



Pikes Peak Views

Colorado Springs, Colorado

January — February 2008

January's meeting reminded me of why I love this group! We passed around the volunteer sheet and it came back with lots of names!!! Thank you for so willingly signing up to help make this a year that we all volunteer. For those of you that did not get a chance to volunteer, there are a few spots still open. Please check the "Open Volunteer Positions" below and let me know what you would like to do for the chapter this year. We are off to a great start in 2008!

We have wonderful plans for you this year, including 5 painting projects taught by our talented members, 2 great seminars and of course our retreat! Just for fun, we have a candle cup competition in March. Our major fundraiser, the Homemade Anything Auction is in May. Peggi and Sandi Severini have asked to host and cater the July picnic this year as a special thank you to the girls in the chapter. In August, we will have a membership drive and a special program for guests. We are working on some fun new ideas for the Holiday Party in December. This will be a year full of painting and fun! Mark your calendars so you don't miss anything!

See you there! Terry

Please review the list below to see where you might be able to help out.
Remember - Many hands make light work for all!

OPEN VOLUNTEER POSTIONS

REFRESHMENTS: We are hoping to have 3 volunteers sign up for each meeting. At this time we need volunteers for: March 1st (one), August 2nd (two) November 1st (one).

COMMITTEES: Volunteer opportunities are available for the following committee chair positions:
Audit, Sunshine, Public Relations, Way and Means, Librarian and Historian.

SEMINAR MEALS: We would like to have 2 people volunteer to prepare a simple lunch for each seminar day. The seminar participants will get to visit and enjoy the wonderful cooking of our members. The chapter will pay for the supplies and charge a fee for each meal. This is both a Ways and Means function and a convenience to those attending the seminar. Lunch preparation volunteer opportunities exist for the Janelle Johnson seminar: April 5 (two), April 6 (two), and the Leila Lundberg seminar: October 18 (two) and October 19 (two).

LUNCHEON: The survey indicated that our members would like to re-instate the luncheon or a high tea. Since we do not have a regular meeting in April because of the colored pencil seminar (the same weekend as our new, regular meeting day), this might be a great month to have this function. Is there anyone that would like to chair and help with a luncheon?

HOLIDAY DOOR PRIZE: Would you like to do something very special for the chapter? We are looking for someone to paint the holiday door prize. As in the past, we will have a special drawing for our picnic and holiday painted pieces. Our chapter benefits from these drawings as they are part of our Ways and Means activities for the year and we all hope to win!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact an Executive Committee member to sign up.

* 2008 Executive Board *

Executive Committee

President	Terry Niznik
Vice President	Becca Coffey
Treasurer	Cindy Bauer
Secretary	Robin Patterson
Membership Secretary	Joyce Clothier
Newsletter/Communications	Lois Sanford

Appointed Officers

Historian	
Parliamentarian	Edi Finkleman

Committee Chairpersons

Audit	
Bazaar	Julie Becker
Co-Chair	
Community Service	Peggi Severini
Library	Jackie Gibson
Public Relations	
Retreat	Judy Richardson
Seminar	Jackie Gibson
Co-Chair	Eileen Lipscomb
Ways and Means	
Co-Chair	Edi Finkleman

Subcommittee Chairpersons

Calling Tree	Betty Rieger
Hospitality	Eileen Lipscomb
Co-Chair	Ellen Spearman
Door Prizes	Madellen White
Sunshine	

Function Volunteers

Luncheon Chairman	
Picnic Hostesses	Peggi Severini Sandi Severini
Picnic Door Prize	Becca Coffey
Holiday Door Prize	

*Phone numbers are available
in your directories.

No phone numbers or addresses will be published in the newsletter as they would be seen online. If you need to contact someone in the Chapter and don't have access to our directory, please use the contact link on our website at:

www.pikespeakdecorativepainters.com

* Save the Dates*

2008 Calendar

***All meetings & seminars are at our new location:
Moreno Street Police Station**

January

- 5 Chapter Meeting 9 am - 2 pm** at Police Station
Dragonfly colored pencil project with **Audrey Hodges**
Refreshments provided by New Executive Committee

February

- 2 Chapter Meeting 9 am - 2 pm** at Police Station
Snowman clock insert project with **Julie Becker**
A list of supplies and more information are in your email.
***Members vote to approve the budget.**
***Newsletter deadline for March/April edition.**
***Deadline to be included in Chapter directories with paid membership.**
Refreshments: Julie Becker, Madellen White,
Ellen Spearman
Door Prize: Julie Becker
- 15 Deadline for sign up and payment for Janelle Johnson colored pencil seminar**

March

- 1 Chapter Meeting 9 am - 2 pm** at Police Station
Butterfly clock insert project with **Eileen Lipscomb**
(More info to follow.)
Candle Cup Competition (article inside)
Refreshments: Angie McClain, Edi Finkleman
Door Prize: Kate Dowd

April

- 5, 6 Janelle Johnson Colored Pencil Seminar** at Police Station
9 am—5 pm each day (More info inside)

Vice President's corner

I want to thank Audrey for a really fantastic Colored Pencil program last Saturday, January 5. I heard wonderful comments, compliments and kudos from all around the room! I know that we all had fun and will agree that she put a lot of work into preparing this program and was very generous with her knowledge!! I loved learning a new technique!! Mostly what I learned is that I press too hard!

Coming up in February we have another exciting program! Julie Becker will be teaching a clock insert. We will be painting a snowman scene designed by Lynne Andrews...perfect for our wintery weather. Instructions, materials, supplies, and pattern, will be forthcoming - so keep an eye on your e-mail or the web site.

Based on survey feedback that we haven't been painting enough, I have set up several programs throughout the year. We have diverse styles and patterns for our clock inserts and we will have a Skills Builder/Refresher course as well!

I am excited to be able to organize these programs for you and if you have any thoughts, suggestions or concerns please call or e-mail me!!

Becca Coffey — Vice President

Community Service: **Memory Box Program**

Peggi Severini

I want to thank everyone for their continued support of our Memory Box program. We know how much it means to the local hospital that we donate our boxes to. Please consider the following guidelines when preparing your boxes. Remember that these boxes hold very precious mementos and thoughtful care should go into creating them. They should not look like they were done hastily just to get them finished.

This list was compiled by our members at the January meeting:

- *Try to use boxes that are large enough to hold numerous items including a birth certificate and small blanket.
- *Avoid using rectangular boxes that look like miniature caskets.
- *All surfaces of the box must be painted and varnished.
 - a. Remove any price stickers before painting.
 - b. Allow time for varnish to cure before turning boxes in for donation so that they don't smell.
 - c. Sand off or re-glue any loose pieces of paper maché.
- *Please choose appropriate subject matter:
 - a. Home décor patterns like roosters, etc. are discouraged.
 - b. Use patterns that are child oriented:
 - Teddy bears, boats, cars, puppies, toys, kittens, angels, baby animals, etc.
 - c. Calming designs are good - not frivolous or too "happy", but not "somber or sad" either.
 - d. Floral designs are fine.
 - e. Add a small part of the design to the inside of the box or a heart or even a saying.
 - f. Add short sayings to your design on the lid—some in other languages.
 - g. If you are painting children, remember that different ethnicities are nice.
- *Remember to include a printed insert provided by the Chapter with your name and the name of the designer of your pattern. Those who take home a hand painted box are usually interested in knowing who the artist is.

Happy New Year everyone!

Just a couple of reminders for you: The deadline to be included in the directory will be the February 2 meeting. If you have not renewed your membership for 2008 by then, your information will not be in the directory and your name will be removed from our email list.

Newsletter deadlines are as follows:	March/April edition: February 2	September/October edition: August 2
All deadline dates coincide with	May/June edition: April 5	November/December edition: October 4
Chapter meetings.	July/August edition: June 7	January/February edition: December 6

Happy Birthday to You!

January

11 Beth Newton
16 Rose Cote
17 Ellen Spearman
18 Wanda Clasen
21 Nancy Gepford
22 Joyce Clothier

February

14 Kate Dowd
24 Sandi Severini
26 Kay Kozak

Dear Peggi,

Thank you so much for painting the beautiful trunk. I was so shocked when I won it. I know the time and effort you put in on it and I really appreciate it.

*Thanks again,
Audrey*

To Everyone in the Chapter:

Thank you so much for all the support you have given me in the last couple of months. It has been a really hard time for me and I don't know how I would have gotten through it without you.

And a very special "Thank You" to all who cooked for the memorial service and for our family that weekend. That was such an undertaking and was so appreciated.

Thanks again! You all are such great friends.

*Love,
Peggi*

I want to thank Peggi, Lois and Cindy for critiquing my stroke piece at our last meeting. They really helped me focus on specific areas to work on. I went home and pulled an "Eileen" and sanded off my surface so I can start over! Thanks for sharing your knowledge ladies - I appreciate it!

Becca Coffey

Dear Chapter,

I want to thank each of you so very much for your love and support during my surgery and radiation. It meant everything to me. I was absolutely shocked with the Silver Columbine Award. What we accomplished was a Chapter effort. I thank you for selecting me but I also know each of you made the past year a success. I also want to thank you for the Karen Hubbard plate. It is a treasure. I am greatly blessed by this Chapter and its members.

Thank you. Jackie G.

Thank you all for your kind words, cards and support during our unexpected ordeal with my husband's heart attack. You just never know what is around the corner... Thank you so much for your friendship. I don't know what I would do without it!

Love, Lois

Editorial Comments:

I just want to tell you all how much I have enjoyed the change to Saturday meetings. I was admittedly one of those who really thought I didn't have time on a Saturday to come to a painter's meeting, and that I wouldn't like it. But after giving it a chance last year to see what we thought, I was pleasantly surprised to see how nice it has been to have more leisurely time to discuss issues, enjoy our social time, and then truly have more painting time at most meetings.

I love this group and I love the positive changes we have made in the past few years - Thank you Jackie Gibson and your board for helping guide our group to make changes that were needed.

Cindy Bauer

Candle Cup Challenge

Edi Finkleman

Don't forget about the "Candle Cup" Challenge! We look forward to seeing your finished pieces at the March meeting.

As described at the last couple of meetings, you will be using a piece of wood and 3 - 5 wooden candle cups from the Margaret Wehking stash. The challenge is to create something "wonderful", "unusual", "beautiful", "unique" or just supply your own adjective category.

Margaret used many objects in creative and unusual ways - therein lies the reason for the challenge: to be creative and use something we have.

Voting will take place at the March meeting. Popular vote winner will receive a \$15 Chapter give certificate, but all participants will have the satisfaction of having created something all their own.

Currently, there are 14 enrolled in the challenge and there are only 3 kits left unless you want to supply your own candle cups. Members not utilizing the kit will be charged \$1.

If you want to join in the fun and take one of the last three kits, call me and I'll make sure you get your kit by the February meeting. Good luck to all!

Pikes Peak Decorative Painters Chapter Meeting Minutes December 1, 2007

President Jackie Gibson called the meeting to order at 10 am. Other officers present: Eileen Lipscomb, Joyce Clothier, Cindy Bauer, and Lois Sanford.

January's **program** will feature colored pencil, taught by Audrey Hodges. Information is available on the website.

Proceeds for **bazaar** were \$2227.84; totally self-supporting and realizing a profit of \$171.00 for the Chapter.

Judy Richardson has agreed to chair **Retreat** for 08. The following volunteers offered to help: Robin Patterson, Gale Bradley, Eileen Lipscomb and Jackie Gibson. The Hideaway is already reserved for 2008. A vote will need to be taken to see if The Hideaway should be booked for 2009.

Seminars: Members are encouraged to go to JanelleJohnson.com to view possible colored pencil projects they would like for the April 5-6 seminar.

Candle Cup Competition: Edi Finkleman distributed up to five candle cups and either a rectangle or heart shaped base for each member who might wish to design a piece for a competition to be decided by popular vote at the March meeting.

Installation of Officers: Installation of the following officers for 2009 was conducted:

Terry Niznik, President
Becca Coffey, Vice President
Robin Patterson, Secretary
Cindy Bauer, Treasurer
Lois Sanford, Communications
Joyce Clothier, Membership Secretary

Announcements: Beth Newton encouraged members to visit the Wildlife Exhibit in Denver. Carolyn Culwell announced there will be a Rosemary West Seminar in Denver on June 7 & 8, and also in Grand Junction of June 28 & 29.

Meeting adjourned, followed by the Christmas luncheon and Make-It, Take-It exchange.

Respectfully submitted
Joyce Clothier, Secretary

Hello ladies!

February is the month we vote on our budget for 2008. I have included the proposed budget so that you can compare our last year actuals to what we believe will happen in the coming year from a financial standpoint. Please take a look and compare to last year and consider the points below to explain our thinking. At the February meeting, we will present the proposed budget for discussion and vote. If you have any questions regarding the proposed budget, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the Executive board for clarification.

Line 1 – Membership: In 2007 we had some members who paid late, (after Jan 1) and many who paid their 2008 membership dues on time fore 2008 – Therefore, it looks like we had a high income for membership. We have approximately 40 members at this time, and if they all pay on time for 2009 membership – in October/November, our income should be around \$800.

Line 2 – Seminar: In 2007 we only had the Bobbie Campbell Seminar. This year we have two major Seminars planned. There was some great discussion at our January meeting regarding the chapter subsidizing the National Teacher seminars. Input from Carolyn Culwell brought information forth that the Denver Chapter Subsidizes \$500 per seminar to help keep costs down for the members. The Board has proposed that our chapter do the same, and therefore you will see on **line 12**, the increase to our expenses proposed.

Line 3 – Retreat: Shows consideration for Retreat costs possibly going up to \$160 per person. **Line 13** includes the added cost of paying 2009's deposit at the Hideaway.

Line 4 – Ways and Means: In 2007 we made \$600 on door prizes, \$1269 at the Home-made anything auction, \$55 on programs, \$288 for meals provided at Seminars, and \$367 in donations. We have projected similar income for 2008 minus the donations.

Line 5 – Margaret Wehking Memorial fund: This fund currently totals \$2119.50. There is slightly more "stuff" that needs to be liquidated what we think might yield \$100. (This fund came from a mass of items that were left when our beloved Margaret Wehking died and left so much wood and supplies for her family. The family donated it to our chapter and in turn we have auctioned off and compiled this fund to be used to pay for a stroke seminar in the future – earmarked for a Maureen McNaughton Seminar. Being worked on by Seminar committee)

Line 6 - We did not have a luncheon last year, and so far no one has come forward to chair one for 2008. If this occurs, the event should be self-supporting.

Line 7 – Misc (Bazaar): This dollar value is based on what was done in 2007. See also **Line 21**

Line 8 – Gift Certificates: This dollar value is based on what was done in 2007.

Line 16 – Communications (Newletter): The quarterly cost of our website is \$75.00 plus some incidentals. In 2007 we had the one-time set-up costs of the website.

Line 17 – Membership Printing and Postage: Directory and incidental postage costs.

Line 19 – Contributions & Charities: Teddy Bear fund, DAC, other. (to be voted on by membership.

	Pikes Peak Chapter of SDP	2007 Budget	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2008 Actual
	INCOME				
1	Membership	750.00	1,278.00	800.00	
2	Seminar	3,000.00	860.00	2,500.00	
3	Retreat	4,500.00	4,227.00	4,000.00	
4	Ways and Means	1,810.00	2,580.05	2,200.00	
5	M Wehking Memorial	100.00	358.50	100.00	
6	Luncheon				
7	Miscellaneous (Bazaar)	2,000.00	2,587.28	2,500.00	
8	Gift Certificates	100.00	105.00	100.00	
9	Bank Interest	15.00	20.28	15.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	12,275.00	12,016.11	12,215.00	
	EXPENSES				
10	General Meeting and Administration	100.00		100.00	
11	Meeting Programs	100.00	91.42	175.00	
12	Seminars/ Paint-ins	3,500.00	876.56	3,500.00	
13	Retreat	5,100.00	3,138.18	5,900.00	
14	Convention				
15	Luncheon/Holiday Party	50.00			
16	Communications (Newsletter)	550.00	627.35	400.00	
17	Membership Printing and Postage	200.00	54.66	125.00	
18	Refreshments & Sunshine	125.00		100.00	
19	Contributions & Charities	300.00	360.00	300.00	
20	Misc Ways and Means	50.00	177.12	200.00	
21	Bazaar	2,000.00	2,390.87	2,300.00	
22	Gifts	200.00	75.00	100.00	
23	Bank Costs/ Reconciliation				
24	TOTAL EXPENSES	12,275.00	7,791.16	13,200.00	
25	NET INCOME		4,224.95		
	CASH POSITION				
	Beginning Bank Balance	6,547.74	6,547.74	10,649.77	10,649.77
	End of Year Activity		10,649.77		
			4,102.37		