



## May 2023 Newsletter

### President's Message-Ginny Sparlin

Hi All,

Hope you're all staying well and keeping busy! My yard has me working every day. I love it!

Just a quick update: Our meeting this month, May 15, at 6:pm, we'll be getting together to work on or finish any painting projects you want to work on.

I know hardly anyone has any incomplete paint projects.....but look around and try to find at least one to bring Monday night. We can snack and talk and just enjoy each other's company, and paint.

You won't believe what fun and different projects we have planned for our Summer Paint Parties this year. Things you probably haven't tried before or maybe wanted to try, but didn't want to invest in new products. Everything is included in the nominal supply fee, and I promise you, it will be a blast. Easy peasy, but different from what you're used to.

We'll have different projects each month all summer, plus food and a few surprises! All our Summer Paint Parties will be in Marilyn Corners back yard, 1763 S. Leyden, Denver. This is only one Saturday each month for the Summer, so plan to bring a friend or two and come join the fun!

**IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME TO THE SUMMER PAINT PARTIES, PLEASE, R.S.V.P, ASAP, AND SEND A CHECK FOR THE SUPPLIES TO LINDA BEATY.**

We want to have enough supplies for everyone to enjoy the fun, but we need an accurate count of who will be there, so please RSVP, and be sure to include your friends if you are bringing anybody. Look for more info in this Newsletter.

See you soon,

Ginny Sparlin

## Program Report-Deb Poster

Report from Debbie Poster - EVENTS

Reminder: our general meeting is at 6pm, the Garden Plaza, on Monday, May 15. The project is UFO. Join us for an evening of visiting and working on ANY Unfinished "Object" you have. With the Art Show on June 30th, this could be a wonderful opportunity to start or finish some extra paintings that you might want to show off and/or sell!

June 17 is our first "Summer Paint Party" at Marilyn's home - 303 249 1009 (RSVP). We MUST have your RSVP as soon as possible along with the small supply fee of \$15.00 - make check payable to Rocky Mountain Hi Artists and mail to Linda Beaty (16016 E Harvard Ave, Aurora 80013) - to cover a canvas board 8"x8", frame and all the supplies needed to complete a resin sealed/coated Sunflower painting. The first party day we will prepare the frame and complete the painting. On July 15 (second party day) we will apply the resin coating along with some crushed glass accents and glitter. There will be an additional painting project offered for the July party with a minimal supply cost. We will leave the paintings at Marilyn's home from the first party to dry completely before applying the resin at July party.

NOTE: If you are bringing a guest, RSVP AND PAYMENT MUST be included as well!!

Remember, this is VERY IMPORTANT as supplies will ONLY be available for those who RSVP and PREPAY for this project in ADVANCE! We hope to see you there. We still have a few surprises, especially for the August Paint Party on the 19th!!

## Sunshine Report- Karon Sorensen



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We want to wish the following members a wonderful May Birthday!

Linda Beaty	May 16
Karon Sorensen	May 15
Mary Steingesser	May 26
Noreen Goetz	May 27



**Happy Spring!**

## **Tole Chatter-Melinda Barnes**

**Sandy McTier...** The seminar in Franktown hosted by Colorado Decorative Artists is open to non-members now. Registration closes May 15th. If you want to join the new chapter you can use the contact form on their website. Sandy will be teaching a 2-day seminar. Saturday's workshop will feature Sandy's Autumn View Window Mixed Media, and Sunday's class will be Orange Poppies Mixed Media. Sandy will be teaching the workshops in person at the Franktown, Colorado Fire Station and also online via Zoom. Seating is limited. For more info visit our website.

<https://coloradodecorativeartists.org/>

**Stencils by Studio R12...** It has been interesting in watching some of Patty's stencil videos. The video for stenciling and painting on stepping stones is perfect for this time of year. Click on the link and you will see several of her video.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZTzLIP\\_dhUfhgpXo58RE7g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZTzLIP_dhUfhgpXo58RE7g)

**Jeanne Downing...** Posted this on Facebook: "My first Gallery Representation..... A selection of teal abstracts, executed in oil and acrylic, is now on display at Independence Gallery, 233 E 4th Street, in Loveland CO! A new window display will be created on Thursday, so I am holding back a couple of pieces for the gal who creates the display. If you are in the area, drop by Independence Gallery. There is a variety of mediums represented, all well done by some very talented artists." If you are in the area, it would be fun to see the gallery.

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

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

<https://decorativepaintersacademy.com/>

**Pat Meyer...** I love this ladies work and may have posted this in the past. Pat paints in oils and specializes in florals. Beautiful work to look at.

<https://www.patmeyer-artist.com/>

**Christy Hartman..** Plethora of Carrots Using Pastels on a Gel Print. Here is a good video to watch with a lot of information.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68u\\_zQitVD0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68u_zQitVD0)

**France Quirion....** I love this designer's patterns! France is from Quebec, Canada and only in recent years that she discovered the painters in the USA. She designs with Jo Sonja paint and also has some wood available. Did I mention I love her patterns! <grin>

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

**Tracy Moreau...** Has been posting on Facebook interesting facts I thought some of you would be interested in. I added 2 in the last newsletter.

Did You Know...

The painted ceiling of the Sistine Chapel took Michelangelo four years to complete. He was originally only commissioned to paint the twelve apostles but persuaded the pope to allow him to compose a much more dynamic scheme including the creation, the fall of man, the genealogy of Christ, and the promise of salvation. The completed artwork is over 500 square meters and contains over 300 figures.

Pierre-Auguste Renoir, one of the founders of the Impressionist movement, suffered from rheumatoid arthritis starting in 1892. Amazingly, Renoir continued to paint for the last 20 years of his life despite the pain and limitations he suffered.

Renoir could still hold a brush in his hand, but required an assistant to place it there first. With his brush in place, Renoir had an assistant stand by to arrange his palette as he painted. He also worked with a moving canvas so he could create larger works.

Contrary to popular belief, the bandages seen on Renoir's hands in photos from his later years weren't for strapping brushes to his hands. Instead, they prevented his curled fingers from digging into his palms.

Did You Know...

The term Poor Man's Bible has come into use in modern times to describe works of art within churches and cathedrals which either individually or collectively have been created to illustrate the teachings of the Bible for a largely (at the time) illiterate population. These artworks may take the form of carvings, paintings, mosaics or stained-glass windows. In some churches a single artwork, such as a stained-glass window, has the role of Poor Man's Bible, while in others, the entire church is decorated with a complex biblical narrative that unites in a single scheme.

**International Association of Pastel Societies...** A beautiful website shows the amazing artwork in pastels you might enjoy looking at.

<http://iaspastel.org/>

**Paints and Mediums...** Here is a list of suppliers I copied from Facebook's Tole Painter Unite. You can Google the names and find their websites.

The purpose of TPU is to support and further interest in Decorative Painting while supporting vendors and products that support this industry.

Erika Joanne Art (JoSonja, Prismacolor,)

KreativeKlutter on Facebook

Pampered Palette

Maureen Baker  
Pinecraft Inc.  
Painters Paradise  
Vikingwoodcrafts  
Cupboard Distributing  
Plaid Online (Supplies, Projects and Classes)  
DecoArt  
Sandy McTier Designs (Media paint)  
O'Flanary's Emporium  
Linda Sharp MDA (Traditions, Mud, Brushes)  
MUD Products and Surfaces  
Margo Clark  
Carol Craig Creations

Happy Painting,  
Melinda

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