



July 2024 Newsletter

President's Message-Ginny Sparlin

Hi Everyone,

I like warm weather, but I'm just about at my tipping point... Summer is half over, where does the time go? My garden is humming along, getting tomatoes and the squash is blooming its little heart out. The second batch of radishes will be ready to pull soon, and the broccoli just keeps coming...

If you missed out first summer paint party of the year last month you missed a great time. Not to worry, come on over to Marilyn's house on July 20, at 10:am for the second paint party of the summer.

Remember her address is 1763 S. Leyden, Denver, 80224. There will be a pot luck lunch, if you're coming but not on the list to bring something for the lunch, be sure to contact Andrene Schmelzer 720-840-1255. Even if you missed the first party, come enjoy the second one. There are lots of fun things to do, or just come for the food and great company!

Program Report-Debbie Botts

Marilyn and Debbie are looking forward to working on the gold leaf Klimt project on Saturday, July 20th. They have discovered that ACRYLIC dual tip paint pens are easier and more precise than regular acrylic paints and brushes for the design work. Debbie tried the new Sharpie brush tip ACRYLIC paint pens, 12 colors, \$30.00 at Michaels. Marilyn found/tried Coogert, dual tip, ACRYLIC Markers, 30 colors, \$15.00 on Amazon. Both are opaque - very important. Marilyn is ordering 15 sets for any of you who wish to purchase them on Saturday before we start our projects. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL MARILYN ASAP at 303 249 1009. you are more than welcome to continue the project using our assortment of regular acrylic paints and your own fine line paint brushes. We assure you that the markers are a wonderful substitution. After spending just 2 hours working on our Klimt, we will take a break and paint our Van Gogh start to finish, using texture paste, regular acrylic paint and stiff bristle brushes. If you have any questions, PLEASE call/text Debbie at 720-217-2383

Local Teacher Seminar Report-Andrene Schmelzer

Coleen Nelson will be teaching a watercolor class on September 28th, from 9am until 1pm at Judy Patti's studio.

It is an elephant on a quarter sheet of watercolor paper.



The fee is \$35.00 and includes the pattern and color photo which she will have at the class. If you do zoom, Andrene will get the pattern to you, or you can stop at the studio and pick up from Coleen. You also have a photo from the newsletter to refer to.

She will give me a supply list for a future newsletter and she also offers a palette for a small fee.

To reserve a spot call Andrene and give Linda Beaty a check. The studio holds 14, so if you want in person sign up early. So far, we have 10 people signed up. Five have already paid Linda. Please pay her at the seminar if you haven't paid yet.

I will be on a cruise from July 20 until August 2nd. If you wish to attend, please text me at 720-840-1255

Hospitality Report-Andrene Schmelzer

If you are attending the July meeting at Marilyn's this is what is on the menu.

pulled pork and buns.....supplied by Ginny

potato salad.....Verlene

bar cookies.....Linda

veggie tray.....Joan

relish tray.....Melinda

strawberries.....Noreen

Debbie M.....chips

Since no one else volunteered to bring this month, please bring your own beverage. Of course, Marilyn will have ice water.

August will be the tea. Thanks to all of you that already signed up for food.

Sunshine Report- Karon Sorensen

we have one birthday to celebrate this month!

🎂 July 30 Melinda Barnes

Best wishes for a wonderful day, Melinda!



Remembrance Report-Ginny Sparlin

As you all know by now, our sweet friend Elissa McAlear passed away on Saturday January 27. She was a wonderful person and a we will miss her. Elissa joined the Rocky Mountain Hi Artists in the late 1970's and was a life time member. She was always on the board in one capacity or another, and she was meticulous and covered every detail whether she was in charge of the Art Show or the Membership chairperson putting together our registration booklets and handing them out, it all had to be perfect.

For years you could always find her sitting at the back of our meetings at a table, collecting money or selling tickets or scribbling in a notebook, making sure everything ran smoothly. Elissa loved painting and was an accomplished artist. The last few years she was a student in Janet Nunn's classes, but she was always ready to join a seminar or paint-in whenever one was available. An avid rosemaler, she was a member of Vesterheim Norwegian - American Museum and Folk Art School in Decorah, Iowa, and traveled there to hone her skills.

Elissa was a dear friend. Years ago, when our group used to sponsor Mini Conventions here in Denver and would invite Decorative painting teachers to come and give classes here for a week and included a trade show, Elissa was always part of our hard-working team. She and I roomed together to share expenses and it was always like teenagers at a slumber party. Lots of snacks! I don't think we slept at all for that week, but we had a great time! We'll miss her, but I know she's out of pain and in a beautiful place, probably painting!

Tole Chatter-Melinda Barnes

Tip from Chris Haughey in 2013, but applies now too.

Using a roller to basecoat is wonderful, however, there are a few tricks. Too much moisture on the roller will result in lots of tiny bubbles which won't go away as they dry. Take a few sheets of paper towels and roll over them to remove the extra dampness. Then re-roll the wet surface to eliminate the bubbles. Don't press too hard as this will leave ridges along the edges. Lightly sand between coats and keep on rolling. A light touch will result in a perfectly smooth base. Just remember, what you see is what you will get!

Halloween...

If you like to paint for Halloween be sure to check out Chris' ornaments! and other designs! You will also find

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

Tracy Moreau...

Did you Know

The two most important painters from the Renaissance, Michelangelo and Leonardo Di Vinci, revolutionized the way human bodies were portrayed in paintings. Their dissections of the human anatomy provided the necessary knowledge to make accurate representations of the body. They were both persecuted for conducting such experiments.

<https://tracymoreau.net/>

TIP Chat: - Peggy Harris

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

<https://peggyharris.com/>

Pipka.... Celebrating 50 years

I'm sure most of you remember Pipka. She taught in Colorado Springs many years ago. Her website is interesting with patterns, info and recipes too!

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

FREE PAINTING LESSONS ONLINE

There are so many free classes available online you will be amazed what is available. There are too many to list, but I will try and cover the most popular ones for you. I may have posted this in the past? CRS

GOOGLE

First of all, if you are interested in class videos in a certain medium you can use Google to find more than you have time for. (grin) Same with your favorite designers.

YouTube

Like Google you can type in their search engine what you are interested in watching. Everything from demos, how-tos and free classes. Some of the popular decorative artists in our industry have a YouTube Channel you can subscribe to and not miss any of the free classes.

Facebook

Oh my, where do I begin. I know some of you don't use Facebook, but if you are interested in taking free painting classes this is a must to stay informed. You will need to "friend" some of the popular artists that are providing these free classes so you will know when they are being offered. You can also check out their website for dates and sign-up for their newsletter. Some of the free classes offered don't require you to purchase anything, but in some cases, you may want the pattern and supplies, you can buy them before the classes.

Tracy Moreau offers so many things on Facebook. You know I love this lady! Everyday Tracy posts color combinations that are wonderful., painting tips and artist information. She adds some humorous posts everyday as well. Tracy offers a YouTube channel with classes ranging to over 1 1/2 - 2 hours also available live on Facebook every Saturday.

<https://tracymoreau.net/>

Laurie Speltz (Creative Coach) offers live Facebook classes almost every week. Tip, techniques and projects.

<http://lauriespeltz.com/>

Erika Joanne has been teaching a free class every week. She has a Facebook group called Paint & Pencil. Join that group to see what subjects are offered and in most cases you just need to have some paint ready (she uses Jo Sonja, but substitute your favorite) and your colored pencils.

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

Lydia Steeves is well known for painting animals in many different mediums. I have mentioned her in past articles. On her website you will also find other video you can learn a lot from.

<https://lydiasteeves.com/>

Cottage Caboodle... Lizbeth Stull

You will find lots of patterns on her site. Lizbeth teaches live classes on Facebook as well as a couple of private groups, one of which is only for lettering technique and skills.

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

Let's Paint with Plaid is holding live project painting classes every Tuesday and Thursday called "Lunch and Learn". Do a search on Facebook to join this group.

Marian Jackson, MDA... You can visit her website for the best colored pencil patterns!

<https://marianjackson.com/>

Creative Innovations in Painting and is also teaching lots of live classes and

interesting posts by painters in this large group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/834261376603641>

Maureen Baker is offering free classes and demos on Thankful Thursdays.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=maureen%20baker>

Pinterest as always has so many wonderful and creative ideas. They also have a search engine you can type in demos and classes.

Decorative Painters Academy... Lastly be sure you checked the new classes and videos that have been added? The classes are fabulous and you will be pleased.

<https://decorativepaintersacademy.com/>

Happy Painting,

Melinda

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