

# HUES & Views

Monthly Newsletter for the Denver Area Chapter  
of the Colored Pencil Society of America



## March 2009

Hello all from Ann;

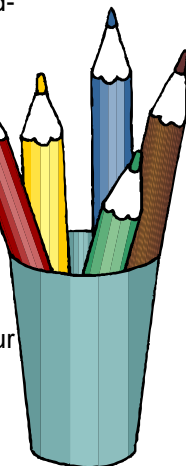
We are approaching the *Ides of March*, with one foot in spring with one still in winter. Our February meeting was wonderful and it was due to the awesome teachings from our cohorts. My thanks go to the following who shared their skills and taught us some new tricks. Michael Feder showed us a new photo-transfer technique, Robert Copley gave us a Photoshop tutorial, and Bob Rice demonstrated a hot plate (encaustic) colored pencil technique. Wow, it was all very informative.

For the March 14 meeting we will have a second tutorial in Photoshop exposing us to more great techniques. We may also continue a dialogue about a possible future workshop to be held at a remote location. We hope this would have broad appeal to many members. It would offer us a special opportunity for learning and allow us a bit of a retreat in the process. Please bring us any ideas you might have to make this a success. We are also considering holding off doing this until next year due to the present poor economy.

As these warm days wash over us, we all may be experiencing an urge to get outside and dream of spring. It's not far off! The changing of the seasons always gives us new ideas, and allows us to embrace renewal. I am always interested in hearing how different people renew their creative spirit. What gets you energized? I think inspiration can come from anywhere at anytime. I personally have a shelf of goodies that help 'jump start' me when I have a creativity stall. Most people have their own set of "jumper cables", what inspires you? Let's share at the next meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you all in March, thank you all for your input, you are truly an amazing and talented group of folks. -Ann McDougal

CPSA DC220 Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2009- submitted by Heather

1. Jack Thompson reported we have \$946 in the treasury.
2. The North Metro Arts Alliance has a juried show April 13-May 29 at Westminster City Hall. Deadline is March 7th. For information call (303) 466-2512 or go to [www.nmarts.net](http://www.nmarts.net) .(-from Heidi)
3. Lakewood Arts Council has numerous shows coming up (March and later) as well as free critiques Saturday afternoons. Check out their website at [www.lakewoodartscouncil.org](http://www.lakewoodartscouncil.org) . they are located at 85 S. Union, phone number: (303) 980-0625 . There you will find an online resource directory, along with workshops and more. (-from Heidi)
4. Several of our members shared some interesting new technology with us; Michal Feder told us about a new product for transferring artwork onto different surfaces using a scan of your original art. The kit can be ordered through [www.DigitalArtStudioSeminars.com](http://www.DigitalArtStudioSeminars.com) and is called the Alcohol Gel Transfer Kit. Michal will host a hands-on "assembly adventure" at her house in Boulder for our June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have questions or would like to talk about this technique before June, please call or email Michal at [MichalEFeder@gmail.com](mailto:MichalEFeder@gmail.com).



Bob Rice did a short encaustic demonstration applying wax based colored pencils and sticks to paper on a simple hot plate. This looks like a fun and much more economical way to use this process of partially melting the wax and yields more intense colors and smoother texture.

Robert Copley gave us an interesting overview of Photoshop with particular emphasis on sizing images. He gave quite a few tips and techniques for manipulating your art or photo on the computer; such as, *saving* your art as a “tif” file (which is uncompressed and so has better resolution and more detail) but also *sending* your images as a “jpg” file (which is easily compressed and therefore smaller for emailing. For the March 14th meeting Robert will talk more about Photoshop, so jot down your questions.

5. Finally, members discussed our upcoming calendar project. The format is to be a perpetual, anniversary & birth-day book. Part of the format we discussed consisted of two drawings for each month with a possible pocket, and hopefully printed on paper one can write on (less gloss). The following month assignments were agreed upon so far. There are still opportunities for putting more of your artwork in the calendar since we need two pieces for each month, if you are interested, please bring your art to the next meeting or call or email Heidi.

Month	Artist	Image
Jan	Heather M	
Feb	Ann M	
March	Kearn B	
April	Susan S	Flower with Dew
May	Ann Barnes	Cinco de Mayo
June	Michal F	
July	Heidi S	Flower Shop
Aug	Jack T	Child with Ice Cream
Sept	Bob Rice	
Oct	Robert Copley & Jack T	
Nov	Heidi S.	Indian Beads
Dec	Dorothy D	

## CPSA Chapter 220 Meeting Agendas

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at Rocky Mt. PBS,  
1089 Bannock, Denver (10 am - 12 noon)

Meeting Date	Topic	Inspiration	Additional / to bring
February 14	Working with PhotoShop part 1- topics to include sizing your image	Heart / Red	Calendar ideas/ drawings
March 14	Working with PhotoShop part 2	Green	Calendar Mock-up Review
April 11	Cindy Haase - Marketing Your Art Online	Renewal Re-birth & Spring!	
May 9	Combining different media with colored pencil	Color of Water	bring your art supplies!
June 13	Outside meeting - Field Trip TBD		
July 11	NO MEETING		Take gaboons of study photos while on vacation!
August 8	Michael Burrows - How to Teach a Workshop	Review of the International Show	

## And a few notes from February reprinted—

Other projects:

- Alameda East Animal Show is postponed until further notice.
- Polo: Polo season starts Memorial Day weekend. We will set a Saturday date for a preview of our polo artwork by Polo Club members.

Public Outreach Projects:

Ways to give back to the community were discussed.

- Presbyterian St. Luke 's Hospital Bone marrow transplant unit. A possible demo or workshop was discussed for patients and/or health care providers. Applying for SCFD money for this project. Robert Copley spoke with Derwent for materials donation.
- PBS Kids Fair: having a table or booth with drawing sheets or simple drawing projects for kids. Any other ideas will be entertained.
- Mentoring program. Dorothy DePaulo discussed a volunteering opportunity through a Denver Public Schools mentoring program in which mentors are matched with a student of like interests for 6 weeks.

### Member News

Michael Burrows has been chosen as a new member of the Public Arts Commission of Denver, Office of Public Affairs. This is quite an honor, Congratulations Michael!

### Something Fun, but act fast!

"Gemma Gylling" <[gemma@glassgems.net](mailto:gemma@glassgems.net)> wrote:

Dear District Chapter Presidents ...Here is a great opportunity for one of your members to have their artwork printed on Prismacolor Verithin packaging. The work has to be done primarily with this product (inclusion of regular Prismacolor pencils is okay.) They are looking "to balance art that both shows detailed work that is a feature of the product, along with art that is colorful and eye-catching and would catch the consumer's eye." The subject of fashion design might also fit their needs. Their deadline is ASAP! Please contact any members you may know of who might meet the criteria. Anyone who would like to respond should send their jpg image to [Danielle.Bujan@Sanford.com](mailto:Danielle.Bujan@Sanford.com) Good luck, -Vera

## Want Your Own Gallery? (for peanuts!)

Yes, it can be a reality! CPSA DC220 members are invited to have one full year of having your own online gallery on our district chapter website for only \$20.

This is a great resource for you to get your art out into the public. Whether you have your own website or don't know the first thing about websites, we can help you.

By sending a \$40 check to-

Jack Thompson, treasurer

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you can have an online gallery in addition to renewing your yearly district chapter membership for 2008-2009. What a deal!



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The Denver District Chapter #220 of the CPSA holds regular meetings on the 2nd Saturday of the month at RM-PBS channel 6 studios located at 1089 Bannock St. Denver, CO from 10 to 12 unless otherwise noted in the news letter. Dues are \$20/ year, payable 1 November. Everyone is welcome and are often fed donuts and coffee. The chapter website is [www.cpsadc220.com](http://www.cpsadc220.com)

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