

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER

SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE PAINTERS

Newsletter

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Message from the President.....

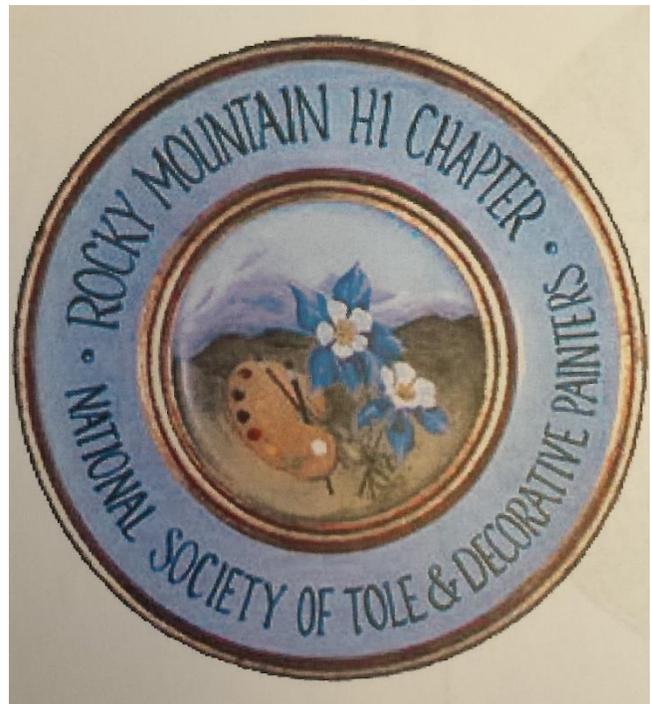
Hi Ladies and **Happy New Year**. I am hoping you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and/or Hanukkah and that all the recipients of your beautifully painted gifts were thrilled to be on your list! Now is the time for us to begin thinking and planning for next year. Right? Ginny Sparlin, our 1st VP/Program Chairman, has some outstanding programs designed for us in 2017, which may prove to be just be too dear to be given away, but certainly fun. Our Seminar Chairs, Char Bucher and Melinda Barnes have also lined up outstanding teachers for the weekend seminars, whom we have enjoyed in the past and who are returning by popular demand. Watch for those columns in this newsletter.

I believe this is going to prove to be yet another great year for ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI as we continue to grow our membership and share our love of

painting with our friends, families and all those with whom we come in contact Aren't we just the most blessed of people, to be Artists?

I am looking forward to seeing you at our chapter meeting on Monday, January 16th!

Hugs, Marilyn



LOVE IS THE SPIRIT THAT MOTIVATES THE ARTIST'S JOURNEY.

~ Eric Maisel ~

Calendar for 2017

January 16th – Marilyn Corners will present a program on SDP Certification with a display of CDA and MDA boards and critiques.

February 20th – Ginny Sparlin will teach a Watercolor painting.

March 20th – “Tidbits and Ting-a-lings” with Marilyn Corners, Char Bucher and Ginny Sparlin.

April 8th – *Randy Hale Seminar (Saturday)*

April 17th – Noreen Goetz will teach an abstract painting with leaves.

June 19th – An evening of still life drawing!

July 17th – Andrene Schmelzer will teach a new design from the Las Vegas convention.

July 29th – *Judy Patti Seminar (Saturday)**

August 12th (Saturday) – Our Potluck Picnic and Silent Auction of Painted Containers. *

August 19th & 20th – *Chris Thornton Seminar (Saturday and Sunday)**

September 15th (Friday) – Our Annual Art Show and Luncheon. *

October 16th – We will be “Painting on Pumpkins.”

October 7th – *Chuck Danford Seminar (Saturday)*

November 20th – Installation of Officers. Ornament Exchange. Pot Luck.

December – No Meeting

Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Mondays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Garden Plaza, 14221 East Evans Ave., Aurora CO

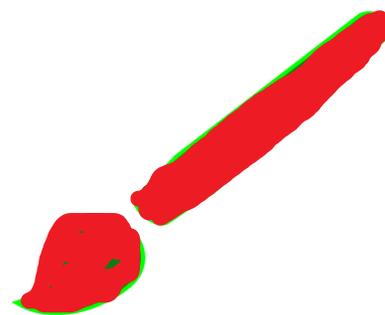
* indicates location different than Garden Plaza:

July 29th – Judy Patti’s Studio, 5849 So. Broadway, Littleton, CO

August 12th - TBA

August 19th & 20th – Littleton Schools Administration Bldg. 5776 So. Crocker St., Littleton, CO

September 15th – First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 So. Colorado Blvd., Englewood, CO



Local Teacher Report

Don't you wish your paintbrush could just skitter across the canvas with the same abandon that the fall leaves show as they skip down the street when blown by an errant wind?

If you wish to speed up your water color skills be sure to sign up for the Randy Hale class to be held on April 8. It will be held at our favorite Garden Plaza, 14221 East Evans Ave, Aurora.

The cost is \$55 which includes lunch and a mid morning snack.

Sign up sheets to guarantee a place in class will be circulated at the next meeting.

Also on the agenda for this year is Judy Patti at her studio on July 29 and Charles Danford on October 7. This one is again at the Garden Plaza with lunch included..

Sign ups for these classes will come later in the year.

Char Bucher, Local SeminarTeacher Chair

Hospitality Report

Foodies for the January Meeting, bringing treats are: Ginny Sparlin, Carmen Owens and Marilyn Corners.

We will be passing a sign-up sheet for February at the meeting on Monday night, January 16th.

Thanks Ladies.

Jen Roman, Hospitality Chair

First Vice President Report

Hi All,

Hope everyone is rested up from the Holidays and ready to get busy! Verlene, Linda and I have been discussing fun things to do for Ways and Means this year and Linda came up with a dandy idea!! We're going to print a 2018 Calendar, but we need your help. We would love for anyone in the Chapter who wants to have a painting in the calendar to bring it to the February 20 meeting so we can take a photo of it. We can only use 13 pictures total and they have to be original art from your own photo or design. Due to the layout of the calendar we can only use "landscape" shaped (wider than they are tall), no "portrait" shapes please. These can be watercolor, acrylic, oil or pencil. We will be getting these printed up soon so we can sell them all this year, so get painting folks!! Any questions?

Call Ginny Sparlin: [303-693-0771](tel:303-693-0771)



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Happy New Year to all! It's hard to believe that it's already clicking along at a pretty fast pace. For those that may not know I'm Sherry Flowers and your 2017 Membership

As of January 10, 2017 we have 35 members. We encourage you to spread the word about our chapter and refer anyone interested to our website www.RockyMountainHiArtists.com where a Membership Application can be downloaded, printed and completed for submission. Also, I'm happy to send an email to anyone interested with the application attached, which provides the address for you to send your \$20 (Local Chapter annual dues).

Society of Decorative Painters annual dues (\$50) must be sent directly to National at our new address: Society of Decorative Painters (SDP), 1220 East First Street, Wichita, KS 67214. You can also contact SDP by phone at (316) 269-9300 ext. 101 or email to sdp@decorativepainters.org

I thought it would be of value to clarify the Membership Guidelines since SDP in 2016 amended our calendar year membership cycle (January through December) to an anniversary date membership cycle (one year from your official join date). The following information is FAQ's from SDP.

If you were a member in January 2016, your membership remains on a calendar year cycle (January 1 through December 31). As long as your renewal payment is received by your expiration date (December 31) each year, nothing changes.

Q: What if my membership is currently on a calendar year and I renew after my expiration date? You may have a new anniversary date. For example, if your renewal payment is not received until April 10, 2017, then your membership would be from April 1, 2017 through March 30, 2018.

Q: I joined SDP under the 2016 Pro-Rated Membership. When does my membership end? If you joined under our 2016 Pro-Rated Membership option between September 2016 and December 2016, your membership is still on the calendar year cycle and will end on December 31, 2017.

Q: For new members, does it matter what day of the month they join? Yes. If an individual's

membership dues are received between the 1st and the 15th, his/her official start date is the 1st of that month. If an individual's membership dues are received between the 16th and the 31st, his/her official start date is the 1st of the following month. For example, someone who joins on February 18, 2017 will have an effective date of March 1, 2017 and an expiration date of February 28, 2018.

Your SDP membership and Chapter membership will be on the same cycle.

Just a friendly reminder, as we start a new year, one very important Standing Rule is that "A guest may attend only two (2) meetings before joining the organization.

Should you have any questions regarding Membership please contact me and I'll be happy to answer.

Sherry Flowers

2nd VP – Membership

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The tentative distribution date for the Chapter Directory is the general meeting on Monday, February 20th.

Website Manager Report

The website is updated with our event schedule, also our seminar and workshop pages. Check it out. It is very cool and informative.

<http://RockyMountainHiArtists.com>

Melinda Barnes, Website Manager

“Oceans Of Color”

Conference 2017, May 16 to 20

Daytona Beach, Florida

Make plans now to attend:

***Take classes from National Teachers**

***Shop the Expo**

***Enter the Art Show**

***Hang with friends at the**

‘Meet and Greet’

***Enjoy a delicious meal and great entertainment at the**

Annual Banquet

***Be inspired at the**

Certification Booth and Exhibit

***Support your SDP at the Annual Meeting**

***Check out a fun city & beach**

Register online at

www.decorativepainters.org

TRAVEL TEACHER SEMINARS

We are so excited that Chris Thornton-Deason is returning to Denver!

Chris will be teaching August 19 and 20 this year so be sure and mark these dates on your calendar.

We are co-sponsoring with the High Plains Chapter so great light, a kitchen and restrooms close by. What more can we ask for. *grin*

We are in the midst of selecting class designs now. More information will be shared as soon as we have more details worked out.

Melinda Barnes
Travel Teacher Seminar Chair

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“One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say”

Bryant H. McGill

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## **Rocky Mountain Hi Board**

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**Newsletter Editor: Marilyn Corners, MDA**

**Your board is keenly interested in your opinions, interests, concerns and issues. Please feel free to contact any officer or board member with your comment, advice or complaint. Rocky Mountain Hi is YOUR chapter and can only function as well as each member is served.**

**Your contribution to Rocky Mountain Hi is welcomed. If you would like to serve on a committee, give a program, become a board member, please contact a board member and make your wishes known. The more members who are involved in the function of the chapter, the better the chapter.**

**“Flexible People Never Get Bent Out Of Shape”**

*Anonymous*

**Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter of The Society of Decorative Painters**

**Established 1975**