



March 2026 Newsletter

President's Message-Ginny Sparlin

Hi Ladies,

It's hard to believe it's snowing today and I was out in my yard gardening all day yesterday, oh wait, it's Colorado. Never mind. Seriously, I'm loving the warm days and the cold days pass quickly. Are your daffodils and crocus up and blooming too? Loving Spring!

Are you all ready for another great painting class? Be sure to attend our March 21 meeting at Garden Plaza. Deb Poster will be teaching us a wonderful mini landscape. If you've never tried a landscape here's your chance, and it's small so it's not so scary! There will be prep instructions and supply list further into this newsletter. Be there or be square!

Even if you're not into landscapes come anyway. You could bring a U.F.O. to work on or just come and chat with friends, we miss you when you're not there!

Hope to see you all soon,

Ginny

Monthly Program Report-Deb Poster

Hi ALL! Hope you're staying warm.

Our next meeting is March 22nd at Garden Plaza. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. If you choose not to paint the project, bring ANYTHING you need to work on or finish and visit. We always enjoy our time together.

This month's project is landscapes in miniature using tube acrylics. The focus is on using color to create depth. I will be demonstrating on an 8 x 10 canvas board so you can see what I'm doing. The originals are on 3x5 oval wood plaques.



Supplies:

- Surface of your choice sanded, sealed and basecoat in white.
- Tube (or bottle) acrylics: white, ultramarine blue, (lake)blue, crimson, magenta, yellow medium, phthalo green, burnt sienna. I used Hobby Lobby Masters Touch brand. Bring any type acrylic paints you want. We'll practice paint mixing to get a variety of colors.
- Paint palette (stay wet best option)², palette knife for mixing
- Brushes: I used stiff (hog)bristle brushes in several sizes, round, filbert, angle to get the texture of foliage. Size 10 or 12 flat brush for washes and floats. A small fan brush for clouds and foliage. The brushes are best if old and scruffy!
- Water container
- Paper towels

The photo is an 8x10. It is NOT FINISHED. I'll lead you through the background. And work on this foreground as well. If you have any questions, send a text to Debbie Poster 720-217-2383

Tole Chatter-Melinda Barnes

Ronnie Bringle... Ronnie has her paper pattern packets all 50% off. Ronnie was my favorite designer for years and there are wonder patterns available.

<https://ronniebringle.com/>

Liz Vigliotto... Liz is offering classes now for \$10 a month. Not sure when the instructions to sign up will be. Liz is a good designer so this is a great offer.

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

Holly Hanley... If you need a cute bunny to paint for Easter here is one you can't resist for only \$5.00. Use the link below and it is the second one on the page.

<https://www.hollyhanley.ca/e-packets/>

Glue Gun Tip... Sorry to say I don't recall who posted this on Facebook, nor have I tried it. It's a great tip if it works!

"If you store your hot glue sticks in the freezer before you use them you will not have strings."

Sheila Landry Designs... She has moved her website and designs some cute ornaments and her partner cuts wood.

<https://tolepaintingdesigns.com/>

Carini Art... Very interesting artwork and gifts.

<https://cariniarts.com/>

Usual Acrylic Supplies (do you carry all of these to class?)

A good assortment of brushes, including flats, angles, liners, rounds, filberts, mops, and any special brushes that may be listed for a particular class.

Palette paper

Tracing paper

Transfer paper (both light and dark)

Palette knife

Stylus

Paper towels

Pencil

Eraser

Cotton swabs

Container for water

Brush cleaner

Small containers in which to store paint should the project not be finished in class

Scotch tape or painter's tape

Optional: hand-held fan, scissors, photo holder, note paper

TRACY MOREAU'S SPOT

If you are a south paw, well, you are in excellent company! Artists always have to be a little different...all of the following were famously talented left handers! (I'm happy to be left-handed, me not Tracy.)

Albrecht Duer

Paul Klee

Michael Angelo

Thomas Kincaid

Raphael

Rembrandt Van Rijn

And of course Leonardo DaVinci

(though he was technically ambidextrous...his left was the dominant hand)

Did you know....

Because there is no true black color, all "black" pigments and dyes really just look black.

They're made up of a combination of other pigments in specific combinations to reflect the least amount of light possible.

Painting Tip...

When stenciling with texture mediums, try to keep the texture medium no thicker than the stencil. If you can clearly see the motif through the medium... You did it right!! This method gives you great visual impact, a more durable finish all while using very little material!

Tracy has a new simple design of a bunny on her site.

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

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

Computer Security...

Update Chrome now: Zero-day bug allows code execution via malicious webpages.

Google has released an emergency update to patch an actively exploited zero-day—the first Chrome zero-day of the year.

Note: You can Google how to update Chrome on which ever devices you are using..

Apple has released security updates for iPhones, iPads, Macs, Apple Watches, Apple TVs, and Safari, fixing, in particular, a zero-day flaw that is actively exploited in targeted attacks. Exploiting this zero-day flaw would allow cybercriminals to run any code they want on the affected device, potentially installing spyware or backdoors without the owner noticing. Installing these updates as soon as possible keeps your personal information—and everything else on your Apple devices—safe from such an attack.

Happy Painting,

Melinda