



Pikes Peak Views

Colorado Springs, Colorado

September - October 2008

Dear Painting Friends,

What a wonderful summer we are having! The picnic at Peggi's was delicious and it was such a treat to get to see her wonderful back yard. The August meeting was one of my all time favorites! We got to share and learn so much about each other's painting passions. Now, we have the September Retreat with some fun painting projects and great friendship time to look forward to!

Fall brings another wonderful seminar, bazaar and our holiday party in December. We have so much fun coming our way! Don't forget to bring Jackie your holiday donations for the police department by our November meeting. I am sure she would be happy to get them earlier if you want to check that off your to-do list!

It is hard to believe we are already talking about 2009! There were some wonderful ideas for projects and chapter enhancement flying around the room. I hope that each of you will consider volunteering for a board position or a committee. As you heard at the August meeting, none of these jobs are so time consuming that you need to quit your day job! Yes, there will be some work, but I believe you get so much more than you give. The friendships that develop when you get that extra time together, the feeling of giving to such a wonderful group and knowing that your ideas will make a difference, are what makes it so worthwhile.

Historically, we get the majority of the board positions in place by the end of retreat. Please consider giving me, or any one on the board, a call and let us know what you would like to do for 2009. We present the slate of officers at the October meeting and vote on them at the November meeting. It is great for the incoming board to have most of the committee chairs already to go for the next year.

Each person brings something new and exciting to our chapter. Please consider sharing YOU with US!!!!

See you at the retreat!!! Terry

REMINDERS!

It is time to start painting for our annual Bazaar in November!!!

Sign up for the Leila Lundberg Seminar in October!

You can still sign up for the retreat in September!

Did you know that you can bring your "For Sale" items to each meeting and try to sell them?
All that is required is that you donate 10% of your sales to the chapter.

It's TIME to PAINT for 2008! Paint for the Bazaar, that is!

* 2008 Executive Board *

Executive Committee

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

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Historian	
Parliamentarian	Edi Finkleman

Committee Chairpersons

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

Subcommittee Chairpersons

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

Function Volunteers

Luncheon Chairman	Audrey Hodges
Co-Chair	Kay Kozak
Picnic Hostesses	Peggi Severini
	Sandi Severini
Picnic Door Prize	Becca Coffey
Holiday Door Prize	Jo Paige

*Phone numbers are available
in your directories.

* Save the Dates *

2008 Calendar

***All meetings & seminars are at this location:**
Moreno Street Police Station, Colorado Springs

September

- 1** Deadline to sign up for Retreat
- 15** Deadline to sign up for Leila Lundberg Seminar

26-27-28

Retreat at The Hideaway

Directions and more info on page 3

October

- 4 Chapter Meeting Program:** Prep projects for Leila Lundberg seminar
9 am - 2 pm
Bring your UFO's or Memory Boxes to paint with us if you are not participating in the seminar.
Refreshments: Julie Becker, Eileen Lipscomb, Betty Rieger
Door Prize: Eileen Lipscomb
- 18 Seminar - Leila Lundberg -** Basket with Napkin
- 19 Seminar - Leila Lundberg -** Tulips and Berries Pencil Box
More info on page 5

November

- 1 Chapter Meeting Program:** Jackie Gibson's "Rooster"
9 am - 2 pm
- 8 Annual Bazaar at Pine Creek High School**
More info on page 5
Refreshments: Sandi Severini, Carolyn Culwell
Door Prize: Peggi Severini

December

- 6 Holiday Party & Installation of Officers**
9 am - 2 pm
Holiday Door Prize: Jo Paige

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

Annual Retreat

Well, it's just about that time...time for our annual retreat! We so look forward to this time each year to get together to paint and visit. We are so fortunate to have found this special place for our retreat - The Hideaway!

We will be sharing 3 projects with you this year. The first one will be a "Mystery" project with Lois Sanford. The second one will be a wooden bowl taught by Eileen Lipscomb, and the third one will be a terra cotta pot candle holder taught by Jackie Gibson. You will need to purchase your 6" terra cotta pot and 4" saucer and have it basecoated before coming to retreat. The surfaces for the other two projects will be provided as well as most of your paints. **An email will be sent out to retreat attendees with a list of all supplies and instructions needed to complete our projects.** There will be some extra surfaces for sale if you would like an extra one.

As with any of our retreats, you may also bring your own things to paint if you wish. This is your time and while we have planned projects, you may choose to participate in those or work on your own.

Please don't arrive any earlier than 5 pm. Rooms will be chosen as you arrive - first come, first served. Those who need a room on the first floor will be given a choice of rooms first. Every attempt will be made to have friends room together, but you may have to share with others because of the room layouts. Please let me know who you want to share a room with and I will make a list. Names will be posted on the doors of rooms already taken. Please don't remove the posted names.

Dinner, Friday night, will be a buffet from 6 - 7pm. After dinner, there will be a mystery project with Lois Sanford. After her project, we will get things ready for our next two projects beginning Saturday morning at 8:30. We will break for a brunch buffet at 10am and then back to painting until 6pm for dinner. There will be a few breaks Saturday afternoon but we do plan to paint after dinner starting at 7pm. We won't keep you up all night long unless that's what you would like to do. Sunday morning, we will meet for breakfast at 8am and then finish up our painting. We need to be out of our rooms by 11am, but we can stay and paint until 12 or 1. Then we'll pack up and head on home.

This should be a relaxing and casual weekend where we can talk, have some fun and even sleep a little, too. Please bring your regular painting supplies, casual clothes, maybe your favorite pillow or blanket, painting magazines or books to look at or share and if you would like, a snack to share with everyone. There will be a refrigerator available for medications only. If you want to bring anything to drink, you must leave your cooler or whatever, in your car. Since I have to have my Diet Pepsi, I just put a small cooler in the back of my car and go get one, when I need a drink. Of course, I'm pretty fanatical about my Diet Pepsi! They do have a machine inside to purchase sodas in between meals. The Hideaway provides water, coffee and tea to drink during the day.

The deadline to sign up for retreat is September 1st. (There are no refunds after this date unless you can find someone to take your place.) Please send your check made out to PPC for \$150 to:

Judy Richardson
5735 Tradewind Point
Colorado Springs, CO 80917

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss anything about the retreat, feel free to call me: 266-1079 or email me: Hootyl@aol.com (That's an "L" as in Linda; not a number 1)

The Retreat Committee hopes to see all of you at the Hideaway on September 26th!

Judy Richardson, Retreat Committee Chairman

Directions to the Hideaway

3805 Walker Road 80908

The Hideaway is conveniently located 30 minutes from Colorado Springs and 50 minutes from Denver.

From Denver: Travel south on I-25 and take exit #161.

Travel East on HWY 105 for 6 miles, then cross HWY 83.

HWY 105 turns into Walker Road when you cross HWY 83

Travel on Walker Rd. 1/2 mile and look to the right for the stone and stucco signs that say "The Hideaway".

From Colorado Springs: Travel north on I-25 and follow the same directions as above.

Optional directions from the south: Travel north on I-25 and take the Interquest Pkwy exit #153

This becomes CO-83 N. Drive almost 8 miles. Turn right onto Walker Rd. and look to the right for the signs.

Happy Birthday!

September

October

5	Terry Niznik	9	Lois Sanford
22	Lisa Thulin	10	Gloria Cavalier
26	Edi Finkleman	23	Eileen Lipscomb
28	Kate Quimby	26	Arlys Hefty
29	Nancy Jefferson		



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Bazaar!

Retreat Costs Information

The retreat committee would like to share some cost comparison information with you.

We believe our current location and accommodations are the best we are able to arrange. The actual cost to The Hideaway for each member is \$139.45. The costs are broken down into \$10.95 per member, per day for the use of the conference room to paint in (a total of 3 days for \$32.85). The 4 wonderful meals are \$36.70 per person, and your room is \$34.95 per night. We have rounded up the total cost of the retreat to \$150 to help offset the cost of supplies and surfaces.

Many of you will remember the different places that we have had our retreat over the years and none of them compare to the Hideaway. Our last retreat destination was at the Golden Bell Camp & Conference Center up in Divide. It served us well, but we had to bring our own bedding and towels. We slept on bunk beds and had to hike to the main building to eat our meals which were only adequate. We brought our own lights as the lighting was not as bright as we would have liked. The cost for Golden Bell is currently \$122. Then, we add on an extra \$10 - \$15 for some supplies just as we do now. We would probably spend close to the difference in gas just to get up there.

The Hideaway is such a treat! The beds are comfortable, the food is delicious, the room that we paint in is large and light. The ambience is wonderful and the grounds are like a park. Please, take a look at their website:

<http://www.hideawayreservations.com/index.html>

We hope that all of you realize just how hard your Retreat committee works to make this happen for you. We do the best we can to keep the prices down and search for the best buys for the projects that we present.

Getting together to paint and relax and visit and have your meals cooked for you is a treat that few of us get to do but once a year! We think the cost of everything is well worth it! Join us and see if you agree!

Painting Tips from Beth Newton:

She says: "While I was at the Houston Expo, I got a few tips from other painters. I thought you would like them for the newsletter."

1. A book light attached to your water container helps when lighting is less than adequate.
2. A hand held fan (battery operated) helps dry paint if you don't have a hair dryer. (The ones with the soft propeller blades tend to wear out sooner than the other styles. You can find them at Wal-Mart and other box stores.

Jackie Gibson says:

Don't forget that we are donating painted items to the Policemen's Christmas Luncheon. Please bring your items to any Chapter event. Call Jackie for further information.

Pikes Peak Chapter Bazaar

It's time to start thinking seriously about those beautiful items you're going to be selling at the Pine Creek Craft Fair this year...it's coming up quickly!

There are 15 painters signed up already, but it's not too late to get your name on the list. The cost this year is \$35 per person, plus a percentage of your sales to cover our sales costs (sales tax, credit card machine, bags and tissue paper). The \$35 covers the space rental and tables.

For those of you who only have a piece or two and would still like to participate, you can bring up to three items to the Bazaar and not worry about that \$35 fee. You will just pay the percentage of your sales - about 13% this year.

This is a fun Craft Fair and there is always a good turn out of painters, great camaraderie, but especially, there are WONDERFUL items sold! It's fun! Consider being part of it!

When: November 8th, 2008
Who: Any painters
Where: Pine Creek High School

Call me or email me to get your name on the list. My info is in your directory.

Thanks,
Julie Becker, Bazaar Chairman

32nd Annual

The Pikes Peak Decorative Painters
invite you to join us


Saturday, November 8, 2008
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pine Creek High School
10750 Thunder Mountain Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Please go to www.geocities.com/pcbazaar/ for more info - map to the school, vendors, etc. **FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING!**

◆Hand painted items of every sort for home decor, gifts, or fun and fancy!◆

Decorative Painters' Bazaar



Seminar Update

The seminar that Becca Coffey was going to teach in August has been postponed until 2009. There was a lot of interest in the project, but the date was not convenient for the majority who wanted to take the seminar. We will let you know the new date. It is such a cute project. I hope more of you will be able to benefit from this change.

Leila Lundberg will be here October 18th and 19th. I hope you have had a chance to see the projects in person. They are beautiful. We will basecoat for the seminar at the October meeting. Be sure to bring cubbies to transport any paint you may need for basecoating that is not completed. If you want basecoat colors sooner than the October meeting, call me and I will make arrangements for you to stop by and pick them up from my home. You will receive your prep instructions and pattern when I receive your check. If you want information on the surfaces used by Leila, please call me as I will be placing orders for the wood pieces. Otherwise, you may paint on a surface of your choice.

Cost of Seminar: \$70 for both days or \$40 for one day for members. Non members are \$5 more for each day. Lunch and paint are included in the seminar fee.

Saturday project: Basket with Napkin

Sunday project: Tulips and Berries Pencil Box

Deadline: September 15th, 2008

We have several exciting opportunities scheduled for 2009. We will be painting on the glass blocks with Jo Paige. The blocks are available at Hobby Lobby for \$7.99 and you may use your 40% off coupon. Becca will be rescheduled. National teachers include Arlene Newman and Sandy Scales. Look for further information including dates and fees at a later date.

Eileen and I would love to hear your suggestions for possible teachers, so please give us a call. I hope you will join us in these opportunities. There is so much to learn.

Keep painting! Jackie Gibson and Eileen Lipscomb

Vice President Updates

Hi All!

Well, I am winding down the programs for '08! I hope you have liked them and found our refocus on painting a rewarding one! I will be handing out a survey later on and will be excited to get your feedback to consider our future direction!

Here is an outline of our final "after meeting" programs:

September is Retreat. Yea!!! So there is no meeting and of course, no project.

October will be Leila Lundberg prep work day AND an all around "paint in" day for anyone just wanting to paint. Come to have fun, even if you aren't participating in Leila's class. Bring a UFO or Memory Box to paint!

November will be a clock insert with Jackie Gibson. She is teaching a "Rooster". If you had a chance to see the one she gave Marilyn Woods, it is a realistic type rooster and is really wonderful!

December will be our party at the Police Station.

It was decided at the meeting to stick with a potluck instead of having it catered so please bring a dish to share. Since our Police Station room isn't the homiest of places, we have come up with the idea to have teams of "tablescapers" that will compete for a "People's Choice" prize. Tables are limited, so sign up early! The prize will be wonderful goodies from the Executive Committee.

Instead of a White Elephant game like years past, we will be doing a "Left-Right game" If you want to participate in this gift exchange game, wrap up your handmade item in a beautiful package and come prepared to have some laughs and good times with your painting sisters! Remember that the gift you give should be of the quality of something you would like to receive.

If you have any questions or ideas about any of our programs, please let me know!

Becca Coffey
Vice President

Thank You!

I want to thank Peggi, Sandi and Kayleigh for a wonderful picnic in the woods! I had a wonderful time, great company, phenomenal food and an all around fabulous time!

Thanks so much,
Becca Coffey

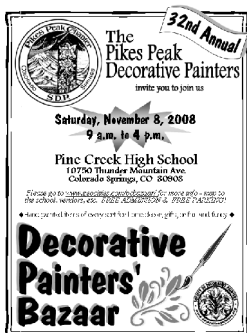
Please welcome our newest members!

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Woodland Park CO 80863
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247 County Rd 65
Evergreen CO 80439
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Birthday: September 22
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It's Time to Paint for 2008!

Thank you to Peggi and Sandi and Kayleigh for a fabulous picnic. We all had a lovely time and you made us feel so welcome! Your backyard is just beautiful! Your favors were so thoughtful! Thank you for all your hard work in making our picnic a special event!

Your friends in the Pikes Peak Chapter

Minutes for August 2, 2008 General Meeting

There were 22 members present, along with 2 guests.

Nancy Jefferson found the chapter on the Internet and Lana Chad came to the chapter from Nancy's class.

President: Terry announced that the board, in an ad hoc meeting, unanimously appointed Peggi Severini to the secretary position for the remainder of the year. Peggi has agreed to take the position. Since elections are coming soon, Terry asked that the board members take a moment to talk about their jobs, which they all did.

Vice President: Becky Coffey talked about ideas for the Christmas party, including forming teams to design tablescapes and games to play. She also suggested that awards may be given out for the best tablescape. She requested that we keep the quality of our Christmas gifts up - to give something that we would like to receive. The members were asked to vote on whether to cater the lunch or not. It was decided to make it a potluck by a show of hands.

October program will be prepping surfaces for Lela Lundberg's seminar. The November program will probably be painting a clock insert.

Treasurer: Cindy Bauer asked where we should put our donation money this year. Julie Becker made a motion that the chapter move \$100.00 to the Teddy Bear Fund. Chris Lessor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. Edi Finkelman made a motion that the chapter donate \$100.00 to the DAC. Chris Lessor seconded the motion. The motion carried. There is \$25.00 left to be spent somewhere. There were suggestions made regarding the Carousel program and the local Alzheimer's group.

The Homemade Anything Auction made \$1383.00 for the chapter this year. There is \$11,000.00+ in the checking account, \$2,300.00 of which is in the Margaret Wehking Fund for a special seminar.

Terry said that the chapter should keep about \$6,000.00 in the checking account to cover expenses. Except for the retreat, the chapter is pretty self sufficient. It was commented that that chapter might start subsidizing seminars, beginning with the Lela Lundberg seminar, in the amount of \$500.00 per seminar. Edi would prefer that the money be spent on something that would benefit the entire chapter. Sandi suggested that each seminar should be looked at individually. There was much discussion on the matter. Terry wants a guideline for what to do with the excess money. A decision was made not to raise dues.

Newsletter / Communications: Lois Sanford asked everyone to get newsletter stuff to either her or Sandi ASAP.

Seminar: Jackie Gibson, announced that the airfare alone for Lela Lundberg will be \$900.00. Her teaching fee is \$375.00 per day and that there will still be added costs, even though Lela has said she will stay with Eileen. The surfaces will be \$22.00 and \$27.00, shipping included. The \$70.00 fee will include lunch. Jackie also said that paints will be available for prepping retreat pieces from her. She asked that everyone bring their own cubbies to put paint in.

Jackie Gibson made a motion that the chapter subsidize seminars up to, but not exceeding \$500.00. Sandi Severini seconded the motion. The motion passed on a show of hands. Becky's seminar is pushed back to 2009. Sandi Scales will be coming in 2009. Jo Paige will be teaching a class on glass blocks, which are available at both Michael's and Hobby Lobby.

Bazaar: Julie Becker announced that booths this year will be \$425.00 for a 6 table space. Set-up will be from 6 - 8 PM on Friday night, Nov. 7th. There will be a participant's meeting. Julie will be making calls to participants soon.

Community Service: Peggi Severini, said that 6 memory boxes had been turned in at this meeting, and that there were some unpainted ones to be handed out at the meeting.

Edi Finkelman said that the Butterfly program with the Rotary Club seemed to be a big success this year. Her husband will sponsor us next year if we want to paint a butterfly for them. Our Butterfly Committee will include: Kay, Cindy, Jo, Lois, Terry, Becky and Peggi. For more information, see: www.artsandfriends.org

Luncheon: Audrey Hodges said 13 attended and had a great time. Income from the luncheon was \$169.00. Expenses came in \$5.21 above that, so they were selling off a few woods pieces to make up the difference!

Retreat: Judy Richardson said that there will be two painting projects. She will be sending an email out with all the information on prepping the pieces that we will be painting. She also said to bring memory boxes to paint and UFO's that need finishing. Just remember to bring your own paint for these things.

Sunshine: Call Audrey if you know of anyone who is sick.

Pitch-It Committee wants things that belong to the chapter brought back to the us so they can be gone through and tossed, if needed.

Announcements:

Becky is teaching at the Littleton Chapter on Sept. 13 th.

Cindy needs donations of painted items for Lutheran Church Family Services

Door prizes:

The picnic door prize was won by Terry Niznik, who drew her own name, after having a dream that she would win! Cindy Bauer won the monthly door prize, drawing her own name, as well!

Meeting was adjourned at: 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggi Severini

Secretary

Please review these minutes from our May meeting. We never got them from Robin, so Terry reconstructed them from her notes. If there are any corrections to be made, please let our current Secretary, Peggi Severini know.

Pikes Peak Decorative Painters Chapter Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2008

President's Report: Terry Niznik called the business meeting to order at 9:15am. Other board members present: Becca Coffey, Cindy Bauer, Robin Patterson, and Lois Sanford. Joyce Clothier was absent. 24 members were present plus 2 visitors.

Julie Becker, Kay Kozak, Carolyn Culwell, Cec Rae and Janet Gropp were thanked for providing the lunches during the Janelle Johnson seminar in April. Terry announced that this ways and means activity brought in about \$240 for the chapter.

Terry announced that we would be refunding \$7.50 per day to the Janelle Johnson seminar. This is a seminar refund exception made possible because the actual transportation costs were less than expected and we had more participants than expected.

The chapter has received a copy of the Decorative Arts Collection Museum Tour CD, which is available to anyone who would like to view it. The DAC also sent us a thank you for our donation in Lou Severini's name.

Vice President's Report: Becca Coffey reviewed the upcoming programs and discussed the idea of a "back to basics" table. She also brought up the idea of table decorations for our Holiday party.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Bauer reported that there is a balance of \$10,652 in the treasury. She also indicated that the Margaret Wehking fund is now up to almost \$2,000. Cindy discussed the need for a finance committee to help set up guidelines for future money management. The following people volunteered: Jackie Gibson, Eileen Lipscomb, Carolyn, Culwell, Cindy Bauer, Terry Niznik, Judy Richardson and Becca Coffey.

Communications Report: Lois Sanford indicated she and Sandi Severini are preparing the next newsletter and anyone with information to be included in the July/August newsletter should have their articles in by June 7th.

Bazaar: Julie Becker indicated things are coming right along for the November bazaar.

Community Service: Peggi Severini reported that we have received quite a few memory boxes to date and encouraged members to paint for our project.

Luncheon: Audrey Hodges and Kay Kozak reminded everyone that the luncheon is May 17th at the Nook on Dublin. They encouraged everyone to come for the fun.

Seminars: Becca will do a 2 day seminar August 23rd and 24th. She is teaching a Jo Sonya project. Members will be painting on a watering can. Leila Lundberg is scheduled for a seminar October 18th and 19th. We estimate the cost will be about \$40 per day. Arleen Newman is Scheduled for April 25th and 26th in 2009. We discussed looking into the availability of Sandi Scales for 2009 and Margot Clark for 2010.

Retreat: Judy Richardson reported that things are moving right along for the retreat in September. We will have 2 projects, one taught by Eileen Lipscomb the other by Jackie Gibson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Edi Finkelman discussed the "Pitch it" committee and asked everyone to bring any chapter items they had at home so we can re-organize what we need to keep and update the chapter inventory list.

Jackie Gibson reminded everyone that we have agreed to furnish door prizes for the Police Department's ladies party on the first weekend in December. Several members signed up to donate items. We need to have our items to her by the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Terry reminded everyone that we would be voting on our charitable donations at our June meeting so be thinking about whom we should be donating to.

Edi Finkelman discussed a community service opportunity available to the chapter. Her husband is a member of the Downtown Rotary Club, which is working to help the Queen Palmer Elementary School have an art program. They are selling metal butterflies that are to be decorated and displayed downtown. Eventually, the butterflies will be sold to raise money for the school. Edi's husband has offered to sponsor PPC. The members indicated they were interested in participating.

Edi Finkelman motioned that the chapter make a \$25 donation to the family of Margaret's husband, Joel Wehking. The motion was seconded by Kate Dowd and carried.

Carolyn Cullwell discussed an offer from Della Weatherman. For each chapter member that agrees to have Della and Co send them e-mail advertisement, the chapter will get a donation of painting items. The list was sent around and several members provided the needed information.

Meeting was adjourned and the Homemade anything auction and potluck followed.

Announcements: Eileen asked that all those painting inserts for Marilyn Woods' clock have them to her by the June meeting so we can give it to her for her birthday.

Reconstructed by,
Terry Nizink, President