

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Hi everyone!

It's November, got your Turkey yet?

The November 20 general meeting is quickly approaching. We'll be installing the officers of our 2018 board that night. Also, remember to bring a snack or appetizer to share. Please remember we are not able to use heated devices, no crock pots etc.

If you'd like to participate in our annual ornament exchange, bring your painted ornament, wrapped with your name inside. They'll all be placed on the table and anyone who brings one can pick one out from the pile! Every year when I put up my Christmas tree, I have so many lovely ornaments from dear old painting friends, and they always make me smile.

Remember we always fill a big basket with bags of cookies that night to give to the management at Garden Plaza to thank them for our wonderful meeting room. Bring a dozen or so cookies in a plastic bag to go into the basket, please.

This is always a fun evening, time to enjoy the company of friends, eat, and chat. Bring a friend or two if you'd like and wear your Holiday sparkles!! Hope to see you all there!!

Ginny Sparlin, V.P. Questions? Call me. [303-693-0771](tel:303-693-0771)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of November 10, 2017 we have 38 members. To date I have received eighteen 2018 renewals for membership. Think about beating the rush and submit your renewal now. I will have the Membership Application available at the general meeting on Monday, November 20th. Deadline for renewal is December.

For your convenience an application has been attached for you to print, complete and send to the address indicated or bring to the November meeting. Thanking you in advance for renewing early. (**Note:** The membership form is not attached to this version of the newsletter. You can find the form on our website.)

Please continue to spread the word about our chapter and refer anyone interested to our website <http://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

local application attached, which provides the address for you to send your \$20 (Local Chapter Annual Dues).

Society of Decorative Painters Annual Dues (\$60) must be sent directly to National at their 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 go to their website: sdp@decorativepainters.org

Should you have any questions regarding Membership please contact me and I'll be happy to answer or assist in any way I can.

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Tole Chatter

Hello Everyone,

Artist's Club is featuring the 12 days of Christmas again this year. Six free painting projects are available now with week seven up by the time you read this. As we have seen in the past there are some really good free patterns available for you to download. My two favorites so far are cute patterns from Sandra Malone and Jamie Mills-Price. I love both of these designers so will download the patterns while they are still available. <http://www.artistsclub.com/>

If you are a **Joyce Howard** fan there are 5 more patterns added to Della and Company's website. The new patterns are featured on Della's home page. <http://dellaandcompany.com/>

The **OKC Painting Palooza** is over for another year. A great time was had by all who attended since it was Halloween week. The exhibitors decorated their booths and the attendees wore costumes on opening night. Next year the dates are again the last week of October, but with a Christmas theme.

I hope you are thinking about the year ahead and are planning to go to Daytona Beach, Florida for the **SDP Convention** in May.

Product Review — DecoArt Americana Premium Acrylic Paint written by Peggi Severini

Recently I purchased some of the new DecoArt Premium paints that arrived on the market a month or so ago. So far, I love them and thought I would share my findings with all of you.

These paints are very highly pigmented, and are pure colors, not like the bottled paints. This gives you the ability to mix your own colors and also to get much brighter colors than are available in the majority of the bottled paints. As a die hard oil painter, this means a lot to me. I love the idea of the fast drying time of the acrylics, but the bottled paints don't give me the freedom of brush mixing that I have enjoyed with oils. Now I have the best of both worlds.

I have been painting for art shows this summer and have switched to the new acrylics for this purpose. They gave me the ability to get a lot done in a very short period of time. To begin, I set up a wet palette to work from. I worked for several hours each day. When I was finished, I lightly misted the palette, closed it up and left it until the next day, when I could just pick up where I left off the day before. The paint was still very workable. It had not skimmed over at all. I kept this routine up for a week, adding new paint whenever I needed it. At the end of the week, most of the paint was still fine! I left it for a few days, just taking a break to get other things done. When I came back to it, some of the paint had skimmed over so I just dumped it, but I had put out such small amounts to begin with that it didn't really matter (Eileen sized dabs!!!), I need to add, that during this stretch of not painting, I had not added any more water to the palette, other than that very light misting each day, so at the end of the week, the palette was hardly damp.

I think any one who enjoys experimenting a bit, those who like coming up with their own colors, or paints in oils will enjoy these paints. I have not used any of the mediums as yet, mainly because I don't ordinarily use them, but I will try them and pass the information on to you. Having normal oil color names that I grew up with makes using these paints so easy for me. If you have oil patterns that you've wanted to try, but didn't know how to convert them to acrylics, this will make it so much easier as both mediums will have the same color names.

These paints are available at Michael's stores and at Michael's online. I ordered mine online as the stores never seem to carry the entire line of any paint (and usually not the colors I'm looking for). They all come in 2.5 oz tubes, which will conveniently stand on your work table. The entire line, including extra tubes of white and black, plus mediums, came at a price of about \$150.00 including shipping. The individual tube is a bit cheaper than the bottle, and I think is a much higher quality paint. (My opinion, for what it is worth)

Product Review continuation — DecoArt Americana Premium Acrylic Paint

Follow up on DecoArt's new paint: I've been painting quite a bit since I first began using the tube paint, using many techniques. Here's what I have found out:

1. For "Fine Art": Mainly working on animals with fur and small landscapes, the paint acts like oil for it's color mixing, but with the quick drying that you expect from acrylics

Thinned with water, you can do some great glazing and floating. Straight out of tube you

get beautiful brush marks. You can use a palette knife to build nice impasto look. Thinned down, fur is a piece of cake.

You can also thin the paint to do watercolor techniques and the colors don't fade as watercolors do when drying. I'm not advocating that you use this paint if you are serious watercolorist, but if you're in a pinch, or just want to try it, it does work.

2. For "Decorative Art": The paint lays down a bit thicker than bottled paint. I rectified this by dampening my brush before I pick paint up. Works great. And most times a second coat, when base coating isn't needed. Stroke work is not a problem, unless you are like me. I find strokes difficult no matter what I'm using for paint.

3. In my research, I've discovered an interesting bit of information: If a small blob of dried paint breaks when you bend it, then there is a lot of binder used in the production and less pigment. If it stays flexible and doesn't break, then the opposite is true - more pigment, less binder. This insures better quality, stronger, pure colors. I tested DecoArt and the old Delta. Both broke. The new DecoArt Premium (the tube) bends beautifully.

This information did not come from DecoArt or Delta, so I'm not pushing either brand. Just my thoughts on a quality acrylic paint, new to the market.

Peggi Severini (reprinted with permission)

I hope to see you all at our November meeting... always so much fun!

Melinda

WEBSITE

Be sure and check our website for the most recent information concerning chapter meetings and events. Be sure and take a look at our website to see many photos from our Luncheon and Art Show.

<http://rockymountainhiartists.com/>

Sunshine:

We wish Happy Birthday to the following members that have Birthday's in November.

Sandi Mullenhour

Esther Haines

Jody Tidwell

We will be thanking Garden Plaza again with a dozen cookies. We sincerely appreciate their kindness for providing us with a meeting room each month. This is a little way we can show our thanks to the staff. Please bake or buy a dozen cookies and bring them to the November meeting.

Thanks, Karon Sorensen, Sunshine

Art Show 2018 Changes!

As we indicated in the last newsletter, there are some changes being made for our annual Art Show in September 2018.

We are looking forward to having a Gallery Show of your beautiful painted artwork.

Your name will be visible so others may admire and ask questions about your pieces.

There will not be any categories nor ribbons, making it less confusing. The only rule is that it needs to be painted as we are a painting chapter. If you need an easel, please plan to bring your own.

We are excited about these changes and look forward to sharing your beautiful art!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Happy Holidays!!

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