



President's Message

Our year of the Butterfly has taken flight! Not only do we have the butterfly challenge to judge at the picnic, but butterflies have been showing up on Memory Boxes. We are also working on the Imagination Celebration Rotary Butterfly Project, 2010.

I have appointed Arlys Hefty and Lois Sanford to be Co-chairs of the Butterfly Committee. The committee has met, the plan agreed upon, the paint has been purchased, and the work schedule will soon be established. The concept is exceptional and even our own members will be impressed.

Meanwhile, think about which pieces you will lend for us to use in the airport and library displays. Deadlines are in the Save the Dates Calendar along with our many other opportunities and events.

Attached to this newsletter are the recently passed By Laws and Standing Rules. Please read them and download them for your convenience. If there is anything that you want explained, please let me know.

There will be a meeting of the full Executive Board (Officers and Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs) at my home on July 20 at 7pm. I hope those involved can make it. Please bring with you any committee paperwork or notebooks you may have.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer. Smell the flowers. See the butterflies. Paint. Have fun!. Enjoy your families. And be happy! See you at the picnic!

Edi

Vice President's Message

As I share my newsletter article with you, I am trying to figure out what season it is. It is 50° out and I am bundled up refusing to turn on the heat! Four days ago, it was 97° and hitting a record high. Whereas, I am confused about the weather, I am certain about the programs for the upcoming months. First, thanks go to Edi for doing a program on memory boxes in June. These boxes are a special gift to our community. The Chapter picnic will be July 10th at Arlys Hefty's. Bring a dish to share, a lawn chair for sitting and your appetite! Arlys has a beautiful country setting in the city. Visiting her studio is a wonderful experience. We will arrive at 11am.

In August, we will begin a two month project painting our chapter logo with Audrey Hodges. The first half will be painted in August and the second half in October. (September is retreat.) You will provide your own fabric surface to paint on. Suggested items include an apron, tote bag, a shirt, etc. Audrey will distribute the line drawing at the picnic in July to those who are interested in participating. The line drawing may be reduced or enlarged as needed. You will need brushes with a little more body to paint the project. The cost of the 2 month program is \$20 which includes the teaching fee, your pattern packet and the fabric paint (in cubbies) needed to complete the project. You must RSVP to reserve your kit. When I receive your payment, you will get your pattern packet. The paint will be distributed at the meetings.

I am looking for program ideas for 2011. Please let me know if there is a project you want to share. Remember, we now pay our program teachers \$50 for a half day class. This can help in paying for retreat and seminars. If there is something you would like to learn or know about, I would like to hear your ideas. We want the programs to reflect your ideas and needs. Keep those paint brushes moving!

Jackie

— July —

- 9 Bonita Wilkinson
- 10 Dolly Copeland
- 13 Peggi Severini
- 13 Lynette Swanson
- 20 Betty Rieger
- 25 Angie McClain
- 30 Melinda Barnes

— August —

- 21 Cindy Bauer
- 25 Janet Gropp
- 31 "Doe" Clore



Happy Birthday!

Words of Wisdom: A friend will hold your hand and touch your heart.

2010 Executive Board

Executive Committee

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Picnic Hostess	Arlys Hefty
Picnic Door Prize	Edi Finkleman
Holiday Door Prize	Bonnie Wilkinson

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

If you have any painting tips, recipes or tidbits to share, please let us know and we will add them to future newsletters .



If you know of anyone who is under the weather or having something going on in their life, please let our Sunshine Chairman, Madellen White know about it. She will send a card or let our Communications Chairman know, who will in turn send out an email to everyone regarding the news.

Think about how we can help increase membership in the Society...

* When sending articles via email to the Editor for the newsletter, please put the word, NEWSLETTER in your subject heading along with your committee name. Example: NEWSLETTER - RETREAT. This will help immensely in categorizing email articles for the upcoming edition. Thanks!

Newsletter Deadlines

Newsletter deadlines are as follows:
All deadlines coincide with Chapter Meetings

March - April edition:	February 6
May - June edition:	April 3
July - August edition:	June 5
September - October edition:	August 7
November - December edition:	October 2
January - February edition:	December 4

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*Non-member rates are \$1 higher per category.

Ads shall be submitted to the Newsletter Editor in camera ready condition along with payment in the form of a check made payable to the Pikes Peak Decorative Painters.

Save the Dates!!

2010 Calendar

*Unless otherwise specified, all meetings & seminars are at this location:

Colorado Springs Police Department
Gold Hill Division
955 W. Moreno Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

July

- 10 Annual Picnic/Potluck: Arlys Hefty's home 11 am
(directions to her house on last page)
- * Butterfly Creativity Challenge judging (see last newsletter for more info)
 - * Butter Churn door prize-painted by Edi Finkleman
 - * Group photo of chapter with Butterfly Sculpture for airport display and DP
 - * Bring airport display paintings to be photographed or email photos of paintings for airport display
 - * RSVP for Chapter logo project with Audrey Hodges
- 12 Deadline to register for the El Paso County Fair
- 20 Butterfly sculpture delivered for community display
Executive Board meeting - Edi's house 7pm
(All committee chairs to attend)
- 31 Hand delivered artwork accepted at the Colorado State Fair

August

- 7 Chapter Meeting* 9 am - 2 pm
Program: Chapter logo with Audrey Hodges
Refreshments: Vickie Hartung Kay Kozak
- Room Monitors: Volunteers?
- * Paint for Freedom wooden cards are due.
 - * Collect pieces for Library displays
 - * Payment in full due for Retreat
 - * Sign up and pay for Jillybean seminar
- 28-29 Janelle Johnson seminar, High Plains Chapter, Littleton

September

- 16 RSVP to Brenda Stotler for participation in Woodland Park Library "Show and Tell"
- 17, 18, 19 Chapter Retreat
at the Hideaway, Colorado Springs
Contact Eileen Lipscomb ASAP to hold your place for our annual weekend of painting and fun!!

October

- 2 Chapter Meeting* 9 am - 2 pm
Program: Completion of chapter logo with Audrey Hodges
Refreshments: Julie Becker Cindy Bauer
Linda Christian
Room Monitors: Volunteers?
* Toy Chest letters are due.
* Present slate of officers for 2011
- 16 & 17 Jilly Bean Seminar* 9 am - 5 pm
* Payment for Bazaar participation is due.

November

- 6 Chapter Meeting* 9 am - 2 pm
Program: Bookmark painted on Inkjet fabric using watercolor pencils with Kay Kozak
Refreshments: Julie Becker Linda Christian
- Room Monitors: Volunteers?
- * Election of officers.
 - * Library display pieces are returned.
 - * Collect pieces to be donated for Police Luncheon
- 12 Bazaar set-up in the evening
- 13 Bazaar at Pine Creek High School 9 am - 4 pm
Contact Joyce Clothier for info on participating in the Bazaar.

December

- 4 Holiday Party & Potluck* 9 am - 2 pm
- Room Monitors:

Seminar Updates from Barb Radvanczy

Jillybean is coming!

Come join us October 16th and 17th for a terrific week-end seminar with Jillybean. The cost for both days is \$75 or \$40 for one day. These fees also include your lunch and the paints. Several people have mentioned wanting to paint one of her roses so she is designing a rose just for us! It will still be up to the members to let us know which projects they are interested in painting.

Check out Jillybean's website (www.jillybean.net) to see her seminar projects as well as her other designs. If there is a project that you would like to paint, please let us know ASAP. A selection of projects (photos) will be on display at the picnic in July for you to choose from. The deadline to sign up and pay is at our August 7 meeting.

We look forward to painting with you!!

Barb (bradvanczy@q.com and
Terry (tniznik@gmail.com)

County Fair News from Julie Becker

The El Paso County Fair will be held in Calhan again this year, July 24th - July 31st, 2010. Woo-Hoo!! Please check out their website at www.elpasocountyfair.com for updated info. Click the Creative Arts link for all the info to enter your painted items. There is a registration form and it can be faxed to the fair office if that's easier for you. The Fair Committee needs to receive this form by July 12th. You can enter as many items as you want for the set registration fee of \$5. If you're one of the lucky winners, the 1st place winner receives \$4, 2nd place \$3 and 3rd place receives \$2. More importantly, you receive ribbons and recognition! It's all fun, ladies and I will be taking my items to the fairgrounds on Friday, July 23rd for judging. If you send in your fee and registration form, let me know if you want me to take your projects to the fair on the 23rd - I'd be happy to do it!

This is more than just friendly competition. It's a way to show the community the beautiful work we do as painters. It's great advertising. The Creative Arts building is frequently packed with visitors and we need to make a good show. There are categories for still life paintings, holiday items, tole painting, wall hangings, miscellaneous - oils, acrylic and water colors are accepted along with categories for pastels, pencil, charcoal, and more. It's a way to make a lovely splash and we're the ones who need to do it! Let's git'er done - enter the fair! NOTE: Please check out the Colorado State Fair website for info on the State Fair and deadlines to enter your art work. www.coloradostatefair.com

Bazaar News from Joyce Clothier

Thank you in advance to all chapter members who will help to make the 34th annual bazaar a wonderful show-piece for decorative painting. The bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 13 at Pine Creek High School. Remember, it takes a village to raise a child but it takes a chapter to make a bazaar. Here are ways you can help:

1. Plan to display your painted items for sale. Participation fee of \$35 for an unlimited number of items and \$15 for 1-10 items.
2. All members are asked to contribute one painted item to the bazaar to be sold to help offset bazaar expenses. Kay Kozak has donated some wood surfaces for this use if members prefer not to use their own. Any items not sold will be returned to the member. Painted items can be given to Joyce Clothier at any time.
3. Two beautifully painted items from Sandee Springfield and Carolyn Culwell will be offered as a door prize fund raiser for bazaar with the drawing at the November meeting. Tickets will be available beginning at the picnic and at each meeting until November.

For more information, please contact Joyce Clothier or Carolyn Culwell.

Woodland Park Library Show and Tell

from Brenda Stotler

Mark your calendar! The date is September 25th from 9am to 2pm.

This is a great opportunity for members to talk with interested people about decorative painting, to show their work, and perhaps, sell something. Who knows, we might even interest some folks in painting or joining the chapter or visiting the bazaar!

Although selling is permitted, it is your responsibility to determine if sales tax needs to be collected and reported. The Library District is not responsible for any items displayed.

Think about coming. Enjoy the delightful surroundings. Be prepared to demonstrate a little. Have fun! If you have any questions, please call Brenda Stotler.

Thank you to all my wonderful painting sisters
for helping fund my retreat costs.

You are very special to me!

Love you all,
Audrey

Toy Chest Project Update from Carolyn Culwell

Thank you to all for volunteering to paint one of the letters for our toy chest project for the police station. As a reminder, I have reprinted Becca Coffey's information from our previous newsletter. Thanks so much for all your assistance with our project.

The painted disks are due by the October meeting:

- The website for the letters is:
<http://a2z.phillipmartin.info/index.htm>
- Please do not change the following: the font size or style, overall size of the pattern and the background color of the disk.
- Please feel free to adjust the colors you use on your disk or use the website as a guide.
- You can tell that the lines have gotten bigger so use your best judgement and clean up the enlarged pattern.
- We have paint to touch up the background if there are "oopsies". Don't fret, will get them covered.
- We didn't keep track of who got what, so please keep us posted as to your progress.
- We will varnish the disks. Please just put your painted letter in a protective wrap and get it back to us.
- If you need help with colors, or the pattern, please contact Carol Culwell or Becca Coffey. We will get you squared away!

Retreat Update from Eileen Lipscomb

It's quickly approaching - Retreat that is!

I hope you are ready for a fun-filled, relaxing weekend where you can paint and enjoy the beautiful surroundings among your friends. This is the first year that we have met the maximum in attendance. If you have not signed up for the Retreat, you can be placed on the waiting list. The total cost is \$165 which includes lodging, meals and seven painting projects. The retreat committee has planned various painting pieces that will delight everyone. You don't need to paint all of the projects; however, you will get to take them home and add to your stash!

As you know, we are painting a metal teapot (the only surface that must be purchased separately from me)-or whatever other surface you prefer-and this requires prep work prior to Retreat. The prep work instructions will be available once you have paid in full, but not before I personally finish my piece, which should be next week. You will also be given a supply list about one month prior to the retreat.

Please remember that payment in full is required by August 7, 2010. We look forward to having a lot of fun and laughter at our annual retreat - September 17, 18, & 19, 2010!

Public Relations Displays from Bonita Wilkinson

Help!! Because we have a wealth of display opportunities coming up, we need your help! Please let us know what type of pieces (wall hangings-large or small, or shelf sitting like Memory Boxes) you could share with us as soon as possible. We will start to collect the pieces at the August meeting.

On September 25 from 9am to 5pm, we have the Show and Tell at the Woodland Park Library. We need volunteers to demonstrate and help.

In October we have the Briargate Library, Old Colorado City Library, and the Rockrimmon Library reserved for the entire month (Decorative Painting month). These libraries all have locked display cases with adjustable shelves. We will need approximately 60-70 pieces total to fill these displays.

A display wall at the Colorado Springs Airport has been reserved for October through December. We need paintings or wall hung pieces that are overall 16" x 20" or larger. The pieces must be hung with wire (no saw tooth hangers are permitted). The display will be hung for us. Please send a photo of each painting with its dimensions to Bonnie Wilkinson or Lois Sanford for transmittal to the Airport Coordinator no later than July 10. Some of these photos will be used for promotional purposes for the airport. They will put out publicity and do a mailing of 100 postcards for us. Put together some addresses where you would like a card sent and email them with your photos. Paintings may be sold from the show but prices will not be displayed. A contact number will be available for the interested party. Paintings will not be returned to you until sometime in January. More details will be in the next newsletter. NOTE: You may bring your paintings to the picnic and Lois Sanford will photograph them for you if you don't have the means to take the photo and email it.

November 13 is our annual Bazaar. All displays that we have participated in will have helped to promote the Bazaar. While you are preparing things to go into the display cases and painting Memory Boxes, please consider painting a few things to add to the Bazaar!

This is an exciting time for us, but we need your help!

Remember that Decorative Painting includes a variety of mediums - oils, acrylics, watercolor, pencil, pastels and more. There are no restrictions on mediums used for these displays.

Please keep Nancy and Jim Gepford in your thoughts and prayers. Jim was injured in a car accident and is having to go through numerous surgeries.

Pikes Peak Decorative Painters

General Meeting

May 1, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 9:25 AM by the President, Edi Finkleman. There was a quorum present with 25 members and 2 guests in attendance.

President: Beth Newton and Melinda Barnes volunteered to carry our chapter banner at SDP convention this year. We will be voting on bylaw revisions. We still have the Audit and Nominating committee chair positions open, as well as a Luncheon chair if scheduled.

Secretary: The minutes of the March 6 and April 3 meetings were approved as published in the newsletter. A Thank You note was received from Barbara Radvancy and read to members.

Vice President: The June program will be memory box paint in by Edi; the August program is our chapter logo by Audrey Hodges. There was a discussion on the painted soup tin exchange for our holiday luncheon. The price of the tins is \$4.00 each if we purchase 36. The chapter will cover ½ of the price (\$2.00) of the soup tin and members will pay ½ for the exchange piece and full price if they want to purchase extras. If a member does not return a painted exchange tin they will be responsible for the full price.

The deadline for returning the Paint for Freedom wooden cards is the August 7 meeting; one painted card has been returned by Sandy Springfield.

Treasurer: The checkbook balance is \$8439.52 which does not include the last seminar checks. Members need to consider expenses of chapter and whether we can continue to subsidize seminars and the cost of program pattern packets; starting in August, program pattern packets will be \$5.00. We are spending more than we are bringing in.

Bazaar: Carolyn Culwell reported that Joyce Clothier has an article in the newsletter with details. Julie Becker has the email list from last year.

Community Service: Kay Kozak took 5 memory boxes to Penrose/St. Francis hospital. We are barely keeping up with the need and members were encouraged to paint. Peggi Severini introduced the idea of utilizing high school students that need to complete community service hours to help with memory box base coating and painting. This would also be a check off on our chapter achievement list for getting community involvement. Carolyn brought the toy box and handed out discs to be painted with alphabet letters for the Police Station toy box project. The wooden toy box was donated by Kate Dowd for this community service project.

Public Relations: Bonnie Wilkinson has contacted several area libraries and the airport regarding public locked display cases that the chapter can use. At this time she has scheduled the following locations for 2010/11.

For 2010

September-East Library and Show, Tell & Sell at the Woodland Park Library

October-Briargate, Rockrimmon, Old Colorado City Libraries

Oct-Dec at the Colorado Springs Airport- wall art only

For 2011

June-Penrose Library

September- Monument Library

Oct-Nov at the Colorado Springs Airport-case and wall art

Retreat: 31 attendees have already signed up. The price is \$165.00; a \$50.00 deposit is required by the June meeting and full payment by August. An additional surface is needed, a tin teapot can be purchased @\$15.00 each or you can supply your own surface. There will be 7 projects and the paint will be supplied from seminar stock.

Seminar: Members voted on their 3 favorite of the 6 teacher options. Terry Niznik will have the results of the vote at our next meeting. Our next seminar is Jillybean on Oct. 16-17.

Ways and Means: Ellen Spearman asked for sign up sheet for guest attending today's Homemade Anything Auction for future mailings. The July picnic raffle piece is a painted butter churn by Edi.

Old Business: Edi read the bylaw changes.

Motion: Cindy Bauer made motion to pass newly revised bylaws. The motion was seconded by Julie Becker.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted by

Secretary

Brenda Stotler

Addendum to May 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes

After our usual fantastic potluck lunch, the program was our annual Homemade Anything Auction. We were joined by three former members who responded to our invitation.

Thoughts for Food:

Freeze some grapes in a zip-lock bag for a quick refreshing snack.

Pikes Peak Decorative Painters

General Meeting
June 5, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by the President, Edi Finkleman.

There was a quorum present with 12 members in attendance.

President: Edi announced that the minutes from the last meeting will be published in the next newsletter. The newsletter deadline is today.

Edi thanked all donors and everyone that purchased an item from our Homemade Anything Auction.

Carolyn Culwell, Beth Newton and Melinda Barnes carried our chapter banner at the 2010 SPD Convention in Wichita, Kansas. Edi encouraged all members to attend an SDP convention.

Our chapter received the Affiliated Chapter Achievement Award for 2009.

We still have opening for Nominating committee that needs to be filled by Sept/Oct.

Vice President: Our next event is the picnic/potluck on July 10 to be held at Arlys Hefty's home at 11:00 AM. The Butterfly theme Creativity Challenge pieces are due. If anyone has program ideas for 2011 let Jackie Gibson know.

The program for Aug 7 is Audrey Hodges teaching the chapter logo on a fabric surface that you supply, the packet fee will be \$5.00. Audrey will have additional information on paint cost, supply list and pattern by the picnic.

Membership Secretary: Nancy Jefferson reported that we had 12 members in attendance.

Treasurer: Homemade Anything Auction brought in \$1197.00. The checkbook balance is \$12607.53 Teapots are available for retreat project with cost of large teapot \$15.00, small \$12.00

Bazaar: Joyce Clothier passed a sign-up sheet for participating in the upcoming 34th Annual Bazaar.

The fee to participate is \$35.00 for unlimited sales and for up to 10 items \$15.00.

Members are asked to paint and donate one item for sale at the bazaar to offset expenses. All unsold donated pieces will be returned to donors after the bazaar. Kay Kozak has donated wood pieces to choose from.

Sandy Springfield and Carolyn Culwell are each donating a painted piece to be raffled off at Bazaar on Nov 13; raffle tickets will be available starting at the picnic.

Community Service: The toy box for the Police station is under way; members are painting alphabet discs.

Manitou High School is ready to help base coat memory boxes. Kay Kozak has assembled a notebook with ideas and websites. Lois Sanford has photographed each memory box that has been painted and will post photos

on website for inspiration.

There is still one of the wooden Paint for Freedom project cards available to be painted.

Public Relations: Bonnie Wilkinson has contacted the following for display sites.

Sept 25-Woodland Park Library-Show, Tell & Sell
Oct-Rockrimmon, Briargate and Old Colorado City libraries. We will need 80-90 items for the 3 library display sites.

Oct-Dec- Colorado Spring Airport. We will need hanging items with wire hangers (NO SAWTOOTH Hangers). We will need to submit photographs for the Airport selection process. Please email Bonnie with jpeg format photographs by July 1.

Bonnie will have info in July/Aug newsletter. Contact info for the chapter will filter sale inquiries to the individual artist for all displays.

Contact Bonnie with questions, if you want to volunteer, or have pieces or the displays.

Retreat: Registration for retreat is full; additional names will be added to waiting list. Retreat payment is due by Aug 1.

Seminar: Barb Radvanczy has been in contact with Jillybean for Oct 16/17 seminar. She is willing to design a rose for our seminar. Jillybean is an ambassador for Dynasty brushes and DecoArt paint.

Sharon Hamilton has been contacted regarding an August 20/21 or Aug 27/28, 2011 seminar and requires a \$150.00 deposit for contract.

Ways and Means: Edi thanked auctioneer Ellen Spearman and Treasurer Eileen Lipscomb for their help with the Homemade Anything Auction. Eileen suggested members keep log of their final auction prices to avoid confusion when settling.

The picnic raffle piece is a churn painted by Edi.

Julie Becker has jelly available for sale @ \$5.00 a jar
New business: Edi reported that we have been invited--and accepted--bypassing the jury process, to participate in the Imagination Celebration/Rotary "Butterfly Project, 2010." Arlys Hefty has volunteered her studio for work space. We must have the butterfly finished by July 20.

The finished butterflies are auctioned off to benefit School Dist 11 art program after display period and 10% of auction price goes back to artist group.

Motion was made by Julie Becker to embrace the Butterfly project and seconded by Sandy Springfield. The motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by
Secretary, Brenda Stotler

Pikes Peak Decorative Painters
Synopsis of Executive Committee Meeting
June 09, 2010

An Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Woodland Park Library. The meeting was called to order by Edi Finkleman at 6:20 PM; in attendance were Nancy Jefferson, Jackie Gibson, Eileen Lipscomb, Lois Sanford and Brenda Stotler.

President: We have received 2009 Chapter Achievement Award certificate and patch for our banner.

Edi has scheduled a July 20 Executive Board meeting to include committee chairpersons and co-chairs

Vice President: Jackie will start scheduling 2011 programs for the first few meetings. A discussion on base coating memory boxes included the options of Manitou High School students as well having a painting station at general meetings, where assigned members could base-coat memory boxes during meeting, to facilitate process of painting memory boxes, as well as scheduling faux finish programs that could be used on boxes.

It was decided paint cubbies would be ordered for Audrey Hodges' upcoming August program which will require a fabric paint palette of 13 colors

Jackie will contact Santa, at the Police Station, regarding toy box, # of attendees for Police Luncheon donations and bazaar promotion.

Membership: Nancy reported a total membership of 57.
Treasurer: Eileen will check into prices and sources for ordering memory box stock for chapter use.

The committee discussed options for the 2010 contributions.

Newsletter Editor: Lois will investigate prices for printing business cards and postcards with chapter information. Lois has contacted Melinda Barnes about adding photos of finished memory boxes to our website.

Seminars: We have Jillybean scheduled for Oct 16-17, 2010, prices are \$75 for 2 days and \$40 for one day; members will be selecting project choices at picnic. For 2011 we are talking with Judy Westegaard and Sharon Hamilton and Dorothy Whisenhunt for 2012.

Retreat: Eileen reported 33 members have signed up.

New Business: The Imagination Celebration/Rotary Butterfly project committee members are Nancy Jefferson, Sandy Springfield, Audrey Hodges, Arlys Hefty and Peggi Severini. The committee will be meeting this week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary
Brenda Stotler

Paint for Freedom Cards

We have received 3 wooden cards back from our members so far - 2 from Peggi Severini and 1 from Sandee Springfield. They are absolutely exquisite!! Thank you, ladies!! For those of you who still need to turn their cards in, please remember that they are due by our August 7 meeting. If you need inspiration, you can look on the Decorative Painters website at this link.

<http://www.decorativepainters.org/paintforfreedom/index.php>

Across the top, you can look at Galleries. There are also patterns for the cards that were published in the Decorative Painter magazine sometime back.

High Plains Chapter info:

2010 seminars are listed in our Calendar in italics.

2011 seminars:	Lynne Andrews	April 9 and 10
	Sandy Scales	October 15 and 16

All meetings are held at the
School Administration Building,
5776 Crocker St., Littleton, CO

on the 2nd Saturday at 9:30 am unless otherwise noted. Contact Carolyn Culwell for more information on seminars and other functions.

Paint Rattle and Roll

Report from Convention by Beth Newton

With Cec Rae driving Carolyn Culwell's van the three of us traveled to Wichita for a wonderful week of Classes, Shopping and Convention meetings.

Perhaps the best news at the General meeting is that the SDP is running in the black for the first time in six years. The parade of flags is always impressive, we had 12 countries represented. I am not a person for statistics so I can't tell you how many were present through the week, but I met lots and lots of wonderful, friendly painters and I had some great teachers. You can read all about the new officers in the Decorative Painter.

The change in By Laws was voted on and the change of the number of officers was defeated. Everything else presented passed.

We did not attend the opening party, but Carolyn and Cec attended the Chapter's Gathering, enjoyed themselves and received some fun goodie bags.

Cec's name was drawn from the First Time Attendee's group and won a \$50.00 certificate to use at the trade show.

Carolyn and I attended the Banquet which was dressed up with lots of fun table decorations from many chapters. We then carried the banners from High Plains Chapter and Pikes Peak Chapter and announced our attendance to the Conference. Entertainment was presented by a -get this- a belly dancing group. They then had volunteers from the audience to come up and join them- pretty funny.

The Hyatt Regency was a lovely facility and the Staff did everything possible to keep us happy. I found a few minutes on Tuesday to make use of the exercise room and the hot tub. Too bad I didn't have more time to do that as sitting and shopping are hard on the body. The distance to and from the trade show and classes gave us some exercise and many people with disabilities rented scooters to travel around.

Did I finish my projects? No! Did I buy lots of supplies? Yes. I hope to get some of the projects done in the near future and bring them for "show and tell".
