



March 2023 Newsletter

President's Message-Ginny Sparlin

Hi Ladies,

My hyacinths and tulips are starting to peek through the ground and my son in law just told me there are tiny green tips on the lilacs!! Spring is coming!!

We have so many fun ideas for this year's calendar of events, and I hope you can be at the meetings to enjoy them.

The Tulip we are painting at the March 20, Monday night meeting should get you into a Spring-y mood!



In April, Andrene will show us how to decorate a pot for Spring!



More fun stuff to come, keep reading your Newsletter.....

Later this year we will be able to participate in some exciting events at Garden Plaza.

If you're interested in Showing and or Selling some of your art work, there will be an Art Show combined with a concert for the residents at Garden Plaza. We can display our work for the Art Show and you will be able to sell any of your art work or handmade items at this event.

So! Get busy painting, matting, framing- whatever you need to do to be ready for the Art Show this Summer at Garden Plaza!

Hope to see you all Monday night March 20, 6:pm

Ginny Sparlin, Pres.

Program Report-Ginny Sparlin/Andrene Schmelzer

Hi Everyone,

Here is the line drawing for the tulip we're painting at our Monday night meeting, March 20. I painted mine on 11 X 14 140lb. cold pressed watercolor paper. I will bring some if you don't have any.



Also, you may enlarge or reduce the line drawing to whatever size you'd like for this. It would make a nice greeting card or a painting for on the wall, however you want to do it.

Transfer the line drawing onto your paper, lightly, whatever size you choose.

Supply List for paint class:

- a brown fine point sharpie pen
- watercolor paper
- regular watercolor supplies you normally bring to class like,
- water container(s) If you have a regular 3 section water container bring it, otherwise bring 2 cups, or jars, something that holds water
- brushes (according to what size you're painting your tulip, bring brushes you're comfortable using) I use mainly round brushes for water color.

If you paint in watercolors, bring your pallet that you would normally use if you don't have paint, I'll be bringing some to use. I also have a couple pallets to use

Questions? call me: Ginny 303-693-0771

April 17, 2022 Class at Garden Plaza

Decoupage a napkin on an 6 inch or a 4 inch terra cotta flower pot or any wood surface of your choice. (I also used a cigar box)

Taught by Andrene Questions call me at 720-840-1255

Note the 6 inch pot I used came from Walmart and I left it the natural color.



Basic Supplies:

- one pot sealed and based in acrylic colors of your choice. You will use the napkin you want to use to determine your colors. The background should be close to the color of the napkins background.
- Bring as many napkins as you want, as we can trade with each other, if you want to do additional pots.
- Please bring PVC glue or Elmer's craft glue, gesso, saran wrap, assorted brushes (various flats, liners, paper towels, tweezers and varnish of your choice. If you want to decorate the rim, bring dotting tools.

We should have time to also do a greeting card from napkins too, which is not decoupage, but ironed onto freezer paper (shiny side)

If you have cardstock please bring that, but I will bring some too. We will use the PVC on this project. I am bringing some napkins that are already ironed onto freezer paper.

Sunshine Report- Karon Sorensen

We have 3 Birthdays to celebrate in March, best wishes to all!



March 7 Nan Auhll

March 18 Paula Leopold

March 31 Char Bucher

Hospitality Report-Andrene Schmelzer

For our March meeting treats will be supplied by Marilyn and Melinda.
Thanks to Verlene and Andrene for February treats.

Tole Chatter-Melinda Barnes

TOLE CHATTER

Let's start off with DecoArt's new color charts... always handy to have these.

DecoArt... New color charts.

<https://shop.decoart.com/content/Americana-Acrylics-Color-Chart-By-Color.pdf>

DecoArt... Retired and Mixing Guide

https://shop.decoart.com/content/Americana_Retired_Colors_And_Mixing_Chart.pdf

DecoArt... Shading and highlighting chart.

https://shop.decoart.com/content/Americana_Shading_And_Highlighting_Chart.pdf

DecoArt... All product color charts.

<https://shop.decoart.com/colorchart>

DecoArt... Color and conversion charts.

<https://shop.decoart.com/resources>

Patricia Rawlinson... Here is a great video showing 5 plus more ways on how to varnish. Patty's video is about 15 minutes long and very interesting.

We prefer a polyurethane varnish for projects that are going to be outdoors - and we always use matte varnish for outdoors projects

Here are 5 tools you can use to varnish:

1. Brush
2. Roller
3. Foam Brush
4. Wet Sponge
5. Spray Can

You should always sand before varnishing!

Patty explains why you should sand and shows how to use each of these applicators for varnishing in the video below!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxY0AQJjyM>

Studio R12... This is Patty's stenciling website with tons of how-to videos. If you sign-up for her newsletter you will get all her sale info plus links to new videos. Yes, almost everyday, but you can use that 'delete' button quickly if you aren't interested that day. <grin>

<https://studior12.com/>

Carmen Barros... Beautiful oil and colored pencils artist. Her website is worth a visit.

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

Jamie Mills-Price... If you haven't visited Jamie's website recently you might enjoy looking at her new Zoom classes and patterns.

<https://www.betweenthevines.com/index.php>

Sharon Shannon... I love her colored pencil designs. You might want to visit her site - there are video tutorials too.

<https://sharonshannondesigns.com/>

Pencils.. Have you ever wondered who invented the pencil? Nicholas-Jacques Conte received a patent for the invention in 1795. Also invented the conté crayon, a hard pastel stick used by artists. He was a painter and inventor. Here is a link for a short version of his life.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicolas-Jacques_Cont%C3%A9

Painting Tip: Tracy Moreau

Tactile texture is achieved through the use of tools and texture mediums to create an actual texture. something that you can feel. It can be done with almost any texture product from Gel mediums to drywall compound and almost anything in between.(Even thick paint) How you manipulate the medium is all in the tool you choose to use. From palette knives and trowels, to Brushes and sponges or a combination of tools, you can garner all kinds of spectacular finishes and effects with a little practice.

Paint and mediums are never wasted if you learn something from playing with it.. creating samples is a great way to refine techniques and hone skills.

Another Painting Tip from Tracy Moreau...

DecouPage is a technique that is more than 1000 Years old.... Thought to have originated in eastern Siberia by Nomadic Tribes it is often found decorating the Tombs of their dead.

Over the years it has taken on a more light hearted feel.. and the process made simpler and more durable with more modern materials. I have used many different products but I have 2 favourites DecoArts "Decoupage" And DecoArt Media Matt Medium.

A Few Things Needed for Good Decoupage aside from Pretty (quality) Fabrics, Papers or Napkins, and A Good Quality Decoupage Medium.

- 1: Very Sharp Pointed Scissors
- 2: Exacto Knife
- 3: Soft brush
- 4: Small Spray bottle full of water
- 5: Small Brayer or Paint Bottle
- 6: Band-aids
- 7: Your Creativity!

DecoArt Decoupage and Matt Medium both work exceptionally well for this technique.

*Paint or seal the surface you are intending to decoupage. (make it Smoooooth)

* Apply a generous but even coat of the medium

* Moisten the paper on both sides with the sprayer.

* Lay it into the medium and smooth out with your fingers tips

* Roll Over the paper with a paint bottle or a brayer (seats the paper well into the medium.

* Apply a thin even coat over the Entire Surface. Let it Dry Well, Re-coat as needed.

Paper stretches when wet, so spraying it beforehand , helps prevent bubbles and ripples, and produces a nice tight and smooth finish when dry.

Colorado Decorative Artists... As most of you know High Plains and Pikes Peak Chapters are dissolving and have created a new group. Both of those websites have been suspended. You can view a temporary web page for the new site to stay informed.

<http://coloradodecorativeartists.org/>

Marlene Kreutz... Marlene now has e-packets on her website. We are adding more patterns each week. She does have two new Easter patterns that are adorable.

<https://marlenekreutz.com/>

Happy Painting!

Melinda

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<https://rockymountainhiartists.com>