



Pikes Peak Views

Colorado Springs, Colorado

March - April 2008

Dear Painting Friends,

As our hearts and minds turn toward the joy of spring, I find myself reflecting on the changes our organization has gone through in the past few years. It is almost like PPC is entering the spring of the Chapter's life. We have re-defined what matters most to us and are working to make our chapter once more, a painting chapter. I love the Saturday painting projects! It is a joy for me to paint with my very dear friends and to actually paint at our meetings. What fun to share the talents of our membership with each other!!

We have all seen the painting industry change. We know we too must change and grow to keep the interest of our members. There are many wonderful mediums available to us. I am so happy that we are venturing into the world of colored pencils together. What a wonderful way to bring a breath of spring into our projects! Why not add a bit of colored pencil work to your next painting project? The idea of mixing the mediums opens up so many possibilities.

For me, it is important to continue to feel the joy of painting, to want to paint and to actually paint. So many external activities require our time but the joy of painting is an "internal" activity that helps keep our lives in balance. Here's wishing you a wonderful spring, full of the joy of painting!!!!

Terry

WANTED: CHAPTER ITEMS

Please keep your eyes open for things that belong to the chapter. Over the years, prior year records, historical items and other chapter items transfer from one house to another as officers and chairpersons change. Sometimes a box gets stuck in a corner or storage area and does not get moved. Please take a look around and see if you have any old items that need to be reunited with the chapter. We would love to get them all together again.

In the past, we have kept multiple copies and numerous years of data. We are hoping to sort and purge some of this old stuff so that we only keep what we really need. If you do find something, please bring it to the meeting or get it to one of the officers as soon as you can so that we will have it all together when we do start sorting.

Candle Cup Challenge

Remember to bring your Candle Cup projects to the March meeting to be judged! Winners will receive a \$15 Chapter gift certificate. We look forward to seeing what you all have come up with!!!

* 2008 Executive Board *

Executive Committee

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

Appointed Officers

Historian	
Parliamentarian	Edi Finkleman

Committee Chairpersons

Audit	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.

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

www.pikespeakdecorativepainters.com

* Save the Dates *

2008 Calendar

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

March

- 1 Chapter Meeting 9 am - 2 pm** at Police Station
Butterfly clock insert with **Eileen Lipscomb**

Candle Cup Competition

Refreshments: Angie McClain, Edi Finkleman,
Brenda Stotler

Door Prize: Kate Dowd

April

- 5, 6 Janelle Johnson Colored Pencil Seminar** at Police Station
9 am—5 pm each day

Newsletter deadline for May - June edition

May

- 3 Homemade Anything Auction and Potluck**
9 am - 2 pm
**Get busy painting and creating! This is our big fund
raiser for the year!!! We need your donations!**

June

- 7 Chapter Meeting Program TBA**
9 am - 2 pm

Refreshments: Audrey Hodges, Chris Lessor, Gale Bradley

Door Prize: Joyce Clothier

Newsletter deadline for July - August edition

July

- 26 Annual Picnic at Peggi Severini's home**
11 am (This is our meeting for July)

Door Prize: Becca Coffey

Saturday, March 1, 2008 Chapter meeting program:
Monarch Butterfly on Clock Insert with Eileen Lipscomb



As with most of our projects this year, we are painting designs on the inserts for the clock below. This clock is available at Artist Club.com. It is item number # 62333. The wooden inserts are usually warped so we are using alternative surfaces for the inserts. The most popular one is Multimedia Artboard.

<http://www.multimediaartboard.com/> We have been able to get it at Hobby Lobby. Sometimes, they only have black but that is okay as you are going to paint the background anyway. It is easily cut into pieces with scissors or a knife and is ready to paint. You may be able to fit up to 3 (painted on both sides) inside the clock to make it easy to switch out the different designs.

The following design may also be painted on any surface of your choice. The insert size is 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ " and the actual design will be placed off center. A clock will be at the meeting so that you may center your piece in the opening if needed.

Please prep your surface before coming to the meeting. If you are using Multimedia Artboard, no prep is required. If you are using the wood inserts, fill any holes and sand. Seal the surface and sand again.

Basecoat the entire surface with Hunter Green or any other dark green. Do not use Black Green as will be using this color to shade with. Transfer design onto tracing pattern and apply the pattern.

Please bring your usual painting supplies and the following Ceramcoat paint colors: Hunter Green, Black, White, Soft Grey (if you have it) and Light Ivory. All other colors will be provided.

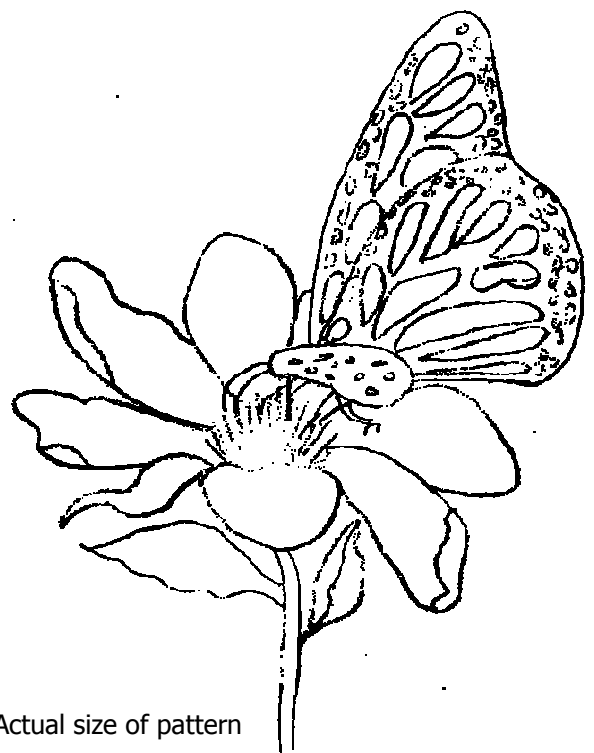


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Guidelines for Classes or Seminars:

We all enjoy being with each other but when it comes to getting the most out of a Chapter class or seminar, we need to be attentive and respectful to the teacher. Following are some suggested guidelines.

- * Make sure you have all suggested supplies.
- * Be on time and get your area set up.
- * Have prep work completed.
- * Turn off cell phones or put on vibrate.
- * Visit with others before class or during breaks.
- * Pay attention when teacher is talking or demonstrating.
- * Even if you might approach the project in another way, be respectful of the teacher and follow their instructions.
- * Enjoy the project!!!



Actual size of pattern

You may reduce or enlarge to fit your surface.

Happy Birthday to You!

March

5 Chris Lessor

8 Robin Patterson

18 Paula Leopold

26 Mary Francis

April

2 Brenda Stotler

18 Sandee Springfield

Thank you, Julie Becker, for the wonderful snowman project at our February meeting! It was darling and a lot of fun to paint! We were also excited to learn your method of painting very skinny detail lines! Thanks for sharing!!!

Margaret Wehking Books up for auction!

We have three books by Margaret Wehking up for auction. The *reserve on all books have been met and the auction will go through the March meeting. Current bids are listed under the pictures of the books. To place additional bids, contact Peggi Severini or come to the March meeting to join in on the auction.

*Reserve prices are based on similar books listed on Ebay.

Proceeds from the books will go to the Margaret Wehking memorial fund to help supplement the cost of an upcoming seminar to be determined at a later date.



Volume 1
\$45



Volume 3
\$80



Volume 5
\$60

Cashew-Pear Tossed Salad

Submitted by Terry Niznik

Taste of Home Aug/Sept 2007

- 1 bunch romaine lettuce, torn (can use other lettuce types just as well)
- 1 cup (4 oz) shredded Swiss cheese
- 1 cup salted cashews
- 1 medium pear, thinly sliced (prefer red pear for color)
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries

Poppy Seed Vinaigrette:

- 2/3-cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup sugar (or less as desired)
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 2 to 3 teaspoons poppy seeds
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped red onion
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

In a large salad bowl, combine the lettuce, cheese, cashews, pear and cranberries. In a jar with a tight-filling lid, combine vinaigrette ingredients: shake well. Just before serving, Drizzle over salad and toss to coat. Serve immediately. Yield 15 servings or one large bowl.

Note: I used only 1/2 of the dressing for a large bowl of salad.

Pikes Peak Decorative Painters Meeting Minutes for January 05, 2008

Executive Committee Members Present: Terri Niznik, Cindy Bauer, Becca Coffey, Joyce Clothier, Lois Sanford and Robin Patterson

Meeting called to order at 9:15 by Terry Niznik There are 20 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes on the internet approved.

Executive Committees Reports

President:

Terry let all know meeting dates for 2008 will be in an email to members and in the newsletter.

She also let us know there are committee chairs that we need. A sign up sheet was passed around for sign-ups.

Peggi and Sandi Severini will host the Picnic on July 26, 2008 and they will be catering it for us.

We will need to find a person to help Lois with the newsletter as she will want to start training someone before she steps down next year.

We went over the Survey for door prizes.

A motion made by Kate Dowd to have a painted item for the door prize each chapter meeting and charge \$2.00 per ticket. Joyce Clothier 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

After the meeting the old and new board will meet to exchange note books.

Budget will be sent to all via e-mail and will be voted on at Feb 2008 meeting.

Vice President:

Becca Coffey went into detail about Saturday meeting programs. There was a sign up sheet to see if anyone wanted to teach any programs.

Secretary:

Cindy requested that all 2007 and outstanding receipts be handed in.

Newsletter/Communications:

Lois apologized for the computer problems she was having. Articles for the newsletter are due today.

Committee Reports

We need a Bazaar chairperson... Julie Becker took the position; **Retreat** will be the 26, 27, 28 of September 2008. We are committed for 32 people which means we have to have at least 28 attend. We talked about the 2009 retreat and all agreed to stay where we are and have our commitment for only 25 people. The retreat for 2009 is the 2nd weekend in September. **Seminars:** Eileen talked to us about Janelle Johnson. We have her on the calendar for April 5th and 6th. We asked how many would still like to have her with a show of hands and the response was positive. Eileen let us know we have Leila Lundberg on the calendar for Oct 18, 19.

Old Business

We approved the dates and deposit for the 2009 retreat. Terri went over the door prize survey. It was decided that a member paint a door prize - 1 per month. Several signed up on the sign up sheet.

Audrey Hodges made a motion to keep the Bazaar for 2008 and Carolyn Culwell 2nd the motion.

No unfinished business.

New Business

Homemade anything auction will be in May. Chairman still needed for other months. Eileen will take the hospitality tote for the coffee and odds and ends.

Edi Finkleman made a plea for anyone who could to go to convention.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Patterson, Secretary

Retreat 2008

This year's retreat will be September 26, 27, & 28 at the Hideaway Inn in Black Forest. The committee is already coming up with ideas for a fun retreat with 3 different projects.

Start planning now for retreat by setting money aside each month. The cost is the same as last year - \$150 for the three days, which includes lodging, meals, some surfaces and paint. What a deal!!! If you would like to set up a payment plan with Cindy Bauer, our treasurer, please let her know. When you sign up, please let me know what your special needs will be regarding rooms with easy access.

The deadline to reserve your space will be in August. We look forward to seeing you there!

Comments and suggestions are welcome!

Judy Richardson, Retreat Chairman
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