



CALENDAR/REMINDER  
High Plains Decorative Artists  
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### **News from the Prez:**

It seems like spring is trying to hustle itself on to our doorsteps. This season is a perfect time to bring on fresh ideas and new colors. You are creative and passionate about painting and you know you can paint any surface. Furniture facelifts can set a new standard for style when you create delightful but gently used patinas by applying and wiping off paints, glazes and stains.

Our April workshop following our meeting on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>, introduces us to faux stained glass. We can repurpose an old frame for our project and proudly hang it in our home.

The weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Marcy Crowl (past president) and myself will man a table the Rocky Mountain Bead Bazaar to promote the art of decorative painting. Included in our samples are earrings from watercolor paper and painted beads, repurposed spoon necklaces, and pins of various materials painted representing holidays and other wearer specific interests. Along with this, we will have samples of other surfaces, various styles of decorative painting from traditional to contemporary and faux finishes. If you would like to contribute a favorite project of yours for this display, we would return the project to you no later than the June seminar, and of course be very appreciative to be able to display our members' talents. If anyone would like to spell Marcy and/or myself during the hours of 10:00am to 5:00pm, we would appreciate the support. Please let Marcy or I know of your interest and we will work out a schedule. Of course, visitors to the bazaar would be welcomed.

Enjoy the beginning of spring and I hope we will see you at the April 11 meeting for our faux stained glass workshop.

Bev Martinez  
President

## April and May Birthdays

Denise (DeDe) Biren 4/25

June Rutherford 5/10

Loretta Tatum 5/24

**Sunshine** – If you know of someone who needs a card of health sympathy let Beth Newton know. [Beth-Newton@comcast.net](mailto:Beth-Newton@comcast.net)

It is with great sadness that we have been informed of the death of Jan Saxton, one of our Chapter founders and old friend. She was one of the original members of High Plains, was our first Secretary, and designed our Chapter logo. She has had heart problems for over 28 years so when she fell and dislocated her shoulder they found that her oxygen levels were very low. The hospital was unable to get her oxygen level up again. Jan was such an upbeat person, always a smile on her face with a sarcastic sense of humor. She taught watercolor classes for many years. She moved to Texas to find a lower altitude and when her children moved to NY she followed along. Those of us who knew her will miss her. Cards to her family can be sent to: 10170 Cooms Rd, Holland Patent, New York 13354-4117

### Minutes from General Meeting High Plains Decorative Artists March 14, 2015

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Bev Martinez at 9:12am; 14 members and one guest were in attendance.

**1st Vice President:** Janet Gropp announced the following programs for the remainder of the year:

April - Faux stained glass; the fee will be \$15 and all supplies are included. The meeting will begin at 10am; please bring a box to take your project home as it will probably not be dry.

May - No meeting

June - Chris Thornton seminar, co-sponsored with Rocky Mt. Hi Chapter (June 13-14)

July- Show & Tell/Container Luncheon

August - Jamie Mills-Price seminar (August 29-30)

September - Judy Hopkins - program TBD

October - Mystery Day

November - No meeting

December - Holiday party at Cec Rae's home

**2nd Vice President:** Carolyn Culwell reported that the Chapter had 54 members.

**Secretary:** Beth Newton moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting; Janet Gropp seconded.

**Treasurer:** Chris Hoynes reported a total of \$7,690.52 in the treasury and that she had filed the Non-Profit tax forms as required by the IRS.

**Newsletter:** Ruth Rodriguez would like any articles by March 22nd.

**Hospitality:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** According to SDP, approving our proposed bylaws will take a little longer as they are short staffed.

**New Business:** Kate Dowd will teach the Halloween glass block class in Colorado Springs for Pike's Peak Decorative Painters Chapter on April 18th; all are welcome.

**Announcements:** Beth Newton attended a bead show and displayed a carrier from YAZZII.com, known as the Crafters Companion (lots of interest was shown by the "beaders" in the group).

Kate Dowd will teach two classes at the bead show, April 25-26. HPDA will have a table and PPDP wants to add a few pieces of art to our display. If anyone has anything finished they wish to display, please contact Marcy Crowl or Bev Martinez. Bev will make up a flyer to distribute to interested people.

Carolyn Culwell brought the metal ornaments for the Chris Thornton seminar in June (\$21.00 each).

The Lone Tree Arts Center is displaying art from the Water Color Society.

**Adjourn:** Dana Jennings motioned to adjourn; Janet Gropp seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:32am.

Beth Newton and Ruth Rodriguez won door prizes.

Respectfully submitted:  
Cec Rae  
Secretary

## APRIL PROJECT



This is the faux stained glass that will be taught by Sherry Sonterre on April 11, 2015. You will be able to do the sailboat or hot air balloon.

Janet has the following ladies signed up to take the April project: Janet Gropp Bev Martinez, Carolyn Culwell, Gloria Cavalier, Lisa Thulin, Cec Rae, Linda Shonsey, Chris Hoynes, Kate Dowd, and Melinda Barnes.

If your name is not on this list and you want to attend this workshop, please let Janet know ASAP. It is \$15 and includes everything to complete one of these two designs. Sherry needs to know how many bottles of faux glass paint and frames to purchase. This will be a fun 2-3 hour workshop. Please bring a short sided box at least 9 1/2" x 10 1/2" and an exacto knife to cut the "lead".

Meeting time is 10:00 am

**May – There will be no meeting this month**

**June** – Chris Thornton Seminar June 13 and 14 2015. Visit the Chapter website and view the project photos on the seminar page. You may also contact Melinda Barnes at [MelindaLee@aol.com](mailto:MelindaLee@aol.com), or the website [www.highplainsdecorativeartist.com](http://www.highplainsdecorativeartist.com)

**July** – Show and Tell/Container Luncheon more information to follow.

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