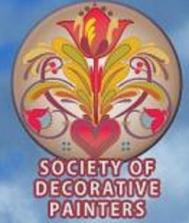




RAINDROP CHAPTER

Portland, Oregon

The Raindrop Chapter is an affiliate of the Society of Decorative Painters since 1978



April 4, 2020 Chapter Update

Happy Spring to all of you. Due to the Pandemic and need for social distancing your chapter Board has been meeting online trying to keep up with our financial and required items. We ask that you continue to share your painting and fun activities with us through our newsletter and website/facebook. If you have any questions, please feel free to call on any of us. Though this is a challenging time we need to be kind to ourselves and one another. The following is an update from each area of our chapter.

2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Co-Vice President: Bobbie Redington

We're now planning for the upcoming Clackamas County Fair, painting with the kids event on August 4th. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bobbie or Mary. Whatever time you can donate is welcome, even if it's only an hour or two. All supplies are provided, and volunteers receive free parking and admission into the fair. It is always a great day!

Secretary: Charmaine Bannister

The date is now confirmed. Please pencil in your calendars Nov. 14th for the "Fun Day"

Peggy Smith and Georgia Magarrell will be the committee. \$100 budget allowed for food to be provided by committee. Teachers will be paid \$50 for supplies and if anyone needs to go over the amount the Board will revisit the reimbursement for that teacher.

As we are all in quarantined/social distancing mode, it would be great if everyone can send Stacie something for the newsletter. Maybe some fun information about what you are up to?! Painting with friends online?? Watching videos, reading a great book, cooking/baking something good. (maybe have a good recipe to share?) All these things help us stay connected to one another and hopefully help those feeling a little closed in. Let's add a little smile to one another. Be gentle with yourself and others.

Since we are not having a chapter meeting we can not approve the February minutes, but please check them out on the Raindrop website. We can revisit this when we have our next chapter meeting.

Treasurer: Dianna Downs

Bank Balances:

Key Checking \$3,341.76

Key Savings \$30,444.15

US Bank Checking \$20,297.52

PayPal \$0

Will be sending refund checks for cancelled Sue Schewee-Brown paint-in.

2020 Standing Committees:

Nominating: Marsha Holte

No update received

Membership: Georgia Magarrell

65 members as of today which includes one New Member, Carol Swanson

Historian: Bobbie Baugher

No update received

Ways & Means: Dinky Davis

Nothing to Report

Newsletter: Stacie Hall/Bobbie Baugher

The Newsletter Duo (Stacie & Bobbie) are planning to send out a May/June Newsletter. **Please send your content to Stacie at ignacio927@hotmail.com by April 15** for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Website: Robert Davis

I'm still waiting on a replacement document from the newsletter editors with regard to all the redactions they made in the last current newsletter for the public where they removed all emails, names, and other information that is available on our website.

Education: Salomeja Garolis

Sue is willing to re-schedule for a future date.

Sent the treasurers file of which members need a refund for their seminar fee

May 2 seminar with Georgia-4 signed up.

Georgia suggested that we postpone since the number is low, no meeting to get more members, and most will not want to travel if the current restrictions are lifted.

Jamie Mills Price was contacted for late 2020 seminar. She has to reschedule seminars that were cancelled over the last month and in the near future. She will contact me with possible dates when she has her others in place.

I am not optimistic that a group class will be an option through mid-June.

2020 Special Committees:**Women's Shelter: Marsha Holte**

No update received

Memory Boxes: Dinky Davis

Nothing to report

Librarian: Lynn Magarrell

The 2017 convention patterns are now on the members only section of the website. If you would like check out any patterns please email your request with your name and pattern name. I will see if I have it and let you know. And bring it to the next meeting.

Sunshine Lady: Crystal Samuels

Lana Kroll (past member) posting on Facebook that her husband has been in the hospital but doing better now.

Secret Pal: Peggy Smith

No update received

Treasure boxes: Georgia Magarrell

Treasurer Boxes - None have been delivered. I do have 4 on hand to deliver when quarantine lifts.

Retreat: Jeanine Maurer

The retreat is officially cancelled. We are working with Collins to get the initial deposit back.

Vice President - Bobbie Redington "We only received 7 responses to the survey. See compiled responses below."

RAINDROP CHAPTER 2020 BOARD - REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK SURVEY

Consider why you are a **Raindrop Chapter Member** and what you want out of your membership going forward. Please answer questions honestly and with as much detail as possible to help the board and the entire chapter with future direction and decisions.

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES = Seven (consolidated below)

Are you interested in the following?

Non-acrylic mediums: colored pencil, watercolor, pastel, pen/ink (please circle any/all & list others)

1. Yes to all except pastels (too messy) Having said yes, I do not have watercolors or pen/ink and would appreciate them being for sale in class or included as part of the class.
2. Colored Pencil
3. All the above
4. Colored Pencil, Watercolor, Pen/Ink. I always appreciate when supplies are sold or provided with classes
5. I like to try all mediums but at this point don't want to invest a lot of money into it. I like my acrylics.
6. Colored pencil, watercolor, pen/ink. Pouring backgrounds and then pen & in the design. Faux painting. Scraffito, Texture Painting (Chris Colzen) Painting and Stamping
7. All

Classic Techniques: one stroke, scroll, telemark, rosemaling, etc. (please circle any/all & list others)

1. Yes, all techniques are of interest
2. All listed
3. All the above
4. One Stroke, Telemark, Rosemaling.
5. One Stroke
6. One Stroke, Telemark, Rosemaling
7. Scroll, Telemark, Rosemaling

Basics/refresher or focus classes: brush types/uses/care, float techniques, dry brush, color theory, face study, animals, base coat prep & mediums [crackle, texture, multi-media, etc.] (please circle any/all & list others)

1. I am particularly interested in animals and birds, with a secondary interest in color theory. My favorite things to paint on my own are Bobbie Takashima patterns, animals/birds, primitives and whimsy.
2. All listed except face study
3. Brush types/uses/care, Float techniques, Dry Brush
4. Yes to all. Refreshers are always helpful
5. Animals, Crackle, Texture, Multi-media. I'm really coasting at this point
6. Float Techniques, Base Coat Prep & Mediums: crackle, texture, multi-media
7. Color theory, basic strokes, mediums, brush types/uses

Where is your “go to” place for information & updates for Chapter information? List in preferred order 1-4

___ Website ___ Facebook Page ___ Newsletter ___ Email ___

Listed in order of preference:

1. Website, Newsletter, Email, “Never Facebook Page”
2. Newsletter, Email
3. Website
4. Website, Email, Newsletter
5. Website, Facebook, Newsletter, Email
6. Facebook
7. Website, Newsletter, Email, Facebook

Feedback on any of the above communication platforms:

1. Website is somewhat challenging to use but provides the basic functionality. Newsletter is great, I will endeavor to continue the tradition. Email is great, since I use the Membership Directory to contact the person that may have the answer to my questions.
2. No feedback provided
3. No feedback provided
4. Whenever looking for general information, websites are the first place I go. Would like to see ours more user friendly with less text to look through and more updated, relevant information. Current format does not represent or attract a creative community
5. Would like all dates for the year on our website
6. I haven't used the chapter website unless to sign up/confirm for a class – very rarely
7. No feedback provided

Are you willing to join a committee or assist with events? YES ___ NO ___ If no, why not?

1. No. I am fulfilling my volunteer time through publishing the Raindrop Newsletter for 2020. I do not have any additional time for volunteering with Raindrops since I have a fulltime job and limited energy.
2. No. Age, transportation becoming an issue
3. No, already on the board
4. Yes. We are a volunteer organization and can only exist when people are willing to volunteer
5. Sometimes. I am a team player
6. Yes, yet selectively since I work & now on the board
7. Yes

List any other non-painting hobbies you enjoy:

1. Embroidery, quilting, volunteering at the Animal Shelter, gardening
2. Reading, needlepoint
3. Fimo Clay, sewing, crafting
4. All types of crafting, gardening indoors & out, reading.
5. Scrapbooking – cards – photo – trying a bit of quilting
6. Quilting & watercolor
7. Quilting, embroidery, gardening, travelling

Please share any additional questions, comments or concerns you have for the Board or Chapter:

1. The bottom line for me is that I want to paint in an enjoyable environment with people who are positive and fun loving. I do not want to be involved in situations with negative energy. Life is short...we need to have fun! I am not an early riser on the weekend, so meetings that begin before 10am are challenging for me to participate in. I make an effort because of friendship but would appreciate shorter meetings to enable a later start time than 9am. It would seem that a 30 minute meeting would be sufficient, follow by the paint in for the remainder of the day.

2. Thank you to all the board N.Hughes

3. No additional comments

4. I would like to see shorter meetings w/ less negative energy. Too much old baggage and history coming to the surface all the time. I would also like to see more painting opportunities all year long

5. No additional comments

6. Now is an exciting time to inject new techniques of art if we're to bring in younger people to create interest and further painting for the next generation – not kill it!

7. No additional comments