



May 2026 Newsletter

Month of April Program Report-Ginny Sparlin



For the program at our May meeting, Ginny Sparlin will be teaching a friendly little pig painting. It was painted on a round slice of wood with the bark still intact. If you'd prefer, you could paint it on a wood plaque or canvas board, most any surface of your choice.

There will be a picture of it in the May newsletter and on our website. I'll bring line drawings to the April meeting to distribute. You'll need to prep your surface by lightly sanding it, and painting it 2 coats of black. I used Americana, but you could use any brand you have on hand.

Supplies: Bring (to the May meeting) your regular acrylic painting supplies: Water container, brushes, paper towels, palette (such as a foam plate or two), and whatever paint you have from the list.

Paint colors: Americana

- Black

- White
- Terra coral
- Russet(or Ceramcoat: Candybar)
- Honey brown or Raw Sienna
- Cadmium Yellow or primary yellow

Bring any of the colors that you have and we can pool our resources.

Hope to see you soon,

Ginny Sparlin (questions? call me 303-408-0414)

Pattern is the end of this newsletter

In Area Workshop-Andrene Schmelzer



Judy Patti seminar June 27th 2026

We will be painting on a quarter sheet of watercolor paper that Judy will prep for us with gesso and have ready to paint at 10:00 am. Hours are 10-2. Address of class is: Judy Patti Studio, 5847 So. Broadway, Littleton, CO. Class will also be offered on zoom, however class will be limited to 15 students.

The fee is still \$35.00, but include \$ 5.00 for prep to your check, so that Judy doesn't have to collect it. Make check to Rocky Mtn. Hi for \$40.00 and give it to Linda Beaty at the meeting or mail it to her.

Coffee and donuts will be there in the morning, but you are more than welcome to bring a snack for lunch. Sign up early to hold your seat.

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Any questions call Andrene 720-840-1255

Tole Chatter-Melinda Barnes

DecoArt New Paint Colors... I'm not sure how long Cupboard Distributing will have the 12 new colors on sale. If you want these new colors don't delay. The retail price is \$34.95 on sale for \$19.95. A great bargain since it is getting harder to find the DecoArt paints. The surfaces available are sometimes on sale at a good price too.

<https://www.cdwood.com/collections/americana-acrylics/products/2026-decoart-americana-new-color-set-of-12-bottles-preorder-expected-may-2026>

New from Holbein... Introducing the Chroma Pearl series. These iridescent watercolors are designed to interact with light, creating a soft, shifting shimmer that changes depending on your viewing angle. Their high transparency allows the underlying color to remain visible, making them ideal for layering, glazing, or adding subtle luminous effects to your work. Each color has a delicate, pearlescent glow that becomes especially striking on darker surfaces. 8-colors includes:

W781 Chroma Pearl Red

W787 Chroma Pearl Pink

W783 Chroma Pearl Yellow

W788 Chroma Pearl Lime

W784 Chroma Pearl Green

W785 Chroma Pearl Blue

W789 Chroma Pearl Ajoule

W786 Chroma Pearl Violet

Maureen Baker... Have you visited her website and browse through her patterns, videos and classes? Her work is truly amazing.

<https://maureen-baker.com/>

Sandy LeFlore... Have you followed her on Facebook? She has many fun patterns and free classes. Below I have listed her website... **Just Fine Designs**. If you like whimsical and fun designs check the website.

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

TRACY MOREAU'S SPOT

Did you know....

Pierre-Auguste Renoir Painted Despite Crippling Arthritis

Pierre-Auguste Renoir, one of the founders of the Impressionist movement, suffered from rheumatoid arthritis starting in 1892. Amazingly, Renoir continued to paint for the last 20 years of his life despite the pain and limitations he suffered.

Renoir could still hold a brush in his hand, but required an assistant to place it there first. With his brush in place, Renoir had an assistant stand by to arrange his palette as he painted. He also worked with a moving canvas so he could create larger works.

Contrary to popular belief, the bandages seen on Renoir's hands in photos from his later years weren't for strapping brushes to his hands. Instead, they prevented his curled fingers from digging into his palms.

Did you know ...

In 1998, Saint John's Abbey and University commissioned renowned **calligrapher Donald Jackson** to produce a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible. Completed In 2011, The Saint John's Bible was the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible to be commissioned since the invention of the printing press. It was completed on vellum with quills and contains 160 illuminations across seven volumes.

Did You Know...

Andy Warhol's 'Campbell's Soup Cans' (1962) is a set of 32 canvases, each representing the 32 varieties of soup that the company sold at the time. Museum of Modern Art in New York exhibited them chronologically, in the manufacturing order in which the soup flavors were introduced to the American public as Warhol never gave instructions on how to exhibit them.

Did you know...

People have been painting for as long as 30,000 years?

Early Cave paintings were drawn with red or yellow ochre, hematite, manganese oxide, and charcoal may have been made by early Homo sapiens as long as 30,000 years ago. These would have been ground to make up a primitive paint substance. Other ingredients used were animal blood and fat.

Did you know....

We associate Hans Holbein the Younger with Tudor era portraits but he also had a great

interest and skill in metalwork. Later in his career, Holbein designed jewelry and trinket cups for Anne Boleyn and amour for King Henry VIII, featuring elaborate engravings.

Did You Know...

The term Poor Man's Bible has come into use in modern times to describe works of art within churches and cathedrals which either individually or collectively have been created to illustrate the teachings of the Bible for a largely (at the time) illiterate population. These artworks may take the form of carvings, paintings, mosaics or stained-glass windows. In some churches a single artwork, such as a stained-glass window, has the role of Poor Man's Bible, while in others, the entire church is decorated with a complex biblical narrative that unites in a single scheme

Tracy shares her talent with a free project almost every Saturday on Facebook and YouTube.com. When you visit her website check at the top of her home page and see if there is a coupon discount.

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

COMPUTER SECURITY...

The “iCloud storage is full” scam is back. Now it wants your wallet

Apple users need to watch out for “upgrade now or lose your photos” scams that rush you into handing over your card details.

Booking.com breach gives scammers what they need to target guests

If you’ve booked anything with the company, watch out for scammers using stolen details to trick you into handing over payments.

Simply opening a PDF could trigger this Adobe Reader zero-day

Opening the wrong PDF in Adobe Reader was enough to let criminals quietly spy on your computer and unleash more attacks, even though everything looked normal.

NOTE: As always be careful links what you are clicking on and downloading.

Keep painting instead of surfing on your computer. <grin>

Melinda

