



Painters' Patter

High Plains Decorative Artists
October 2012

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Notes from the Prez

For those of you who missed our September meeting--you missed a good one! Ruth did an outstanding job of putting together a lot of the tips 'n tricks she's learned over the years and as she talked, that just started the sharing of other tips from members. I especially liked the one about the vodka--it ain't just for drinking when the floating gods have deserted you! I've asked Melinda to put these on our website so the rest of you can enjoy and learn from them. Speaking of...have you visited our website recently <http://highplainsdecorativeartists.com/> ? Melinda has done an outstanding job of creating and maintaining, but she needs input from the members to keep it up to date. Do you have a favorite recipe or a tip or technique that you could share with us? If so, send it to Melinda so it can be added--we'd love to hear from you.

Thankyouthankyouthankyou to the members who volunteered run for the Board in 2013! I am so grateful and happy that HPDA will continue to be a viable chapter of SDP and I know that the rest of you will get behind this great group of gals (oops, is that PC?) -- artists, if you will -- and give them your full support. There is still time if you want to nominate either yourself or someone else for a position--the voting will be done during the Rosemary West seminar when we have a quorum present.

I am really looking forward to Rosemary's seminar--what a grand lady of decorative painting (and a really nice person to boot)! Aaaaannnnndddd--did you hear what is going to happen in April of 2013??? IF you attended one of the last three seminars, AND your dues are paid up by December 31st, you will be able to attend an HPDA-sponsored Lynn Andrews seminar for \$50! WhooHoo! Lynn is such a hoot and a wonderful teacher that I've already cleared my calendar. This is so exciting and a way that your Board thought we could pay back a little to those of you who have supported the chapter for so long. Way to go!

Time is flying by so fast that it's not too soon to start thinking of painting an object or hand-making something for our holiday gift exchange. Remember--it doesn't necessarily need to be painted, but it has to be hand-made and Best Friend Quality. Thank you Nancy for offering to open up your home to us in December. Have you purchased your ticket to win the Jo Sonja original? If not, contact Janet Gropp--you don't want to miss out on the opportunity to own this piece of history.

In conclusion, please don't forget about our memory box program--it is such a worthwhile cause and the recipients are so grateful for our efforts. It is such a shame that they are even needed to begin with, but our contributions make their suffering just a little bit easier. Till next time--dip those brushes! Cec

HIGH PLAINS DECORATIVE ARTISTS
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
September 8, 2012

Meeting called to order at 9:25 a.m. by President Cec Rae.

Vice President: November meeting will be Sandee Franz doing a Bob Ross wet on wet technique with oil; it will be a 6 hour class. Bev Martinez has the results of what the group wanted to paint for this meeting and she will contact members by e-mail with the winner and other information about the painting day.

Secretary: There were no corrections to the corrected minutes of March 10, 2012 that were published in the April newsletter.

Treasurer: Janet Gropp reported a balance of \$6,565.64.

Programs: Bev Martinez outlined our projects or seminar for the year as follows:

October 13 & 14, 2012 - Rosemary's Seminar

November 10, 2012 - Sandee Franz oil

December 8, 2012 - Holiday party - Nancy Sorensen home - Potluck with a gift exchange, details will follow.

Seminars: Janet announced April 13 & 14, 2013, —Lynne Andrews
Janet and Carolyn are contacting others for the fall seminar

Janet announced that for the Andrews seminar that the members will pay \$50 for the seminar if they have attended one of the last three seminars (Rosemary West, Diane Trierweiler, or Sandy Scales). You have to have your dues paid by December 31, 2012 also. The regular fees will apply to everyone else.

Other Group Seminars - RMP Sep 22-Charles Danforth-watercolor

RMP Oct 20-Kathy Reed (Holly Berry House)

RMP Nov 3-Janet Nunn-watercolor

Contact Melinda Barnes for info on these Seminars

Membership: We have 69 paid members.

Newsletter: The deadline for the newsletter is September 10, 2012.

Unfinished Business: Beth is doing the October Tole Month display in the Bemis and Kobel Libraries. Please go and see the displays in the month of October.

Julia Duggan will submit the pictures and a brief statement of using the Martha Stewart paints for the memory boxes for the Chapter Happenings for the Decorative Painter.

New Business: Volunteers needed of 2013 Board of Officers

President - Ruth Rodriguez

1st Vice President - Bev Martinez

2nd Vice President - Beth Newton

Secretary - Dana Jennings

Treasurer - Chris Hoynes

Seminar - Carolyn Culwell & Janet Gropp

Newsletter - Denise Eccles

Hospitality - Julia Duggan

Sunshine - Beth Newton

Anyone interested in serving in an office is welcome to have their names submitted for any office. We really appreciate anyone wanting to serve and always need the help. The vote will be at the lunch break at the Rosemary West seminar.

Announcements: February 2013 Las Vegas convention booklets available

SDP would like input on their "student membership"

June 2014 Artist Expo Teachers - will be in Denver \$395 for 3 days information is at ArtistExpo Houston.com

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth Rodriguez

Meeting –Saturday, October 13
Election of officers will be held during the lunch hour.

Rosemary West Seminar.

Saturday Oct. 13 & 14

Please arrive about 8:00 am to help set up and get started on time.
All seminar information will be sent to those who are registered.

Slate of Officers Nominated for election in October:

President - Ruth Rodriguez
1st Vice President - Bev Martinez
2nd Vice President - Beth Newton
Secretary - Dana Jennings
Treasurer - Chris Hoynes

Nominations remain open until the election. Anyone interested in running for an office is welcome to have their names submitted to the slate. If you will not be in attendance for the seminar, you can either submit a yes or no ballot to this slate by e-mail to cecrae@yahoo.com or you may attend the short meeting at lunch time on Saturday, October 13th to vote in person.

October is International Decorative Painting Month
In Celebration

Our Chapter is placing displays in Kobel Library and Bemis Library.

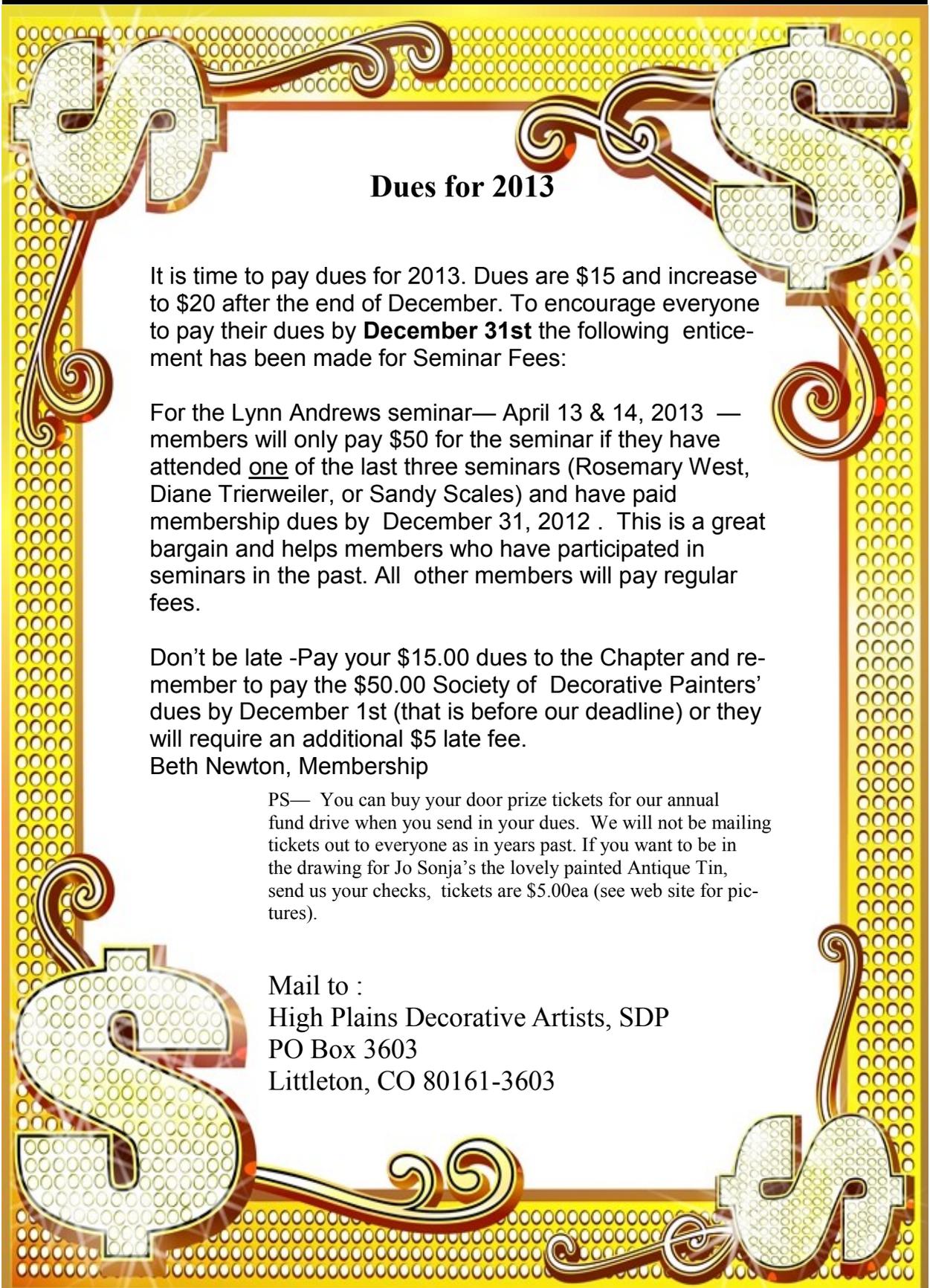
Be sure to go and see them.



Website—Check out our Site

One of our members was blocked by the firewall on my server and couldn't access our website. If an incorrect name and/or password is used several times, the firewall will block out that user. This is a security feature to protect our Members Only section from use by hackers. Too bad hackers don't get a life and learn to paint! <grin> Please login carefully and if you misplace your login and password drop me an email and I will send it to you.

Thanks,
Melinda



Dues for 2013

It is time to pay dues for 2013. Dues are \$15 and increase to \$20 after the end of December. To encourage everyone to pay their dues by **December 31st** the following enticement has been made for Seminar Fees:

For the Lynn Andrews seminar— April 13 & 14, 2013 — members will only pay \$50 for the seminar if they have attended one of the last three seminars (Rosemary West, Diane Trierweiler, or Sandy Scales) and have paid membership dues by December 31, 2012 . This is a great bargain and helps members who have participated in seminars in the past. All other members will pay regular fees.

Don't be late -Pay your \$15.00 dues to the Chapter and remember to pay the \$50.00 Society of Decorative Painters' dues by December 1st (that is before our deadline) or they will require an additional \$5 late fee.

Beth Newton, Membership

PS— You can buy your door prize tickets for our annual fund drive when you send in your dues. We will not be mailing tickets out to everyone as in years past. If you want to be in the drawing for Jo Sonja's the lovely painted Antique Tin, send us your checks, tickets are \$5.00ea (see web site for pictures).

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2012 Calendar 2012

All Meetings will be held at the Littleton School Administration Building,
5776 Crocker St. Littleton, CO, (South Street Entrance)

October

13 & 14 Saturday and Sunday
8:00 am
Rosemary West Seminar

November

10 9:00 am –Saturday short meeting –6 hr.
Program by Sandee Franz—Bob Ross
oil technique.

December

8 11:30 am Saturday– Holiday Party— To be
held at Nancy Sorensen’s home.



“In art, as in life, every-
thing is possible so long
as it is based on love.”
Marc Chagall



September

9/19	Rose Starling
9/22	Lisa Thulin
9/26	Edi Finkleman
9/27	Mary Rapp
9/27	Linda Shonsey
9/28	Beverly Morris-White
9/28	Kate Quimby

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Thought for This Day

“Creative clutter is better than idle neatness.”
-Anonymous (You did know that Anonymous is a Woman.)

The Web Site

Remember to check the web site for items you want to reference.

Newsletter
Deadline
Oct. 15
