



## March 2022 Newsletter

### President's Message-Marilyn Corners

Happy St. Patty's Day Everyone. What a glorious day today, with sunshine and "warm" temperature. These are the days when I really appreciate living in Colorado.

I have GOOD NEWS!!! Garden Plaza has welcomed us back to our meeting facility. Yah!! So.... Next Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, I hope to see you at 6 o'clock p.m., in person. We will have the same requirements as we did when last we met in person, i.e. Masks when entering and leaving the building, as well as when we use the bathroom. That is a small price to pay for the privilege of meeting in person. Also, we will be required to show proof of vaccination when we check in at the reception desk. However, for anyone who chooses to attend the meeting by Zoom, rest assured that we will be sending a Zoom link to you.

I am thrilled to be teaching the lesson at our March meeting. Sadly, I do not have the sample ready to show you in this newsletter, however, I promise to get it out to you along with the line drawing asap! I will tell you that it is a watercolor of a bunny surrounded by sunflowers. I hope you like it.

Have you checked out the Decorative Painter's Academy? May I urge you to do so if you haven't had an opportunity to do so yet. Excellent teachers are teaching really fun and worthwhile classes on Zoom there. It is a valuable opportunity which I feel confident you will appreciate when you go into the website. [www.decorativepaintersacademy.com](http://www.decorativepaintersacademy.com)

Have you looked at the incredible line-up of teachers and classes being taught at the **50<sup>th</sup> Celebration** in Las Vegas, August 7 thru 11? We are very excited to be meeting again in person. So many fun, interesting events are planned. Go to the website and register, find the classes you are interested in taking, make your room reservations at The Orleans and get your flights scheduled. SDP has secured significantly reduced rates at the hotel. It would be an amazing experience for our Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter to have a big group of attendees. One event planned, is a Photo Booth Opportunity set up by the individual chapters, with voting by the attendees for Best Booth. The winner will be awarded a cash prize. We need to come up something extraordinary for our booth!! [www.decorativepainters.org](http://www.decorativepainters.org)

Have a great week, wear your **GREEN!** Hope to see you on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 o'clock .

Hugs,

Marilyn

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

Hi All,

Can you believe it's almost Spring (officially, on March 20th.) I am so looking forward to warm weather and lots of sunshine, soon! Can't wait to dig in my garden!!

A big thank you to all who attended the February meeting and stayed to paint with me. I enjoyed teaching you and I hope you all enjoyed painting on zoom with me. Everyone's paintings were wonderful. Isn't it amazing how we can all start off with the same line drawing and idea, and with each artist putting their own style into their painting, each will come out with a painting that looks different from the others. I love it!! Don't you love being an artist?

It looks like we will again be meeting in person at Garden Plaza, starting with our March 21 general meeting! It's always great to get together and catch up with everyone in person! Try to make it if you possibly can, there will be treats! And we'll miss you if you aren't there.

This month Marilyn Corners will be teaching an enchanting Bunny with a Sunflower just in time for Easter! Look for a supply list etc. in this newsletter.

Deb Poster is working up a special project to teach at our April general meeting, so make plans to be there.

Our chapter is so fortunate to have such wonderfully talented members, who are willing to share their wealth of knowledge with us!

Thank you each and every one for offering your valuable time and expertise to teach at our monthly meetings and other events during the year! This would be a very boring chapter without you all!

Ginny Sparlin, V.P

## **Membership Report-Debbie Potts**

PLEASE welcome our newest member, which brings our total to 29 members!

Kay Kozak  
3248 Montebello Dr W  
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

[Kozakjk1234@gmail.com](mailto:Kozakjk1234@gmail.com)

719 598 9177

Kay is the mother of our other new member, Stephany Rodvold.

Please note the following changes:

Char Bucher would like everyone to use her land line, not cell phone number: 303 368 0851

Be sure to change the email address for Elissa McAlear to: [elissamc40@comcast.net](mailto:elissamc40@comcast.net)

Please let me know if you did not get my email of the list of members that I sent out the end of January. Check your spam folder, please.

Respectfully, Debbie Poster

## Sunshine Report- Karon Sorensen



We wish the follow people, great and wonderful Birthday's

Nan Auhll      March 7

Paula Leopold   March 18

Char Bucher     March 31

We send our thoughts and get well wishes to Melinda Barnes and Iris Luckel.

We are also so happy to see Elissa back with us on zoom.



## **Local Teacher Seminar Report- Char Bucher**

We are so lucky to have a class with Colleen Nelson coming upon on April 9. The class will be held at Judy Patti's studio in Littleton. The cost of this 4-hour class is \$35. Make your checks payable to Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter, and send them along to me. I can still accept registrations for a couple more in studio, and of course, more on line. The hours are 9 to 1, and perhaps some of us will go out to lunch afterwards.

I think this is one of the most charming little paintings to come along in a long time. I can't wait to take the class. If you love it and want to paint it, call me right away.



## **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**

**Chris Thornton-Deason...** In February our painting world lost such an incredible person and designer. We were fortunate enough in Denver to have had her teach for the Denver chapters twice. DecoArt has Chris' pattern "Flower Market Valentine's Sign" available for free which can be used for more than just a Valentine sign.

[https://decoart.com/project/flower-market-valentine?fbclid=IwAR1\\_ZC39jyled9b\\_7yxOaTokQj\\_zT-jAxCzyDCYMphzhpZe5vFxDyf7dzn0](https://decoart.com/project/flower-market-valentine?fbclid=IwAR1_ZC39jyled9b_7yxOaTokQj_zT-jAxCzyDCYMphzhpZe5vFxDyf7dzn0)

Also a cheerful welcome sign that looks fun to paint by Chris.

<https://decoart.com/project/hand-painted-welcome-sign>

**SDP Cheers to 50 Years...** Registration is open for convention classes now!

<https://decorativepaintersacademy.com/events/>

**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.orleanscasino.com/groups>

**Hofcraft...** They are retiring after 50 years! There is a coupon code you can use through the end of March for an additional discount of 10%. Use **SAVE10**

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

**Sandra Malone...** If you are looking for a cute Easter design to paint check out this free pattern on DecoArt's website.

<https://decoart.com/project/painted-bunny>

**OKC Painting Palooza...** Registration is open for the convention. Dates are October 22 - 29, 2022.

<https://okcpaintingpalooza.com/>

**NET...** The New England Traditions convention in October has selected their classes. The PDF catalog isn't ready yet, but there is a slider showing class project previews. Many very nice classes!

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

**Plum Purdy...** This is Renee Mullins' website. She has several new really cute bunny patterns just in time for Easter. Did I mention one is a free pattern? <grin>

<https://plumpurdy.com/>

**Barbara Bunsey...** Barbara's business name is The Calico Goose. She has a redesigned website and I think you will find her video on how to float very good.

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

**Deb Poster** sent the links for these websites. Their newsletters will interest many of you.

<https://streamlinepublishing.com/>

Stefan Baumann... Artwork is stunning.

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

Inside Art... Articles Deb thought you would enjoy reading

<https://streamlinepublishing.com/inside-art/>

9th Annual Convention and Expo at the Hilton Santa Fe Buffalo Thunder Hotel.

[https://pleinairconvention.com/?utm\\_source=B-5306](https://pleinairconvention.com/?utm_source=B-5306)

### **Peggy Harris Tip... Watercolor Palettes**

The best watercolor palettes are heavy porcelain or ceramic since they allow the thinned paint to create POOLS of color rather than BEAD up on the surface. However, they are heavy and can be cumbersome. Most painters select metal or plastic palettes, but neither allows good pooling of the paint until they have been used for a long time. Test the following solutions on the back of a new palette:

1. MAGIC ERASERS, METAL POT SCRUBBERS, BAKING SODA – marginally effective.
2. SANDPAPER – 600 grit wet/dry works well - avoid coarse grits.
3. TOOTHPASTE - Vigorously scrub the surface with white toothpaste.

This also removes paint stains on plastic and who doesn't want a peppermint fresh palette?

**SDP Store...** Where you can buy Society of Decorative Painters Merchandise! Be sure and take a look at the many items offered.

<https://www.cafepress.com/societyofdecorativepainters>

**Sharon Wolf...** Seminar on Zoom sponsored by Pikes Peak Chapter "Winter Light". This class is free if you belonged to their chapter. at the beginning of the year. Registration is now open.

Happy Painting!

Melinda

## **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/>

## **Newsletter Compiler-Verlene Siska**

<https://rockymountainhiartists.com>