



## September 2022 Newsletter

### President's Message-Marilyn Corners

Greetings Rocky Mountain Hi Ladies.

What fun and interesting Summer this has been. At our July "Paint Party" we had 4 members attend. At our August "Paint Party" we had 16! What a wonderful surprise that was. We had such a good, fun and messy day. Lots of really lovely results happened from our experimenting!!

Our September meeting on the 19th will be in person at Garden Plaza and not on Zoom. Would you please do me a favor, and let me know if you will be attending? Because we have not been at Garden Plaza for our summer meetings and are now returning, we have told the GP event planner not to furnish coffee and water until we have an idea of how many members will attend. I so hope to see you there for our "UFO" (Un Finished Objects) Meeting. Ginny and I will be there to help you if needed, as well as giving Instruction on "floating", in preparation for Mary's

snowman class in October. Bring your own drink, 🍸 whatever that may be 😊 .

Ladies, please plan to attend the SDP MEETING scheduled for September 20th.

You have received the invite and link. Remember that this your organization and your voice counts

Hugs

Marilyn

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

Hi All,

It's good to finally be back in Colorado. Thank you for all your thoughts and cards.

Be sure to bring your unfinished projects (at least one or two) and painting supplies, to our September meeting.

There will be several teachers there to help you and if you need to brush up on a particular skill, we'll be happy

to help. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Remember September 19, at 6 pm.

Ginny Sparlin, V.P.

## **Membership Report-Debbie Potts**

MEMBERSHIP: Our membership remains the same. Elissa McAlear (720 289 4278) has graciously stepped forward to handle the membership from this day forward, please direct all renewal payments to Linda Beaty (720 261 4226), treasurer and notify Elissa regarding payments. Linda will also keep Elissa informed. It has been my pleasure to serve as MEMBERSHIP chair for the last several years.

Respectfully, Debbie Poster

## **Facilities Report-Debbie Potts**

Don't forget! Our Sept and Oct chapter meetings will resume in person at the Garden Plaza! Check in at the front desk for a quick temperature scan. Please wear a mask until you are in the meeting room! Due to many members who are still remaining at home, Garden Plaza is setting up only 2 round tables for our meetings at this time. Please bring your own beverage until further notice. PLEASE RSVP to Marilyn (303 249 1009) IF ATTENDING THE MEETING! This is extremely IMPORTANT!

Respectfully, Debbie Poster

## **Programs Report-Debbie Potts**

We had a wonderful turnout for our last Summer Paint Party. I certainly hope you had as much FUN as Marilyn and I had planning everything! We look forward to offering more next summer. Marilyn has graciously offered her home again! I can't believe it after the mess we made, lol. Maybe we can continue to "paint" her garage floor!

As we approach the last few months of 2022, we sincerely hope you will join us in person for our Sept and Oct chapter meetings! For Sept 19, at 6pm, we are offering a fun night of "UFOs", Un-Finished Objects. NO ZOOM. MARILYN will be on hand to help with any acrylic painting skills you may be rusty with. YOU MUST RSVP!! The help she can give you will be extremely valuable to our Oct program, presented by Mary Steingesser! On Oct 17th at 6pm, Mary is offering a wonderful winter project of a snowman for \$25, which is the cost-plus considerable prep of the surface. PLEASE order the surface from Mary (703 728 9253) ASAP/NOW! NO ZOOM.

As we plan for 2023 projects, we have a couple of wonderful ideas in the works, hint: think dragonflies, an acrylic whimsical bunny, and more!! ANYONE wishing to offer a class or SUGGEST a project, PLEASE contact me: 720 217 2383 (text or voice) after Sept 22.

Respectfully, Debbie Poster

## **Sunshine Report- Karon Sorensen**

No Birthdays in Sept so nothing to report.

## **Hospitality Report-Andrene Schmelzer**

Thanks for all that attended the August painting event at Marilyn's and brought delicious food.

For our September meeting at Garden Plaza, we have Linda and Melinda bringing appetizers and sweets.

Thank you for volunteering. Please bring your own beverages this month.

Andrene Schmelzer

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

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

As soon as I have more information on upcoming seminars, I will report it here. I did notice on Facebook that Rosemary West is teaching a Zoom class! Rosemary has retired from travel teaching so this would be a great option for us! Carolyn has already contacted Rosemary and she will get back to Carolyn if she is comfortable to teach a Zoom class for the High Plains chapter.

## **Tole Chatter-Melinda Barnes**

**Dots and Moore...** A great place to find patterns and more for dot painting from Cindy Moore.

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

**Patricia Garrington...** Patricia has patterns available on Etsy. I have always loved her designs.

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/PGarringtonDesign>

**Sandra Malone...** DecoArt has a sweet free pattern by Sandra you might like.

<https://decoart.com/project/you-are-my-sunshine?fbclid=IwAR0pDQ8qmxLsIYUzO4fySsIGAIxWAKA6E8UMv1tWseLPx0Z0JPCNLRc9HhM>

**Ann Kullberg...** Wow... if you don't subscribe to Ann Kullerg's colored pencil magazine and wonder what it is like here is your chance. This offer is for a FREE issue! It is full of wonderful examples of colored pencil projects, tips and articles of interest.

<https://annkullberg.com/products/color-magazine-free-sample>

**Silver Brush...** there is amazing info on the Brush Care Tips menu tab. You will also find their brush line with short video clips on how to use each brush.

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

**Painting Tip from Tracy Moreau** (sharing with permission)

Sealing surfaces is always a hot point.

I usually seal NEW wood surfaces with All purpose sealer or Decoart Decoupage. I use a seal and first base coat trick that is a great time saver!! I mix All purpose sealer, or decoart Decoupage with equal amounts of my base color. I apply it generously and smooth it out to remove brush marks. Allow it to dry well, then sand it lightly to remove any burrs or furring. Then apply a second coat of the same mixture. Let it dry well. Sand lightly once again. If another coat of the color is need apply one coat of just the acrylic paint.

I prefer to seal MDF Surface with a coat of Gesso, let it dry then sand lightly. Older surfaces (reclaimed furniture, old finishes or unknown finishes) I prefer to seal with a stain blocker, usually 2 coats letting each one dry before reapplying. I then let it dry for 24 to 48 hours before I begin painting. It is incredibly frustrating to have old stain or varnish leach color through your hard work.

For Metal, thoroughly clean the surface with a good grease cutting soap (dawn works great) and Hot water. Brush off any loose rust. Let it dry well. Apply two coats of DecoArts Metal Primer, letting each coat dry well before reapplying. Let it dry 24 hrs. This primer will Block rusting. Works right over Rusted surfaces.

**Painting Tip:**

Have trouble getting your graphite to transfer clearly??

Try taking a hair dryer to the surface you are transferring to, just for a minute or two.

A surface that is still a little damp or freshly painted, (even one that has been sitting overnight) will be harder to transfer to than one that is completely dry. A couple of minutes under the heat of the hair dryer and the remaining moisture will be gone, making it much easier to trace and transfer your design.

**Painting Tip:** When painting with Metallics... to get a nice uniform finish, apply the paint in one direction only, overlapping each stroke slightly. This will help arrange the metallic particles and create a smooth metallic look.

Tracy Moreau - <https://tracymoreau.net/>

**WET Palettes...** Homemade WET Palettes - Today's discussion refers to a wet palette made with a sponge substitute and paper in a container.

(Shop towels with paint wells created in the damp towels are a holding palette and while very good for keeping paint moist, do not allow you to mix on the palette, etc. They are acceptable for some., but not all, techniques. If unsure, use a real wet palette with sponge/paper.)

1. Select a lidded container. Shallow plasticware works well.

2. Place a sponge substitute in the bottom of the container. Real chamois, synthetic chamois or things like ShamWow work well. Also good is a thick bed of 3-4 Viva paper towels folded under to FIT the bottom of the container.

3. Fill the sponge substitute with as much water as it can possibly hold. Do not squeeze out the water. Simply tip the container to allow excess to run off.

4. Place a piece of deli-wrap on the "sponge" base. Select deli wrap that has LITTLE to NO WAX on it - the moisture must be able to soak through the paper in order to reach the paint!

5. CUT off or FOLD under any paper that extends beyond the "sponge" base!!!!!!!!!!!!

6. I repeat: CUT off or FOLD under any paper that extends beyond the "sponge" base!!!!!!!!!!!! Paper extending out beyond the "sponge" base is the single greatest flaw I see in homemade wet palettes since it immediately begins to suck dryness into the palette at a rate that not even the wettest palette can withstand!

7. Smooth the paper against the "sponge" base to eliminate as much air as possible that may be lurking between the surfaces.

8. Blot excess water from the surface with a paper towel.
9. Keep the palette closed when not in use.

Peggy Harris - <https://peggyharris.com/>

**Art Supply Insiders...** Podcasts about many subjects in the craft and painting world.

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

**Annette Dozier...** She has added more landscape painting tutorials. One project in particular she has been teaching through the entire painting.

<https://creativepaintingbyannette.com/>

**Chris Haughey...** I am in love with this pattern and thought some of you may like it too. "Rustic Sunflowers E-Pattern"

<https://www.cdwood.com/products/rustic-sunflowers-e-pattern-by-chris-haughey-1>

Happy Painting!

Melinda

## **Website and Facebook-Melinda Barnes**

WEBSITES and FACEBOOK

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New address:

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<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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