



# Rocky Mountain Hi Artists

## June 2023 Newsletter

### President's Message-Ginny Starlin

Hi Everyone,

Hope your Summer is going well. My yard is loving all this rain! I'm starting to get webs between my toes.....but it's all good....

Have you signed up for our first Summer Paint Party yet? If not, you really need to. Marilyn, Deb and I have been working so hard to line up fun projects for our three Summer Paint Parties, and the \$15.00 fee covers all the supplies for all three parties.

These parties are to replace our regular Monday evening meetings for the Summer. They are mostly outside and in the garage, one Saturday per month, at Marilyn's house. They each will begin at 10: am. We'll have one ongoing project, which we'll start at the first party, on June 17. Then at the July 15 party we'll complete this project, plus play with one or two other fun projects as time permits. The third party, on August 19, we'll be able to pick up the ongoing project, as it should be dry enough to take home by then, plus some other fun surprises that day. There will be food and drink at each party, and I promise you, you'll have a great time!



As I said, if you haven't signed up for the paint parties you need to! We need to know the number of supplies to have on hand so, call Marilyn right now:303-249-1009 to get on the list. Her address is:1763 S. Leyden Denver, Colorado 80224. Also, send your check for \$15.00 per person, made out to Rocky Mountain Hi Artists Club, to Linda Beaty (our treasurer) 16016 E. Harvard Ave, Aurora, Co. 80013.

Please feel free to invite friends and relatives! As you know we are not charging any membership fee this year, so bring friends! Saturday June 17th is fast approaching, we'd love to see you there!

Be there or be square!

Ginny Starlin, pres. Questions? call me, 303-693-0771

## **Vice President/ Program Report-Deb Poster**

Happy Summer to you all!

Ginny has done a wonderful job reminding us ALL about our upcoming Summer Paint Parties. Just be sure to RSVP to Marilyn at 303-249-1009 by this coming Tuesday - June 13 EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT MAKING THE PROJECT!!! We are purchasing the food needed by Friday 16 for our first party on Saturday 17. IF you are planning to make the project, PLEASE bring your own 1" chip brush or you will have to use your fingers or a popsicle stick to spread white paint on the canvas.

For those members of our group who planned to help with the Garden Plaza Paint & Sip event on Saturday June 24, due to staff changes at GP, this event is going to be included with the July 8 Make & Take event. I want to thank you all for your help and support and hope that you may be able to offer assistance for the date change on July 8. I (Debbie) will be partially useless due to shoulder replacement on June 23. I expect to attend and work a table for making domino pendants but we will need help with teaching at any one of the 4 different tables. We have Watercolor Card Painting, Shrink Plastic Wine Glass Charm, Alcohol Ink Painted Domino Pendant and (now) Wine Glass Painting. ALL prep work has been done. Both Ginny and Marilyn can answer any questions you might have. We hope to have 2 of us at each table, 8 total. We have 5 of us so far (including me). The Make & Take event is a resident and their families activity day. It's from 2pm to 4pm with our set-up time (tables and chairs will be set up by GP) from 1:30 and of course cleanup of our supplies.

Our other Garden Plaza event is a Concert and Art Show scheduled for Friday, June 30 at 4:30 our set up time. You may sell your arts AND crafts. Last year several of our members had sales! There will be tables set up in the main entry room. Please bring any special display items you need such as easels.

## **Hospitality Report-Andrene Schmelzer**

The April refreshments were brought by Andrene and also her guest, Judy Semen.  
For March we have Linda Beaty bringing refreshments.

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Thank Marilyn and Linda for treats in May.

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Here is the list for refreshments at the paint party at Marilyn's on June 17th.

Linda.....cookies  
Deb.....watermelon  
Marilyn.....potato salad  
Ginny. . .baked beans  
Andrene.....deviled eggs  
Melinda.....pickles and olive tray  
Catherine.....ketchup, mustard and mayo

Noreen.....potato chips and dip  
Verlene.....cheese, onions, lettuce and tomato  
Jan.....garden salad  
The chapter is providing hamburger patties and buns.

## Sunshine Report- Karon Sorenson



Best wishes for a wonderful Birthday goes out to Lisa Lewis June 19, our only June Birthday girl.

## Tole Chatter-Melinda Barnes

**Decorative Painters Academy...** Several newer classes and videos have been added recently. Be sure and check this out.

<https://decorativepaintersacademy.com/>

**DecoArt - Chris Thornton-Deason** pattern... Here is a beautiful pattern Chris painted in 2019

<https://shop.decoart.com/blog/dogwoods-in-spring-pallet/>

**DecoArt News...** They shared a list to the Helping Artists of 37 colors that MAY be discontinued by the end of the year. The news hit Facebook like a bomb unfortunately. In case you want to purchase one of your favorite colors before they might be discontinued Chris Haughey has listed the paints she still has available on her website.

<https://www.cdwood.com/collections/discontinued-decoart-colors>

**NOTE:** At the top of the paint page above Chris has listed suggestions for substitutions you may want to print out.

**Tracy Moreau...** Has been posting on Facebook interesting facts I thought some of you would be interested in reading.

### Did You Know...

The oldest known animal painting in the world was discovered in a cave in Indonesia. The painting of a wild pig is at least 45,500 years old and was created using red ochre pigment. It has been remarkably well preserved, allowing archaeologists to determine the painting's age from analyzing a calcite deposit. The oldest painting in the world is the Red Neanderthal Hand Stencil in Maltravieso Cave, Spain from 64,000 years ago.

### Did You Know...

Claude Monet was a popular caricaturist working under the name 'Oscar Monet' before becoming the renowned impressionist painter we know him as today. His original caricatures sold for just 10-20 francs each. In 2019 one of his early sketches was sold in New York for \$37,575.

## **Did you know.....**

Van Gogh began working on Irises during his first week at the asylum in Saint-Rémy, France. (The same location where he painted Starry Night) There are no known sketches he did for the Irises painting.

In September 1889, Van Gogh's brother, Theo, submitted the piece to Salon des Indépendants and later wrote to his brother of the exhibition, '[It] strikes the eye from afar. It is a beautiful study full of air and life.'"

**Tracy Moreau...** has some fun new projects, YouTube.com videos, surfaces and stencils.

<https://tracymoreau.net/>

**Prismacolor...** "Unfortunately, Lilac and Lavender were discontinued due to a raw material discontinuation. As we reviewed the potential solutions and attempted to adjust the formula to get a color match, we determined that a color match would not be possible. We understand that color consistency is important and therefore, ultimately decided to make two new colors that are near matches in color, but enough changes to warrant new names and numbers to prevent confusion. Amethyst (#1104) is intended to replace Lilac (#956) and Orchid (#1105) is intended to replace Lavender (#934). These new pencils should be available to purchase individually by May 2023."

There is a ton of good information and inspiration on the Prismacolor website.

<https://www.prismacolor.com/colored-pencils>

**History of Colored Pencils...** This is very interesting since we love colored pencils. There is also other info on this website you may want to read.

<https://www.bergerpaints.com/colour-magazine/november/2018/article/history-of-colour-pencils/>

**Arlene Newman, CDA...** Arlene has closed her older website and opened this new one. Many prints and original painting for sale.

<https://shop.arlenenewman.com/>

**Are Pan Pastel Colors Non-Toxic...** this is a very interesting article to read.

<https://justpaint.org/are-panpastel-colors-nontoxic/>

**Lin Animal Art...** I may have shared this website in the past, but the artwork is amazing. Lin paints realistic wild animals and pet portraits with pastel pencils. Take a look if you have time.

<https://linanimalart.weebly.com/>

Happy Painting,  
Melinda

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