



September Newsletter
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News from the Prez:

September has arrived all too quickly for many of us. It is the time the Holiday Season commences. I hope those who participate in craft fairs have their products ready to go and we wish you a very productive show.

Our August Seminar featured the art of Jamie Mills-Price. Jamie was well prepared, had awesome packets of directions and worksheets and paced the class so most participants were never left behind. She walked the room showing what each technique she demonstrated actually looked like on the project. Encouraged our own creativity and even participated in suggestions for a new way to do her projects. Overwhelmingly I heard comments of what a good teacher she is. Of course; we found time to break for lunch which was provided on Saturday and Sunday, by Carolyn Culwell, Cec Rae, and Janet Gropp. As usual we were fed well and enjoyed the time to catch up with old friends. A big thank you to all of our contributors for a delightful and delicious lunch and breaks which were welcomed times to relax our fingers and socialize with others. Snack contributed and prepared by members Lisa Thulin, June Rutherford, Judy Hopkins and brought by others were very welcomed.

September 12, meeting is a workshop with Judy Hopkins painting a puff ornament of Santa as a Chef. This is a new surface for many and we would encourage your participation to learn from this wonderful teacher. Grab a memory box and paint it. Bring it to the September meeting as we need the boxes and your presence too!

Business matters. We need a nominating committee for our Officers Slate beginning in the coming year. I would like to be a participating member of that committee. Please feel free to volunteer for the committee or as an officer-elect as we need these people so that the Chapter can continue. We need a 1st Vice-President, and 2nd Vice-President as these people have fulfilled their 2 year commitment. Our by-laws list a term of one year for each officer but they may serve up to two consecutive terms. Give this some serious thought ladies and help the Chapter keep going. The nominating committee will approach the officers who have not completed a two year term to see if they would like to remain for an additional year.

We also need a Newsletter editor if anyone is interested, please let me know.

Read your Newsletter as there is information in it and the Officers have made a commitment to keep informed on the happenings of things pertaining to painting.

September is also the month when instructors in our area list current and upcoming projects they will be teaching. Be sure to check with our local teachers and shops for information. I have seen some of the class projects and they are delightful.

Till next month and our mystery day workshop, keep those brushes busy.

Bev Martinez, President

This is LisaThulin's recipe for the delicious dessert she brought to the seminar.

Pumpkin Cream Cheese Dump Cake

Ingredients

8 oz. cream cheese
3/4 C. powdered sugar
2 tsp. milk
1 can (29 oz.) pumpkin puree
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
3 eggs
1 1/4 C. sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. pumpkin pie spice
1 yellow cake mix (dry)
1/2 C. butter, melted
1 Tbsp. cinnamon sugar mixture, optional
whipped cream

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9 X 14 pan.
2. Using a mixer (a KitchenAid or hand held) combine cream cheese, powdered sugar and milk until smooth. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl, combine pumpkin puree, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, salt, and pumpkin pie spice. Pour into prepared pan.
4. Put cream cheese filling into a small ZipLock bag, and snip off the tip the make a mini piping bag. Then pipe over the pumpkin filling (see photo).
5. Pour the dry cake mix over the cream cheese layer then poke holes using the end of a wooden spoon or a table knife through the cake mix until you hit the filling (not to the bottom of the pan).
6. Pour melted butter over the dry cake mix.
7. Sprinkle cinnamon sugar over the entire cake for extra flavor and crunch.
8. Bake for 40-50 minutes or until the top is browned and an instead knife comes out clean.
9. Let cool and serve with whipped cream! (Store in fridge)

September Birthdays

Debby Blair 9/30

Edi Finkleman 9/26

Bev Morris-White 9/28

Kate Quimbly 9/28

Lisa Thulin 9/22

**Minutes from General Meeting
High Plains Decorative Artists
April 11, 2015**

Call to Order: President Bev Martinez called the meeting to order at 10:11am; 15 members were in attendance.

1st Vice President: Janet Gropp announced that there would be no meeting in May; June's activity would be the Chris Thornton seminar co-hosted with Rocky Mt. High Chapter and July would be the Show and Tell/Container Luncheon.

2nd Vice President: Carolyn Culwell reported the chapter had 54 members.

Seminar: Carolyn Culwell brought pictures of optional projects for the Jamie Mills-Price seminar, August 29-30th. Meeting attendees were to vote for one winter and one Halloween scene. Carolyn and Janet said that the prices for Jamie's seminar would be \$65 for both days **IF** the member had attended two of the last three HPDA seminars (Rosemary West, Carol Spohn and/or Diane Bunker). If the member had **not** attended two of the last three seminars, the cost would be \$75 for both days. The cost of one day's attendance will be \$40; surfaces will be extra and sign up will begin by e-mail in early May.

Janet will not be able to host Jamie for the seminar; Ruth Rodriguez made a motion that the Chapter would pay for Jamie's hotel room, without increasing the cost of the seminar to the attendees; Melinda Barnes seconded the motion.

Melinda Barnes noted that more products for the Chris Thornton seminar were being sent; Olive Green is on back order and in place of Turquoise, any blue will be satisfactory. For the "Flower Shed" canvas project, the burlap attendees need to purchase should be neutral in color, as any other color will bleed.

Carolyn mentioned that HPDA will be providing the lunch for Chris' seminar on Saturday and will be asking for volunteers to bring sides for a cold sandwich platter.

Secretary: The minutes were accepted as published in the last newsletter.

Treasurer: Chris Hoynes reported a total of \$7,567.86 in the treasury.

Newsletter: Ruth Rodriguez said there would be no newsletter in May but there would be short announcements in June and July.

Hospitality: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Bev and Ruth found the missing Post Office box key.

Bev and Marcy Crowl will set up a table at the Bead Bazaar and asked for volunteers to help; Leslie Kimberly and Gloria Cavalier offered to help out. Bev has a variety of surfaces to display and has made up some business cards and brochures to pass out to interested parties. If the Chapter gets any interested beginning painters, the Chapter will have to come up with a way of mentoring them to keep them interested.

New Business: Bev is not going to the SDP conference in Chicago nor were any other Board members able to attend this year.

Announcements: Beth Newton mentioned that she is waiting to hear about services for Jan Saxton in order to send flowers from the Chapter.

Four memory boxes were donated; one from Beth Newton and three from Debby Blair. Ruth pleaded with all members to continue to paint memory boxes as the hospital is in dire need of them.

Adjourn: Beth Newton motioned to adjourn; Janet Gropp seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:49am.

Respectfully submitted:

Cec Rae
Secretary

**Minutes from General Meeting
High Plains Decorative Artists
July 11, 2015**

Call to Order: President Bev Martinez called the meeting to order at 11:30am; 11 members were in attendance.

1st Vice President: Janet Gropp presented the calendar for the remainder of the year:

August - Jamie Mills-Price Seminar

September - Workshop with Judy Hopkins

October - Mystery Day

November - No meeting

December - Holiday party at Cec Rae's home

2nd Vice President: Carolyn Culwell reported the Chapter had 55 members.

Secretary: The April minutes, which had been published in the most recent newsletter, were approved.

Seminar: Janet Gropp and Carolyn Culwell announced that the Jamie Mills-Price seminar was full. The Kathy George seminar in April 2016 will be a 3-day event with Rocky Mt. High Chapter hosting Friday's session due to space/electrical requirements.

Newsletter: Ruth Rodriguez would like any input by July 23rd.

Old Business: Ruth advised that the Chapter's revised bylaws were acceptable to SDP with one correction; they will be voted on by the membership in August.

Janet said that there is a new Superintendent for the school, whom she has not met. A motion was made by Bev and seconded by Cec, to look into whether or not the new Superintendent would like a large metal butterfly, painted by Chapter members, in the garden at the Administration Building.

New Business: Melinda Barnes gave Bev the Chapter Achievement Award for 2014. A discussion ensued regarding events that Chapter members take part in, such as county fairs, that can be used as community out-reach for new Chapter members.

Announcements: Carolyn advised that Pike's Peak Chapter is hosting Mary Owens in October and that next week the seminar will be open to non-members. Cindy Bauer of Pike's Peak will be teaching a Rosemaling workshop in September.

Melinda said that Rocky Mountain High would be hosting Marlene Kreutz June 18-19, 2016.

Adjourn: Beth Newton moved to adjourn; Carolyn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cec Rae
Secretary

September 12 - Workshop with Judy Hopkins



Judy will be teaching a Santa Chef, it will be a 4-6 hour class. Paint will be furnished and bring general painting supplies. If you want to take the class also bring a lunch. Class begins at 10:00 am. Please contact Janet Gropp Tjgropp3071@msn.com or 303 795-3071 if you would like to attend'

October 17 - Mystery Day

We have changed the date for our October meeting and Mystery Painting Day to October 17, 2015. Please notice that this is the third Saturday of the month. Class begins at 10:00 am. You will paint a domino necklace with beads, an faux abalone ornament, and a Halloween clothes pin. Please RSVP at Janet tjgropp3071@msn.com or 303-912-0943 she needs to know if you will attend so that there will be enough pieces prepared for the class. You will need to bring a lunch and \$20.00 as this is one of our fund raisers.

November 14 - No meeting

December 12 - Holiday party at Cec Rae's home with information to follow

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