



Happy Valentine's Day!



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER

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Marilyn Corners' President's Report:

Hi Ladies,

Here's hoping you are each saving your quarters to purchase Bingo cards at our next meeting on the 18th. Don't they say "You can't win if you don't play"? So, purchase those cards and **Good Luck!** Thanks, Nancy, for performing the Bingo Caller duties again. You have become a RMHi tradition and it is a fun night.

Ladies, you still have time to register for SDP's Annual Conference in May. It will be held at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois (outside of Chicago) May 13 to 18. Go to the SDP web site, www.decorativepainters.org/conference and look at the various wonderful classes offered from 'beginner' to 'advanced' in oil, watercolor, acrylic, colored pencil and mixed media. You can register for one day or the full conference. Just the trade show is worth the trip, which, BTW, several of us are planning to do by TRAIN! Join us!

Be sure to check out the Seminars column in this newsletter. Char and Melinda have lined up the most amazing schedule of teachers and projects for us. This is going to be such a educational year, not to mention, a most interesting and enjoyable one. I am so excited to experience the teachers and learn their new techniques. Good work, seminar chairs.

If you have not recently visited our own web site <http://www.RockyMountainHiArtists.com> (designed and maintained by our own Melinda Barnes), you are missing a fun and enlightening experience. Melinda has our site up-to-date with seminar information, general information with a link to SDP and pictures. Go take a look. You may also take a look at what our sister chapters are doing, by linking on to their web sites. It is so worth a minute of your time.

The Ross-University Hills Library has invited our chapter to again sponsor a Saturday Painting Workshop and Display. The workshop is scheduled for March 23rd, 10 AM to 1 PM, with the display running through the month (and possibly longer). If you have a piece of your artwork you would allow us to display in one of the secure cabinets, please contact me at marilyndenver@aol.com or 303-757-5516 before the end of February. Also, you may feel free to attend the workshop by registering at Ross-University Hills Library, 4310 East Amherst Ave, 720-865-0955. Ask for Susan or Diane.

Happy Valentines Day and Happy Painting.

Hugs,

Marilyn Corners, President

Verlene Siska - Vice President/Program Chairman

Our monthly meeting will be held February 18th at Gander Mountain, 1600 So. Abilene St. Meeting will start at 6:30.

Prepare for an evening of merriment playing Bingo with our own Nancy Caldwell calling. Bring anything you think you painting sisters my take pleasure in for prizes and quarters for cards.

Elissa McAlear - 2nd Vice President/ Membership Chairman**Membership and Art Show: Some News from Vesterheim American Museum****Alberta Murray**

The passing of our past president Alberta Murray at 93 years of age was a surprise notice. She was living in Florida with her daughter. Even at age 90, Alberta was driving to take rosemaling classes with her spunky, fun sense of humor. She not only painted for many years, after her retirement she was an active participant in the Senior Olympics winning many gold metals. She was our president in 1981-82 when our membership was approaching 250. She also taught painting at Clements Center in Lakewood. Alberta later moved to near Milwaukee before her Florida move. She occasionally visited when she was in town. I have one of her rosemaled trays.

Sigmund Aarseth

Norwegian Rosemaler Sigmund Aarseth passed away December 12, 2012. He taught the first Rosemaling class at Vesterheim in Decorah Iowa in 1967 followed by a number of other teaching visits. He has published several books on the history of Rosemaling, some translated in English. At one point he was loosing his eyesight which they discovered was being caused by an allergy to linseed oil. He also painted landscapes for a period of time. One whole room at Vesterheim was painted by him. His last book "Norway Painted in Color and Light" is available from Vesterheim.org for \$34.95 plus shipping and handling. Museum members may recieve a 10% discount.[I have ordered a copy if you'd like to see it when it arrives.]

Paul and Andy Loftness

If you have ever had a turned wood plate or bowl from Paul Loftness, you will want to treasure it. Paul has been woodturning for 38 consecutive years for Vesterheim. Paul has been working in the field of vision research for over 10 years while he was woodturning in the time available. As of the end of 2012 Paul and his brother Andy have stopped making their turned plates and bowls. Their excellent wood products needed little, if any, sanding before sealing and painting. Their skilled woodturned products will be missed!

Membership: Membership Booklets are being prepared

The Membership Booklets are being prepared for distribution starting at the February meeting. If you have not sent in your dues or have changes to address, phone numbers or email, PLEASE call me by February 12th to avoid having to make changes or corrections later. Thank you for your prompt help with this. Elissa McAlear
303.421.8714

Art Show: The Rules for our 2013 Art Shows are:

1. Each entrant must be a member in good standing.
2. There will be one art show on Friday, September 10th, 2010, which will be divided between a Student/Member Art Show and a Teacher's Art Show.
(Note: Once a teacher you can not revert to the Student/Member Art Show.)
3. One entry per category per entrant, Category is determined by the entrant.
4. Each piece must be painted or completed within the last twelve (12) months.
5. Names must be covered.

No entry fees this year.

First and Second place ribbons will be awarded.
Plan to enter lots of beautiful painted pieces!
Questions? Call Elissa McAlear 303.421.8714 or

email elissamcalear@yahoo.com put RMHi in Subject, please!!

Entry Form for Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter's Student/Member Art Show and Teacher Art Show. Each entrant determines in which category their piece(s) are to be entered. Rules were printed in the previous newsletter, on the website and possibly in this issue. For more information or questions, call Elissa McAlear 303.421.8714

Categories for both shows:

- _____ 1. Landscape
- _____ 2. Rosemaling
- _____ 3. Decorative
- _____ 4. Folk Art
- _____ 5. Floral/Fruit
- _____ 6. Animals & Birds
- _____ 7. Pastels or Pencil
- _____ 8. Watercolor
- _____ 9. Mixed media
- _____ 10. Holiday
- _____ 11. Fabric/Wearable Art
- _____ 12. Mini
- _____ 13. Pen & Ink
- _____ 14. Portrait
- _____ 15. Original Designs
- _____ Total # entries

Member's Name _____
Entering as Student/Member _____ or Teacher _____
Code# S/M- _____ or T- _____ 2/13

Melinda Barnes - Website Manager <http://rockymountainhiartists.com/>

Tole Chatter : I found a blog written by **Prismacolor**. You will find on this wonderful blog all kinds of colored pencil tutorials and information. <http://blog.prismacolor.com/>. Here is another website with a **tutorial** on how to sharpen your colored pencils. This website also contains drawing lessons and painting lessons. There are also web pages dedicated to acrylic, watercolor, colored pencils, mixed media, pastel and ink. A wealth of information can be found on this website. <http://www.art-is-fun.com/>. You can find tons of information on the **Sakura** website. There are several good instruction videos you can watch and learn from. <http://www.sakuraofamerica.com/>. I found the following website in one of my newsletter geared to web designers. **Color is color** so I feel you might enjoy reading some of the articles on color and how they affect people. <http://inspiredm.com/9-interesting-infographics-about-color/> One of the articles talked about the color blue. Blue represents security, trustworthiness and dependability. Many web designers focus heavily on color schemes when they are working with the graphics or layouts. This is because the way a color is laid out will ultimately affect the impression and overall mood of the viewer. Don't you think colors used in our painting would affect people the same way? **Golden Artist Colors** has a good website with information about their products. Also has a web page devoted to color called a "Virtual Paint Mixer". <http://www.goldenpaints.com/products/mixer/>. **Warning!** This next website has nothing to do with painting! **Warning!** Have you ever wondered what else you can do with those flash drives? I found an article some of you interested in computers will enjoy. "10 Awesome Ways to Use a USB Flash Drive". http://howto.cnet.com/8301-11310_39-57426513-285/10-awesome-ways-to-use-a-usb-flash-drive/. While I'm on this subject you will discover **CNET** is a wonderful site with all kinds of information for the computer user. Also tons of free software programs for Windows, Macs, and more. I have used this website since the first day I had a computer in my life. < smile>

Okay, back to painting... We have a new **tole shop** in Denver! **Creative Possibilities** is owned by Judy and Ken Sacry. Teaching for Judy are Carrol Mulkey, Monica McClung, Shirley Campbell, and Susie Lindquist. Adult and children's classes will be offered. The location is 7709 W. 92nd Ave., Westminster, CO 80021 and their phone number is 303-420-0127. **DecoArt** has a line of paint markers. On Pinterest I saw where someone used the DecoArt black paint pen to Zentangle on coffee mugs! Now that looks fun and what a great gift it would make. A **new painting magazine** is coming! The new magazine is being published by All American Crafts. Linda Heller will be the editor. Linda is the editor of PaintWorks which has always been a top notch painting magazine. Watch Della Wetterman's site for the cover and more info. Della shared a sneak peek of a new pattern packet by **Maxine Thomas**... it is to die for and I might have to knock the dust off my paint brushes. It is a basket of fruit painted on one of Della's tin butter churns. Hopefully the pattern will be available on Della's site very soon. Mark your calendar for June 2014 now! We are excited to announce RMH is hosting a seminar with **Chris Thornton June 21 and 22, 2014**. Chris teaches at Las Vegas and occasionally at the SDP show and that is it. Chris is very busy designing for the gift market and many magazine projects. We will be showing you samples of her work in the coming months. Visit Chris' website to learn more about her... <http://christhorntondesigns.com/> Until next month... Melinda

Ginny Sparlin - Recording Secretary

The January 21, 2013 General meeting of the Rocky Mountain Hi chapter was called to order at Gander Mountain by President Marilyn Corners at 6:30pm.

Minutes: posted in the newsletter.

Treasurers report: Pat Greene reports \$3,713.30 in checking.

Programs: Vice President Verlene Siska announced the program tonight is beginner drawing skills with Char Bucher.

The February meeting will be an evening of **Bingo**. Please bring art related items for prizes i.e., wood, magazines, paint, brushes, tin, etc.

You'll also need quarters to purchase bingo cards.

Membership: Elissa McAlear said we have 39 members and she needs our membership numbers. Also, Elissa brought a roster we all need to check, to make sure our information is correct for the book.

Elissa sent cards from the chapter to :
Iris Luckle and Nancy Gepford. Melinda Barnes is also in ill health.

Art Show: If Elissa doesn't hear from any members regarding changes in rules or categories by Feb. 1, 2013, the rules and categories will remain as is. Information on the art show can be found online or call her and she'll send information to you.

Hospitality: Nancy Glassman asks that you let her know if you can bring refreshments to the February meeting. Local Seminars: Char Bucher reminded us of the Paula Leopold seminar on Feb. 9, 2013. Watermelon and Strawberries in colored pencils, on paper. It's \$40.00 for the day, call Char to sign up.

Classes:

April: Annie Martinez, watercolor, \$40.00. Saturday April 13, 2013, 9:30am to 4:pm, at Gander Mountain. She'll teach watercolor.

Char will try to get **Chuck Danford** lined up for a Saturday in June or possibly October.

Judi Patti will teach a watercolor class for us August 24, 9:am to whenever, in her studio.

Check out our website:[http:// RockyMountainHiArtists.com](http://RockyMountainHiArtists.com) with links to National, to keep up with all the chapter info.

Marilyn asked who will be going to **National this May**. Elissa looked on line to order the convention book but ended up calling Lisa at National headquarters(number is in the front of the Decorative Painter)the Convention Special is \$8.00 and can be downloaded and printed or ordered from National.

There was also discussion regarding **the trip to National by train from Denver**(\$189.00, round trip). Char passed out paper and patterns for Paulas class, and said to use pale lines of gray graphite.

Marilyn said the library was so thrilled with the beginner paint in she taught there, that they want to do another one in March and they also want us to do another display of our work. Marilyn is looking for teachers, you pick the project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm,

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Ginny Sparlin

Char Bucher - Local Teacher Seminar Chairman

We are looking forward to another year with several exciting new classes. You will want to put these on your calendar so that you get signed up in time to make the cut-off date one month before the class. April 13 we will have a teacher new to us, Annie Martinez. Annie will be teaching us her methods of water-color painting. One such method uses saran wrap in applying the color. (see picture below) June 8 will bring Chuck Danford again in watercolor. On August 24, we will again go to Judy Patti's studio for a day of watercolor Judy style. All classes have a number of people who have signed on already, so get your name down soon. Checks are due one month before class. We will have the sign-up sheets at the February Bingo meeting. See you there!



Nancy Glassman – Hospitality

Thanks to everyone who brought snacks on January 21st! You guys are awesome. As for you, Sheila, next time you volunteer, you might want to show up! (B This was added by the editor who is volunteering for the February meeting and will definitely be there this time.) If you would like to bring a snack to share to the Feb 18th, 2013 Chapter meeting, please call me at 303-220-8563 or email nlglasman@q.com. Thank You so much! Nancy Glassman

Sheila Hutchison - Newsletter Editor *Thanks so much to all who contributed to this newsletter. The articles are wonderful! Please let me know if I missed anything. I welcome all corrections, additions, suggestions or advice. I need your help and support! Have a wonderfully productive month! --Sheila at hudhut@hotmail.com, 303-338-9644*