



October 2022 Newsletter

President's Message-Marilyn Corners

Iris Luckel July 16, 1930, to March 11, 2022

Born in Scotia, Nebraska

Iris Delores Luckel was a member of the Rocky Mountain HI Chapter of SDP since its inception 45 years ago.

Through the years, she received a number of ribbons for her excellent artwork as a beautiful painter in many media. Family and friends always appreciated the hundreds of her hand-painted cards she gave each year and for birthdays. She had 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, who were her pride and joy.

Iris was a gracious lady who enjoyed being able to call Rocky Mountain Hi members, new and old, to welcome and remind them of membership, meetings and special events. Many members have shared that they joined our chapter or came to meetings because of Iris' calls. She was a board member in several positions throughout the years, but she really enjoyed talking with people and arranging for our meetings at different locations.

Iris was a very true friend, who was always doing the right thing and never had a hair out of place. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

Vice President/Program Report-Ginny Sparlin

Hi everyone!

Well, the trees are changing colors and the year is winding down. Here come the Holidays! Just to make sure you all are up to date, there will be NO OCTOBER MEETING. Instead, there will be an all-day paint seminar, taught by Mary Steingesser at the Eloise May library in Aurora. The address is: 1471 S Parker Road, Denver, Co. 80231. If you've never been there, it's at the NW corner of Parker Road and Florida St. The class will be from 9: am to 4: pm. And you can bring your own lunch OR several of us are planning to order in Chinese take-out from the restaurant across the street from the library. I received word today they do not deliver, so we can order and I can zip over and pick up our lunch and bring it back to class. If you haven't signed up for the class, you need to contact Mary and also send your class fee to Linda Beaty to get on the list, as Mary has to prep the surfaces. This project is a very sweet little snowman to get you in the mood for the holidays! Mary is a wonderful teacher and you'll learn a lot in this class!

Our November 21st. meeting will be our annual Christmas party, starting at 6: pm. Bring a snack or appetizer to share. Some kind of finger food. We are not allowed to bring any kind of crock pot or other cookers, nothing that needs to be plugged in. We will be installing our new board of officers for 2023. There will be an ornament exchange. If you'd like to participate, bring your painted ornament, wrapped, with YOUR NAME INSIDE the package, so that whoever picks it, knows who made it. We would also like to put together a gift for the staff of Garden Plaza. We ask that everyone please bring a bag of one or two dozen home baked cookies, to be gathered in a basket, to be given to the staff. It's been so long since we have been able to enjoy a little normalcy, this will be a fun evening to just reconnect with friends and enjoy ourselves! So, dig out your Christmas best to wear and join the party, I'm partial to sparkly tops, myself! Hope to see you all there!

At the September meeting we discussed having a drawing for the lovely watercolor painting that our friend Chuck Danford so generously gifted to our chapter to use as a fundraiser. The plan was to have the drawing for it on the night of our November meeting. At a recent board meeting, it was brought up that Chuck had so many friends and students around town that we should allow more time for all to participate. Therefore, it was decided by the board to have

the drawing next Summer during a Summer Garden Party, date and location to be announced later. Till then, if you'd like to participate, send your check to Linda Beaty, and your name will be placed in the pot. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. There will be a photo of this beautiful matted and framed watercolor in our newsletter. This drawing will be open to the public. We will be promoting it at the Pikes Peak and the High Plains chapters, as well as the Western Colorado chapter in Grand Junction. We will also be contacting several places where Chuck Danford taught here in town.



That's it for now, have a great Fall Y'all!!
Questions call: Ginny Sparlin, V.P. 303-693-0771

Hospitality Report-Andrene Schmelzer

For the seminar with Mary on 10/17/22 some people are bringing lunches. Others, that want to order from the Golden Shanghai should bring cash, to make it easier on the person picking up the order. I suggest bringing a ten, a five, and

five ones, as each meal will be a different price, adding in tax and a small tip. The meals range from \$9.99 to \$14.95.

I will pick up donuts for the morning. Any drinks brought in cannot be in an open container.

Sunshine Report- Karon Sorensen

We want to wish the following a wonderful Birthdays!! a

Jerry Hunt 2

Catherine Roche 19

Travel Teacher Seminar Report-Melinda Barnes

The RMHi co-sponsored with High Plains Decorative Artists seminar with Mark Polomchak has been canceled.

High Plains Decorative Painters is presenting a Debbie Cotton seminar November 5th. You can see the photo and details on their website.

<https://highplainsdecorativeartists.com/seminars.html>

Tole Chatter-Melinda Barnes

Patricia Rawlinson... This is an older video by Patty, but worth watching. Cup Of Blessings Cookbook Stand | Charcoal Pencil Tutorial teaches you how to paint a great fall apple cider theme.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ltizas4dcOU>

'**Boo Pumpkins**' is another instructional video completing the project. Technique and tips include crackling and stenciling.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yp8gwsP4XSc>

Tole Painting Designs... This site is Sheila Landry's and features many wood pieces and patterns by well-known designers as well as her own. Sheila's prices are reasonable too.

<https://tolepaintingdesigns.com/>

Painting Tip... Tracy Moreau

Having trouble getting just the right amount of water in the brush?? (Floating, shading Highlighting etc.)

Paper towel or Shop towels for blotting, often takes out too much and not blotting leaves too much in.... try blotting your brush on a damp cellulose Sponge. (Kitchen sponge)

Wet the sponge thoroughly, and squeeze the excess water out. The sponge should be wet but not drip when squeezed. it is now dry enough to draw the excess water from your brush without removing all of it. (You also won't pick up any fuzzy bits... fuzzy bits drive me nuts)

<https://tracymoreau.net/>

Painting World Magazine... This month the magazine is offering a cute pattern for Halloween complete with pattern and directions.

<https://www.paintingworldmag.com/post/halloween-ornament-trio>

Artful Webinars 2023 Convention... Registration opens in November.

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

B C Publishing... They publish Bella Crafts Magazine. Since artists enjoy other types of crafting and also embellish their work, I thought some of you may be interested in their magazine. Did I mention the digital magazine is FREE! <grin> Sandy McTeir has a project in the up-and-coming issue. There is a blog and e-books available for sale.

<https://bellacraftspublishing.com/>

Decorative Painters Academy... Many new classes have been added on their website. Our member, Paula Leopold, CDA, is teaching one of the new classes offered... A sweet little bunny in a basket full of flowers. Linda Sharp, MDA is going to teach an ornament box, Debbie Cushing teaching an ornament, Naomi Shimanuki, MDA teaching a colored pencil design., and Marco Aguilar is teaching blackbird eggs in a nest. Be sure to check out all the classes and monthly

ornaments.

<https://decorativepaintersacademy.com/>

Facebook... There are several private membership groups on Facebook now., some are free to join. Others like the YouTube Channels, there is a fee. Many teachers are still teaching free classes and you can purchase the pattern packet or just watch their demo or class. There many Zoom classes offered all over the country by 'big brushes' as well.

Debby's Touch... Debby Forshey-Choma is teaching a free ornament every month until Christmas. If you would like to, she offers the patterns discounted at \$4.00 for the entire month of the class. Debb has a private Facebook group, create with Debby's Touch, and you can sign up for her newsletter. The link for Debb's Facebook group is on her home page under "Christmas Countdown".

<https://debbystouch.com>

Barbara Nielsen, CDA... With Christmas coming and time to paint some ornaments be sure to look at Barbara's website. So cute and fun!

<https://barbaranielsendesigns.com/>

Lynne Andrews... Recently I took a fun Zoom class with Lynne. She shared a product she is using to set colored pencils or micro-pens on her painted projects. SpectraFix Dega Fixative is non-toxic, order free, all natural and water based. This product is in a pump spray bottle. I ordered it from Amazon and also an empty spray bottle which has an ultra-fine spray. I thought how perfect for us in Colorado when you can't spray outside. So far, I have only tried to use it once and I'm not sure it will work as I expected. There are many YouTube videos on how to use this product. you can check out. I have not given up on this yet and will keep you posted how it works for me. Here is the manufactures website with what is available.

<https://www.spectrafix.com/product/spectrafix-degas-spray-fixative/#tab-description>

Here is one YouTube video that gives you tips using this fixative for your colored pencil and pastel projects.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8PTSK2wEy8>

Happy Fall and 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/>

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