



Painters' Patter

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Notes from Prez:

Well we have had a few nice days and I am looking forward to many more, I hope we have a nice spring this year. For those of you who attended last month's meeting, I hope you have finished your banner. I put SPRING down the center of mine and I am really pleased with it. It is hanging on my door and is very colorful.

The seminar for next month is full and I know those signed up are excited to do the projects. I won't be there I will be thinking of you while you paint as hopefully I will be holding my new granddaughter. When I get back I hope to see the finished projects from some of you that attended.

We have made a few changes for the year and there will not be a meeting in May but in June we are planning a Brunch and Share, there will be more information in April and the following months. In July we will paint a Christmas project of candles on music paper. This meeting will also be our container luncheon so be busy getting your container ready, we have always had beautiful containers and had a fun time. Like I said there will be more information on this in the next couple of months so be planning to be there and have fun.

I know everybody is busy but please remember to paint a memory box. I was so happy to see all the memory boxes last month. It was great and Andrea was so appreciative to get them. They will be used and appreciated by the family that gets one. Remember that you are helping someone and I know I feel good when I paint one and know it will help someone through a very hard time.

We will be communicating with you in the future so you can make your plans to attend the meetings and have

a great time with a group of wonderful ladies.

Have a Happy Easter and hope our weather changes to 60 and 70 degrees days in a row and if we have to have some moisture that it is in the form of rain and not snow.

RUTH

April Birthdays



Becky McKittrick 4/08
Kayda Hothem 4/19
DeDe Biren 4/25

Happy Days to you all and may all your wishes be granted!

February Birthdays:

Janine Dawley 2/06
Chris Ferry 2/07
Kathy Ownbey 2/09
Kate Dowd 2/14
Carol Mulkey 2/22
Suzanne Dutcher 2/26
Kay Kozak 2/26

March Birthdays:

Pat Barland 3/12
Paula Leopold 3/18
Nancy Sorensen 3/25
Donna Ranson 3/25

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

March 8, 2014

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ruth Rodriguez, President @ 0917
- 1st Vice President Report:** April 12 & 13th will be a seminar with Carol Spohn. Packets were handed out at the March meeting to those who signed up
May & June: No meeting is scheduled
July: Container Luncheon is scheduled with Julia Duggan teaching.
More information to be announced.
- 2nd Vice President Report:** No Report
- Treasurer:** Audit and IRS statements are completed.
Balance: 7,994.89
- Secretary:** Minutes amended and approved
- Seminars:** April 12 & 13th: Carol Spohn Seminar is scheduled.
Melinda Barnes will monitor

June: Chris Thornton Seminar was cancelled.
The Rocky Mountain High chapter along with our High Plains chapter will work on a new date for Chris' visit.
- Meeting workshops
July: Will be Christmas scene on sheet music. Bring old sheet music in that day and paint supplies.
August:
September: Mystery Day - Be prepared to do a Halloween, Fall and Christmas piece
- Newsletter:** Looking for ideas for the newsletter and projects to stimulate interest in the chapter. Ideas presented included:
- Brunch n Learn
 - Links to video's by your favorite artist
 - Swap - bring in old pattern packets and books you no longer want
- Send your ideas to Beverly Martinez and she can add to *Shop Talk*.
- Bev will send out email reminders on the last Friday of the month to remind the membership of upcoming chapter meetings and projects.
- Old Business:** Bylaws are on hold due to National Conference in May. Chapter changes will reflect National requirements.
- New Business:** Artist Expo.Huston.com: Catalog can now be accessed if interested in attending.
- SDP National Conference - don't forget to vote - DEADLINE is April 7.
Check the Decorative Painter - Issue 1, 2014 on page 121 for details**
- Board Member At-Large Candidate Marilyn Corners from Denver
Board Member At-Large Candidate Michele Heiser of Grand Junction
- Meeting adjourned:** 0956

MEETING & PROJECT

PLACE: LITTLETON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (SOUTH EN
TIME: MAY 2014, NO MEETING

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PLACE: LITTLETON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (SOUTH EN
TIME: JUNE 14, 2014 FLAG DAY
TBA

MEETING & PROJECT

PLACE: LITTLETON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (SOUTH ENTRANCE),
TIME: JULY 12, 2014
WATERCOLOR MUSIC
TAUGHT JULIA DUGGAN



MEETING & PROJECT

PLACE: LITTLETON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (SOUTH ENTRANCE),
TIME: AUGUST 2014, NO MEETING

MEETING & PROJECT

PLACE: LITTLETON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (SOUTH ENTRANCE),
TIME: SEPTEMBER 13, 2014
MYSTERY PROJECTS
TAUGHT BY MYSTERY INSTRUCTORS

MEETING & SEMINAR CO-SPONSORED WITH ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI CHAPTER

PLACE: LITTLETON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (SOUTH ENTRANCE)

TIME: APRIL 12 & 13, 2014 AT 9:00 AM

CAROL SPOHN – MULTI MEDIA



MEETING & SEMINAR

PLACE: LITTLETON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (SOUTH ENTRANCE)

TIME: OCTOBER 11, 12, 2014 AT 9:00 AM

ROSEMARY WEST

PROJECT DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Don't forget to check our website for the latest and greatest happenings

From our sunshine committee:

If you know of someone who needs a card for health or sympathy, let me know and I will take care of it.

Beth Newton

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Note from the editor:

My sincere apologies to those members with February and March Birthdays. As a new newsletter editor I over sighted recognizing our cherished members' milestones. My goof-up certainly does not minimize the accomplishment of achievements in reaching these milestones. I won't let it happen again.

Sincerely, Bev

SHOP TALK

As small shops for the decorative painter may not be as accessible as a painter might hope, a new solution is available via the internet. Click on the links provided below to explore this new media.

<http://toletown.com/>



The *original* online decorative painting community!

<http://aaoclassroom.com/>

Live A Creative Life



...with Online Art Classes

<http://www.earmark-decorative-painting-studio.com/>

If you're a decorative painting enthusiast or you just love being creative, you're going to want to browse around this site.

Here you'll find great tips and techniques to fuel your creative spirit. You'll find great information on everything from simple Doodles to Abstract Mixed Media and from Artist Trading Cards to Altered Books.

There are virtual Galleries where you can enjoy looking at great art too!

Take time to browse each of the sites and I hope you find a class or two that might spark your interest and keep your creative juices flowing.

In the next newsletter, we will share You Tube or video lessons also available on the internet. A great deal of these are free.



Tip:

The Mr. Clean® miracle sponge will remove paint from your surface easily. Be careful not to scrub too hard as it will also remove your basecoat. This works really well even if you realize you have a paint smear long after your paint has dried. This sponge will also remove paint from fabric. Wet the sponge lightly and it removes the paint after a light scrubbing motion