show will be Friday, September 11th at the Plymouth Congregational Church with a catered meal.

There will be a large room with lots of display space. Be painting and finishing up your beautiful pieces to enter in the category you choose.

There are a couple of changes in the categories, so refer to your Roster Booklet for the rules and categories, pages 22 & 23.

We want to encourage all of our members to enter - new members, too!!

First and second place ribbons along with a Best of Show for the Student/Member and Teacher segments will be awarded.

The artist decides what category in which their piece is placed.

More specific information will be in the next Newsletter.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to check with me.

Call me at [303.421.8714](tel:303.421.8714) or email me [elissamc@comcast.net](mailto:elissamc@comcast.net) with RMHi in the subject, please.

## **Elissa McAlear - Secretary's Minutes**

Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter of SDP  
General Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2015  
Garden Plaza

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

Elissa McAlear - The Minutes of the previous meeting were posted.

Pat Greene - Treasurer - \$7,375.69 balance in bank.

Ginny Sparlin - Vice President - Continue painting on slates from last meeting. The Strokework program will be moved to the October meeting. Bingo and Ice Cream Social will be for July's meeting; bring painting related items to be used as prizes.

August is a Box lunch and auction at Ginny's home.

September is the Art Show and lunch with details to be announced soon.

Kathy Beck - Membership - Nancy Hibbert is a new member. Now there are 44 members. Welcome, Nancy!

Verlene Siska - Newsletter - Sunday, July 12th, noon is the deadline for the next issue.

Sherry Flowers - Ways and Means - financial corrections were made of previous minutes.

The next craft sale will be Friday and Saturday, October 23 & 24 at Heather Gardens. Our entry will not be available until after Labor Day. We'll get together to paint items for sale at Marilyn's or Garden Plaza, if possible.

Sherry is exploring other display sites for July and August for our art work in addition to 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. Consider the size to fit into the glass case.

Linda Bierman - (Absent) - Publicity/Cookbook - Call Linda to order cookbook(s) at \$15 each. Is it possible to sell at the library display?  
Nancy Glassman will check with Solid Grounds to display our artwork.

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 possible.

Melinda Barnes - Travel Teacher Seminars - Thanks for coming to Chris Thornton's seminar. Everyone had a great time but was exhausted with new techniques and products. Anyone who left a bottle and a hair dryer need to contact Melinda.

Iris Luckel - Facilities - clarified dates of our meetings.

Our meetings will be posted on the activity board for the residents. Oct. 5th will be a Make-it-Take-it for the residents.

Nancy Glassman - Outreach - Make-it-Take-it will be Dominoes at Koelbel Library on a first come/ first serve basis for 3 hours. Guiry's posted a notice on their front door for Karon Sorensen. Helpers: Verlene Siska, Andrene Schmelzer, Melinda Barnes, Sheri Sutton, Nancy Glassman, Ginny Sparlin and Marilyn Corners. Refreshments will be cookies, lemonade and tea by Sheri Sutton.

Kathy Kula - Philanthropic - no report.

Karon Sorensen - Sunshine - Member Sue Hoover passed away on Friday, June 6th.  
Kathy Kula is to have more surgery. Cards will be sent.

Elissa McAlear - Art Show - be painting for the Art Show. Rules and Categories are in the Roster booklet.

Announcements:

A Rosary and visit for Sue Hoover will be Tuesday, 6-7 PM at Dartmouth and Parker Road with the Service Wednesday, June 18th, 10 AM, at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Aurora. A donation will be made to the 720 Memorial Fund in Sue's memory as her grandson was one of the theater shooting victims.

7:20 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Elissa McAlear, Recording Secretary

## Melinda Barnes- Tole Chatter/ Website/Travel Seminars

### TOLE CHATTER

Hello Everyone,

First, I want to **thank everyone** who attended the Chris Thornton's seminar! We had a great time that weekend. I hope you all enjoyed the seminar and learned a great deal in the process. Also, thank you all for bringing all that wonderful food! Lunches were delicious! For those of you who couldn't attend I will bring your pattern packet and stencils to our next meeting... so sorry you couldn't attend.

**Here is a tip from DecoArt:**

Q: How long must I wait to take my Patio Paint Outdoor project outside?

A: Your piece can go outside once you've finished painting. However, we suggest that it not be exposed to moisture for 72 hours. Until 72 hours passes, you should bring it indoors if it looks like rain or before the overnight dew falls.

I have been receiving newsletters from "The Brush Guys" and maybe you have too. They are the home of the \$2.00 brush. I visited their website (surprise!) and found they have how-to videos for brush uses. I noticed they carry many different types of brushes and worth the time to look around their website. Their newsletters have lots of very good sales. This past week the sale was on travel brushes that pull apart... where were these when I needed them. \*grin\*

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

**Creative Painting** in Las Vegas has some very nice classes listed online for next year. Chris Thornton's classes are almost full. If you are thinking about going to Vegas next year be sure and look at the classes and register as soon as possible so you aren't

disappointed. Dates for next year are February 28 - March 4.

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

**Della Wetterman** announced her plans to bring back **Joyce Howard's** patterns. Della has been working with Joyce's daughter and updating directions, supplies and paint colors. Joyce passed away in the 1980's, but her work will be very welcomed today. I have known about this for some time, but couldn't tell you! You can sign up for Della's newsletter or Facebook page to watch for more news and photos. Della is hoping we will have some of the new patterns on her website by the time they go to HOOT.

<http://dellaandcompany.com/>

**If you still use spray varnish here are some tips:**

1. Shake the can very well... then do it some more! The better you mix it up the better your spray will be.
2. Begin to spray OFF of the surface you are going to apply the primer/paint/varnish to. Then allow the can to lightly glide over the surface continuing to press the spray nozzle as you move over and off the surface again. Make sure you are no closer than 8 inches from the surface as you spray or you will get those thick areas.
3. Turn the surface if needed and repeat until there is a very thin layer on the entire surface.
4. Let this very thin layer to dry about five minutes or until you can touch it gently and not leave a mark.
5. Turn the can upside down and press the spray nozzle until only clear air comes out. This will only take a few moments to do. (this keeps the nozzle clear so it won't clog up)
6. Repeat the above steps to add another thin layer of material to the surface. Be sure to allow a little more time for this layer to dry since it will tend to soften the first layer.
7. Repeat the above steps as often as needed to get the solid even coverage you desire.

**The National Museum of Decorative Painting** announced their workshops in Atlanta for 2015. Della Wetterman is going to teach for two days the end of August. Lynne Deptula and Judy Diephouse are teaching in October. You can see the projects and pay for the seminar in their shopping cart. When you visit the website be sure and check out the News page where you will find the newest acquisitions to the Museum. A Linda Kiska, MDA Santa Sled was donated to the Museum and it is to die for!

<http://dpmuseum.org/>

**Rose Starling** of Pueblo, Colorado has published a new book. "Rocky Mountain Memories" came out in Vegas this year. Rose's website is not available now, but she will have a brand new website soon. Her temporary page is <http://colorose.com> if you want to bookmark the site. I will keep you informed.

Barb Halvorson has a beautiful new pattern called "Country Mill". The surface is available on the Artist's Club website and you can download the pattern free.

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

**SDP** announced we will have our **2016 convention back in San Diego!** I am so excited! It was such a wonder location last year and so much to see in the immediate area. I hope you keep this in mind for next year. The dates are June 6 - 11, 2016.

Happy Painting,

Melinda

**Sad Note:**

It is with deep regret that I inform those of you who knew Pam Mazur that she passed away June 24th. Pam was a former member of Rocky Mountain Hi and during that time served on the board and several committees. Pam was a talented artist and a special person... she will be missed.

**WEBSITE**

Be sure and check our website for the most recent information concerning chapter events and photos. You can see photos of the Chris Thornton Seminar on our website now.  
<http://rockymountainartists.com>

**TRAVEL TEACHER SEMINAR**

We have an exciting teacher planned for June 18 and 19, 2016. Be sure and read the next newsletter or watch our website for more information as we work out all the details.

Melinda

Travel Teacher Seminar Chair

**Char Bucher- Local Seminars**

Hi Ladies:

Liquid summers bring many toadstools to our lawns. Do take a hint from our animal friends. Don't eat them. Speaking of liquid however, do plan to attend the Judy Patti WATERCOLOR class on Aug 29, at her studio on South Broadway, from 9 to 4. Bring your lunch.

We have 2 spaces available due to recent cancellations. Call your friends to sign up for this workshop. Either call me or sign up at the next meeting.

The beautiful picture in blues has everyone really excited to learn Judy's new techniques. Judy will have rice papers for those who wish to buy a small amount. While we have the option of choosing our own colors, most of you may choose the blue as shown below.

We will also learn how to make our own stamps. We will see you there.

Listed below are the supplies you will need for the Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, 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



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## Sherry Flowers – Ways and Means Committee

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, whether painting, gardening, traveling, golfing or just relaxing with friends and family!!

I have secured a locking display case (approximately 6'h x 4'w x 18"d) at the Highlands Ranch Library to display and sell our artwork for the months of July and August. 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 or bring to the July 20th chapter meeting. 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. Depending on the number of pieces provided and size I'll be changing the case periodically throughout the two months. Thanking you in advance for your effort. 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 have obtained two evenings Monday, 8/3 and Tuesday 9/1 from 6-9 pm at Garden Plaza, for anyone interested, to come and work

on items of your choosing for the craft show. A big thank you to Iris for getting the room for these two nights!!!

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

[sflowers@sprynet.com](mailto:sflowers@sprynet.com) to

(303) 791-3189 (home)

(303) 725-7912 (cell)

## **Linda Bierman – Cookbook**

Mark your calendar for July 20. At our monthly meeting before the ice cream or the bingo, you can purchase more cookbooks. There here, they're beautiful, and only \$15.00 each. These cookbooks are of such quality and beauty, you will want all your family and friends to have one! We also have 25 sheets of matching paper for \$5.00.

Remember Christmas is right around the corner. These cookbooks will make a beautiful functional gift! We need the help of all our members to sell out of these cookbooks. The money goes to fund several activities to promote our club and the Arts. So bring a check, or cash, and walk away with a beautiful 248 page best of the best recipes, original artwork, and a special salute to our chapters 40th Anniversary.

Thank you for your support

Linda Bierman, Cookbook Committee

*Linda*

## **Sherri Sutton – Hospitality**

So much food and so many thanks!

Thank you to Stan Estoll, Melinda Barnes, Karon Sorensen and Catherine Roche for the snacks at the June meeting; they were delicious. The cake made by Ginny Sparlin in honor of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and featuring our logo was both elegant and tasty.

To those of you that attended the Chris Thornton seminar, thank you for providing the wonderful luncheon buffet. The food was delicious and won recognition for the “best-of-the-weekend.”

The make-and-take at the Koelbel was quite successful. Thank you to Nancy Glassman, Ginny Sparlin and Sheri Sutton for providing the homemade cookies. All of the participants were impressed with our hospitality.

Nancy Hibbert, Verlene Siska, Sheri Sutton and Kathy Beck have offered to bring the sweets for the ice cream social at our July meeting. In advance, thanks to each of you.

## **Nancy Glasman - Community Outreach**

We had a make and take with Verlene's dominoes at the Koebel Library on June 20th, 2015. We had 9 participants, who thought the project was awesome!

A special thank you to our members, Verlene, Marilyn, Ginny, Melinda, Linda and Sherry Sutton, who worked very hard to help me with this Community Outreach!

Our next Community Outreach program will be on Monday, October 5th, 2015, from 6 until 9 pm at Garden Plaza, with the Garden Plaza Residents. The Project will be alcohol ink on tiles and stamping, similar to the domino project. Volunteers will be needed to help. Please look at your calendar and let me know if you can help!

Nancy

## **Verlene Siska - Newsletter Editor**

Thank you for all who contributed to this newsletter. Please sure to take a peek at the ads we have this month.

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