



# Pikes Peak Views

Colorado Springs

March - April 2010



## President's Message

We are off and running! We had a successful February meeting with a valuable brainstorming session, challenge, the excitement of a new bride and wedding refreshments, topped off by a fun lesson taught by Lois. And, members volunteered to fill positions needed to make our chapter run. ☺

We obtained some really good input from our members as we brainstormed. As with other things, some said yes, some said no, some said red, some said green, some said big, and some said small. Where there was great agreement was that we offer a variety of teachers, techniques, programs, subject matter, media, and we like it! The executive committee will endeavor to incorporate many of the suggestions made. The answer to the question about what is our greatest strength as a chapter was unanimous! Camaraderie.

For the Chinese, this is the year of the Tiger. For us it will be the year of the butterfly. By majority vote of the colored slips in the roundtable sessions, butterflies won. The small token that each member present selected is the entry, should you choose to do so, your surface for the Creativity Challenge. For those who missed the February meeting, surfaces will be available for selection at the March meeting. Voting will be by popular vote at the picnic on July 10. To compete is not mandatory but could be a lot of fun. The goal is creativity, not necessarily excellence. Read about the Creative Challenge elsewhere in this issue.

It's not too late to start thinking about making something for the Homemade Anything Auction, and while you are at it, for the Bazaar. Don't forget that you may invite your friends to the HMAA.



Happy painting,

*Edi*

**Words of wisdom:** "When I grow up, I want to be an old woman."

**Thought for food:** They say that a craving lasts for about 15 minutes. Distract yourself. Drink some ice water or tomato juice. Eat carrots or celery sticks (crunchy is good), fat free string cheese, or a small handful of walnuts or almonds. Cravings pass.

## Vice President's Message

I hope you enjoyed the wonderful program Lois presented at the February meeting. We can always count on Lois to provide a fun surface and great pattern. Can you believe she found those tin plaques at the Dollar Store? Thanks a bunch Lois. We are so lucky to have you.

Kate Dowd will present our March meeting program. We will be painting holiday designs on solar screens. These can be sewn as pockets onto a tote bag or apron. I am really looking forward to this project as I love totes. The materials list is in this newsletter.

In April, Sandee Springfield will be teaching a Fraktur on watercolor paper. Sandee is a very talented painter and we will all benefit from her teaching. The materials list is also included in this newsletter.

Coming up soon is the Homemade Anything Auction in May. This is our main fundraiser for the year. Please try to donate one or more items to this lively program.

Remember, if you have ideas for a program, we want to hear about them. We have several members who can help you think through the project and give ideas for presentation. We are all a work in progress. We just need to keep progressing! Hope to see you in March.

Keep those brushes moving!

*Jackie & Carolyn*

**\*\* Please bring your favorite Memory Box patterns to the March meeting.** We are going to put packets together with patterns and ideas for painting our memory boxes. The hospital sent us a special request for the boxes so we need to get painting! Our June meeting will be dedicated to painting them, but you can paint them anytime! Refer to our website for Memory Box criteria if you are unsure of what to paint.

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## 2010 Executive Board

### Executive Committee

President	Edi Finkleman
Vice President	Jackie Gibson
Treasurer	Eileen Lipscomb
Secretary	Brenda Stotler
Membership Secretary	Nancy Jefferson
Newsletter Editor	Lois Sanford

### Appointed Officers

Communications Coordinator	Lois Sanford
Parliamentarian	

### Committee Chairpersons

Audit Chairman	
Bazaar Chairman	Joyce Clothier
Bazaar Co-Chairman	Carolyn Culwell
Community Service Chairman	Kaileigh Severini
Co-Chairman	Kay Kozak
Public Relations Chairman	Bonnie Wilkinson
Retreat Chairman	Eileen Lipscomb
Seminar Chairman	Terry Niznik
Co-Chairman	Barbara Radvanczy
Ways and Means Chairman	Ellen Spearman
Ad-Hoc Committee: Programs	
Coordinator	Carolyn Culwell

### Subcommittee Chairpersons

Hospitality Chairman	Barbara Radvanczy
Hospitality Co-Chairman	Dolly Copeland
Sunshine Chairman	Madellen White

### Function Volunteers

Picnic Hostess	Arllys 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](http://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.

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

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\* 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

### Newsletter Advertising rates are listed below:

Full page (9½" x 7½")	\$14 per issue*
Half page (7½" x 4½')	\$8 per issue*
Quarter page (4½" x 3½")	\$4 per issue*
Business card (standard size)	\$2 per issue*
Classified or Personal (1" x 3" or less)	\$1 per issue*

\*Non-member rates ar \$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

## January

No Chapter Meeting - Happy New Year!

## February

- 6 Chapter Meeting\* 9 am - 2 pm  
Program: Bon Appétit! Recipe Card Plaque  
with Lois Sanford  
Refreshments: Executive Committee
- 21 Executive Committee Meeting 2pm

## March

- 6 Chapter Meeting\* 9 am - 2 pm  
Program: Painted Holiday Solar Screens  
with Kate Dowd  
Refreshments: Terry Niznik Madellen White  
Ellen Spearman Melinda Barnes  
Room Monitors: Ellen Spearman Melinda Barnes
- 13-14 Ronnie Bringle Seminar - High Plains Chapter, Littleton
- 21 Executive Committee Meeting 3pm

## April

- 3 Chapter Meeting\* 9 am - 2 pm  
Program: Fraktur on Watercolor paper  
with Sandee Springfield  
Refreshments: Julie Becker Vickie Hartung  
Linda Christian  
Room Monitors: Lois Sanford

## May

- 1 Chapter Meeting\* 9 am - 2 pm  
Program: Homemade Anything Auction & Potluck  
Room Monitors:

## June

- 5 Chapter Meeting\* 9 am - 2 pm  
Program: Memory Box paint-in with Edi Finkleman  
Refreshments: Audrey Hodges Edi Finkleman  
Room Monitors:

5 & 6 Rosemary West Seminar - High Plains Chapter, Littleton

## July

- 10 Annual Picnic: Arlys Hefty's home 11 am   
Creativity Challenge judging

## August

- 7 Chapter Meeting\* 9 am - 2 pm  
Program: Chapter logo painted on vest or apron  
with Audrey Hodges  
Refreshments: Vickie Hartung Kay Kozak  
Room Monitors:

28-29 Janelle Johnson seminar, High Plains Chapter, Littleton

## September

- 17, 18, 19 Chapter Retreat  
at the Hideaway, Colorado Springs

## 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:
- 16 & 17 Seminar TBA

## 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:
- 13 Bazaar at Pine Creek High School 9 am - 4 pm

## December

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

## Bazaar Committee Needs You!

It takes a village to raise a child and it takes the chapter to make our Bazaar. We have reserved our usual booth space at Pine Creek High School's Bazaar on Saturday, November 13. At this time, we are forming the committee which will plan for our Bazaar and we need lots of creative input. If you would like to be on the committee, please let

Joyce Clothier [clotj@comcast.net](mailto:clotj@comcast.net) or

Carolyn Culwell [cvculwell@bresnan.net](mailto:cvculwell@bresnan.net) know.

Even if you don't plan to put items into the Bazaar, we would still welcome your participation. We will have our first committee meeting within the next several months and will probably bribe our members with food. ☺

## March Program with Kate Dowd Holiday Solar screens

*In addition to your Basic painting supplies, bring:*

- Stack of newspapers to place under screens
- Blue painter's tape
- Hair dryer
- Drybrushing brushes, liners, shaders and regular supply of brushes. This technique is kind of hard on your brushes so bring some that will handle scrubbing paint into the screen.
- Permanent fine line marker
- Delta Ceramcoat paints

### Pumpkin Palette:

Black	Dk Burnt Umber
Ivory	Leaf Green
Maroon	Pumpkin
Tangerine	Tomato Spice
White	Yellow

### Snowman Palette:

Black	Dk Brnt Umber
Dk Goldenrod	Ivory
Maple Sugar	Maroon
Mocha	Rouge
Spice Brown	Tangerine

## 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.

## 🦋 2010 Creativity Challenge 🦋

Be present for the judging at our  
annual picnic on July 10.

For those who choose to participate:  
Thy name is Butterfly!

- Criteria:**
- \*Use the wrapped piece of wood that you chose after the brainstorming session.
  - \*Employ the butterfly in some manner.
  - \*Consider the use of negative space.
  - \*Think about a creative use of your medium.
  - \*Use an unexpected color palette.
  - \*Think about the overall effect, creativity.

There will be prizes for the most creative and best in show. Think outside the box! Have fun!

## April Program with Sandee Springfield Fraktur painting on Watercolor Paper

*You will need the following supplies for this project:*

- Small bubble palette
- small water bottle (add water to the wells in the palette)
- 12" see thru grid ruler
- Stay wet palette or equivalent
- .005 Pigma Micron black permanent pen
- .01 Pigma Micron black permanent pen
- Dark graphite transfer paper
- Lead pencil
- Circle template (optional)

**Palette:** Delta Ceramcoat or DecoArt Americana  
Moroccan Red or Tomato Red  
Medium Foliage or Hauser Med. Green  
Pigskin or True Ochre  
Midnight Blue or Deep Midnight

### Brushes:

Round Brushes: #1, 2, 3, 4  
Flat Brushes: #6, 8, 10

\* Watercolor paper and the pattern with tracing instructions will be handed out at the March meeting.

*Happy Birthday!*

— March —

5 Chris Lessor  
18 Paula Leopold  
26 Mary Francis

— April —

2 Brenda Stotler  
4 Kaileigh Severini  
8 Becky McKittrick  
18 Sandra Springfield  
22 Barbara Radvanczy



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## Pikes Peak Decorative Painters

General Meeting-Amended

December 12, 2009

A short meeting began at 12:00 PM with 29 members in attendance.

The 2010 officers were installed, as follows:

President-Edi Finkleman

Vice President-Jackie Gibson with Carolyn Culwell, ad hoc.

Secretary-Brenda Stotler

Treasurer-Eileen Lipscomb

Newsletter Editor-Sandra Severini

**Motion** was made by Beth Newton to accept the new Executive Committee, as presented. It was seconded and accepted by acclamation.

Silver Columbine recipient- Cindy Bauer.

Becca Coffey handed out gifts to 2009 board.

Becca Coffey received a large wooden plate as a gift from the membership. It was presented to her by Carolyn Culwell.

Peggi Severini thanked her Christmas party committee for all their very hard work and gave each of them a gift.

Kay Kozak received a gift from Sandi Severini (standing in for Kaileigh) for all the memory boxes she painted throughout 2009.

Sunshine announcements: Chris Lessor recuperating slowly; Arlys Hefty's sister is very ill; Jo Paige's husband is still having health problems and Sandee Springfield's husband is undergoing tests.

Edi Finkleman announced that the old/new board meeting would be on January 8, 2010. She also thanked the Bazaar participants for their hard work.

Newsletter items are due now.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Peggi Severini-Secretary

Recorded by Audrey Hodges-Secretary Pro-tem

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### Pikes Peak Decorative Painters

Synopsis of Executive Committee Meeting  
February 21, 2010

Executive committee was in consensus to appoint Lois Sanford as Newsletter Editor.

The following members were appointed to serve on following Committees:

#### Bazaar

Becca Ackerman  
Julie Becker  
Carolyn Culwell  
Audrey Hodges  
Kay Kozak  
Eileen Lipscomb  
Angie McClain  
Sandy Springfield

#### Retreat

Cindy Bauer  
Julie Becker  
Carolyn Culwell  
Jackie Gibson  
Kay Kozak  
Cec Rae  
Lois Sanford

The creativity challenge using 2010 butterfly theme will be judged at the Picnic in July.

The June 5th meeting program will be memory box paint in by Edi Finkleman.

Next Executive Committee meeting is Sunday March, 21 at 3:00 PM to be held at Edi's.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Stotler, Secretary

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### PLAN NOW FOR RETREAT!

Retreat will be here before we know it! Once again our annual retreat will be at the Hideaway in Black Forest, CO. This year's dates are Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$160.00.

The committee members are: Cindy Bauer, Julie Becker, Carolyn Culwell, Jackie Gibson, Eileen Lipscomb, Kay Kozak, Cec Rae and Lois Sanford. The committee has not had its first meeting yet; however, we are looking for ideas. If anyone has a project that they would like to teach or someone teach the project, please let one of the committee members know. If you have a particular comment, idea or concern, please let us know. We also need some input on "getting-to-know you" games. In the past, it has always been very interesting learning about our fellow painters.

Our goal, as always, is to have fun painting, relaxing and FINISHING all of the projects painted. Now is the time to start planning for a fun filled weekend.

Eileen Lipscomb

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**Pikes Peak Decorative Painters**  
Synopsis of Executive Committee Meeting  
January 17, 2010

An Executive Committee Meeting of the 2009 and 2010 Executive Committee members was held. Minutes of the last general meeting on December 12, 2009 were taken by Audrey Hodges and submitted by Peggi Severini, Secretary.

Edi asked Communications Coordinator, Lois Sanford, to put minutes on our website for members. Lois will also be sending a reminder/last call for directory e-mail to members.

Newsletter Editor, Sandy Severini resigned her position for 2010, due to personal reasons.

Treasurer, Eileen Lipscomb, gave a detailed report on the 2009 budget. The 2010 budget was discussed and the Board was in consensus.

Community Service project ideas were discussed. Becca volunteered to chair committee for Police Station Toy Box Community Service project.

The calendar and programs were discussed. The 2009 Executive committee members were excused.

President's Report- Edi nominated the following members for Committee Chairs for Executive Committee approval:

Bazaar-Joyce Clothier and Carolyn Culwell

Seminar-Terry Niznik

2009 Audit-Terry Niznik

Programs Coordinator-Carolyn Culwell

Communications Coordinator-Lois Sanford

The Executive Committee approved the nominees.

It was recommended that we propose to the chapter changing the general meeting start time to 9:30 instead of 9:00. We will start a sign-up for meeting room set-up with refreshment sign-up.

Old Business- updating the bylaws and notebooks for board members in progress.

Edi asked Becca to present the Silver Columbine Award at our next general meeting.

New Business- Hi Plains Chapter has requested the loan of our video equipment for their upcoming seminar.

Jackie made a **motion** that Hi Plains Chapter be allowed to borrow and asked to sign a statement of responsibility for our video equipment.

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Stotler

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**Pikes Peak Decorative Painters**

Addendum to Executive Committee January 17 minutes  
2010 Committee Chairpersons

2009 Audit-Terry Niznik and Kay Kozak

Bazaar-Joyce Clothier and Carolyn Culwell

Community Service-Kaileigh Severini and Kay Kozak

Programs-Carolyn Culwell

Public Relations- Bonnie Wilkinson

Retreat-Eileen Lipscomb

Seminar- Terry Niznik and Barb Radvanczy

Ways and Means-Ellen Spearman

Hospitality-Barb Radvanczy and Dolly Copeland

Sunshine-Madellen White

Picnic-Arlys Hefty's with possible date of July 10

Picnic door prize-Edi Finkleman

Holiday door prize-Bonnie Wilkinson

Newsletter - Lois Sanford will take if necessary

I was so excited to win the Holiday door prize and want to thank Becca and Jo for donating such beautiful pieces. Both were placed in the area I paint in. You both did such a wonderful job painting them and I am quite grateful to be able to enjoy them everyday! Cindy, I am looking forward to enjoying your painting as well and I can't wait to put it with the others - so thank you in advance for all of your time! *-Becky M.*

**Make your own Chalkboard Paint!**

Yes, you can make your own chalkboard paint!

1 C. of flat paint           (2 oz. bottle)  
2 T. unsanded grout       (1 ½ t. unsanded grout)

Mix well together and paint on with a roller or sponge brush. Sand in between coats (2). Let dry overnight. Finish sand with #150 sand paper and wipe away dust. To prepare the chalkboard for writing, rub a piece of chalk (on it's side) over the surface and then lightly wipe away with a slightly damp sponge. You can make your own chalkboard in *any* color you choose. You can paint it in any area you want- on the back of a cupboard door, or even on the wall! It does work!

**I have the grout for sale: ½ C. for \$1.00. I had to buy a 10 lb. box! Let me know if you want any. ~Lois Sanford**

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## Pikes Peak Decorative Painters

General Meeting  
February 6, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 9:27 AM by the President, Edi Finkleman.  
There was a quorum present with 28 members in attendance.

Secretary, Brenda Stotler, read the minutes from the last general meeting held on December 12, 2009. There was a correction to the minutes, which will be amended.

**President:** Edi announced the 2010 committee appointees as follows.

2009 Audit-Terry Niznik

Bazaar-Joyce Clothier and Carolyn Culwell

Programs Coordinator- Carolyn Culwell

Seminar-Terry Niznik

Communications Coordinator-Lois Sanford

Picnic-Arlys Hefty with tentative date of July 10

Holiday Door Prize-Bonnie Wilkinson

Newsletter Editor Position is still open.

There is a recommendation from the Executive Committee to change the general meeting start time to 9:30.

**Vice President:** Jackie and Carolyn announced information on upcoming meeting programs. Carolyn showed painted mugs from the High Plains Chapter Souper Bowl fundraiser for a possible program or fundraiser for our chapter.

**Membership Secretary:** Nancy introduced and welcomed 2 new members, Linda Christian and Vickie Hartung.

**Treasurer:** Eileen reported on the 2009 budget that allowed for a chapter loss by subsidizing 2 seminars and retreat costs for members. This was a planned reduction of the checking account balance. The 2010 budget information was distributed for approval.

2009 Audit committee will meet after today's meeting.

**Bazaar:** Joyce reported that a deposit has been made to Pine Creek High School for bazaar space on November 13.

**Community Service:** Kayleigh reported she is tracking who is taking memory boxes to paint.

Becca discussed Police toy box community service project. Kate Dowd donated a wooden toy box. When completed the toy box will be donated to the Moreno Street police station. Becca will have more details in the future.

**Public Relations:** Bonnie asked members for locations of libraries or community centers with locked display cases that we could possibly use for future displays to promote our art.

**Retreat:** Eileen announced Sept. 17-19 dates for retreat at Hideaway in Black Forest with a price of \$160.00 for the weekend and asked for volunteers for retreat committee.

**Seminar:** Terry reported a problem with the Margo Clark seminar scheduled Oct. 9-10. After discussion members were in consensus to reschedule Margo Clark in 2011 and find alternate teacher for a 2010 seminar date of Oct 16-17.

**Ways and Means:** Ellen will be collecting all money collected for book, magazine and jam sales. She also reminded members of upcoming Homemade Anything Auction, where members donate any homemade item to be auctioned off; this is one of our major fundraisers.

**Old Business:** Becca presented 2009 Silver Columbine award to Cindy Bauer, who was not present at the last general meeting.

Our chapter received a letter from Society of Decorative Painters thanking us for our donation of \$140.00 to their Keep Our Society Strong (KSS).

**New business:** Consensus is to leave meeting start time at 9:00 AM and call meeting to order by 9:30.

**Motion** by Kate Dowd to accept 2010 budget as presented, seconded by Madellen White. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Brenda Stotler

**Announcements:** Peggi asked for interest in painting treasure boxes on Feb. 20 to be donated to Shriner hospitals for influx of Haiti earthquake victims with a deadline to bring any contributions to March 6 meeting.

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