



August 2025 Newsletter

Monthly Program Report-Deb Poster

I can't believe August is almost half over! PLEASE remember that our August Paint Party will be on Saturday, August 23 at 10am at Marilyn Corners home. As always, those who volunteered to bring food please drop off your dish in the house then head to the garage to set up a table, chair and your painting supplies. We will finish our bug projects.

In addition, we have the screen surface for one of our Fall projects. Andrene is offering a scarecrow with pumpkin painted on a screen. Pick up your screen in August to prep prior to class. The screen needs to be painted black. We also have our painted rock project. I have a cat and/or bunny project. If you wish to paint 'your' cat, please have a picture to copy. The most important part is painting the face. The rock should be about the size of a baked potato. It can be a flat round shape for a sleeping cat. Paint the rock with a base coat of acrylic a medium shade of your pet. I painted my cat rock a Grey because she is white.

If you have any questions, please call/text me - Debbie 720 217 2383



Hospitality Report Andrene Schmelzer

Here is what everyone is bringing to the August potluck:

Ginny.....pulled pork
Andrene.....potato salad
Joan.....coleslaw, buns, bar BQ sauce
Melinda.....relish tray
Karon.....lemon bars
Chrissi.....burracha beans
Evie.....brownies

Tole Chatter-Melinda Barnes

Chris Myer Williams... Chris is no longer associated with Plaid Enterprises and is busy venturing out on her own. She is teaching some classes and designing patterns using DecoArt paint. I must admit changing paint brands was a little shocker.

<https://subscribepage.io/mRmI37>

Paulette DiGesare... If you are a fan of Paulette's, you can take a Zoom class from the Colorado Decorative Artists group. This class is on Zoom, but in the summer time they meet in person at the Fire Station in Franktown. Paulette's class is September 6th and the surface can be purchased on Amazon.

<https://coloradodecorativeartists.org/>

While you are visiting the Colorado Decorative Artists' website take a look at the October and November Zoom classes. **Chris Haughey** and **Tracy Moreau**, WOW!

Peggy Harris... For over 6,000 years, Afghanistan's mountains have hidden one of the world's most prized treasures: Lapis Lazuli.

From the rugged Sar-e Sang mines in Badakhshan came this mesmerizing blue stone — more than just a gem, it became a symbol of power, spirituality, and beauty.

Ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, and beyond reserved lapis for royalty, priests, and the divine. It adorned the funeral mask of Tutankhamun, and centuries later, its powdered pigment created the radiant ultramarine blues of Renaissance masterpieces.

Traded across great routes, lapis became known as blue gold — a shimmering thread connecting empires, art, and faith throughout human history.

Louise Jackson, MDA... I'm very sad to say Louise passed away. Louise left behind a large collection of painting supplies—some new, some gently used—and will be available for purchase. Proceeds will go to her favorite charities: St. Jude's Research Hospital and HOOFPRIENTS Equine Therapy. There is a celebration of life August 3rd in Centerville,

Ohio. If you are interested in any of the items for sale I suggest you do so very soon.

<https://louisiejacksonpaintingclasses.com/buy-art-supplies/>

Marco Aguilar and other wonderful artists are teaching Zoom classes at the Decorative Painters Academy. Check them out! Many new e-packets have been added as well.

<https://decorativepaintersacademy.com/>

TRACY MOREAU'S SPOT

Did you know....

Norman Percevel Rockwell (February 3, 1894 – November 8, 1978) was an American painter and illustrator. His works have a popular appeal in the United States for their reflection of the country's culture. Rockwell is most famous for the cover illustrations of everyday life he created for The Saturday Evening Post magazine over nearly five decades. Among the best-known of Rockwell's works are the Willie Gillis series, Rosie the Riveter, The Problem We All Live With, Saying Grace, and the Four Freedoms series. He is also noted for his 64-year relationship with the Boy Scouts of America.

Rockwell was a prolific artist, producing more than 4,000 original works in his lifetime. Most of his surviving works are in public collections. Rockwell was also commissioned to illustrate more than 40 books, including Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn as well as painting the portraits for Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon. His portrait subjects included Judy Garland. One of his last portraits was of Colonel Sanders in 1973.

Did you know....

Tony Curtis, was a movie star best known for his roles in The Defiant Ones (1958), Some Like It Hot (1959), Spartacus (1960), and The Great Race (1965). During the peak of his career, Curtis was widely recognized as both a talented actor and visual darling of the silver screen. But few know that Curtis led a second career as an artist beginning in the early 1960s. He often cited Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, and Balthus as his major influences. "When I paint, I don't paint shapes, I paint colors. The most difficult thing to do is verbalize a painting. When I start painting, I have no idea what I'm going to do. The first color I use--that tells me where the painting is going. It paints itself, and the painting tells me when it's finished. It's almost as if it does it for me," Curtis told the Los Angeles Times in 1989 at an exhibition of his work in Beverly Hills. "I wear my Picasso hat and Matisse shorts and my Arnold Schwarzenegger tank top and I paint!"

As an artist, Tony Curtis focused primarily on still life images with bright colors and abstract lines. A perfect example of his style is the Tony Curtis painting Red Table, which hangs in the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Did You Know...

Alphonse Mucha, while renowned for his Art Nouveau posters, also had a lesser-known interest in spirituality, Freemasonry, and the occult, which influenced his art. Though a devout Catholic, He incorporated themes from spiritualism and Freemasonry into his work, viewing

them as extensions of his spiritual beliefs. Furthermore, Mucha's artistic journey included designing jewelry, stage sets, and even Czechoslovakia's currency and stamps. He was also targeted by the Nazis due to his Czech patriotism and perceived "Judeophile" and "Freemason" tendencies.

Did you know....

Claude Monet had a nearly obsessive fascination with light and color that drove him to paint the same subject repeatedly. He painted “plien aire” as he wanted to capture how light and atmosphere changed over time.

A perfectionist, He tended to destroy the paintings that he felt did not meet his self-imposed high standards and expectations. (over 500 paintings)

Tracy shares her talent with a free project almost every Saturday on Facebook and YouTube.com.

Tracy's website: <https://tracymoreau.net/>

Computer Security...

Cybercriminals frequently use fake search engine listings to take advantage of our trust in popular brands, and then scam us. It often starts, with a sponsored search result on Google. In the latest example of this scam, tech support scammers hijacking the results of people looking for 24/7 support for Apple, Bank of America, Facebook, HP, Microsoft, Netflix, and PayPal. Any site especially that involves money I NEVER click on the link, I don't care how good the web page looks. Type the site in your browser and login to be safe.

Toy manufacture Mattel’ is going to make AI-powered toys, kids’ rights advocates are worried!

In most browsers and email programs you can hover over an email address or a website URL and see it. Be watchful however. Sometimes the spammer is very clever so look carefully.

Keep your brushes moving,
Melinda