



Newsletter Brief  
High Plains Decorative Artists  
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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the beautiful fall season! I welcome the cooler, crisp mornings for my daily walk; the rich colors of reds, oranges, and yellows; the flavors of apples, cinnamon, and pumpkin; football season, and nights bundled in blankets around our backyard fire pit.

In 2022, the current Board members will be entering our fourth year. I want to thank Ruth, Linda, Cec, Janet, Carolyn, and Jan for continuing in their offices for the extended term through 2022. I want to thank Jan for following through with our backpack project. She had to play detective to find an organization where we could donate our backpacks. She discovered a non-profit called Packs of Joy that collects and fills backpacks for 12 Colorado counties.

I also want to thank Carolyn and Janet for continuing to provide the chapter with the most wonderful ZOOM seminars. It takes a lot of time to research, communicate, and book the high-quality, well-known teachers we have been lucky enough to learn from.

Here is what the rest of 2021 looks like:

Sat. Nov. 20th - Marika Moretti ornament class. It's not too late to join in the fun! Contact Janet if you would like to register.

Wed. Dec. 8th - 5-7. Holiday Zoom Party. Secret Santa gift exchange is optional. Text or email Wendy by Nov 19<sup>th</sup> if you would like to participate. This was a hit last year!

A preview of 2022 is in the seminar section. We have some really enjoyable events coming up. If you want to participate, you must renew your membership ASAP!

We are looking for chapter members to do classes on Zoom. You do not need to have Zoom teaching equipment, there are members that do, and are willing to help you with the tech part. Let Ruth, Carolyn, or Janet know if you are interested in teaching.

Many of you know that I began working at a wonderful store, Curate Mercantile (University and County Line), a few months ago. It is a beautiful store with many unique things - clothes, shoes, jewelry, food, home decor, antiques, and art! All small businesses, many owned by women. I believe in shopping LOCAL! It is my happy place! I am there Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, if you are in the area, come visit me and get a start on your holiday shopping. I have been very lucky to teach classes there as well. They have a large room for workshops. The room is big (great for social distancing) and well lit. You can register for workshops on-line at [www.curatamercantile.com](http://www.curatamercantile.com) or in the store.

I look forward to seeing you all on ZOOM or in person!

## Membership:

We currently have 32 members. As a reminder dues are to be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Our dues are currently \$15 or \$16 if paid with a credit card and will go to \$20/\$21 January 1<sup>st</sup>.

You may send your check to Janet's home or call her at 303-912-0943 if paying with credit card.

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

Society of Decorative Painters  
7450 S. Seneca St.  
Suite B  
Haysville, KS 67060

## Seminars for 2021 and 2022

### 2021

Our seminar with Marika Moretti is scheduled for Saturday, **November 20**, just a week away. It's really not too late to join us as long as you have your own surfaces and it's just a \$30 fee. Carolyn will be very happy to forward the directions and prep instructions.

### 2022

Our first seminar of 2022 will be **January 8** with Wendy Goldberg and the Quirky Quails colored pencil and paint technique. You will be responsible for purchasing your patterns, surfaces and paints from Erika Joanne. Wendy will have paints available for \$5.00, with a porch pick up only. The fee will be \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members. Sign-ups will begin next week. Watch your emails!



**February** we have Paulette DiGesare who will be painting, per your vote, her Saint Nicholas, more information to follow.



**March** will bring us Julie Cloud, with Melinda's help, for a demo and a project of dot painting.

**May** will be a project sponsored by Pikes Peak with Sharon Wolf and her Winter Light project.

**August** We have scheduled Mark Polomchalk, date subject to change.

We hope you will be able to join us in our seminars which we will continue to present in the Zoom format, other than Mark Polomchalk, with whom we are planning to have a live seminar.

### **Programs for 2022**

**April**

**June**

**July** – Possibility of outdoor

### **Other Opportunities**

Here is a link to the Decorative Painters Academy with the classes listed by date.  
<https://decorativepaintersacademy.com/>

For Artful Webinars here is the link and you would click on the class medium.  
<https://artfulwebinars.com/main-class-page/>

Hopefully the websites will help you gather the info you need.