

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER**  
**of the Society of Decorative Painters**  
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**Marilyn Corners' President's Report February 2015**

Hi everyone,

I hope this finds you high, dry and healthy. What a very wet end to spring/start to summer we are having. I am so ready for sunshine and heat. My poor flowers and vegetables are just standing still, not dying, but certainly not flourishing. Of course, yours are as well, so there is really no point in my complaining ..... just thought I would take this opportunity to whine.

You have, no doubt, done your prep work for Chris Thornton's seminar this weekend. I am very excited and looking forward to two full days of painting with her and all of you. It will be a good time. As you will see in the other articles from the board, we have a wonderfully busy summer ahead. Next Monday, we will be finishing the slates we began last month (who knew it would require two sessions to do that design?). Also, we will be painting a stroke design on wooden ornaments with Elissa McAlear.

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the free class at the Koelbel Library in Littleton. I hope you can join in on the fun as we reach out to non-painters in an attempt to encourage them to join us in our chapter.

Two events for which we all need to be painting, are the picnic baskets or boxes in which we will pack the lunches for our August Box Lunch Auction in Ginny Sparlin's lovely backyard. Please invite a guest or two to join us. Just remember to paint a basket or box for their auction piece. No basket/no luncheon. The other event for which we should be painting is our Art Show, which will be in

conjunction with the luncheon on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. That is always a highlight of our year.....the opportunity to see and admire all the outstanding art which our members have painted through this year.

We have more seminars and fun functions planned for the remainder of the year. Check out the articles from all the board members for details.

May I take a moment to thank the hard working board members of the Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter of SDP for the dedication each officer applies to the individual assigned tasks and to the over-all health and well-being of our chapter? They are simply awesome and I am so grateful for all their hard work. Thank you Ladies. Love you lots.  
Marilyn

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

Ladies and Gentleman,

Hope you're all having a wonderful Summer so far....June 15 is fast approaching and our meeting that night will be lots of stroke work!! You'll be so good at stroke work by the end of the evening you won't believe it!! Besides Elissa McAlear teaching us to paint a wonderful stroke work ornament, Marilyn Corners will help us finish the beautiful slate tile we started at the May meeting. There will also be a display of stroke work and Rosemaling. Any member who has some stroke work pieces or Rosemaling projects is invited to bring them for our display. Bring your brushes, etc.

For the July 20 meeting, we'll be playing Bingo with Nancy Caldwell, postponed from earlier this year due to inclement weather. There will also be an ice cream social that night. Remember to bring any paint related items you are no longer using, to be used for the Bingo prizes. Books, pattern packets, etc. Or if you used to paint in acrylic and have fallen in love with water colors, bring your old supplies to pass along! See you there!

Hope you're hard at work painting/decorating those "box lunch" boxes for our August 15 meeting. Note: this a SATURDAY! We'll be meeting at Ginny Sparlin's home for an old fashioned box lunch social. The boxes should be something YOU would pay money for, and will be auctioned off at a silent auction. The boxes need to have a list of menu ingredients attached to the outside, or just under the lid (some of our members and guests may have food allergies). You are invited to bring guests, just make sure you provide a box lunch for each person in your party! There will be cold drinks provided. The auction will run from 11:15 till 12:15. More info to follow. Questions? Call Ginny at [303 693 0771](tel:3036930771)

## **June Strokework Program**

After Marilyn Corners warms us up with the strokework on our slates we started at the May program, we will paint a 3" wood ornament with a strokework flower. We will apply the same steps as Marilyn uses, base coat, float and strokes.

The patterns from which you may choose are on the last page this newsletter so that you may bring brushes that will fit these small flowers. For Rosemaling you will find that filberts in sizes #2, 4 and 6 will work well, or you may have some small flats or brights in #2, 4 or 6. Small rounds #0, 1, 2 or 10/0 and a good liner will also help you be successful. Bring your normal acrylic painting supplies - paper towel, small palette, brush cleaner, water container, scissors, stylus and white or black transfer paper.

There are 3 backgrounds from which to choose: Lt. Ivory, Deep Teal and Midnight Blue.

I'll have the acrylic paints, patterns and some brushes for you to use if you don't have some small enough.

You should have a finished ornament to take home. If you have some small paint cups for paint to take home to finish, please bring them.

Rosemaling is traditional Norwegian painting emphasizing the use of strokes as most of the Nordic countries use. There are 5 surviving styles from Norway as it used to be that each area of the country had their own style developed by the local artists to decorate the home interiors and bowls or plates. Most styles have been lost. The three most common styles today are Rogaland, Telemark and Hallingdahl. These use a C, U, Oval, Circle, Comma, Teardrop and Scrolls.

Come and have fun completing your slate and an ornament!  
Looking forward to having a fun evening of painting with our friends.  
Questions? Call me or email me,  
Elissa McAlear [303.421.8714](tel:303.421.8714) or [<elissamc@comcast.net>](mailto:elissamc@comcast.net) with RHMi in the subject, please

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

Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter of SDP  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2015

Marilyn Corners, President, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM in the Garden Plaza.  
She Welcomed guest Nancy Hibbert.

Pat Greene, Treasurer, said the balance is \$8,491.19.

Elissa McAlear, Recording Secretary, has posted the minutes.

Ginny Sparlin, Vice President, gave the programs for the next several months: Marilyn Corners, Elissa McAlear, Bingo where we bring extra painting items to be used for prizes. (We have also added this as an Ice Cream social.)

Kathy Beck, Membership, said we have 43 members. She is hoping for a new member. Everyone is asked to sign in on the attendance sheet.

\*Mary Rogers has not been getting emails. She will email Elissa McAlear and Kathy Beck with her email so we can get her correct email address.

Verlene Siska, Newsletter, announced Sunday, June 7th Noon deadline. Please email your articles to her by then.

Sherry Flowers, Ways and Means, said \$443.50 was the result of the Craft Sale and it was a pretty positive experience. October's sale is 2 days if we get in. It is advertised a lot more. The items that remain are for sale this evening. 'Steam punk jewelry' from the Conference are also for sale. Another venue possibility for our luncheon is Plymouth Congregational Church.

Nancy Glassman, Outreach, said that Koehbel Library will be a paint & take activity at South Holly and Orchard on Saturday, June 20th, 2-4 PM. Dominoes will be stamped, painted, etc. with Verlene Siska. Nancy will have some posters to advertise the activity.

Linda Bierman, Publicity, said the Cookbook has been submitted to the printer. We should get it in mid-July. It will really be wonderful!

Iris Luckel, Facilities, said October 17th is reserved for our Seminar on Letter Illumination.  
She also called about tonight's meeting.

Emails were sent to the members.

Char Bucher, Local Seminars, displayed pictures for Judy Patti's August 29th seminar to be held at Judy's Studio. A maximum of 18 for \$40 each. There may be a supply fee to Judy. There are 13 presently signed up. Payment will be due by July's meeting.  
October 17th will be the next colored pencil seminar at Garden Plaza.

Melinda Barnes, Travel Teacher Seminars, gave details about the Chris Thornton Seminar and showed the sample canvas, frame, and ornament and said each person needs to provide their own prepared canvas, frame and glasses to be painted. The metal ornament needs to be prepared before the seminar. The paints are being provided to those who have signed up. There are a few openings for the canvas class. This seminar is being held at the Littleton Board of Education building.

Deb Lancaster, Hospitality, thanked those who brought the refreshments. A signup sheet will be passed around for the June meeting and for the seminar.

Karon Sorensen, Sunshine, will send a card to Sharon Campbell who has a bad back.

Kathy Kula, Philanthropic, said she has contacted Access Gallery on Santa Fe who works with mental and physical challenges (PTSD) and also Tennyson Center for Children. She'll give a synopsis in the newsletter of these programs.

Elissa McAlear, Art Show, reminded everyone to check the booklet for the categories and rules for our Annual September Art Show. We would love to have many beautiful entries!

Conference Report from Marilyn Corners and Ginny Sparlin:

Numerous beautiful fabric pieces including a brush holder, a CD of the 40th Anniversary SDP lessons which may be borrowed and a tote bag were displayed. Pieces from the classes they took were shown along with photos of the table decorations, table placemats, scarves, center pieces, and a hand painted book for Board Members. The painted pieces were really beautiful!

Melinda Barnes brought back a pen, SDP Battery Power Blank, and a beverage container. There was a raffle of painted items and a Silent Auction of a number of items.

A New Certification Level has been added as 'Entry Level Accredited Decorative Painter' of 7 elements (sampler) or stroke pattern to encourage more participation.

There were 89 entries in the Certification program with 55 from Japan and 1 new MDA from Japan. There was one passing CDA from the USA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM to paint the slate with Marilyn Corners - value change is the objective.

Maurene Kreutz graciously donated a number of patterns and items for our members to have. Please send a Thank You to her. The sheet with her address is available for specific information.

Respectfully submitted by Elissa McAlear, Recording Secretary

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

### **TOLE CHATTER**

Hello Everyone,

We are all back from **Chicago** and we all had a wonderful time at the SDP convention! Patty Rawlinson had three booths and I couldn't resist her layered stencils. I bought a butterfly stencil and got to spin the wheel and won a second one free! The banquet was fun and our table decorations were a big hit! I wished you all could have been there.

Elissa sent me a link from North Light Shop introducing a new magazine dedicated to the art of **Zen Doodle**. You can subscribe to the hard copy or the digital issue and download it instantly. Hopefully this link isn't too long so you can read all about the new magazine.

[http://www.northlightshop.com/zen-doodle-workshop-summer-2015?et\\_mid=751810&rid=249514218](http://www.northlightshop.com/zen-doodle-workshop-summer-2015?et_mid=751810&rid=249514218)

**Glue:** Have you ever wondered what kind of glue works best for the projects you are working on? I listed some of the most popular glues available and their uses found on a website called LemonJitters.com.

#### **E6000 Multi-Purpose Adhesive**

It glues all kinds of things together and easy to use. You might have to cut your tube open at some point - it's difficult to keep the top from clogging. Use it for metal or plastic or small wood pieces. If you want to make jewelry, this is your best friend. Once dry, the bond can't be broken easily.

#### **Aleene's Original Tacky Glue**

A very popular glue. Tacky glue is good for fabrics such as felt, cotton, putting sequins on fabric, etc.

#### **Gorilla Glue:**

Good for wood, metal, foam, glass, ceramics... all heavy materials. It is very, very strong. Downside is it doesn't dry clear and expands a bit as it dries.

**Scotch Advanced Tape Glider or Xyron Tape Runner:**

Tape runners are fun. Easy and clean to use. Good for paper projects.

**Mod Podge Matte or Mod Podge Gloss:**

Mod Podge is a must-have these days. It's an adhesive and a sealant which is fantastic. Mod Podge is good for collaging, with paper and even with fabric to hard surfaces like collaging fabric onto an art canvas. In Chicago I saw Mod Podge at the Dollar Store!

**Mini Glue Gun:**

Glue guns are handy because they are easy to use, adhere to fabric and are only semi-permanent. Low-temp was a great invention so I don't burn myself, as bad. \*grin\*

**Glue Dots:**

Easy to use. Similar to the tape runners, only in smaller sizes. Good for paper projects.

**Elmer's No-Wrinkle Rubber Cement:**

This is toxic smelling, so be careful when using it. It's good for school projects and paper crafts. It has a fairly strong hold but it's not permanent.

There is a new **blog** called "Little Big Brushes" by the very talented ladies at Art Apprentice Online. There are several wonderful projects such as drawing and tips for painting a stroke rose by my favorite rose artist, Sue Abdella. There are tutorials and videos. Definitely worth the time to check this out!

<http://store.artapprenticeonline.com/little-big-brushes-blog/>

**The Color Purple:**

Purple is a rarity in nature and the expense of creating the color has given purple a supernatural aura for centuries. Purple is the most powerful wavelength of the rainbow! The origins of the symbolism of purple are more significant than those of any other color. If we go back to our pre-historic existence, our ancestors probably never saw a purple fruit, flower, or any living thing because purple is very rare in nature. Earliest purple dyes date back to about 1900 B.C. It took 12,000 shellfish to extract 1.5 grams of the pure dye... barely enough for dyeing a single garment. This color was used primarily for garments of the emperors or privileged individuals. Over time purple pigments and dyes became less costly and complex. One thing has remained the same, purple symbolizes nobility and luxury to most people in the world. Purple tends to be a color that people either love or hate. Purple is not a common flag color, only two flags contain purple.

That is all for this month. I hope to see you at the seminar or at the next meeting.

Happy Painting,

Melinda

**WEBSITE**

Be sure and check our website for the most recent information concerning chapter events and photos. Coming soon will be photos taken at the Chris Thornton Seminar.

<http://rockymountainartists.com>

**CHRIS THORNTON-DEASON SEMINAR**

The seminar is June 13 and 14... and it is almost here! Chris will be teaching two projects per day on Saturday and Sunday. You can see all the projects on our website. The seminar

is 9 AM to 5 PM at the Littleton School Administration Building.

There are 5 seats left on Saturday... if you are interested in that class let me know ASAP so you can prep the canvas. There is no prep for the wine glasses.

The prices for the seminar is \$40.00 for members and \$50.00 for non-members per day.

Melinda

Travel Teacher Seminar Chair

### **Char Bucher- Local Seminars**

Hi Ladies:

Judy Patti will be teaching her wonderful "shades of blue" painting toward the end of summer at her studio on August 29.

This painting features watercolor, acrylic stamping, and collage. We will also learn how to make our own stamps.

Sign up for this one early. The cost of the class is \$40.



Char

## Sherry Flowers – Ways and Means Committee

Hello Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter,

I continue to search for avenues and venues to display and sell chapter artwork. I've worked with a contact at the Highlands Ranch Library regarding a locking display case. The availability is July and August at this time, but I must sign a contract to secure the months. 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. This will be discussed with the Board prior to contract signing. With that in mind if you have case ready art you would like to donate, please let me know.

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

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

With the push of a button our cookbook is on its way to the printer! Yeah. We should be receiving them around the end of July.

At the last board meeting we got to preview the cover and the divider paintings, Wow! Everyone was thrilled with the look of the cover and dividers. It really is that beautiful. So make a list of friends and family you want to send copies. Don't forget the upcoming weddings, engagement party, graduation, birthdays or just a 'love' you gift. The cookbooks would make a spectacular one of a kind gift. Not to mention that it is 248 pages filled with really delicious and easy to understand recipes, from members of Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter. Don't forget the dividers with a beautiful work of art picture from a chapter member. We are also offering 25 pages of blank matching recipe paper for only \$5.00. With the extra pages you could write out some of your family's favorite recipes, or even Grandmas. You could print them with your computer or just do a cut and paste. Make this your go to cookbook... all the time! \$15.00 for a 3 ring, original artwork, 40th Anniversary cookbook filled with over 248 recipes is a great deal!! For advance reservations to reserve your cookbook call or e-mail me.

Linda Bierman

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## **Sherri Sutton – Hospitality**

Thanks very much to Verlene Siska, Elissa McAlear, Kathy Beck, and Sherry Flowers for bringing the snacks to our May meeting.

Catherine Roche, Melinda Barnes and Karon Sorenson have offered to provide the refreshments for our June meeting. In advance, thank you.

## **Nancy Glasman - Community Outreach**

Hi Everyone,

I have reserved a room at Koelbel Library located at 5955 S. Holly St, Centennial, Co, on June 20th, 2015 from 2p.m. until 4 p.m. for a free make and take class. Everyone is welcome for this beginner level project (coloring and stamping dominos). All supplies are furnished. The dominos can be refrigerator magnets, a pendant, key chain, etc. Please bring friends and family. Guaranteed all a good time.

Any questions please call Nancy Glassman, 303-220-8563.

Nancy Glassman  
Community Outreach

## **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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Please put newsletter' on the subject line.

Corrections will be published on our website. <http://RockyMountainHiArtists.com>



The Rosemaling design was saved by adobe at 84%. The actual designs needs to be 3 inches across. There will be copies of these designs at 3 inches at the meeting.

