



## January 2022 Newsletter

### President's Message-Marilyn Corners

Greetings Everyone and Happy New Year! 🎉🎊🎈

As I write this on a very cold, but sunny morning, I am reminded how much things change, but so much remains the same, whether we want it to or not. We have a new year, new plans, new ideas, new goals and new dreams, yet we continue to have each other with whom to share these. How fortunate are we? On the other hand, we also still have Covid with which to share. That, of course, is not so fortunate, but we will deal with it because that is who we are.


Thanks so much to those of you who responded to my little "survey". I genuinely appreciate your taking the time to let me know your opinions. Interestingly, we are basically very much in agreement.....the majority chose to continue holding our meetings on the 3rd Monday evening of the month.....continue in person/zoom meetings indefinitely.....Acrylic and Pencil medium were the most preferred, followed by Water Color, with Oils being the least preferred. As Ginny, V.P., continues to plan our meeting programs, she will keep those

preferences in mind. Thank you again for giving us direction in setting up this year.

Having mentioned the choice of our holding hybrid meetings, it turns out we actually now have no choice. The Director of Garden Plaza has notified us that they have a new policy in place to protect the well-being of their residents. No outside groups will be allowed in the building for the foreseeable future. We will be notified when the restriction is lifted. Sooooo, sadly, we will be unable to see each other in person for a while. That will no doubt make our meeting in person so much sweeter when it does occur. You will receive an email with the zoom link prior to the meeting each month. Look for it. Please give me a call if you do not find it in your in-box by the day prior to, or the morning of the meeting.

I have a request. When you have a minute to browse, please check out the myriad of classes offered by SDP through the Painters Academy. We have some awesome teachers, with some awesome classes for you to take advantage of as a SDP member. The website is [www.decorativepaintersacademy.com](http://www.decorativepaintersacademy.com). Not only will you have an opportunity to develop your skills, find fun new projects and meet national teachers, but you will be supporting our Society. Let me know what you find that interests you. I have found it really fun and interesting.

Please read the following articles from your officers. You will find really worthwhile and interesting information for consideration, as well as the opportunity to stay informed about Rocky Mountain Hi and other members of SDP. We are so fortunate to have these dedicated women serving as our links to all the various activities, events and happenings.

Thank you, Ladies. 

Stay warm, paint something which makes you smile and I look forward to "seeing" you on the evening of the 17th!!

Hugs,  
Marilyn

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## **Vice President/Program Report-Ginny Sparlin**

Hi all! Happy New Year and Welcome to another round of Covid cancellations!!

Due to new Covid fears, Garden Plaza is not permitting visitors to their facility at this time, which includes our chapter meetings. Therefore, our January 17, 2022, Monday evening general meeting will take place on Zoom, so watch for the ID code number and password/number in your email.

This month Deb Poster has painted a wonderful Winter landscape to teach us. It only involves 3 brushes and 3 colors! And it is beautiful. Deb will give us more information on supplies and prep. in her article in this newsletter, so read it and I'll hope to see you all at the Zoom meeting! Bring your own refreshments!!

Your Board is still working on programs for our monthly meetings in 2022 so watch for information in the next newsletter, you'll be thrilled and amazed!

Have you all seen the ornament per month program from SDP as part of our 50-year anniversary celebration? I bought the ornaments they are using for each ornament and just purchased the first ornament pattern. It's a Jo Sonja, little Christmas Elf, and he's really cute! I had an idea (go figure), I thought if any of our members are interested in painting these ornaments, but maybe unsure of painting them alone, we could get together, probably on Zoom, and I could teach each ornament as a class. Once per month, maybe on a Saturday. What do you think? The pattern states that a teacher can teach this as a class, but I am not allowed to mechanically copy the pattern legally, so you'd have to buy your own pattern packet from SDP (\$10.00) and provide a surface. Once you have the pattern, you can enlarge or reduce it to fit whatever surface you have. It would make a cute Christmas plate or ornament, or even the top of a box, or tin. Think about it and let me know if you are interested. This first pattern is done in Jo Sonja paints; if you don't have them, I will try to convert the colors to Americana. If you're interested call me,

Ginny Sparlin, 303-693-0771  
From Vice President/Secretary Ginny Sparlin:

## **January Project-Deb Poster**

SPRING FROST by Debbie Poster (inspired by several designs on Pinterest)

Supplies: sample is on a wooden plate, 11 1/2", from craft store. Demonstration will be done on 8" x 10" canvas. Size pattern to

fit surface of choice. Pattern was drawn to fit the 8" inner circle of plate and was not changed for the canvas.

Paints: Bottle acrylic, any brand. White, Ultramarine Blue, Burnt Umber

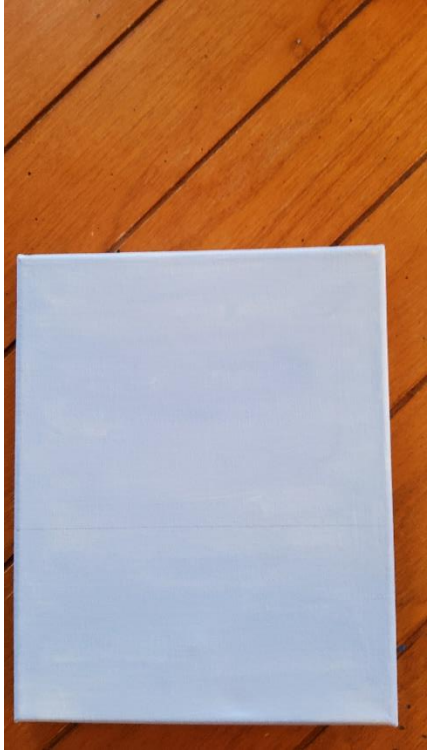
Brushes: Sponge brush for base coating, 1" flat brush (stiff bristle for brush blending the background), #12 flat with good chisel edge, #10/0 (or slightly larger) scrip liner, #1 fan brush (small) or an old scruffy brush for foliage. If painting on a plate: 2" piece of sea sponge and large dotting tool.

Straight edge (T Square preferred) to make the horizon line in class and pencil.

Tracing paper with pattern applied. Transfer paper dark or chalk pencil to hand draw design, eraser, palette paper, cotton swabs, paper towels.

**BEFORE CLASS:** Sand and seal wood piece. Basecoat surface (wood or canvas) with a mix of 2 parts white plus 1 part Ultramarine Blue. **DO NOT TRACE ON PATTERN** - we will paint the sky before putting on the pattern. Feel free to hand draw this design using a chalk pencil.

Because we will be painting via zoom, a hair dryer/heat gun may need to be used to speed dry the sky. Please be courteous and mute during that process.



## **Membership Report-Deb Poster**

As of January 5, 2022 we have 27 members. If any contact information for you has changed, please send info to: Debbie Poster at [Debinart@aol.com](mailto:Debinart@aol.com) or text: 720-217-2383.

## **Report for Sunshine-Karon Sorensen**

We want to send out our thoughts and prayers to Elissa McAlear for the passing of Jon and her recovery due to Covid. Keep your thoughts and prayers for Iris Luckel's recovery and return to her home from the rehab facility.



## BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO THE FOLLOWING

RUTH LAMB            JANUARY 4  
CECELIA RAE        JANUARY 20  
NANCY GEPFORD    JANUARY 20



## Travel Seminars-Melinda Barnes



HPDA is opening our sign-ups for Paulette's February 12, 2022 seminar. The fee will be \$30 for our local chapters to include, High



Plains, Pikes Peak and Rocky Mt. Hi. Nonmember fee will be \$45. You will be responsible for your surface (approx. 14" plate or your surface choice) Hofcraft has a suitable plate with a 10% discount, however, Pinecraft will give us a 40% seminar discount. They have two surfaces one a 14" double beaded plate, the other a 14" scooped. This style may be more suitable for our plate but it is your choice. If you reduce your pattern the Tim Holz Holiday Knit stencil may not fit on Santa's robe, item #THS28, available from Cupboard, Amazon, and all our regular distributors. You may reduce or enlarge your pattern but be mindful of the stencil, and of course, you may choose not to use this stencil. You will also be responsible for your paints, list included and any other supplies needed for our class. Paints needed for seminar are as follows: Country Red, Black Plum, Cadmium Red, Terra Cotta, Thicket, Desert Cactus, Hauser Dk. Green, Desert Turquoise, Deep Midnight Blue, Navy, Dioxazine Purple, Dried Clay, Burn Umber, Honey Brown, Antique Gold, Neutral Grey, Snow White, Lamp Black

We are continuing our seminars via Zoom and will probably begin this at 9 am M.S.T.

Please contact Janet to give her your credit card information and if you have time, email me (Carolyn) and let me know you are interested and plan to sign for the seminar.

I will be ordering my plate from Pinecraft and will be very happy to order one for you as well so we may share shipping costs. Deadline for ordering your plate will be Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, so please keep this in mind. We'll be cutting it close, but we should be ok. We'll make arrangements to get your plate picked up once we have them in hand.

We have the instructions which include a nice large photo, the line drawing and prep instructions. We will send these to you as you sign up for the class. We hope you will be able to join us for this wonderful class with a very talented artist and teacher.

## **Tole Chatter-Melinda Barnes**

I hope you all are starting off the New Year painting! Maybe you will find something in this article that tickles your fancy and you will paint it.

**Artful Webinars...** Live Interactive Convention March 14 - 20, 2022. Registration is open! You can download their catalog now.

<https://artfulwebinars.com/convention/>

**Shelley Prior Fine Art...** This is a YouTube.com video on tea-stained watercolor paper for a vintage look you might find interesting. Shelley has other videos you may enjoy. There is a black cat that looks fun! <grin>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhIhggFa4pE>

**SDP Certification...** here is the list of passing boards and they are amazing. So fun to look at them! Marilyn was one of the certification judges this year.

<https://www.decorativepainters.org/Public/Certification/Current Year Passing Entries.aspx>

**Tracy Moreau...** Tracy is always busy designing and sharing how to paint them on Facebook and YouTube. If you search YouTube, you will see some classes you need to subscribe to, but there are tons of painting video you don't have to. Tracy leads you all the way though the painting a project. Here is a

link to a free snowman tag.

<https://tracymoreau.net/shop/ols/products/snowman-tag-ornament-e-pattern>

### **Painting Tip: Tracy Moreau**

Vintage Signs and Rustic Reclaimed or pallet wood signs are still trending VERY HOT... but let's be honest.. they are a frikken pain to paint. That rough wood makes it difficult to get nice clean lettering or crisp designs...( there is rustic ,and then there is badly painted)

So what to do when the "Rough" is part of the "LOOK"??

If you are going to use a base Colour ( Or Multiple colours).. apply it first and let it dry. ( yup it's gonna look terrible) Scuff sand the the surface, and a little to distress here and there, as you desire. You can add any antiquing you want, now too, or you can wait till the end.

Apply two light coats of Deco Art Decoupage (MATT) over the surface. Let the first coat dry well and then LIGHTLY sand the surface with a medium sand paper. Wipe away the dust Apply the Second coat. Let it dry.

This clear coat will fill in quite a few of the deeper areas, and the sanding removes some of the more coarse bits sticking up. The Appearance of the texture remains, but leaves you with a more uniform surface to paint on. (Not perfect, but better. Makes painting lettering and other elements that need a cleaner edge, much easier to do.

### **Painting tip.... Tracy**

Cleaning stencils... we have all left a stencil too long before

attempting to clean it up... and have felt they were a lost cause. But they are almost always salvageable... with a few little tricks.

Tip 1: never use HOT water. This can cause the Mylar or plastic to buckle or stretch. Rendering the stencil useless.

Tip 2: kitchen sponges (the ones with a soft scrubby side) are perfect for cleaning stencils. Just take your time and take care with detailed or elaborate stencils. Don't want to bend those little bits.

Tip 3: I use a large piece of plate glass or a ceramic tile to lay the stencils on (in the sink) the stencils will stick when wet and makes it easy to clean without damaging the stencil.

Cleaners:

My faves....

DecoArt Brush Magic is an awesome stencil/brush/jewelry cleaner... I attach a spray pump to the bottle to spray the stencil (saves brush cleaner and works very well) let it sit for a minute or two and then lay it on a flat solid surface and gently scrub with a kitchen sponge. Pat dry.

Gel hand sanitizer... awesome for classes and travel...inexpensive and very effective on fresh paint. Rub some into the stencil and let sit for about 30 seconds. Lay flat on a solid surface and gently scrub with a kitchen sponge. Rinse with cool water. Pat dry.

Great for emergency brush cleaning too (just don't use it too often)

Rubbing alcohol is great in a pinch and cheap like borscht. This is very effective to remove fresh, dry or old paint. I spray it onto the stencil and let it sit for just a few seconds. Lay it on a flat solid surface and then scrub gently with a kitchen sponge

Awesome:

Great stuff, works quite well ....when you can find it... not readily available in Canada.

<https://tracymoreau.net/>

**Sandra Malone...** Sandra has always been one of my favorite designers and I have painted several of her designs, especially ornaments. In recent years Sandra has designed more than just pattern packets. On her website you can order designs already on Tote Bags, socks and shoes. There are a couple of free Christmas cards you can print out for next year while you are on her site.

<https://sandrastudio.com/>

**Painting World Magazine...** Here is another idea for Christmas cards next year. This one is a lesson and pattern you can paint for your cards.

<https://www.paintingworldmag.com/post/ugly-sweater-season>

That's it for this month. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year everyone!

Melinda

## **WEBSITES and FACEBOOK -Melinda Barnes**

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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/>