

Gateway Decorative Artists Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2009

Board members attending, Gloria Falk, Jo, Lair, Jim Lair, Donna Wessel, Lorie Reece, and Ingrid Oertli. Jean Rogenhofer was absent due to illness. Sitting in for her was Kay Vuichard.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

Vada Galvan gave the invocation. She read an article called "Hope & Love" by Artis Rodell and gave a prayer.

The February Minutes and Treasurers Report were approved. Chapter service awards for last year's service were handed out to those members who had not received them at previous meetings.

Gloria had information on a bus trip to Convention and anyone wanting to go was to pay half of the fare today.

Each person is to make their own room reservations at the chosen hotel. Visitor Guide Books on Peoria were available for anyone going to Convention. There are SDP merchandise forms for anyone who is not going to convention but would like to buy SDP items. Also available are Brenda Stewart flyers. She will be coming to Ill. July 24, 2009.

Gloria received a thank you note from the DAC for our annual donation.

Gloria thanked everyone who is ordering from Artist Club for using the link from our website, and reminded us that for GDA to get credit you must use the link. If you go off the Artist Club website and then back on without using the link from our website the purchase is not credited to GDA.

Gloria has postcards and flyers for the Peoria Convention. Please take some and ask your favorite businesses to display them or send to a friend.

Cheryll Wilburn talked about the Guide Dogs of America program. They are having a fundraiser May 16 & 17 at the Machinist Hall. Over 90% of the money donated goes to the training of the dogs. It costs approx. \$38,000 to train one dog. Cheryll had a sign in sheet for anyone wanting to donate.

Jim Lair gave his report on the Retreat which will be at Trout Lodge again this year. The theme is Rockin' to the 50's & 60's. Reservations for the retreat must be made on or before Jun 30th. Thanks to all who donated items to Turning Point, Riverbend Humane Society, painted Memory Boxes and books to the USO. Once again the www.animalsiterescue.com is having a contest. Go to their site, follow the instructions and vote for Riverbend Humane Society, Jerseyville, IL.

The project submissions were displayed for retreat and the attending members voted on them. The results will be announced and the chosen projects will be displayed at the June meeting. There will be a Trade Show at Retreat. If you know any business that might want to participate have them contact Jim.

Mary Jo gave a report on Memory Box. The paint-in is the first Tuesday of each month. May's project is a cardinal taught by Ginger German and June will be a Maureen McNaughton stroke work design facilitated by Mary Jo Kumer.

Lorie Reece gave the Program report. All items for the Debbie Slavin seminar are available. Please pick them up if you are participating. There is still space available if you want to attend. There are 11 members signed up already for the Kathie George seminar on Aug.21- 23. There is still time to signup if you want to attend. The projects have been selected. Please remember that voting on the projects did not sign you up for the seminar. If you want to attend you still need to contact Lorie to sign up. The dates for the Maureen McNaughton seminar are Jan 8,9,10, 2010 and the cost will be approx. \$65 per day.

Jo Lair introduced our 2 guests, Barb Bast and Kathy Brooks-Maness. There were 45 members attending. Door prizes were donated by Vada Galvan, Ginger German and Millie Johnson. The winners were Liz McClintock, Cathy Somraty and LouAnn Duryea. Table centerpieces were won by Jean Ellison, Jean Lindsey, Lee Zimmer, Ellen Rohne, Judy Mayo, Jeanne Abraham, Judy West and Liz Geers.

Jean Ellison gave the Refreshment committee report. Today's refreshments were prepared by Mary Jo Kumer and the Girls (listed in the April NL+ Lee Zimmer).

New business.

Voting on the Make-it -Take-it's for retreat will be held at the June meeting. Anyone wanting to submit a project can get a form from Jim Lair.

Since the USO will only take paperback books, we are going to see if Turning Point would like the hard boundbooks.

Linda Coulter and her daughter will host a seminar in the Metro area sometime this fall. Linda will do oils and her daughter will teach color pencil. For more information see their web site.

Dorothy Dent will have a seminar in Alton, Ill. hosted by Jim & Jo Lair. See them for registration.

Gloria mentioned a letter from SDP, informing members and chapters how they can help support SDP. The point of asking for support is not just asking for money. It is asking for support in other ways, too. like contacting members who have not renewed, encouraging new members, or sharing your talents in your

community. A discussion ensued. A motion was made by Liz McClintock that the chapter make a donation to SDP in the amount of \$50.00 and challenge other chapters to do the same. The motion was seconded by Judy Sloan and approved by a unanimous show of hands. Mary Jo Kumer also made a suggestion that if each member donated \$1 we could add that to the donation we send to SDP – add this to the Chapter Challenge. A motion was made and seconded; it too passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to end the meeting; seconded by Carol Rufkahr.

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

After the business portion of the meeting, Gloria taught the St. Louis Skyline painted on the surface of your choice.

Respectfully submitted by Kay Vuichard