

December 2020

Dear Ladies of HPDA,

Following is a letter from our President, Wendy Goldberg:

Dear Painting Friends,

It's hard to believe we have almost made it to the end of this horrible, no-good, very bad year. There were COVID, quarantines, a reckoning about racial equality and police violence, and an election that felt like it would never end! We are nearing the end of 2020 and looking ahead with hope to 2021.

In all of this madness, the silver lining is ZOOM! There are so many wonderful on-line classes with excellent teachers. I want to personally thank Carolyn for being our host on Zoom! I appreciate you greatly! I hope all of the members will be able to force yourself through the learning curve, because we will continue to meet on-line, at least for the first half of the year. Carolyn and Janet have worked hard to plan some exciting one day seminars, on Zoom, with some very popular teachers.

I also want to thank Kim, for stepping up and offering to organize our Secret Santa gift exchange! Again, until we can meet in person, this is a fun way to celebrate together on Zoom.

I want to wish each of you a joyful, peaceful, and healthy Holiday Season, despite these difficult times.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe!

*\*Wendy\**

*"We are in the same storm. BUT we are not all in the same boat. Some have yachts, some canoes, some are hardly wet, and some are drowning. Be kind and help whoever you can."*

## **Notes on 2020**

We began 2020 with a trip to the Denver Art Museum to see the "Monet" exhibit and then out to have a really sporty lunch! Hopefully, we will be able to do more field trips once COVID is under control.

Backpacks – Once again our Community Outreach program for the year was to paint backpacks for the Arapahoe County social services department for foster kids. We had a rather disappointing outcome with only eleven of 24 bp's turned in. If you want to finish your backpacks and turn them in to Jan Wells before December 31, we would greatly appreciate it. If you've turned in finished bp's and want to paint another one, please contact Wendy Goldberg for supplies.

**2020 ZOOM classes:**

September 9 - HPDA cocktail party

June 13 – 14 - Shara Reiner seminar

July 11 – Show and Tell

August 15 – Wendy taught Holly Hanly’s “Pumpkin Spice”

August 29 – Janet taught “Gnomes on a Bottle”

September 12 – Wendy taught Erica Joanne’s Owls class

October 7 – General Meeting

November 1 – Back pack paint in

November 21 – Wendy taught Erica Joanne’s “Frosted Wintertide”

December 9 – HPDA Secret Santa Holiday Party

December – Mary Steingessor video on Pan Pastels

And from our Seminars Chairperson, Carolyn Culwell:

**2021 ZOOM classes:**

January 10 – Janet Gropp will teach a Qwikwood sunflower on small jar

February 6 – Beth Wagner will teach Winter Bouquet

March 13 - Deb Mishima (TBD)

April 10 - Sandy LeFlore (TBD)

May 15 – Wendy Goldberg will teach a patriotic angel class.

June 26 - Linda Sharp (TBD)

We are looking for suggestions to add to our schedule for 2021 and beyond. If you have previously mentioned someone, please feel free to remind us again as we do sometimes forget things.

**Other business:**

Board members for 2021 will remain the same as for 2020.

HPDA is now on "The Square" so we can pay for individual expenses with a credit card.

Membership: We currently have 24 paid members to begin 2021. As a reminder dues need to be paid by December 31. Our dues are currently \$15 and will go to \$20 January 1. You may mail a check to

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We also accept credit cards; you can call or text Janet Gropp at 303-912-0943.

Annual Society dues are \$60 and can be paid online or sent to

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