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Note from Wendy Goldberg 2019 HPDA President

Dear Painting Friends,

“Change brings opportunity”....Nido Quebin

I have just returned from a wonderful “Party in the Heartland” week in Wichita, the 47th Conference for the Society of Decorative Painters. It was bittersweet, as this was the last SDP Annual Conference. However, it is not the end of SDP! As with many parts of life, things change. Sometimes change is difficult, but necessary. The good news is SDP membership has grown this past year and there was an 85% retention of current members. But, because SDP has seen a decline in those that are attending Conference, (and Conference is very expensive), the decision was made to put the Annual Conference on hold for now. We learned at the meeting that in the future there will be four smaller regional retreats with the opportunity to take classes. There is also a 50th SDP Birthday Party/conference/celebration to look forward to in three years. Everyone was challenged to bring in one new member this year. I will be “gifting” a membership to my “one person.” I pass the challenge on to each of our members. Also, **PLEASE**, renew your membership for 2020, there are going to be many wonderful opportunities locally in our chapter and nationally with SDP. I do believe these changes will be positive in the long term!

This was the 20th SDP Conference I have attended, and one of the best! Some personal highlights for me included teaching two classes, my first ever as a convention educator. It was a wonderful experience for me to be able to meet/teach so many nice painters! I want to give a special thank you to Janet, Cec and Carolyn! In addition to being great travel buddies, they helped me with set-up, logistics, and by taking my classes. I am so grateful to have such amazing and supportive friends! Another shout-out to Janet for designing and coordinating our chapter’s beautiful table and center-piece. It was hands-down the best table! The centerpiece was made from leopard-print stilettos, sunflowers and paint brushes. Janet sculpted a sunflower with a stem winding around a goblet. Thanks to Carolyn, Cec and Janet for painting them too!

I also want to thank those who painted backpacks! It was really fun to see all the different backpacks brought in from around the country!

My favorite part of the week was the after-party, the grand re-opening of the International Museum of Society of Decorative Painters (IMSDP)! What a special treat it was to see all of the beautiful artwork and history of SDP! The founder of SDP, Priscilla Hauser, attended the festivities, along with many past-presidents, and even Mary Jo Leisure! Peggy Harris was honored as the Artist of Distinction. It was the perfect ending to a very special week!

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer! I hope to see you soon!

Wendy Goldberg

There are pictures from the conference on our webpage!



Programs – Ruth Rodriguez

Programs & Seminars 2019

Future Programs – All on second Saturday of the month and beginning at 10 am unless noted with *

2019

June 8 th	“A Day in Paris” – Janet Gropp
July 7 th	Annual Picnic at Julia Duggan’s
August 6 th	Canvas and Cocktails fundraiser*
August 17 th	Flying Santa – June Rutherford*
September 14 th	Sculpting with Quickwood – Janet Gropp
October	No Meeting
November 9 th	Santa on a Sea Shell – Wendy Goldberg
December 14 th	Holiday Party at Ruth Rodriguez’ home

*Date change from August 10th

*There is a link on our website to sign up for the fundraiser. Non-members and guests are also invited. www.highplainsdecorativeartists.com

June 8th “A Day in Paris” taught by Janet Gropp (This class is full.)

For those of you taking the “Day in Paris” class on June 8th, you will need to bring the following:

#6 flat brush

1/2” angle or a 1/2” flat whichever you prefer for shading

Palette knife

Ruler and a pencil

DecoArt Americana Lamp Black

Your regular painting supplies to include: paper towels, water basin, baby wipes, and palette. Everything else will be furnished, except lunch. You will need to bring your own.

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August - Flying Santa taught by June Rutherford (Lynne Andrews design)



September – Sculpting with Quickwood taught by Janet Gropp



November – Santa on a Sea Shell taught by Wendy Goldberg



December - Holiday Party at Ruth's! *Bring a handmade ornament to exchange.*

Seminars – Carolyn Culwell and Janet Gropp

2020

We have confirmed the dates of June 13 & 14, 2020 for a seminar with Shara Reiner AND then in late August or early September 2020 Mark Polomchak will be returning, two exciting and fun teachers! We have also talked with Maureen Baker and may ask her to present a seminar in 2021. Let us know your thoughts on these wonderful artists.

Janet Gropp and Carolyn Culwell

Sunshine – Beth Newton

A card from our chapter was sent to Carolyn Culwell for her knee Surgery by Beth.



May & June Birthdays

*Linda Beaty
Marcy Crowl
Noreen Goetz
JoAnne Paige
Ruth Rodriguez
Mary Schwander*



Membership – Linda Beaty

We currently have 38 paid members. Please welcome new member Judy Murphy and returning members Judy Frank and Annie McDonald.

I will have membership forms available at our seminar on June 8th for any members who may know of anyone potentially interested in joining our chapter.

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

Ways and Means

We will continue with the \$5 ticket door prizes. There will be two at each meeting. For June, Kim and Wendy have volunteered to bring some wonderful surprises! We still need volunteers for the remainder of the year: August 17th, September 14th, and November 9th. If you wish to donate a door prize, please contact Janet.

Also, we will be having a fund-raiser at Canvas and Cocktails on August 6th, which is a Monday. There is a link on our website to sign up for the fundraiser. Non-members and guests are also invited.

Outreach

HPDA members painted backpacks for foster children. Half were taken the SDP National Conference for distribution and the other half will be given to Arapahoe County Services. This is the only Community Outreach project we will do for 2019.

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