

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2009

Gloria Falk called the meeting to order at 1 :00 p.m. All board members were present.

Joan Love gave the invocation. Gloria welcomed members and guests. Gloria mentioned that Louise Kern, a former long time member, was in the hospital and in intensive care. Gloria has a get well card that she would like everyone to sign.

Gloria asked if there were any corrections to the November minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Dixie Reeb made mention of a statement in the minutes about her wanting to run for president next year. She said she did not remember making that statement. However, many people did so with no further corrections, the November minutes were approved. (Sorry, Dixie!)

The December minutes were also printed in the Newsletter and hearing no corrections, the December minutes were approved, as printed.

The Treasurer's Report will be filed as printed in the Newsletter, since there were no questions or corrections.

If anyone is interested in serving on any committees this year,. Gloria has a sign-up list for the various committees - Audit, By-Laws, and Gold Brush Award.

The Board has recommended that we donate \$100.00 to the DAC again this year. Donna Wessel made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the DAC and this was seconded by Barb Ogden. Motion carried.

If we are going to charter a bus trip to Peoria, we need to have at least 25 people sign up in order to make the cost reasonable. We could schedule the bus for Thursday and Friday, June 18 and 19. Those that raised their hands as being interested were: Sue Struckhoff, Dixie Reeb (plus 2), Marilyn Hartnett, Joyce Miller, Barb Ogden (plus 3), Judy West, Maureen Wasserman, Liz Geers and Jean Rogenhofer.

The Chapter patches have arrived and are available today. The 3" patch is \$3.00; the 4" patch is \$7.00; and the 6" patch is \$11.00. See Donna Wessel after the meeting if you are interested in purchasing any of these. An iron-on instruction sheet will be given with each purchase. Metallic thread was not used on the arch so the prices are less than anticipated.

If anyone is interested in ordering Athena Brushes, Speedball will give us a 40% discount. See Gloria after the meeting if you would like to order any of these. You do not have to pay for them until they come in, which will probably be the next meeting.

Jim Lair gave a report on this year's Retreat. It will be held again at the YMCA Trout Lodge on October 30,31 and November 1. This was the only week-end we could get and have the nice class rooms that we had last year. Forms for teachers are available today. The charities this year are the same as last year - the Memory Box Program, Turning Point, Riverbend Animal Shelter and the USO.

Please be sure to sign the list when returning boxes or checking them out. We won every contest last year but the contests have been discontinued this year. Remember to varnish the inside of the boxes, as well as the outside. Let the varnish dry thoroughly before placing the lid back on the box. We paint Memory Boxes the first Tuesday of every month and invite everyone to come and paint. We have teachers for March, April and May. If you are interested in teaching something at one of the Memory Box Paint ins, let Mary Jo or Gloria know.

Elizabeth McClintock donated a slab of ribs that are already cooked and ready to eat. These are to be auctioned off and proceeds to go to the Memory Box Program. Delia Larkins won the ribs with the high bid of \$31.00. A purse was also donated to be auctioned off, with proceeds also going to the Memory Box Program. Bobbie Harlon had the winning bid of \$30.00. Sandra Reynolds donated \$100.00 to the Memory Box Program from Avon sales.

Lorie Reece said the Calendar/Directories are available today. She apologized for any errors that might be found. She said we have 68 members.

Debbie Slavin will have a seminar on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 25, 26 and 27. So far, we only have 13 people signed up. Lorie talked about various seminars coming up and said that if more people would sign up for these, then the cost could be less. It is expensive to bring in out-of-town teachers as we have to pay their teaching fees, hotel expenses, travel expenses and food. Maureen McNaughton charges \$850.00 per day for a seminar, plus the hotel, travel and food. She asked how many would be willing to pay about \$65.00 per day if we could get at least 20 people. A lot of people seemed interested so she will see what dates Maureen has available.

Kathie George has a scheduled seminar on August 21, 22 and 23. Vote today on projects you would like to paint. Cost is set at \$45.00 per day

Gloria reminded everyone that orders from the Artist Club to go through our website to place their order. We will then get credit for a percentage of the total order and it helps to pay for our website. Also, if ordering, let Gloria or Josee know so we can make sure we get the credit.

Jo Lair reported that we have 45 members present today and 5 guests. The directories are available today and if you have not picked up your copy, see Jo after the meeting. Names were drawn for the table centerpieces. Winners were: Millie Johnson, Jean Ellison, Ingrid Oertli, Darlene Schuller, Dottie Baumgartner, Maureen Wasserman, Liz McClintock, Jean Wideman, Joanne Goers, Margaret Von Kaenel, Barb Ogden and Judy Sloan. Door prizes were: a bench donated by Barb Ogden and won by Gloria Falk; and a donation from Donna Wessel won by Kay Vuichard. Lorie said she needs donations of door prizes for our next meeting.

Gloria mentioned that Ginger German recently had knee surgery and is home recovering.

Karen Steiner's sister just recently passed away. Lorie Reece will be having knee surgery next week. Lida Gillham recently had surgery and Jean Hofmann is scheduled for surgery.

Ellen Rohne will be teaching a snowman candle after the meeting today. Cost is \$3.00. We need volunteers to do make-it-take-its after our meetings. We also need some volunteers to teach workshops. Vada Galvan volunteered to do a workshop.

Donna Wessel has patches for sale today and also jewelry, pattern packets, books and some brushes.

Our apologies to Peggy Araki whose name was omitted, in error, from the refreshment list in the Newsletter. Gloria thanked Jean Ellison and the Refreshment Committee: Dottie Baumgartner, Peggy Araki, Brian Ellison, Joan Love, Joyce Miller, Ingrid Oertli, Sandra Reynolds, Carol Rufkahr and Sue Struckhoff. Mary Jo Kumer and her committee will do the refreshments and centerpieces for the April meeting. Mary Jo said it will be an "eggstravaganza". Those that volunteered to help Mary Jo with the "egg fest" are: Kay Vuichard, Linda Nelson, Ellen Rohne, Liz McClintock, Millie Johnson, Jean Lindsey and Lorie Reece.

The Illinois group volunteered for the June meeting; Vada Galvan and the Galvanettes volunteered for the September meeting and the board volunteered for the November meeting.

Barb Ogden made a suggestion to have the meeting dates printed in the Newsletter for the whole year, as some of the meetings are not on the second Sunday.

Barb has paint racks for sale from Checkered Cottage. These are stackable and are 23" x 12" x 6". They hold 14 bottles of paint in each row. The price is \$6.00 per rack or all 12 for \$50.00. If interested, see Barb after the meeting.

Barb Ogden will be teaching the Memory Box Paint-in in March. It will be scrapbooking on the box instead of painting. A sample of project is on display at today's meeting.

Jo Lair thanked Lorie Reece for doing the directories.

Jo will be hosting a Dorothy Dent Seminar on Memorial Week-end - May 22, 23, 24 and 25. Pictures of the projects are on display today and forms are available for the seminar.

Gloria reminded everyone to please sign the Get Well card for Louise Kern after the meeting.

With no further business, Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Judy Sloan.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Jean Rogenhofer Recording
Secretary