

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER
of the Society of Decorative Painters

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Verlene Siska President's Report

I want to thank the chapter for giving me the opportunity to serve as President for the past year. It has been a very humbling experience. I have learned to love and cherish each one of you, and I know you are in good hands for the upcoming year. Listed below are the articles you will not want to miss in this Newsletter.

- In addition, to telling us what we need to bring to the November meeting, Marilyn is also giving us an overview as to why SDP has entered into a management agreement with Craft and Hobby Association.**
- The proposed 2015 Budget we will be voting on in January.**
- What our Vice president elect, Ginny Sparlin, has planned for our January meeting.**

Verlene



Marilyn Corners - 1st Vice President/Program Chairman

Vice President Report

Hi Ladies,

Once again, I apologize for mistakenly passing out Witch Hazel rather than Alcohol to you for cleaning your wine glasses at the October Meeting Paint In. It is interesting to note that several people had no problem with the paint sliding, while others could not keep the paint on the glass!! We did two make-up classes at my home and the glasses did turn out beautifully. I so hope that those of you who didn't take part in the make-ups have found your glasses to be exquisite!! Check out the article from Ginny, who will be teaching a fabric painting class at our January meeting, which will be so much fun (I have seen the sample and you will LOVE it!).

Our program in November, which is the final meeting for 2014, will be a very special event.
Installation of Officers, Ornament Exchange, Hors d'oeuvres pot luck and Cookie Basket
Presentation to the staff at Garden Plaza of Aurora.

Installation:

If you have been elected to an office or as a Committee Chair, please be present when we install the board for 2015. We all want to see your shining face!!

Ornament Exchange:

If you choose to take part in the exchange, (and who among us does not want to do that?) please bring a Christmas Ornament/Handmade Christmas Decoration, signed or with a card inside the bag or wrapping with your name. All exchanges will be anonymous until unwrapped.

Hors d'oeuvres Pot Luck:

Remember that we cannot bring food into Garden Plaza that needs to be plugged in for heat. Other than that, you may bring your favorite Holiday appetizer or dessert to share with the members. Coffee and Tea will be furnished.

Cookie Basket for Garden Plaza Staff:

As we did last year at Gander Mountain, this year we are giving a basket of homemade cookies/goodies to the staff at Garden Plaza as a THANK YOU for allowing us to hold our meetings, free of charge, in their beautiful Multi-Purpose Room. Keep in mind that the staff is large (90 people), so please be generous in your cookie donation. Cookies are to be either on plastic wrapped paper plates, or in plastic zip-locks which we can then place in baskets for presentation to the staff.

We are also giving gift cards to Becky, who is the manager of Garden Plaza and Chef David, who prepares our yummy luncheons for seminars. This is my final newsletter article as VP/Program Chairman and I want to thank each of you for the great enthusiasm and cooperation you have so generously given this past year . As an officer of any organization knows, the involvement of the membership is the absolute key to the success of the organization. We are truly blessed to have a membership of caring, dedicated and involved members who have a vested interest in the welfare and growth of Rocky Mountain Hi. Next year, I look forward to hearing from you concerning any and all issues, ideas and/or concerns you may have related to our chapter. Please know that I value you a great deal and want you to feel that Rocky Mountain Hi is YOUR chapter.

Hugs,

Marilyn

SDP Membership at Large Report:

As you must know by now, SDP has recently entered into a management agreement with CHA (Craft and Hobby Association). We, of SDP, have been without an Executive Director for several years now and it has proven to be a less than successful experience for us. CHA is a very large association of Manufacturers, Wholesalers, Retailers and Designers, with an impressive history of good management skills and forward thinking in the industry. They will now act as our Executive Director. This is a bold and much needed move on the part of SDP and is expected to be the solution to our current financial situation. The following article is a series of questions sent to SDP from members who have voiced concerns and answers to those questions. Perhaps you have had some of the same concerns since learning of the management agreement. Hopefully, this will alleviate your concerns and give you valuable information about this step that SDP has taken in the best interest of our membership.

Marilyn

CHA - SDP - answers to member questions

Q: Why did SDP enter into this agreement?

A: There are two reasons.

- SDP needs assistance with running the organization and CHA has the professional staff that can lead, oversee, and manage existing SDP staff.
- CHA has the infrastructure, processes and procedures to improve overall operations of SDP as it does currently with other communities in the creative industry.

Q: Is this a merger?

A: No, SDP is a separate legal entity with its own board of directors who are responsible

for the governance of the association. CHA is being paid for their services. They are essentially hired as Executive Director and report to the SDP board of directors.

Q: How can SDP afford to pay for their services if it's in financial distress?

A: There is a plan in place for operational efficiencies and growth targets for the

conference. There will be no change to current offerings for SDP members or chapters.

Q: Why wasn't the membership consulted before a decision was made?

A: Hiring of consultants/staff/services are not a membership wide decision and don't require a vote of the membership.

Q: Will there be more information at next year's conference?

A: Yes, there will be a presentation by Andrej Suskavcevic, President and CEO of CHA as well as time for questions and answers at the annual business meeting.

Q: How does this agreement benefit SDP members?

A: CHA has the expertise to help us fix the organization financially and operationally. This will translate to better service for our members. CHA also has a large number of members involved in the painting category. Building those networks will help everyone involved.

Q: Will SDP lose its identity?

A: No, SDP will continue to offer the products and services for its members as in the past. CHA is essentially the executive director for SDP and will help improve operations and lead the SDP staff.

Q: Will the Wichita headquarters still be in place?

A: Yes, the head offices and Museum will exist as they are today.

Q: Will SDP still have staff?

A: Yes, the staff will still be located in Wichita. CHA will be managing staff and will make changes to staffing as needed to improve the operations of the organization.

Q: Will SDP and CHA membership be combined?

A: No, each organization will maintain its own membership. If you wanted to join CHA you will need to qualify based on CHA's membership criteria.

Q: Will we get lost by being part of the "umbrella" of CHA with all the other industries it has?

A: No. That is the benefit of joining forces. They support/manage many other groups and each has it's own identity/focus. Being part of this network gives everyone more opportunities to network and grow.

Q: Will I be able to attend the CHA Mega Show?

A: The CHA Show is a trade only event. If you qualify as a business in the trade, you may attend the CHA show as a non-member or you can join CHA and attend as a member.

Q: Will the Decorative Painter still exist or change?

A: Decorative Painter will continue to be published in the same format and with the same attention to quality.

Q: Will anything change for my chapter?

A: All chapters will continue to run as they do today, including the financial structure between the Chapter.



Ginny Sparlin – Vice President /Elect

Hi Ladies!

The New Year will soon be upon us, and you will need to be prepared for our January 19, 2015 meeting! We will be painting on fabric with acrylic fabric paints. This is a fun, easy project on a T-Shirt.

Please bring: 1 white T-Shirt(short or long sleeved), 1 or 2 black permanent Sharpie markers(the fat one with a fine point), a shirt board, or a piece of heavy cardboard or foam core board, large enough to fit snugly under(inside)your T-Shirt. Also bring your acrylic painting supplies, i.e. a water container, paper towels, brushes, etc.

Paint will be provided, as well as pallettes and patterns. Any questions call me:

Ginny Sparlin [303-693-0771](tel:303-693-0771)

Hope to see everyone there!!!



Elissa McAlear – 2nd Vice President/ Membership Chairman

Please add Catherine Roche's name to the results of our 2014 Art Show for her Best of Show in the "My Favorites" category for her Bronze Buffalo. It is a work of art. I apologize for this omission. This correction will be made on the Website

We offer our congratulations to all who entered and we hope you all paint more beautiful entries for next year's art show.

Elissa McAlear, Art Show Chair

Membership for 2015 is Underway

More than 20 membership renewals have come in so far - Thank You!

We want to encourage those who have not yet renewed, or wish to join, to get your membership application in by December 1st to be included in our Roster. You won't want to miss the many fun programs and seminars that are being planned for the next year!

Chapter Applications are available to download from our website, <www.rockymountainhiartists.com>, or from me. Remember that SDP membership is required and is paid directly to SDP by December 1st or a \$5 fee is added to that membership. You may bring your application with a check, or cash, made out to: Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter, or cash, to the November 17th meeting (party) or mail it to me: Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter, 6501 Welch Ct., Arvada, CO 80004

HAPPY PAINTING AND BEST WISHES FOR SUPER HOLIDAYS!

Questions? Call me at [303.421.8714](tel:303.421.8714) or email me at <elissamc@comcast.net> with RMHi in the subject line. (NOTE: different email from the Roster book)

Elissa McAlear, Membership



Ginny Sparlin - Secretary's Minutes

The October 20, 2014 meeting of the Rocky Mountain Hi chapter of S.D.P. was brought to order by president Verlene Siska at Garden Plaza, at 6:35pm.

The minutes, read by sec. Ginny Sparlin, were approved as read.

Vice Pres. Marilyn Corners welcomed all our members and guests and announced we'll be painting on wine glasses tonight.

Marilyn reminded us that the meeting for November will be the installation of officers and ornament exchange, with a snacks pot luck.

We'll be voting tonight on the 2015 slate of officers and nominations are open as we have one position on the board still left unfilled which is the Community Outreach chairman. This persons job would be to set up possibilities for us to teach painting classes around the community, or anything else to get the word out about painting and our group.

The slate of officers was announced and a motion was made by Elissa McAlear to accept the slate for 2015, and seconded by Melinda Barnes. The vote was unanimous to pass the slate of officers for 2015.

Verlene congratulated all for a great Art Show, and Sherri asked Marilyn if artists could bring their work from the show to display at the Nov. meeting for anyone who couldn't attend the art show.

Membership: Elissa McAlear thanked everyone who has already signed up for next year and reminded us all to renew our membership with National before Dec. 1, to avoid the \$5.00 penalty. Elissa would love to have everyone renewed by Dec. so we can all be included in the next years directory which she'll be putting together and printing up by the first of the new year. She has applications available for all tonight.

Newsletter: Verlene needs everyone to check and make sure she has your correct email address.

Seminars: Char Bucher announced a one day Judy Patti seminar for Saturday January 17, 2015, from 9 to 4, in her studio. The fee is \$40.00 and Char has a sign up list she's passing around tonight. She also announced a 2 day seminar April 24 and 25 with Janet Nunn teaching liquid watercolors. Char does not have pictures tonight, but the class will be here at Garden Plaza with lunch included in the price.

Melinda Barnes reminded us that Chris Thronton who hardly ever travel teaches will be here teaching in acrylic June 13 and 14 of 2015.

Web Site: Melinda is up to date with pictures of the Art Show and Luncheon on the web site.

Building report: Iris Luckel will check to make sure our seminar dates are ok for here at Garden Plaza. We want to do something nice for the facility for Christmas, call Iris with any suggestions. Iris will be signing the contract to continue to hold our meeting here a Garden Plaza.

Publicity: Iris has been passing out our business cards at craft sales and suggested we all do the same. Verlene has more business cards if anyone needs some more.

Philanthropic: Kathy Kula will be getting more information on donating art supplies and possibly painting classes to "Hope Tank" a shop that works with nonprofit organizations, for next year.

Hospitality: Karen Sorenson thanked all who brought treats, and reminded us that our Nov. meeting includes a snack pot luck. We can't bring any hot food, but cold or room temp snacks are ok with the facility. Hospitality will provide drinks.

Sunshine: Nancy Glassman asks that if you know any member who is ill or needs a cheer up card, to let her know.

New Business: Kit Addington showed us a porcelain doll she had made and explained about the process it takes to make one.

Kit also announced that the annual Heather Gardens craft show and sale is this weekend. Ester Haines has a booth at the sale. It will be at the club house on Abilene and about Yale in Aurora.



Pat Greene – Treasurer

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI 2015 Budget Proposal

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Income

Membership	700
Seminars	3500
Ways & Means	1500
Luncheon	1000
<hr/> Total Income	<hr/> 6700

Expenses

Newsletter	50
Seminars	3000
Membership	100
Treasurer	100
Philanthropic	100
Art Show	50
Hospitality	100
Ways & Means	410
Programs	1000
Miscellaneous	300
Web Site	240
Publicity	50
Luncheon	1200
<hr/> Total Expenses	<hr/>

Respectfully submitted: Patricia Greene



Melinda Barnes – Website Manager

Tole Chatter

The new **Creative Artists Resource** website is totally live now. This website is owned by Vicki Alley who came up with the idea to have one website where an artist could go to find a designer, a distributor, a manufacture or a teacher all in one place! We just launched the site a week ago and we will be adding many more members to the database as time goes by. You can sign up for the newsletter and occasionally you will be notified via email when there are updates. Since the site is still evolving I will let you know other features when they are added. At this point Vicki is thinking about having a featured artist and maybe info about new products added each month. Check out this new website here... <http://creativeartistsresource.com/>

There is a new online oil painting club called **Expressions in Oil** I think some of you will be interested in. Jeanne Downing has developed this website and is also one of the teachers. There will be twelve weeks of art lessons presented in oil. Lessons includes Video clips/Slideshows and Tutorials. Class files are available through January 1, 2016. You can share with other classmates in the private Oil Painting Expressions Facebook group. Teachers include Trudy Beard-Lazaroe, Arlene Beck, Robyn Brooks (Australia), Dorothy Dent, Jeanne Downing, Mary Jo Leisure, Rika Muramatsu (Japan), Pat Parker, Nilda Rodriguez, Cheri Rol, Shirley Nan Ruchong, and Patsy Schultis. For all the details and sign-up go here... <http://www.oilpaintingexpressions.com/>

There is also another online magazine coming called **Painting Ezine** and the first issue will be available November 15th. The first issue is an ornament issue! Yipppeeee We all love Christmas ornaments! For information and subscription instructions visit here... <http://paintingezine.com>

I found a colored pencil artist (he found me, but that's another story) that has some interesting designs and products on his website. **Mark Menendez** has a Prismacolor Color Wheel and a Color Pencil Organizational Kit for sale. When I just checked Mark's site for the link I noticed the Color Wheel is sold out... hmmm not sure what's up with that, but I would think it will be available again soon. <http://menendezart.storenvy.com/>

Since that color chart is sold out I Googled **Prismacolor Color Wheel** and came up with many options. I seem to recall that if you visit Prismacolor's website you can find and print their

chart out. I found a **Prismacolor Digital Color Coordinator** on their website! You choose or enter a color value and view the closest match to Prismacolor products. Sound interesting?
<http://www.primacolor.com/> or go directly here...
<http://www.primacolor.com/color-picker>

I read a message printed in the Pikes Peak Decorative Artists' newsletter that a member had bad results using Delta Brush-On Varnish. Just a note to be careful if you have an unused jar. You may want to test it before applying it to your masterpiece.

The following tip appeared in the **Art Apprentice Online** newsletter...

Tip - Do you want to loosen up your painting style?

Are you the type of artist who can paint the eye lashes on an ant? The hair on a bee's behind or the pollen dots on a forget-me-not? At the end of a painting session, are there 46 brushes that need cleaning? Is there a magnifying glass and 6 overhead lamps nearby so you can paint small details? You own every size and style of brush under 1/3" in size? Then **YOU** are a detail painter.

So....do you want to loosen up your style? If so, you might want to try the following...

Use a larger brush for the task. Small brushes make us want to paint small and add tiny details everywhere. Go to the biggest brush you own and try to paint with it.

Change the position of your hand on the handle of the brush. Rather than hold the brush like a pen...hold it further up the handle.

Instead of holding the brush underhand (like a pen) try overhand like conducting an orchestra.

Use thicker paint, that is, pick up more paint with the brush, rather than constantly thinning the paint with water or a painting medium. Stand to paint rather than sit.

Stand back from your art work and paint at a greater distance...about an arms length away from the canvas. Blur your eyes (look through your eyelashes) and try to look for shapes of color rather than details.

That's it for this month. I hope to see each and every one of you at our November meeting! I wish everyone a Joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

Melinda

WEBSITE - <http://rockymountainhiartists.com>

Did you visit our website and see the 2014 Annual Art Show results? There is a link on the home page to view the photos taken at the Luncheon/Art Show as well. I hope by the time you read this I will have uploaded the photos from Paula Leopold's workshop. Check the website in the coming weeks to see an updated schedule.

Melinda

Travel Seminars

Don't forget to mark your calendar for next year when **Chris Thornton** will be here **June 13 and 14, 2015**. We are starting to put together more information now for the seminar and will post it in the near future. If you have any questions, please contact me.



Karon Sorensen- Hospitality

A big thank you to all who brought the delightful treats to our August meeting!

Hospitality, Karon Sorensen



Nancy Glassman – Sunshine

If you know of anyone who need a Get Well Wish/ or a Thinking of You Card please let me know!

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