

Dear Painting Friends,

Usually I try to write my article centered around a theme. I say usually because sometimes my best laid plans and ideas do not work out. That is what this article is about. Do any of you remember hearing, as I do, someone telling you 'If you start something, finish it' or 'If it's worth doing, it's worth doing well'? If you haven't heard these oft uttered pieces of wisdom you are probably lucky. Following the first, to its logical conclusion, can leave chaos and destruction in its wake. Following the second can preclude you from trying anything you cannot be confident of doing perfectly. For myself, I could be limited to boiling water in the microwave!

As we become more chronologically challenged, we really come to grips with the first. So many unexpected issues and events come our way - parents become ill, spouses do too, some downsize or even upsize, our joints and bones do not respond as we direct them to, jobs change or go away, children leave and grandchildren arrive. These all happen just when our energy level begins to decrease as well as our ability to get a good night's sleep! Not nice at all! This year some of us have started or committed to things we cannot finish. That is OK!! As a chapter we need to be grateful for whatever gets started and be willing to chip in to get it finished. If we can't do that, we will have problems.

We don't have a lot of time or energy for perfection. With that I throw out that second piece of self-limiting truth. Our chapter needs whatever you can give. We are always in need of memory boxes. Programs and paint-in ideas are always welcome. Committees need chairpersons and members. Those that are working to make your chapter viable always welcome and need encouragement and praise. New officers and committee chairpersons will be needed for 2008. Please give it careful consideration. This chapter does not need perfect people for these positions. Only flawed people who will give it a try need apply!! We welcome whatever you can give for however long you can give it.

In closing, I want to especially thank Becca Coffey for her wonderful program in June and in advance her program for August 4th. Thanks to EVERYONE who has worked this year to make our retreat in September possible. Thanks to Gale Bradley for her creative work as Hospitality Chair. Thanks to Terry Niznik and her Ways and Means committee for making it a real committee! Thanks to Lois Sanford who glues herself to her chair so we can receive emails, patterns, and updates on a regular basis. Thanks to each of you who have graced our chapter with your time, positive energy and talent. I, for one, am deeply grateful.

See you soon, Jackie G.

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## Loving Sunshine Wishes to the following ladies:

**Joyce Clothier**, we send Love and Sympathy to you and Bill in the loss of your Father-in-law.

**Kay Kozak**, we send our Love and Sympathy to you in the loss of your mother.

**Robin Patterson**, we hope your little granddaughter is recovering nicely from her surgery. Extra hugs and kisses to the little one.

**Kate Quimby**, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you work your way through the final half of your chemotherapy treatments and another surgery.

**Judy Richardson**, we wish you a speedy and complete recovery from your foot surgery.

**Peggi Severini**, we send hugs and hope you are recovering nicely from your leg injury.

Members, I would like to ask all the ladies of our chapter to contact the above members and lend extra support to them. We need to take care of each other, especially during difficult times.

Thank you,  
Bonnie Wilkinson  
Sunshine Chair 2007 ☀️

From your Newsletter Editor:  
Dear Members,

Please forgive me for getting this out late again...it has not been my year for being able to concentrate on the chapter as much as I might like to and I do apologize. Some of the articles and letters that are included in this issue are from last month (July) and may be a bit outdated. Nonetheless, I must still publish them. Thanks for your patience with me! Lois

## \* 2007 Executive Board \*

### Executive Committee

President	Jackie Gibson
Vice President	Eileen Lipscomb
Treasurer	Cindy Bauer
Secretary	Joyce Clothier
Membership Secretary	Julie Becker
Newsletter/Communications	Lois Sanford

### Appointed Officers

Historian	Caren Fisher
Parliamentarian	

### Committee Chairpersons

Audit	Margaret Nestor
Bazaar	Becca Coffey
Co-Chair	Betty Rieger
Community Service	Peggi Severini
Public Relations	Edi Finkleman
Retreat	Robin Patterson
Co-Chair	Jackie Gibson
Seminar	Lois Sanford
Co-Chair	Becca Coffey
Co-Chair	Jackie Gibson
Ways and Means	Terry Niznik
Co-Chair	Becca Coffey

### Subcommittee Chairpersons

Calling Tree	Betty Rieger
Hospitality	
Door Prizes	Madellen White
Co-Chair	Ellen Spearman
Sunshine	Bonnie Wilkinson

### Function Volunteers

Luncheon Chairman	Robin Patterson
Picnic Hostess	Lois Sanford
Holiday Party Hostess	Linda Rowe
Picnic Door Prize	Carolyn Culwell
Holiday Door Prize	Peggi Severini

\*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](http://www.pikespeakdecorativepainters.com)

# \*Save the Dates\*

2007 Calendar

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

## July

- 28 Picnic/Potluck at Lois Sanford's home 11am - ?**  
Program: Show and Tell  
Carolyn Culwell Tray door prize

## August

- 28 Chapter meeting 7pm**  
Program:  
**Sandal pin with Kate Dowd** (more info to follow)  
**\*Refreshments:** Jackie Davidson, Peggi Severini,  
Jan Watts, Marilyn Woods  
**\*Door Prizes:** Jackie Davidson, Peggi Severini,  
Linda Rowe

## September

- 7 Retreat at the Hideaway, Colorado Springs**  
**8 Retreat at the Hideaway, Colorado Springs**  
**9 Retreat at the Hideaway, Colorado Springs**  
(More info inside with projects, schedule, etc.)  
**There is no other meeting this month.**

## October

- 6 Chapter meeting 9am - 2pm**  
Program:  
**Painting Lace with Judy Richardson**  
(More info in next newsletter)

## November

- 3 Chapter meeting 9am - 2pm**  
Program info in next newsletter  
**10 Chapter Bazaar at Pine Creek High School 9am - 4pm**

## December

- 1 Holiday Party and Potluck at Police Station**  
Make and Take game

## August Meeting Program with Kate Dowd

### Sandal Pin

Please bring with you to the meeting: Regular painting supplies, a basecoat color with hi-lite and shade colors, and 2 or 3 accent colors with hi-lite and shade colors of each for dots, stripes, flowers, or design of your choice. You will need a liner, small flats and/or angles.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will be painting at the **BEGINNING** of the meeting instead of after the meeting. Please use this picture for placement of the pattern on your piece of wood. We encourage all of you to participate in this project. If you have not received your wood piece, there will be more available at the meeting.

You may embellish the sandals anyway that you wish, including painting the thong portion instead of using ribbon.



### Retreat Schedule

September 7th, 8th & 9th, 2007

<b>Friday</b>	5:00 pm	Arrive
	6:00 -7:00	Dinner
	7:00 - ?	Free time to paint; memory boxes or basecoat your projects.
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 -11:00 am	Brunch
	11:00 - 2:30	Canvas Journal with Diana Clore (Doe)
	2:30 - 3:00	Break
	3:00 - 6:00	One side of Holiday Door Crown with Jo Paige
	6:00 - 7:00	Dinner
	7:00 - ?	Other side of Holiday Door Crown with Jo Paige
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast
	9:00 - 1:00	Frosty Noel Barrel Stay with Diana Clore (Doe)
	1:00 - 2:00	Clean Up

This schedule is tentative. Please note that you may bring your own patterns for memory boxes. We will try to provide some patterns and bring the leftover chapter paint, but you may also use your own colors. You will need to bring your own paints for all projects and the surface for the Canvas Journal pattern.

We do have our minimum number of attendees, but there is still room for a few more! Please let us know if you would like to come!

### **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  
Take 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 to You!

## THANK YOU FROM JULIE BECKER

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
9 Bonita Wilkinson	8 Erika Ammann
13 Peggi Severini	21 Cindy Bauer
Lynette Swanson	25 Janet Gropp
15 Marilyn Woods	30 Linda Rowe
20 Betty Rieger	31 Diana Clore
24 Gale Bradley	Margaret Nestor
25 Angela McClain	
30 Melinda Barnes	

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE CARDS, LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS OF SUPPORT WHEN MY MOM WAS HOSPITALIZED. SHE IS DOING AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED AND I REALLY DO APPRECIATE ALL YOUR CONCERN.

MOM WILL CELEBRATE HER 90TH BIRTHDAY ON JULY 4TH SO THERE ARE FUN TIMES IN THE MIDST OF THE HARD TIMES, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. DON'T WE ALL COUNT OUR BLESSINGS?

BLESS YOUR HEARTS -  
YOU'RE SUCH GREAT FRIENDS!

JULIE

**Edi has acquired more books! She will have them for you to browse over at the next meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to acquire many long, out of print books. Remember, they may be a great source for memory box patterns!**

Thanks to all who joined us on August 4th for the paint-in at the police station! It is so much fun to get together and paint and visit in our very relaxed atmosphere at the police station.

A special thanks to Becca Coffey for leading us and inspiring us to paint those darling bird house ornaments. They really are a lot of fun to paint! Each one of us did something a little different and they came out so cute!

For those of you who worked on your basecoating for the retreat, I'm sure you found out just how much time it is going to take to get your pieces ready. Please don't wait until Friday night at the retreat to do all of your basecoating. This homework was designed so that you will be able to go home from the retreat with FINISHED projects.

Remember - if you aren't thrilled with the projects personally, they will make great gifts!

### Chapter Members - Please Help!!!

It is not too early to consider becoming a board member for next year! It seems that there are fewer and fewer members that are interested in holding a board position. As a chapter member, it is up to you to help keep the chapter alive. You may say, "I was already on the board." But how long ago was that? 5 - 10 years? Several of us continue to take on different positions because of the lack of volunteers to help out. Please remember, that we all get tired and need a break or, heaven forbid, have issues in our lives that sometimes take precedent over the Chapter's needs. But, if you haven't held a board position in a few years, it is your turn! You will never be left alone; you will get all the help you need. We are all here to pitch in, but we must get more volunteers! We will need a President, Vice President, Secretary and Membership Secretary for 2008. Cindy Bauer will take on one more year as Treasurer and Lois Sanford will finish out her term as Newsletter Editor. If you can't take on more than one year in a certain position on the board, that is fine, but please consider coming forward to do your part. It really does take a village....

## **Pikes Peak Decorative Painters Chapter Meeting Minutes** **July 28, 2007**

President, Jackie Gibson, called the meeting to order following the annual picnic luncheon hosted by Lois Sanford. Other board members present, Eileen Lipscomb, Joyce Clothier, Lois Sanford, and Julie Becker.

Lois Sanford was thanked for hosting the annual picnic and for providing PPC note card favors. Lois said she would have packets of the PPC note cards available for purchase at future meetings.

Carolyn Culwell was thanked for contributing a beautiful painted tray for the picnic door prize.

Eileen Lipscomb advised that a painting session will be available at the police station on August 4 from 9 am to 2 pm so that members can complete the bird house ornaments taught by Becca Coffey and/or base coat the surfaces for upcoming Retreat. Eileen also reported that the sandals painting project taught by Kate Dowd for the August 28 meeting would be held before the regular meeting and asked that those who are painting be there and ready to paint at 7:00. Those who will not be painting are asked to refrain from socializing during the painting session to allow the teacher and participants to focus on the painting. The surfaces will be available August 4 and instructions for base coating will be sent via e-mail.

Eileen distributed the wooden clocks that were ordered from Artist's Club. Painting for the clocks is planned for 2008. Since there will be the possibility for eight different design inserts, members are asked to advise if they want to teach a design or if they see a design they would like someone to teach.

**Officers for 2008:** Jackie Gibson advised that the positions for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Membership Secretary will be open for 2008. Anyone interested in serving in any of these positions is asked to let one of the current Board Members know.

**Hospitality:** Jackie also advised that the current position for Hospitality Chair is vacant and asked for anyone interested in assuming that role to let her know.

**Schedule for Meetings in 2008:** Members are asked to be thinking if they want to have all Tuesday evening meetings, alternating Tuesday evening and Saturday meetings, or all Saturday meetings for 2008. The Chapter needs to vote on this so that meeting space for 2008 can be secured.

**Retreat:** Surfaces and instructions for Retreat projects were distributed. There are still several openings available for attending Retreat, but reminded that payment is due by the deadline of August 7.

**Bazaar:** So far eleven members have paid their registration to participate in this year's bazaar. Becca Coffey indicated that her committee will meet soon and finalize details.

Several members brought painted pieces they have been working on for Show and Tell.

Edi Finkleman and Linda Rowe brought painting books, packets and magazines for sale with proceeds to go toward the Margaret Wehking Fund which will be used to secure a national teacher for a future seminar.

Meeting adjourned.

Joyce Clothier, Secretary