
Pikes Peak Decorative Painters Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2008

Executive Committee Members Present: Terry Niznik, Becca Coffey, Cindy Bauer, Joyce Clothier, & Lois Sanford. Robin Patterson was absent.

Meeting called to order at 9:30am by Terry Niznik. There are 26 members present.

February Minutes were read and the following corrections were requested, motion accepted minutes with these changes:

- Joyce Clothier was present at the February meeting.
- The reference to "keeping newsletter history: should apply to all PPDP historical items.
- Purpose of the door prize at the Bazaar would be to build a mailing list.
- The library list should be on the website.

Executive Committee Reports

President: In regard to meals during Seminars, we need volunteers to prepare the food for Sunday during the Janelle Johnson Seminar. We need volunteers to bring snacks for Oct. 4th and Nov. 1 meetings. Sending around a sign-up sheet. Homemade Anything Auction is coming up. Please support in a strong way. Audrey Hodges has volunteered to manage the Sunshine Committee. Please get in touch with her if you know anyone needing cards or other means of sunshine messages.

Vice President: Becca Coffey encouraged everyone to feel comfortable talking with her or any other Executive Committee member if there is anything anyone needs or if they have suggestions or feedback. One item that we have heard from the chapter is that there are members who would like to learn more about the aspects of painting, so we would like to set up for 15 minutes at each meeting for presentations, question and answer sessions, or specialties of everything from wood prep to stroke work. Sent around a sign up sheet for volunteers and to gauge interest level. Reminder to work on getting new painters to come for the beginner painting program in August. Bring at least one person with you that wants to learn to paint, or would like to take part in a beginner program that Cindy Bauer would be teaching.

Candle Cup presentation: Becca described the creative opportunity to use wood pieces left over in the Margaret Wehking wood to compete with each other for most creative and group favorite. She showed each piece and worked out a voting system and gave instructions to the chapter. Julie Becker received the Most Creative while Terry Niznik and Joyce Clothier shared the majority of votes for group favorite after the votes were tallied. Winners received \$15 gift certificates.

Treasurer: Cindy Bauer reported that the checking account balance is \$10,145.00. She reminded everyone about the Gift Certificate program and also reminded everyone that they could pay in advance for the Retreat if they wanted to.

Newsletter/Communications: Lois Sanford asked if anyone had any problems with the website or electronic newsletter. No one came forward.

Membership: Joyce Clothier reported that we now have 50 current members with 26 present at this meeting.

Committee Reports:

Bazaar: Julie Becker brought up discussion regarding lower or no participation fee for members with 3 or fewer items to put in the bazaar - Discussion was tabled until "Old Business".

Community Service, Memory Boxes: Peggi Severini reported that we had received many, but that we always needed more and talked about the infant mortality rate being over 80,000 per year, so please participate and bring more nicely painted boxes in for the program. Note: boxes should be nicely finished like something you would want to give personally to a bereaved parent.

Library: Jackie Gibson has the library in her basement and just wanted to remind everyone that there are many very good videos and books and if someone would want to check out one to give her a call.

Luncheon: Audrey Hodges reported that menus and maps were sent around for May 17th at "The Nook" on Dublin. The cost will be \$13.00. Payment is due by April 26th.

Retreat: Judy Richardson reported that the retreat is September 26, 27, and 28. There will be three projects this year that will be taught by Eileen Lipscomb, Jackie Gibson and Lois Sanford. The projects will be shown to everyone during the year. The bowl that Eileen will be teaching was passed around. Everyone liked it. The classes should be relaxed and time enough for everyone to finish each project.

Seminars: Lois Sanford talked about the Janelle Johnson seminar - showed the projects and announced that she has everyone's supplies to be picked up and pay Janelle directly at the seminar. Becca Coffey will be teaching the Jo Sonya watering can August 16th. Watering cans are available at Hobby Lobby or find something approximately 10" x 12". Anyone doing the project will have to pay @ \$7.00 for the pattern packet. Eileen talked about Leila Lundberg on October 18 & 19. She has some pictures for potential projects but not sure of the cost yet. They are estimating \$40-\$45 per day. Have talked to Jo Paige about teaching a Glass Block with light for a seminar or meeting project for 2009. Also asked to send a \$100 deposit for Arlene Newman from New Jersey for April 2009. She is willing to stay at a member's home. Also have photos of some of her work and she also does stroke work. Spoke about Sandy Scales - in Virginia. She is a stroke artist who has taught Maureen McNaughton's style. Would the chapter consider having her teach instead of Maureen McNaughton? Sandy's cost would be \$300 per day and airfare would be @ \$750. Maureen McNaughton's teach-

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ing fee is \$850 per day and requires 3 days. She also would have to fly in from Canada. A straw vote showed those present would prefer Sandy Scales 18 to 7. Will discuss further in next meetings.

Ways and Means: Edi Finkleman reminded everyone about the Margaret Wekhing books that are on silent auction. Please sign up if interested today. Peggi sent wood for people to pick up and paint for the Bazaar or Homemade Anything Auction. If they do not paint the wood, they will have to pay \$3 to the chapter. Edi brought old Decorative Painter magazines to sell for \$1 each and Creative Painting, Decorative Artist and other workbooks to sell for 5 for \$1 or a bag for \$5.

Old Business: We need a committee to work on looking into "old stuff" that needs to be saved or destroyed.

Volunteers: Edi Finkleman, Eileen Lipscomb, Lois Sanford, Joyce Clothier

Bazaar: Motion: As a promotional opportunity for Bazaar participants, those entering three or less items totaling no more than \$25 will have their participation fee waived, but will pay the pro-rated fees as other participants have to - 13%. Passed by majority vote.

New Business: Kate Dowd announced that her address was incorrect in the new directory. Her address is 6438-E Silver Mesa Drive or Unit E would also be correct.

The county fair is July 19 - 26. Julie Becker offered to pick up and deliver items for people in order to boost participation. July 7 is pre-registration.

The state fair is in August. You can look it up on www.coloradostatefair.org if you are interested in putting any of your painted items in the fair.

The chapter received a donation from Louise Bennett-Burns of magazines, packets and wood. All for sale - 2 for \$1.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am

Announcements: Joyce Clothier painted an Easter basket for Marilyn Woods and brought plastic eggs and paper pieces for everyone who would like to write her a note to put in the basket.

Beth Newton announced that the Wild Life Experience was currently showing work by Robert Bateman from now until June. It is located at the south end of Denver - from I-25, turn East on Lincoln Ave. then 1/2 mile toward Parker. They also have a cafeteria for lunch.

The High Plains Chapter is having a Rosemary West seminar in June. The project is a small trunk and will be open to members only through the end of March for \$65. For non-members after that, the fee is \$85. They will also be bringing in Brenda Stewart in the future.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Bauer for Robin Patterson.
