

Painters Palette

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News from the Prez:

The snow is still falling after the snowiest February on record for the Denver Metro Area: how appropriate that we will be creating a glass block Christmas House after our next meeting on March 14. I sincerely hope that you will join us for this fun day of painting with Kate Dowd. As a reminder this meeting will start at 9:00 am and we will be painting for the day, so bring a lunch. Kate will be teaching the companion Halloween block in Colorado Springs for our sister Pikes Peak Chapter in April.

If you are searching for something to paint while cooped up in the house before spring, grab a few stencils and some clay pots and quickly have those flower pots ready for spring flowers. March is National Craft Month and stencil painting is one craft that has multiple uses. Stencil painting adds interest and character to your pots without having to rely on artwork. And while you are in the painting mood... we really need memory boxes, and as so skillfully presented after a faux finish class by member, Judy Hopkins last month, stenciling was quick and easy and produced a very nice project. Thank you Judy for an enlightened class and to all of our members who attended: it was great to see all of you participating.

Next month, we will be creating a faux stained class project with guest instructor Sherry Sonterre. This project will follow our meeting on April 11, starting at 10:00 am. See you all on March 14.

Bev Martinez

Sunshine – If you know of someone who needs a card of health or sympathy let Bet Newton know . Beth-Newton@comcast.net

HIGH PLAINS DECORATIVE ARTISTS
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
February 14, 2015

Meeting called to order at 9:27 a.m. by President Bev Martinez.

First Vice President: Janet Gropp announced the meeting in March of the Christmas block being taught by Kate Dowd will start at 9:00 am, so that we can get the glass block done by 5:00 pm. If you would like to do the Halloween block with the Pikes Peak Chapter in Colorado Springs that Kate is teaching on April 18, 2015 please let Janet or Carolyn know. That meeting will be a charge of \$20.00 and lunch will be provided.

Second Vice President: We have 54 paid members.

Secretary: The minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer: Chris Hoynes reported a balance of \$7,671.45. The Year End Report submitted to SDP.

Programs: Janet Gropp outlined our upcoming workshops:

- March 14: Glass block taught by Kate Dowd 9:00 am
- April 11: Faux stained glass taught by Sherry Sonterre
- May: No meeting
- July 11: Show and Tell/Container Luncheon

Seminars: June 13 and 14 Chris Thornton –Deason, Sunday is full and a few spots on Saturday still available, for information contact Melinda Barnes. The multi media piece takes a 18 x 24 Canvas but can be done on smaller. There will also be a glass done and a magnolia done on a surface that is 2 ½ to 3 inches wide.

Jamie Mills Price is scheduled for August 29 and 30, 2015. We are still waiting for projects to be submitted to vote on.

Newsletter: The deadline for the newsletter is February 18, 2015.

New Business: Rocky Mountain Bead Society is having a Bead Bazaar and has offered to have information on painting and samples. This is free and will be held at the Denver Merchandise Mart. Bev Martinez and Marcy Cowl will handle this for the Chapter if you want to help contact Bev.

Unfinished Business: Still waiting on the Bylaws to be approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.
Respectfully Submitted
Ruth Rodriguez

March Project

We will be doing the Christmas House Glass Block with Kate Dowd after the March meeting. If you want to paint the glass block and were not at the February meeting please email Janet Gropp and she will send you the pattern. We will have some paint available for this class, but if you have the colors listed, you might want to bring them.



Christmas Block by Kate Dowd

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Supply list

7 ½ x 7 ½, or 31/2 x 7 ½ glass block with opening to insert lights.

Armour Etch (old flat brush, plastic palette knife plastic gloves)

Regular painting supplies, + white and black graphite, tracing paper, stylus.

Colors-American: Buttermilk, White, Black, Bittersweet Chocolate, Santa Red, Antique Maroon, Slate Grey, Neutral Grey, Sable Brown, Bt Umber, Evergreen, Khaki, Hauser Med Green, Antique Gold, Olive, Williamsburg

Prep: Use old brush to apply thick coat of Armour Etch to front of block
Let set-up for 3-5 minutes. With gloves on, gently scrape off and put back into the jar with palette knife any extra Etch on the block. Rinse off and gently wipe off remaining etch. Do not use this in a porcelain sink as it will take off the finish of your sink. Do this on the back of your block.
*Armour Etch is expensive. It only takes a little and can be done in a group. I suggest this be done before you come to class, to save class time. Transfer pattern and paint house, tree and bush with several coats of Buttermilk or Lt. Buttermilk. This base coat needs to be opaque! Do not paint inside the windows.

This meeting will begin at 9:00 am so we will have plenty of time to complete our project by 5:00 pm. Bring a lunch and snack to share would also be nice.

You might want to purchase an additional glass block and attend the Pikes Peak Decorative Painter's seminar on April 18th. Kate will be teaching the Halloween design!

Janet Gropp, 1ST Vice President, Programs

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. More information later.



March Birthdays

Paula Leopold 3/18

Donna Ransom-Kloppenbergl 3/25

Nancy Sorensen 3/25

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK you to Judy Hopkins for a wonderful class on February 14. There were 15 of us there to make Memory boxes where we learned a great faux finish for our pieces and completed 12 boxes for the hospital. We look forward to painting with Judy in September.

The hospital was very very grateful to get these boxes as they mean so much to the families that receive them. Please paint a box monthly because it means so much to others and it can be very simple.

Art around the Area

Brilliant – Cartier in the 20th Century at the Denver Art Museum, here until March 15, 2015. It is a great exhibit.

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