



# Painters' Patter

High Plains Decorative Artists May, June & July 2014

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## Notes from Prez:

Where is June gone, it is flying by for me. I just don't seem to get as much done lately. I hope you are painting your container for the container luncheon for the July meeting and ready to paint the candles on sheet music. This will be a fun time, we have had fun in previous years and the containers have been wonderful. It is always great to see what people have painted or made for this meeting.

Some of the members have discussed that instead of having a lunch in your container that we each bring a dish to share. This will alleviate any diet concerns that people have. In the past we have had to exchange the meals so that everyone can have a lunch. By doing the sharing of a dish we can accommodate everyone's food issues. Usually there is something for everyone this way. Drinks, plates, utensils, and dessert will be provided. This is one of our chapters' money making events. All participants need to bring \$20.00 for the container contribution, and a food dish to share. This way you don't have to sell anything and will walk away with a nice container and painted sheet music to frame as well as having had a fun day.

We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the usual place and paint our sheet music piece. The sheet music will be supplied. Julia Duggan will be teaching this and will have all supplies needed for you, just bring your brushes, water container and paper towels. After we are done we will do the container exchange and

enjoy a nice lunch and quick meeting. I am so looking forward to seeing the containers and painting a nice piece.

It would be great if you could also paint a memory box as they are in need of some at the hospital.

There will be no meeting in August, but September is Mystery Day, October is Rosemary West Seminar, November Janet Gropp will teach and December we will have the Holiday party. So we have things coming up.

We also need to be thinking about Officers for the next year. There will be several vacancies that will need to be filled and you can volunteer or nominate someone to fill an office. We do need your help as the Chapter needs a board to serve for the year. President, Secretary, Treasurer, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President are the offices that need to be filled. Please think about this because if these offices aren't filled than the Chapter cannot exist. So please step up and help!!!

I would greatly appreciate if you will email me [Rrodrig25@aol.com](mailto:Rrodrig25@aol.com) or call me at 956 454-1518 and let me know that you plan to attend the meeting so that we can be prepared for the number of attendees.

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# High Plains Decorative Artists

As there are no minutes to report I would like to take the opportunity to share that myself, and other chapter members Marcy Crowl (past president & 1<sup>st</sup> vice president) and Lisa Thulins as well as past member Gloria Cavalier attended the SDP National Convention in San Diego. We of course saw fellow chapter members Judy Hopkins, Doe Clore as well as our new Colorado representatives to SDP Board members at large. For me, it was my first time at convention so it was a whole new experience.

Not to waste that time, I attended a class everyday and came home with:

A Christmas Banner by Doxie Keller or tar paper, yes roofing tar paper.

A frame decoupage with scrapbook paper and an accompanying insert also decoupage that we painted with lilac sprig by Prudy Vanier.

A gourd that we turned into a roly-poly Santa with Lynne Andrews.

A painting of a baby robin that was painted with the WOils with Willow Wolfe. (WOils are the water soluble version of oil paints that allow you to thin with water and keep your brushes clean with water eliminating the need for solvents. Once the WOil has dried it must be treated like regular oil paint)

A watercolor lakescape using watercolorist Tom Jones' loose style and unique colors. Tom is not well known in the Colorado area so he traveled from San Diego to Denver to do a demo for the Colorado Watercolor Society at their regular monthly meeting. Tom would like to come to beautiful Colorado to do seminars and become better known.

With my partners in painting we had some classes that overlapped and others that were distinctly different for our own painting interests, but bottom line we had a great time.

Respectfully, Bev

## **MEETING & PROJECT**

PLACE: LITTLETON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (SOUTH ENTRANCE),

TIME: JULY 12, 2014

WATERCOLOR MUSIC

TAUGHT BY JULIA DUGGAN



Julia will be providing all supply needs except your own personal paint brushes, water basins & paper towels

**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 & PROJECT**

PLACE: LITTLETON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (SOUTH ENTRANCE),  
TIME: NOVEMBER 8, 2014  
SANTA ON GLASS  
TAUGHT BY JANET GROPP

**MEETING & SEMINAR**

PLACE: LITTLETON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (SOUTH ENTRANCE)  
TIME: OCTOBER 11, 12, 2014 AT 9:00 AM  
ROSEMARY WEST

SEMINAR DETAILS FOLLOW



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

## Rosemary West Seminar, Oct. 11 and 12, 2014

The majority of ladies voted for the metal teapot or the similarly designed tray. So our two projects will be the teapot or the tray on the first day, Saturday. Mrs. Santa Claus topiary, probably will be painted on the second day (Sunday).

The fee for members will be \$75.00 to include one topiary kit, lunches for 2 days plus all your paint. Non member fee will be \$100. We have 24 members who have voted for their favorite project plus 3 non members already on a wait list. Remember the most we can have in attendance is 26.

**Sign up is now open**, so get your checks into the mail plus email Janet ([tjgropp3071@msn.com](mailto:tjgropp3071@msn.com)) or Carolyn ([cvculwell@bresnan.net](mailto:cvculwell@bresnan.net)) to let us know you are coming. You **MUST** let us know you wish to attend the seminar as your project votes of earlier this month **DOES NOT** guarantee your place in the seminar.

If you are in need of a metal teapot, Marcy Crowl has several pieces in her stash and has offered to sell some. You should have Marcy's phone and email in your roster, if not contact me for her information.

Please mail your \$75.00 checks to: High Plains Decorative Artists, P.O. Box 3603, Centennial, CO 80161--- 3603 and don't forget to email either Janet or me that your check is in the mail.

### KUDOS to:

**Marilyn Corners MDA, Board Member-at-Large:** Though newly elected to the board this year, Marilyn has been with SDP for thirty-eight years and has attended the SDP Conference for thirty-four years. She lives in Denver, Colorado, where she is a founding member of the Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter. In her time with SDP, Marilyn has been a business member, teacher, student, and chapter president. She has served on a number of committees, has been a Certification judge, and participated in judging this year's Juried Art Exhibition. Marilyn has long been supportive of our seminars and attends regularly.

**Michele Heiser, Board Member-at-Large:** Another Coloradoan, Michele hails from Grand Junction in the western part of the state. She is newly elected to the board this year, but she has been an active member of SDP for twenty-six years. She attended her first SDP Conference this year in San Diego. Michele is a member of Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter, High Plains Decorative Artists, and Pikes Peak Decorative Artists. She has taught decorative painting since 1984. Michele had long been a supporter of our chapter as well as her activity in other chapters spreading goodwill.



**May Birthdays:**

Margaret Bolger, May 5

**June Birthdays:**

Marcy Crowl. 6/13  
Kathy Forsberg 6/18  
Leslie Kimberly 6/5  
Marcy Peterson 6/24/14  
Ruth Rodriguez 6/25  
Mary Schwander 6/13

**July Birthdays:**

Melinda Barnes 7/30  
Dolly Copeland 7/10  
Julia Duggan 7/7  
Judy Hopkins 7/17  
Angela McClain 7/25

**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

[Beth-Newt@comcast.net](mailto:Beth-Newt@comcast.net)

## SHOP TALK

For those of you who attended on March meeting and project presented by Dana Jennings Tucker, Creative Palette, supplier of Stampendous stamps, has a 6+ minute video on a:

### **Stamp & Wash Technique for Decorative Painting**

The URL is: <http://youtu.be/pXl0aYlbgn0> (click on this link)

There are also listings for other videos about stamping such as using them for backgrounds. This is a great way to expedite your painting creativity especially for Memory Boxes which are always so desperately needed.

If you would like to explore additional topics, in your search engine, such as, Google, Yahoo and Bing; type in YouTube. Once on their home page type in your topic for search i.e. Tole Painting or Decorative Painting. Tole Painting for Beginners includes both acrylic & oil instructional videos; some as short as 2:23 MINUTES to 31:29 MINUTES.

Some of our favorite artists have their own videos. 2015, seminar guest Jamie Mills Price has her own unique demo videos as does past seminar guest Ronnie Bringle and well know watercolorist Tom Jones.

Many artist websites refer you to the videos but you could always just type the name of your favorite and see what happens.

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