

Newsletter Brief

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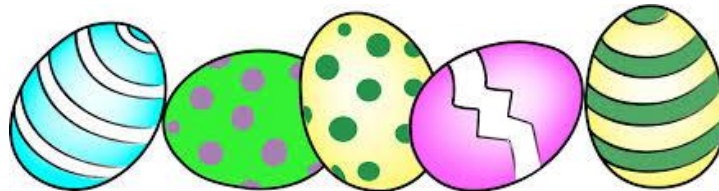
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**Note from Janet, 2017 HPDA President**

*Dear Members,*

*Can you believe it is April already? How time flies. Hope you have had time to paint or finish a memory box. I am so happy that we have given the hospital more so far this year than we did all of 2016! Keep up the good work!!*

*This month's meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> will begin at our regular time of 10 am. After the meeting, Judy Hopkins will teach a cute Easter egg. Contact Judy if you have not signed up and received your pattern and egg, since there is some prep to be done.*

*Jan Wells has arranged for us to paint ceramic piggy banks for Families First. Please call and let her know if you would like to paint one. She will be bringing them to our April meeting.*

*Our June seminar with Diane Bunker will be here before we know it and you have some decisions to make. Make sure to let Carolyn know those decisions as soon as possible so she can order all the surfaces. We had so much fun with Diane a few years ago and I, personally, can't wait to play with her again.*

*We have had several new members join our group lately. I encourage you to welcome them into our painting family. Be friendly and get to know them.*

*And to all new members, WELCOME. I hope you will join us for all of our workshops and seminars. If you have any questions, please ask me or one of our board members.*

*Judy Hopkins, Jan Wells, and Melinda Barnes volunteered to bring snacks to the April meeting. Also, if you won a door prize at the March meeting, please bring something for April's door prize drawings.*

*See you at the meeting,*

*Janet*

## Update from Cec, our V.P. and Program Director

Hope everyone has their egg prepped and ready to go for the April program! Judy is a wonderful teacher and this project is sure to get us in the mood for Easter and Spring. The meeting will start at our usual 10am time slot and then we will get to work on the eggs which should take a couple of hours to complete. Bring a light lunch (or a heavy snack) if you think you might need some energy.

Don't forget, there will be no meeting in May; however, we will be having a "Special Event" on May 13th. Wendy Goldberg will be teaching an all-day Maxine Thomas snowman project (picture in on the website). If you still want to participate, Wendy will have the patterns and prep instructions at the April meeting; the cost is \$20. See you on the 8th.

Cec

## Monthly Programs 2017

**April 8<sup>th</sup> 10am.**

Easter Egg - Judy Hopkins. Bring a snack or your lunch.

**Future Programs – All on second Saturday of the month (except \*)**

May 13	Special Event - Snowmen on a pitcher (Maxine Thomas pattern) Taught by Wendy Goldberg
June 10-11	Diane Bunker seminar
July 8	Two more Diane Bunker ornaments; install to pot with candy canes
*August 19-20	Chris Thornton-Deason seminar
September	Make it/Take it - Halloween glass block - Kate Dowd Santa Fork - Becca Coffey (still waiting for picture from Becca)
October	Christmas Bell - Carolyn Culwell
November	Santa paint brush pin - Janet Gropp
December	Holiday party - place TBD



## April Program taught by Judy Hopkins

Class fee will be \$10 plus 1\$ for an egg.  
Prep required before class. Base paint and pattern.

If you did not get an egg at the March meeting, bring your own 'egg size' surface,  
Paint it in Light Buttermilk (or similar). Arrive early and put on your pattern.





## May - Special Event

Snowmen on a pitcher (Maxine Thomas pattern) Taught by Wendy Goldberg

The Maxine Thomas pitchers and patterns that include prep instructions.

The pitchers are \$45 and the seminar is \$20.

Wendy will bring these to the March and April meetings

## Chapter Meeting Minutes 3/11/17

President - Janet Gropp - called the meeting to order at 12:30.

Vice President - Cec Rae - Judy Hopkins will teach an Easter egg next month. She has the homework instructions available today. Eggs are \$1.00. A review of the programs for the year:

May - Special Event - Maxine Thomas pitcher, taught by Wendy Goldberg. Pitchers are here today for those who ordered them, cost \$45.00, class is \$20.00.

June - Diane Bunker Seminar. Make sure you order ornaments, they are \$3.50 each.

July - Follow up to finish ornaments, in a pot with candy cane pens.

August - Chris Thorton-Deason Seminar. View projects on the website.

Sept. - Glass Block, Halloween design, taught by Kate Dowd.

Santa fork, taught by Becca Coffey

Oct. - Christmas bells, taught by Carolyn Culwell.

Nov. - Santa pin, taught by Janet Gropp.

Dec. - Holiday party, location to be determined.

Membership - Beth Newton - we have 44 paid members.

Treasurer - Bev Martinez - balance is \$5,513.20, no deposits.

Seminars - Janet Gropp and Carolyn Culwell - for Diane Bunker - sign up for either a pillow or stocking. Bring a shirt, jacket, apron, tote bag or anything else you want for the sunflowers.

Laurie Speltz and Mark Polomchak are coming to the chapter in 2018.

Rocky Mountain High will cater Chris's seminar.

Newsletter - Chris Hoynes - thanks for sending info for newsletter by last week of month.

Community Outreach/Ways and Means - Jan Wells - we have 46 memory boxes for the first quarter! Just a Reminder, the person who paints the most memory boxes will get a prize at the end of the

year. Jan has a notebook of memory box pattern ideas available at each monthly meeting. The Painted Pig project benefits Families First. Please let Jan know if you are interested in painting a pig.

Announcements - Door prize winners - Janet, Wendy, Carolyn, Cec, Linda and Lisa.  
Vote for Jenny Sparling from the Rocky Mountain High Chapter for SDP Board Member at Large.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20

## Seminars

### **Diane Bunker Seminar—June 10 & 11, 2017**

Our seminar with **Diane Bunker** is full, so now you need to make sure you are ready with supplies. There are several items you need to order for the seminar. These include the wooden ornament for the pine cones, the velveteen stocking or pillow, and if you are also taking the July poinsettia clay pot with ornaments class, you will need the candy cane pens. You will also need to provide (on your own) a new or used jacket or shirt (for puff painting) and a hard surface for the sunflowers (using Diane's paste).

I will be forwarding more information regarding these items to all attendees.

Carolyn

### **Chris Thornton-Deason Seminar August 19 and 20, 2017**

Chris Thornton-Deason is coming back to Denver to teach again! Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter is co-sponsoring with the High Plains Chapter and the seminar will be held at the Littleton School. Openings now available only on Sunday. Delta paints and mediums will be provided for us by Plaid Enterprises.

Members \$50.00 for Sunday

Non-Members \$70 for Sunday

If you are interested in this seminar don't hesitate to contact me. There are only four seats left on Sunday. I will be starting a wait-list if I need to do so.

The project photos are on our website.

<http://highplainsdecorativeartists.com/seminars.html>

Melinda

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If you have a suggestion for future seminars, contact Carolyn Culwell [cvculwell@bresnan.net](mailto:cvculwell@bresnan.net)

Or Janet Gropp [tjgropp3071@msn.com](mailto:tjgropp3071@msn.com)



### **2018 Seminar Information**

We have set a date with **Laurie Speltz for an April 14 & 15, 2018** seminar.

Her website is: <http://lauriespeltz.com/store/Default.asp>

Her blog is at: <https://lauriespeltzthecreativecoach.wordpress.com>

**Mark Polomchak** is reviewing his schedule to find a date in 2018.

More information on these seminars will follow

## **Membership**

We now have 58 members who have paid for membership for 2017. If you have not renewed yet, you will need to send a check for \$20.00.

Mail the completed form with your check for \$20 to HPDA to  
HPDA  
PO Box 3603  
Centennial, CO 80161  
Attention: Beth Newton



Bring a friend to join in our fun monthly projects. They are welcome to come to a first meeting before joining. Our updated member list is kept on our website. Login as member to see or print.

*Do you need the password for the members only section of the HPDA site ? Please contact anyone on the board. We do not want to put it in the newsletter since it is posted on the web.*

## **Sunshine**

I sent a Sympathy card to Dana Jennings, her father passed away.  
If you hear of anyone needing a card, please let me know.  
Beth



## **April Birthdays**

<i>Denise (DeDe) Biren</i>	<i>4/25</i>
<i>Carmen Owens</i>	<i>4/29</i>
<i>Kim Lindeen</i>	<i>4/30</i>
<i>Beverly Morris-White</i>	<i>4/30</i>

## HPDA Community Outreach – Ways and Means

Congratulations members of HPDA! As of March 11, 2017 you have donated 45 Memory Boxes to our community outreach project for infant bereavement. Our total for 2016 was 34. Our goal for 2017 is 75 or more!

### March donations:

Judy Hopkins	15
(6 were made by Judy; the other 9 by family & friends)	
Bev Martinez	3
Wendy Goldberg	3
Janet Gropp	2
Carolyn Culwell	1
Karen Ramsey	1
Chris Hoynes	1
June Rutherford	1
Beth Newton	1
Bonita Knepp	1
Jan Wells	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>



To encourage members to donate an average of one box a month, we will do the following:

- Show and Tell – every month members who donate a box will be asked to show the box to our group and tell us a little about how it was made and where the idea came from.
- At the end of the year (probably at the holiday party) we will award a cash prize to the member who donates the most boxes for the year. I am keeping track of members donating boxes with my handy-dandy little excel spreadsheet which will be published in the newsletter from time to time.

To help you with your ideas about how to decorate your Memory Boxes I offer you this statement from the **Tole Friend's Memory Box Association guidelines**:

**First and most important is this: Create a box that you would like to receive if you were in the family's situation. You do not have to be the best painter, collager, stamper, or artist. You just have to create a box from your heart. If it is something you would want to receive, then there will be a family suffering a loss who would also appreciate it.**

The link to the Association's website is [www.memoryboxes.org](http://www.memoryboxes.org) You may access their free patterns (with full directions and design sketch at <http://memoryboxes.org/free.html>.

There are free patterns on Renee Mullins' website <http://plumpurdy.com>

And...for those of you who like to wade into deep waters go to Pinterest: Search for **Free Tole Painting Patterns**

Our 2017 Memory Box "Share our Love" project is off to a great start. Let's keep it going with lots of LOVE!



## **Painted Pig Project 2017**

So far eight members have signed up to paint a pig for the “Families First Organization.”  
<http://familiesfirstcolorado.org/> (Ctrl Click to follow link.)

There is still time to get a pig to paint if you would like to join us. Just let me know prior to April 5<sup>th</sup>. I will bring the unpainted pigs to our monthly meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>. If you signed up to paint a pig but won't be at the meeting, please let me know and I'll make arrangements to get the pig to you.

To see pigs that have been donated in the past, go to Face Book and search for Families First. Then click on “photos.” You will need to do a bit of scrolling, but when you get close to July 2016 you will see these darling critters displayed on red checked tablecloths for the Families First Annual Country Fair picnic. July 2015 photos also show a great selection of the painted porcine projects.

Please take a moment to read through the “Families First” webpage. I will be meeting with Adam Robe, Executive Director, prior to the April chapter meeting and will have more information to share with you about the organization and other ways we may help them.

Briefly, the way the Painted Pig Project works is:

1. Local artists and other interested parties volunteer to Paint a Pig in order to raise money for Families First.
2. Unpainted ceramic pigs are distributed to the volunteers in time to have the pigs back to Families First for their Annual Country Fair Picnic. I'll get a final date to return the pigs when I meet with Adam.
3. The picnic's main event is the silent auction, during which many wonderful prizes including the PPs will be auctioned off.
4. By bidding the highest amount for a pig, the winner will “adopt” the pig and give it a home. Piggy Parents take their new pet to work (or home) and put it in an obvious place (like next to the coffee pot) and ask family, friends and co-workers to drop their spare change into the pig.
5. The following year, all the pigs are returned to the Families First Annual Country Fair picnic, where they are weighed (yes, a prize for the heaviest piggy!) and then all the money filling the pigs is dumped into buckets and later counted. Proceeds go to benefit the Families First organization.

## **Ways and Means**

This means we need to figure out additional and effective ways to raise money for the chapter. The Executive Committee and I have chatted about the *possibility* of having an Art and Garage Sale this summer. Members would be asked to bring hand painted projects, other hobby works of art and really neat stuff they no longer want. (And don't forget your stash stuff...beads, yarn, patterns...whatever.) Proceeds would be split between the members and the chapter.

As your Board searches for more ways to raise money for the chapter, we need to reach out to our members for your support, your ideas and your enthusiasm.

## Remember to vote for SDP board



Reminder to all to get your vote in for the SDP board by April 5<sup>th</sup>.  
The ballot is in the Spring 2017 'The Decorative Painter' magazine.  
We have a Coloradoan running, Ginny Sparlin from Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter.

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