

Rocky Mountain Hi Artist Newsletter

January 2023 Newsletter

President's Message-Ginny Sparlin

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all are healthy and doing well. This past year has been brutal. Our beloved Society of Decorative Painters is gone, but will never be forgotten. It was an amazing 50 years of teaching, learning and growing to understand our potential as artists. The years went by in a whirlwind, a blink of the eye, and we'll grieve for what we've lost, but we'll go on. Even though so much has changed, we can still continue to be there for each other, continuing to learn and pass our knowledge on. We still have the friendships we've made over the years; those friendships will last forever. Time to take a breath, remember and smile, but proceed forward. SDP gave us the knowledge to continue on.

We are no longer a "Chapter". Going forward we are a Club, a group, and since we know each other so well, we may even be a flock, or a gaggle, but we are still together.

We are the Rocky Mountain Hi Artists Club. We'll still meet at Garden Plaza on the third Monday most months. We will still be trying to come up with fun projects and hope you'll continue to be a part of the fun.

The board is the same this year mostly. It may take a minute for us to work out how our group will operate going forward, but with your help, we will do fine.

Our Vice President, Deb Poster has come up with a fun calendar of events for 2023, including some summer paint parties. They were a big success last year, though prepare to get a little messy.... We'll still have parties, hopefully another art show, you never know what we'll come up with. We would like to get your input on what kind of projects you'd like to paint. If you're a beginner who'd like to get more comfortable with painting techniques, maybe at a Saturday workshop, let us know. If you've been painting a long time and long for a more involved project, say something. We're doing our best here, but we need everyone to be involved.

If you find you're not interested in a project that will be taught at a particular meeting, come to the meeting anyway. Bring something you've been working on to the meeting, but come and be a part of the group. And bring a friend, neighbor, relative who is visiting if you like, we welcome all. It's a whole new beginning with endless possibilities, get excited!

Hope to see you at the meeting, Monday evening, January 16, 6:pm, Garden Plaza.

Ginny Sparlin, Pres.

Past President Report-Marilyn Corners

Ladies,

We all must keep in mind that although the SDP, as a member driven organization, with website and staff is no longer in business, we are NOT WITHOUT two of the significant benefits we've had and enjoyed through SDP. The merger with the SDP foundation provides us (without dues) to take advantage of the Certification Program, including TDA, ADP, CDA and MDA. We also have the same access to the Decorative Painters Academy, (again without dues) where we may take classes via Zoom, from exceptional International, National and Local teachers who have a wealth of knowledge and skill, as well as fun, interesting and inspiring designs to share.

Please remember also, our own family of Rocky Mountain Hi Painters is continuing to gather, paint grow and party just as always and you are an integral part of our continuity, longevity and prosperity! Let's resolve to maintain our sisterhood and continue to enjoy and share our precious artwork, in its many forms. W, ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI, are worth the effort!

Just a quick reminder.....the SDP Foundation, which is "DONOR" driven, must be maintained by our individual donations. If you are ever considering a philanthropic contribution, the Foundation might come to mind. Just a sayin'

Marilyn Corners

Program Report-Deb Poster/Marilyn Corners

Marilyn Corners will teach a wonderful Dragonfly project in watercolor. The first portion of class will be to loosely paint a background onto rice paper. The picture shows a very subtle tinting of the rice paper using acrylics. Loose freehand leaves are added using Perlene Green watercolor and a #14 round brush. Specific information for this project will be in the December newsletter/or email. There will be a small fee - \$1 -for the rice paper.

February 2023: Debbie Poster is teaching a dot painted goose egg. There is a \$5 fee for a goose egg pre painted black. There will be more info in the December newsletter.

If ANYONE wishes either to share or request a project, PLEASE, PLEASE contact Debbie text 720 217 2383 or email debinart@aol.com

Hi Ladies,

I have had another thought about our Dragonfly painting on the 16th, after having had a lot of fun playing with a variety of colors (not necessarily those found in nature 😊) which we can use. So....I am suggesting that you bring your regular palette, your favorite colors (your w/c palette) and paint the Dragonfly in your favorite colors. ALSO... if you are more comfortable painting it in acrylics, that works for me. I will have blending mediums for transparentizing those paints. Be assured that this will be a fun class for you in whatever medium you prefer.

Please let me know if you plan to paint on the rice paper. If you have any questions, text me 303 249-1009. See you on the 16th. ❤️

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Society of Decorative Painters, BOD
www.DecorativePainters.org

Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter, President
www.RockyMountainHiArtists.com

Sunshine Report- Karon Sorensen

We have 2 February Birthday's: Wishing you both wonderful days full of nice surprises.

Cecelia Rae January 20
Nancy Giepford January 21



Tole Chatter-Melinda Barnes

Artful Ties

Please consider joining **Artful Ties**, a new Facebook group where creative people connect. This new group is replacing the old SDP Artful Connection that was removed at the end of the year.

Simply search for Artful Ties in Facebook and ask to join, but you must answer the membership questions before we can approve you. We encourage painting clubs, sharing information on classes and painting businesses. Susan Phillips, Liz Voas, Judy Westegaard-Jenkins formed the new group in order to keep painters connected. We would love to have you join us!

If you have any issues, please contact me.

Melinda

TOLE CHATTER

Random Brush Facts: Peggy Harris

Not all mops are equal ... The softest mops are made from white goat hair and are used with paint and mediums that offer the least resistance to moving. White goat will leave few, if any, brush marks in the paint. For heavier

paints and mediums choose black goat or synthetics. Shorter length (out of the ferrule) also helps move stiffer paint.

A QUALITY round brush should never need to be "rolled" in the paint to obtain a fine point!
To test its quality/performance, wet the brush and flick the head ... it should immediately come to a fine point on its own! (This does not apply to stiff hog bristle brushes which are tested dry to feel for snap.)

Just for fun:

MASKING TAPE: was invented around 1925 when Richard Drew was working for 3M (at that time 3M was a sandpaper company). While testing a new line of sandpaper at auto body shops, he noticed the need for keeping the colors of the 2-tone paint jobs of the roaring twenties separate and invented a tape with adhesive on each edge.

The first masking tape did not stick well, and it is said workers gave it back to Drew remarking "take this back to your Scotch (meaning stingy) bosses and ---- it". The nick name stuck and in 1930, an improved masking tape and Drew's other invention, clear cellulose tape, were marketed by 3M under the name Scotch Tape!

<https://peggyharris.com/>

Deco Art Camel... has been discontinued and the color mix has been requested on Facebook a lot. Here it is from Judy Westgaard.

Camel: Yellow Ochre + Cocoa +Jack-0'-Lantern Orange (2:2:1)

Miyuki Nakano... Some of you know Miyuki has painted my last three cats and they are so special... she is very talented. This is Miyuki's website in English with her colored pencil patterns and videos for sale. The three classes Miyuki taught at OKC this year are now on her website.

<https://www.miyukin.com/home?lang=en>

Jane Allen... If you like to play with Quick Wood this is the site to check out. Jane and Shara Reiner have put their heads together and have come up with the cutest designs! Several patterns are available and be sure to check out Jane's recipes.

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

Amy Joanne... This is another very creative designer. I love the way Amy displays and presents her patterns and yes, recipes too.

<https://classicamyjoanne.com/>

Deb Mishima... has been very busy designing new patterns and teaching Zoom classes. There are many patterns on her website.

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

Vermont Bowl Company... Beautiful wooden bowls, wooden cutting boards, and wooden serving pieces.

<https://vermontbowl.com/>

Lizbeth Stull... Her business is called Cottage Caboodle and, on her website, you will find all sorts of patterns for sale. If you belong to Facebook Lizbeth shows many free videos, some of these are showing you projects, how to float and many other things. You might check at YouTube.com too.

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

Painting World Magazine... This month there is a free ornament project by Debby Forshey-Choma. Actually, there are two ornaments and lots of technique for the background included. If you haven't seen one of Debby's patterns you will be very impressed with the details and tips.

https://www.paintingworldmag.com/post/happy-hollidays?goal=0_dfd2b0c9e7-447fb1b879-111175501

This month there is another free ornament by Anita Campanella.... a cute hedgehog.

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

Painting World also reprinted a helpful article on how to resize a pattern. Good info to have and review.

<https://www.paintingworldmag.com/post/resizing-patterns-a-reprint>

Painting World free pattern... Here is a sweet free online lesson with Elizabetta De Maria. The pattern is complete with large photos, line drawing and instructions.

<https://www.paintingworldmag.com/post/a-warm-hug>

Golden Artist Colors... Shiny! QoR Iridescent and Interference Watercolors. Nice article you may be interested in.

<https://justpaint.org/shiny-qor-iridescent-and-interference-watercolors/>

Watercolor Tip... "Three Ways to Mix Watercolors"

<https://watercolorpainting.com/blog/2022/11/22/three-ways-to-mix-watercolors>

Acrylic Painting Tutorial - Santa Hat by Jillybean Fitzhenry... This a lesson that is a couple of years old, but very cute!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=CEsrKFemnyU>

KingArt Company... KINGART has been in the arts and crafts industry since 1963 through Loew-Cornell Inc. There is a huge selection of brushes, paint, pencils, canvas, pastels and so much more.

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

Sharon Wolf... Sharon has added more pattern packets and the newest one is a kitty with a Santa hat on.... adorable! Actually, she has other patterns, but I'm very fond of her Christmas designs.

<https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/SharonWolfArt>

Holly Hanley... This is a fun lesson Holly (YouTrube.com) is teaching on how to prep a mesh screen from the Dollar Store. Pattern is on her website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=ifQhUt-bB5Y>

<https://www.hollyhanley.ca/>

Palette and Sawdust... This is a great wood source for wood. Not a lot of variety, but I think you can email Bev and ask for a wood piece. This is a small business and needs our support. The ornaments we received for Julie Clouds dotting class came from Bev in Idaho and they are wonderful and the prices are low!

<https://paletteandsawdust.com/>

Dega Fixature... Update, I'm afraid it didn't work as well as I had hoped. It is non-aerosol and the fixative sprayed out with some larger droplets rather than a fine spray. Since is non-toxic I am going to try it again. When I varnished the piece most of the droplets were not showing.

That's it, happy painting,

Melinda