

Newsletter Brief

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Note from Janet, 2017 HPDA President

Dear Members,

It is spring time in the Rockies, snow one day and 80 degrees a few days later! At least it wasn't sticking to the roads as I drove to the Merchandise Mart Saturday morning to represent the High Plains Decorative Artists at the Rocky Mountain Bead Bazaar. Thank you to those members who gave their time to sit at the table and share what we are all about. We had several people interested enough to take one of our brochures.

We will not have a regular meeting this month. (There will be no Memory Box Show and Tell and no Door Prizes.) If you are attending Wendy Goldberg's snowman pitcher class on May 13th, we will begin setting up the room at 8:30 am. Help with set up is always appreciated. Please arrive by 9 am so we can start the class at 9:30. Bring your lunch. Wendy says we should be finished by 4:00. Again, help cleaning up and putting the room back together is appreciated.

We are all looking forward to our upcoming seminar on June 9 & 10 with Diane Bunker. We will have a short meeting at lunchtime on that Saturday. We would like to have some nice door prizes as we discussed at our April meeting. If you have won a door prize lately, please bring one to the June meeting. We are going to try to raise money this way so we don't have to do a formal fundraiser. This is important so we can continue to bring in big brushes at an affordable price to our membership. If you have a finished memory box, please bring it.

Enjoy the colors of Spring and may they inspire you to paint!

Janet





Monthly Programs 2017

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
October	Christmas Bell - Carolyn Culwell
November	Santa paint brush pin - Janet Gropp
December	Holiday party - place TBD



May - Special Event

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

Just a reminder to all who signed up for the May Special Event: There is a lot of prep involved so we can stay focused on the more skilled painting instruction and finish in a day. So pull out those instructions and start your prep !!

Arrive at 9am. Painting 9:30-4 pm

Doors open at 8:30 to set-up.

The seminar is \$20. Pitchers are already handed out so contact Wendy if you need instructions to prep for your own surface.

Please bring your own paints. HPDA will not supply!!

Seminars

Diane Bunker Seminar - June 10 & 11, 2017

Carolyn has sent out information to the member registered for this seminar, so if you have not received a letter for any reason, contact Carolyn.

Does anyone else wish to help us out with lunch on Sunday? (You will be reimbursed for the food expense.) Also please be thinking about set up and tear down. It's a big job and from past seminars many gals arrive just in time to paint and many leave early. We're all getting a bit older and these jobs are not as easy as they were several years ago. Please make clean up and tear down a part of your seminar experience.
Thanks, 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>

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If you have a suggestion for future seminars, contact Carolyn Culwell cvculwell@bresnan.net
Or Janet Gropp 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 paid members for 2017.

Bring a friend to join in our fun monthly projects. They are welcome to come to one 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

A little sunshine in a card has been sent to Peggi and Bev M. this month. Bev continues to have breathing problems and Peggi has pneumonia.



May Birthdays

<i>Margaret Bolger</i>	<i>5/5</i>
<i>Susan White</i>	<i>5/12</i>
<i>Linda N. Beaty</i>	<i>5/16</i>
<i>Kathy Haas</i>	<i>5/27</i>
<i>Cathy Jorgensen</i>	<i>5/28</i>

Last Month's Project Photos



Chapter Meeting Minutes April 2017

High Plains Chapter Meeting - April 8, 2017

President - Janet Gropp called the meeting to order at 10:12.

Vice President- Cec Rae welcomed Judy Hopkins here and thanked her for teaching our Easter egg project today. Doors will open at 8:30 am for our Special Event in May. We will begin painting after we set up. Let Cec know if you would like to host the Holiday Party in December.

Secretary - Wendy Goldberg - motioned that the minutes be approved as published.

Membership Chair - Beth Newton - we have 58 members.

Seminars- Janet Gropp - Diane Bunker seminar - an order for the ornaments will be placed on Monday. Janet will be making green velveteen pillows that are \$10 as an alternative to the stocking. If you are planning on attending the seminar in July, please provide a 4" clay pot, and let Janet or Carolyn know if you need extra ornaments (what shape) and candy cane pens. We need volunteers to do lunch for the seminar, you will be reimbursed. Laurie Speltz will be coming to teach April 14 and 15, 2018.

Newsletter - Chris Hoynes - all articles are due one week before the end of the month. MSWord format works best.

Ways & Means - Jan Wells - sharing of memory boxes - We have 59 total!

Those turned in today include: Janet Gropp - 1, Wendy Goldberg - 2, Judy Hopkins - 7, Margaret Bolger - 2, Linda Shonsey -1, Beth Newton -1.

Ruth reminded us that the memory boxes are for the loss of small babies. Some guidelines for content are angels, florals, lace, butterflies, birds and teddy bears (no smiles) are all appropriate. Don't get too cutesy. Jan also reported she has the pigs in her car today. She will e-mail some notes to those who are painting pigs.

Old Business - Chris Thornton-Deason seminar in August is full on Saturday. There are 4 openings on Sunday. Melinda Barnes will be taking orders for wood mittens and Halloween canvas. Lunch is catered on both days.

New Business - door prizes

Discussion on future fundraisers - possibly selling the largest size memory boxes at meeting (seminars) to use as door prizes. Increase the quality of door prizes. Possibly a craft show?

Janet will be at the booth at the Bead Bazaar on April 29th and 30th. Volunteers are needed to man booth. Janet will be there Sat. am. Linda B., Ruth and Julia will be there on Sun. It is at the Merchandise Mart 10:00-6 Sat., 10-5 Sun.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:23.

Photos from our shared HPDA/RMH booth at the Bead Bazar



HPDA Community Outreach – Ways and Means

As of April 8, 2017 you have donated **59 Memory Boxes** to our community outreach project for infant bereavement. Our total for 2016 was 34. Our goal for 2017 is 75 or more and we are well on our way!

April donations:

Judy Hopkins	7
Wendy Goldberg	2
Janet Gropp	1
Beth Newton	1
Linda Shonsey	1
Margaret Bolger	2
Total	14



For the May 13th meeting there will be no Memory Box Show and Tell nor a Door Prize event. (Time is of the essence.) If you bring your memory boxes to the May meeting be sure to let Jan Wells know. You will, of course, be given credit for them and the count will be given in the June newsletter.

Painted Pig Project 2017



Great news! We now have eleven members who have volunteered to paint pigs for the Families First Organization. <http://familiesfirstcolorado.org/> Four members of Rocky Mountain High chapter asked to join HPDA in our efforts to raise money for this wonderful group. Jan has sent an email to the “piggy painters” giving them information and ideas for the project. If you did not receive this email please contact Jan at gypsyzroamer@gmail.com

Ways and Means



We believe we have found an additional way to raise money for the chapter. Yay! The paper mache boxes we purchase for the Memory Box project come in sets of three. We decided the largest of these boxes is too cumbersome to use as a memory box, so.....some of our members came up with the idea of decorating these biggies in fantastical ways and using them as door prizes at our seminar events when we have the most attendees. So start painting, collaging, decorating as anything goes for the June and August Seminars. Ruth will have all sized boxes at each meeting.

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