



Painters' Patter

High Plains Decorative Artists

February 2012

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Notes from the Prez

Well, we certainly got 2012 off to a good start with the January luncheon! What a hoot--and if you missed it, I hope you'll get to see some of the pictures that were taken that day--one of which may end up on Lynn Andrews' Facebook page! As I mentioned that day, I was starting out as I mean to go on for the rest of the year--I want everyone to have a good time when we get together. Laughter and friends are such a good combination--don't miss out by not attending our Saturday meetings.

The Board is going to be sending out a survey to all the members so we can get your opinion on what YOU want for the coming year. Last year we only received one suggestion--to present a program using oils. That suggestion is being worked on and we hope to implement it at some point this year. When you receive the survey, please don't disregard it--fill it out and let us know what you're thinking. All suggestions will be taken seriously.

A couple of up-coming events: HPDA has volunteered (ok, I volunteered us) to paint 20 wooden gift tags for the 40th anniversary banquet dinner in Wichita. We plan to gather and paint them in a "round robin" fashion and would love to have you join us for a day of painting; date and time will be announced later. Also, start thinking of a friend you'd like to bring to the May meeting. It's being billed as "BFF Day" -- or, Bring a Friend for Free Day. We are going to present three projects to get people interested in painting--members will pay a nominal fee for supplies and your friend will get in for free--bring a second friend for half price! Everyone will go home with three finished projects--what better way to spend a Saturday than creating with friends!!

Have you signed up for the Diane Trierweiler seminar scheduled for April 14-15? The pictures of the projects look fantastic, and we already have non-members interested in attending, so sign up soon.

And, last, but not least, I delivered eight memory boxes to our University Hospital contact. She was overjoyed at the contribution and pleaded for more. They had 12 fetal/neonatal deaths in December and can use any/all boxes we can donate. Please keep this important program in mind as you paint your other projects.

Cec

HIGH PLAINS DECORATIVE ARTISTS
MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2012

There was no formal meeting before the Installation of Officers on January 14, 2012, Officers were installed by Melinda Barnes and each accepted their position to serve.

President-Cec Rae
1st Vice President (programs)-Beverly Martinez
2nd Vice President (membership)-Beth Newton
Treasurer-Janet Gropp
Secretary-Ruth Rodriguez

Since it was our 20th Anniversary of the Chapter, Cec prepared a delicious luncheon and other board members helped with the table decorations and gifts that were dispersed at the luncheon. It was a fun time and the Board hopes that the next year will be a fun one for all the members.

The Board presented Cec with thank you gifts for her dedication to the Chapter last year and Cec presented her board members with a special gift for serving with her this past year.

The luncheon, gifts and the time spent together were enjoyed by all who attended.
Ruth Rodriguez, Secretary



Diane Trierweiler Seminar – April 14 and 15, 2012

We are pleased to announce the projects for our seminar with Diane Trierweiler to be held April 14 and 15. You have selected “Courtyard at the Villa” painted on a 16”x20” canvas and “View from the Hill on a 14”x18” canvas.

It is now time to sign up for the class. The fee for members will be \$85 and when we open it to non-members on March 1st, the fee will be \$100 for two days of painting with Diane plus the acrylic paint and lunches for both days. We will be able to purchase Diane Trierweiler’s polyester canvas which is archival, won’t pucker or dent and is extremely smooth. The discounted price of the 16x20 frame is \$11.99 and the 14x18 is \$10.40. If you purchase another type of canvas, Diane recommends portrait canvas as it will be smoother.

The seminar will be held at the Littleton Public Schools Administration Building, 5776 Crocker St., Littleton. Please contact me at cvculwell@bresnan.net to let me know you are sending your check to the chapter post office box, High Plains Decorative Artists, P.O. Box 3603, Centennial, CO 80161-3603. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Carolyn Culwell

February Meeting Saturday 9:00 am

A General Business meeting will be followed by a Program on textured hearts by Bev Martinez. Information will be e-mail to members during the week of the meeting. This will be our new way of meeting reminders and giving the information in a timely fashion.



February 10, 2012
Stencil and Stucco make
this faux finish Valentine
canvas.



March 9, 2012 Program
Pierrot, an evocative fictional character with a rich theatrical, literary and artistic history. A small canvas painting given importance with a museum mat just as the old masters did.

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Welcome New Members

Jolene Cooley
Sue Dumont
Edi Finkleman
Lora Franklin
Arlene Parker
Loretta Tatum
Nancy Sorensen
Jody Weant

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting very soon. Your address, phone number, etc. will be included in our new roster (to arrive before the next meeting).

Reminder: There are still a few of you who have not renewed your membership. Please mail those to the PO Box. Remember the late fee is now in effect. Now your dues are **\$20.00**.

I don't want to drop you from the mailing list. You don't want to miss those notices about the seminars. Beth

2012 Calendar 2012

Location of Meetings

All Meetings will be held at the Littleton School Administration Building,
5776 Crocker St. Littleton, CO,
On the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am unless otherwise noted.

	<h3>February</h3> <p>11 Saturday 9:00 am General meeting-Project — Textured Valentine.</p> 
<h3>March</h3> <p>10 Saturday 9:00 am General meeting- Project painting of Pierrot.</p> 	<h3>April</h3> <p>14-15 Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am Seminar by Diane Trieweiler, details to be Announced.</p>
<h3>May</h3> <p>12 Saturday 9:00 am General Meeting "BFF Day" -- or, Bring a Friend for Free Day.</p> <p>14-19 SDP 40th Anniversary Conference and Expo in Wichita, KS.</p>	<h3>June</h3> <p>9 Saturday —Picnic/Show & tell We need a volunteer to host the event.</p> <p>2-3 Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am PPDP Seminar with Juanita Denton.</p>
<h3>July</h3> <p>No meeting.</p> 	<h3>August</h3> <p>No Meeting.</p> 
<h3>September</h3> <p>8 Saturday 9:00 am General Program – Tips and Tricks By Ruth Rodriguez</p> <p>14 & 15 Pikes Peak Decorative Painters Annual Retreat</p>	<h3>October</h3> <p>13 & 14 Saturday and Sunday — 9:00am Rosemary West Seminar details to be announced.</p>
<h3>November</h3> <p>10 Saturday 9:00am General Meeting. Program to be announced.</p> 	<h3>December</h3> <p>8 Saturday — Holiday Party Details to be announced.</p>

Sunshine

Dick Kozak underwent open heart surgery and is struggling right now to regain his health. Please keep Kay and Dick in your thoughts and prayers.



Asparagus Recipe

For those of you who have the Crème de Colorado cookbook, this recipe is on page 257. For those of you who don't have it, here's the recipe--enjoy!

Chilled Lemon Asparagus

2 TBS finely chopped onion
1/3 cup fresh lemon juice (I used bottled)
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup Sauterne (I used a Moscato because that's what I had)
1/8 tsp garlic salt
1/4 tsp dried oregano
2 TBS vegetable oil (I used olive oil)
3/4 tsp salt

2 lbs asparagus steamed until tender

Combine all marinade ingredients and pour over asparagus; refrigerate for several hours (I marinated everything over night). Drain and garnish with lemon slices and pimento strips, if desired.

Bon Appétit —Cec

Happy Birthday

February

2/06 Janine Dawley
2/14 Kate Dowd
2/22 Carol Mulkey
2/26 Kay Kozak



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February 16

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Membership

I am still working on completing the Roster. I expect to have it out to everyone before the next meeting in February.

Newsletter

Photos take a lot of computer space and tend to clog up e-mail. So I am sending a separate e-mail of some of the pictures of the party. Cec did a wonderful job on all of the decorations, door prizes, food and installation. Thanks goes to Carolyn and Janet for help with decorations and door prizes. If this meeting is any indication of what is to come, we will have a spectacular year ahead. Thanks Ladies !