



## April 2022 Newsletter

### President's Message-Marilyn Corners

Hi Everyone,

How much do you love the feeling of SPRING?!!!! I am so happy to see the grass turning from dull beige to beautiful green, along with the irises, tulips and jonquils popping up through winter's clutter. Seeing color is inspiring and energizing for me. I hope you feel the sense of renewal as well.

Rocky Mountain Hi has some fun events happening this month.

**First**, of course, is our own Debbie Poster will be teaching a class on Watercolor Lemons at our monthly meeting, Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. at Garden Plaza. We will still be on Zoom as well, for those of you unable to attend in person.

**Second**, RMHi, in partnership with Garden Plaza, will be hosting a "Sip and Paint" for residents, their families and guests on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 p.m.. You are invited and welcome to attend. However, you must register by April 15<sup>th</sup> to Tobias Keller, 303-873-2038. It will be fun to paint a wine glass as you sip a glass of wine and enjoy a tour of the Garden Plaza facility. Who knows, we may find ourselves enjoying a life of leisure there some day. 😊

**Third**, please take a really focused look at the SDP website, [www.decorativepainters.org](http://www.decorativepainters.org), and click on the "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" page to check out the amazing classes and events planned for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Las Vegas August 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. We are so excited to finally be able to meet again in person, take classes from some of the BEST teachers, shop with the vendors in the trade show and visit with old friends. It has been way too long. SDP negotiated an excellent price for rooms at the Orleans Hotel, where everything will be held. On a very personal note, I have registered for three classes and am taking my daughters, who are also taking classes. We are all so thrilled to be able to do this. It is going to be a blast!! I sincerely hope you will consider attending too. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

I am happy to report that our Brain Injury Alliance classes are back in session, after the Covid shutdown and going well. The students are very happy to be together again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, as are Linda Beaty and I, to be back teaching. Life is good!

Take care Dear Ones and Enjoy the Spring!!!

Hugs,

Marilyn

## Program Report-Debbie Potts



### Mom's Lemon Tree

Original photo and painting by Debbie Poster : Original painting was done in oils, We will use acrylics.

You will need an 8" x 10" surface. I used a piece of masonite, applied 3 coats of Gesso and sanded semi smooth. Easy to find a thrift store frame that doesn't require a deep edge as for a canvas. You may use a wood surface as well. If you are not comfortable with the technique as described below, DO NOT use a larger surface.

Bottle acrylics – any brand: Paynes Grey and a Deep Teal

Base coat surface using a 1" brush with above colors, using a slip slap motion to blend. Keep the darker color towards the edges of surface.

Transfer pattern using a white transfer paper.

Palette Paper : paper towels: plastic paint tray with the wells for each color of paint (Dollar Store)

Bottle acrylics - Yellow Ochre and a Medium Foliage Green

Base leaves with Green and lemons with Yellow Ochre

I did the whole painting in acrylics using #10 Filbert brush, you should bring a few other sizes such as a #4 round, #10 or #12 flat. There is NO FLOATING used on this painting. We'll be painting wet on wet and using a quick "dry" brush technique with paint in the brush. IF you are a SLOW painter, PLEASE have an acrylic GEL EXTENDER – I will have some to share in class.

Tube Acrylics – any brand. Bottle acrylics are fine, especially if it's a thicker brand like Folk Art or Decoart Americana. Do not use an inexpensive brand. They have too much water in them. White: Yellow Ochre: Cad Yellow Medium: Cad Yellow Light: Hookers Green: Ultramarine Blue: either a Medium Red OR Diox Purple. We will be brush mixing colors. PLEASE be aware this is an impressionistic style and the painting should be viewed from several feet away!!

If you have any questions PLEASE call me, Debbie, at 303-805-1509



## Membership Report-Debbie Potts

Our newest members are:

Darrah Yates

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Birth date 7/28

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Kay Kozak

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Birth date 2/26/1929

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Stephany Rodvold

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Birth date 8/24/1963

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## Sunshine Report- Karon Sorensen

We have more Birthdays in April than another month.  
We all send best wishes to the following!



Ginny Sparlin	April 6
Debbie Poster	April 7
Andrene Schmelzer	April 13
Joan Egar	April 24
Nancy Glassman	April 24
Gina Rehlnder	April 27
Carmen Owens	April 27



## Local Teacher Seminar Report- Char Bucher

In keeping with the July's red, white and blue theme, we are offering a beautiful watercolor painting of RED poppies in a glass vase available with Judy Patty in her studio on Sat. July 23rd. The class will run from 9:30 until 4:00.



See the accompanying picture and call me to reserve your space. The cost is \$45 payable to the chapter. Send your check to me, or charge it with Linda after you have reserved your space with me.

The class is also available on line.

Think happy RED Poppies!

Char

## **Travel Teacher Seminar Report-Melinda Barnes**

RMHi is co-sponsoring with High Plains Decorative Artists a seminar with Mark Polomchak in 2022. As soon as the date is announced we will let you know.

Melinda Barnes

## **Tole Chatter-Melinda Barnes**

**Decorative Painters Academy...** Many more classes have been added to the Academy and also the 2022 ornament series that comes out each month.

<https://decorativepaintersacademy.com/>

**Artroom 2 Create...** Offering a variety of Zoom classes you may be interested in.

<https://artroom2create.com/>

**A Colorful Gathering of Friends Virtual Retreat...** May 19 - 22, 2022 is also on their website.

**Sandra Severson...** A beautiful animal portrait artist. Sandra posts in her blog and one article that may interest you is "Five Simple Guidelines for Getting the Best Photos of your Pet!"

<https://www.sandrseverson.com/>

**Dotting project...** For those of you loved our Dotting class with Julie Painting World Magazine has a nice free dotting project with all the instructions by Effie Carayannis.

<https://www.paintingworldmag.com/post/family>

**Dotting** has become so popular there are wonderful Facebook Groups. Pinterest is another great opportunity to find many designs.... I can't keep up. <grin>

**Lydia Steeves...** As many of you are aware Lydia is a huge supporter of animal rescue and adoption. (Especially cats!) Lydia's fundraiser this year is for the animals in the Ukraine. She teamed up with Cindy Harrison for a class in Artful Webinars. All proceeds will be donated to Vets Without Borders for their rescue work in the Ukraine. If you don't want to take the class, which is a black kitty with sunflowers, you can still donate.

<https://artfulwebinars.com/main-class-page/>

**Conversion Charts...** This site has conversion charts for Jo Sonja paint. If you have old patterns with Accent Country Colors listed there is a conversion for that brand too. [http://kvwoodcarvingsupplies.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Jo-Sonja-Conversion-chart.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0kRGr5\\_pWG7ubSP3C\\_pRmwaKzFOQ7PzuANWkX-k6ESs0HnLO1DDeQZ5Jk](http://kvwoodcarvingsupplies.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Jo-Sonja-Conversion-chart.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0kRGr5_pWG7ubSP3C_pRmwaKzFOQ7PzuANWkX-k6ESs0HnLO1DDeQZ5Jk)

**Debbie Cushing...** A very talented artist in colored pencils and acrylics. Debbie's animal portraits are amazing. On her website she also carries patterns by Lonna Lamb and Annette Dozier. <https://www.debbiecushing.com/>

**Liz Vigliotto...** Cute patterns! I love the red truck with a Christmas tree that is soooo cute! Check out this site if you have time. <https://www.lizvigliotto.com/>

**Retarder...** Here is a very good indepth article by Golden Artist Colors explaining the use of retarder and how long you can work with paint.

<https://justpaint.org/retarder-slow-drying-additive-for-acrylic-painting/>

**Ronnie Bringle...** Is teaching on Zoom now. It is so wonderful to see this talented lady teaching again. Check out her website for future Zoom classes.

<https://ronniebringle.com/>

**New England Traditions...** The October 4-9, 2022 convention booklet is available for download now.

<https://www.newenglandtraditions.org/>

**SDP Cheers to 50 Years...** Hotel rooms are a huge bargain this year for our SDP Convention at The Orleans! Book your room and use the code Reservation ID: SDPH22C for the discount. Dates are August 8th - 11th with a Meet and Greet August 7th. I have my room and hope to see some of our members there.

<https://www.oreanscasino.com/groups>

Happy Painting!

Melinda

**On a personal Note:** I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the emails, texts, cards and phone calls during my recent health issues. Your support means everything to me. Love you!

## Website and Facebook-Melinda Barnes

WEBSITES and FACEBOOK

Society of Decorative Painters

New address:

7450 S Seneca St

Haysville, KS 67060

<https://www.decorativepainters.org>



Be sure to check our website for the most recent information concerning chapter meetings and events. Some Zoom class photos have been added.

<https://rockymountainhiartists.com/>

We are also on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/RockyMountainHiChapterSocietyOfDecorativePainters/>

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