



February Newsletter
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News from Ms. Prez

The New Year is here and it is the perfect time to take stock of the past year, to pat yourself on the back for what went well in your career as an artist, for recognizing what didn't work out so well, and for making new goals.

7 Resolutions for the New Year

1. **Set at least one long-term goal.** This is an overreaching goal that you want to accomplish by year's end. This long-term goal will keep you on track throughout the year. Decide by when you want to achieve a certain long-term goal, and then break it down into smaller, manageable steps. Having a supportive artist friend with whom you share your goals can help make them more attainable.
2. **Set short-term goals.** Break your long-term goal down into smaller pieces and turn it into short-term goals. These are goals that you set for yourself to accomplish within a shorter time-frame, such as a day, or a few days, or within a week or two.
3. **Schedule time to paint.** Schedule undistracted time for your artwork on a regular basis. [Paint daily](#) (or almost daily) if you can. *Value who you are and what you do as an artist and make time for it.*
4. **Keep track of your work.** This is part of valuing your work. Keep a list of your work.
5. **Actively use sketchbooks and visual journals.** These are the seeds for your next great painting. [Sketchbooks](#) and journals are vital for keeping your creativity flowing, developing new ideas, [doing studies](#), and for going back to and looking through during those times when you don't know what to paint next.
6. **Support other artists.** You can start by "Liking" other artists' posts on social media. For the most part I have found artists to be a friendly, supportive, caring group of people, generally happy for other artist's successes, and concerned about the well-being of the planet and its inhabitants. There are many artists and [art organizations doing great things in the world](#) and we need to support one another. The world needs more artists.

7. **Grow as an artist.** Learn new skills and try new materials. Take a class. Teach a class. Painting is a solitary business - balance it by getting out into the world and mingling with other people, creative types and other artists.

And always, remember that you are blessed to be doing something you enjoy!

Speaking of growing as an artist, the chapter has workshops and seminars planned in 2016 to feed your creativity.

February we will use the new DecoArt Decoupage papers to create a memory box from paint and the art of decoupage. These new papers create a much different environment than those of the past. Names of papers such as Tribal, Safari, Ikat as well as Victorian Rose, inspire a new design idea. Please join at the February 13th meeting to take advantage of some new creativity with fellow artists. The meeting will start at 10:00am with the workshop commencing at 11:00am. You might want to bring a lunch or snack and your usual art supplies, including scissors. The chapter will provide the paint and decoupage paper. Hope to see you there!

Bev Martinez, President

Monthly Programs

February 13th meeting will begin at 10:00 am. The program will be decoupage on a memory box. DecoArt has sent us some of their new decoupage papers and Bev will teach the proper technique to adhere them to the boxes.

It is important as a non-profit that we give back to the community. Please join in, have fun and make a gift for families of infants who pass away in our local hospitals. The demand is always shocking in these days of modern medicine that so many infants die of pregnancy complications, birth defects or Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

March 12th Wendy Goldberg will teach Tracy Moreau's Calla Lilly. Click this link <http://tracymoreau.net/Copper-and-Gold-Calla-E-Pattern-TM501135.htm> to view a picture of the project. We will begin painting at 9:00 am then break for the meeting and lunch, then finish the painting between 4-5:00. The piece is done on a 6" X 20" wood panel. The cost will be \$10 for the class and \$15 for the supplies (includes wood panel, paint, texture paste, and use of the stencils). Please let Janet know if you would like to attend by February 15th so she can order the boards. decorativesolutions@msn.com or 303-912-0943.

Membership

Welcome to our new members : Linda Beaty, Sandi Severini, Jana Towery, and Jan Wells.

If you have failed to send us a check this will be your last Newsletter. If you read our Minutes, you will see that we have many fun projects coming up. You might not want to miss them. So please write a check for \$20.00 and keep your membership current. Copy off the Membership form on the Web site, and send it along with your payment.

Send the payments to:

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Attention Beth Newton

Please everyone look for your New membership number from SDP. It will be on the next Decorative Painter.
Please e-mail that number. elizabethnewton42@gmail.com

Seminars

Kathy George Seminar – April 8th, 9th, 10th

The long awaited Kathie George seminar is now open to members of HPDA and RMH.



Friday, April 8th we will be painting the batik on rice paper Blue Boat

Saturday, April 9th we will paint the mixed media Rooster on watercolor paper

Sunday, April 10th we will paint the sunflowers on a collage on watercolor paper background.

Friday's class will be held at a church on Hampton & Colorado Blvd. Saturday and Sunday will be held at the Littleton Public Schools cafeteria (HPDA's usual meeting place). Cost is \$40 per day plus supplies (\$ amount to be determined in a few weeks). Lunch is included. Please email Janet at decorativesolutions@msn.com to say you have mailed your check for the class(es) and for which days, supply fee will be collected at a later date.

Mail checks to Janet Gropp, 10078 Clyde Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129
This seminar will fill up fast, so don't delay! It opens to non-members on Feb 13th.
<http://www.kathiegeorge.com/>

HPDA 2016 Calendar for Seminars and Meetings

- February 13th- Bev will teach decoupage on memory boxes
- March 12th- Wendy Goldberg will teach a Calla Lily (a Tracy Moreau design) - RSVP's needed for those who will attend this all day class
- **April 8th -10th- Kathy George seminar (Co-Sponsored with Rocky Mountain Hi Decorative Artist)**
- April 21st -22nd- Bead Seminar (Need Volunteers for working table)
- May - No meeting
- **May 21 – 22st, 2016-Pikes Peak Decorative Painters Jillybean Fitzhenry Seminar**
- **June 6th -11th - SDP Annual Conference in San Diego**
- **June 18th -19th - Marlene Kreutz seminar (Co-Sponsored with Rocky Mountain Hi Decorative Artist)**
- July 9th - Snowman on a wine bottle
- August - No Meeting
- **September 10-11th- Lynn Andrews seminar**
- October 8th- "Mystery" Day - domino/thread spool/leaf projects
- **October 1st & 2nd- Pikes Peak Decorative Painters Mary Owens Seminar**
- November 12th - Kate Dowd will teach a tangle Christmas ornament
- December 10th - Holiday party

Call to Order: President Bev Martinez called the meeting to order at 10:20am; 11 members were present as well as two guests (who later became members).

1st Vice President: Janet Gropp displayed pictures of possible projects for the attending members to vote on for future programs. After a lot of discussion, the following outline of 2016 programs was decided upon:

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Secretary: Cec Rae had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Chris Hoynes reported that she had completed the IRS filing as well as the year end treasury report for SDP and that her husband had audited the books for 2015, which were found to be in order. The checkbook balance at the end of December 2015 was \$6,917.02. The budget for 2016 was discussed and will be sent out to the membership via e-mail for approval as there was not a quorum present.

Membership: Beth Newton said there were 40 members who have paid dues.

Seminars: Janet Gropp brought pictures for possible projects for the Kathy George seminar, April 8-10, 2016, for participating members to vote on. Rocky Mt. High Chapter members will also vote on the projects.

The Lynn Andrews seminar will be September 10-11. Carolyn Culwell let members know that the Pikes Peak chapter is hosting Jillybean Fitzhenry May 21-22 and brought pictures for PPDP members to vote on.

Newsletter: Chris Hoynes said that because there was so much happening with the Chapter this year that she will probably be sending out quite a few notices. The deadline for the next newsletter is January 24th.

Hospitality: Julia Duggan said she would continue as hospitality chairperson.

Old Business: Bev said that the refrigerator and microwave that the Chapter purchased for the Security department would be delivered next week.

New Business: Bev asked for volunteers to man a table at the Rocky Mountain Bead Show, April 29-30 to hand out brochures and answer questions regarding decorative painting. Bev also showed a bag and scarf designed by Mary Jo Leisure which will be used as a fundraising door prize at the April seminar.

Announcements: Julia showed a pack of BB's and mentioned that she puts several in a bottle of paint to help stir the paint when the bottle is shaken. The BB's are inexpensive and do not rust.

Bev announced that the installation of new officers would take place immediately after the meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.
order at 10:15am; nine members were in attendance.

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Proposed 2016 Budget

Income	2015 Budget	Actual 2015	2016 Budget2
Advertising	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Membership	\$1,000.00	\$770.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Seminars	\$5,000.00	\$2,275.00	\$5,000.00
Ways and Means	\$500.00	\$274.00	\$500.00
Workshops	\$500.00	\$690.00	\$500.00
Total Income	\$7,040.00	\$4,009.00	\$7,040.00
Expenses	2015 Budget	Actual 2015	2016 Budget
Advertising	\$15.00	\$63.72	\$15.00
Annual Service Fee	\$45.00	\$80.30	\$45.00
Gifts, Grants, Memorials	\$600.00	\$64.60	\$750.00
Hospitality	\$100.00	\$344.84	\$305.00
Projector System	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$35.75	\$100.00
National Chapter Insurance	\$100.00	\$93.00	\$100.00
Communications - Newsletter, website	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Office-stamps, POBox rental	\$150.00	\$82.00	\$150.00
Historian/Scrap Book	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Seminars	\$4,600.00	\$2,840.91	\$4,600.00
Service Projects	\$400.00	\$134.12	\$400.00
Ways and Means	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Workshops	\$450.00	\$757.36	\$450.00
Total Expenses	\$7,045.00	\$4,796.60	\$7,400.00

February Birthdays



Christine Ferry 02/07
Kathy Ownbey 02/09
Kate Dowd 2/14
Kay Kozak 2/26
Carrol Mulkey 2/22

Announcements

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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