

***GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2009***

Gloria called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. All board members were present. Ginger German gave a very nice invocation. Gloria welcomed all members and guests and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

Gloria asked if there were any corrections to the June minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Hearing no corrections, the minutes are approved as written.

Gloria asked if there were any questions to the Treasurer's Report. Maureen Wasserman had a question regarding \$400.00. Donna Wessel explained that this was for contract deposits for seminars. Hearing no further questions, the Treasurer's Report will be filed.

Gloria mentioned that there have been many rumors regarding Delta paints. Gloria read a letter she received from Kim Latham at Delta.

Last year's Gold Brush Award Recipient, Jean Rogenhofer, and her committee are now taking nominations for this year's Gold Brush Award. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the form and drop it in the Gold Brush Award box at the registration table.

Since we have so much going on today, we have decided to have the silent auction on the Kitty Wrap from the Peoria Convention at the November meeting.

Barb Ogden read the suggested changes to the By-Laws and explained the reason for suggesting these changes. Elizabeth McClintock made a motion to accept these changes and this was seconded by Barb Ogden. Motion was approved.

Cheryll Wilburn, our Nominating Chair, announced that she would be taking nominations from the membership for 2010 Officers. The person being nominated is required to be a member for 2 years and have attended 5 meetings. For President, Sue Struckhoff nominated Gloria Falk. There were no other nominations. For Program Chair, Lorie Reece volunteered to run again and there were no other nominations. For Newsletter Editor, Ingrid Oertli volunteered to run and there were no other nominations. Nominations will also be taken at the November meeting. If you are not able to attend the November meeting, you may request an absentee ballot.

Cheryll has a friend that is starting a new business and has black aprons available with our logo in white. Gloria showed a sample apron. If anyone is interested, the cost is only \$8.00. See Gloria or Cheryll after the meeting for placing an order.

Vada reported that she attended a Christian Men's Breakfast Group and gave a talk about our Memory Box Program and took a sample Memory Box that she had painted. She received \$81.81 in donations for this program. Vada added a few dollars and gave Gateway a check for \$85.00. (Thank you, Vada!)

Jim gave a report on Retreat which is only 5 weeks away. We are in need of participants for the Gong Show. Brian Ellison volunteered, but we still need more. Retreat projects are on display. You can still sign up for Retreat.

Jim explained how we can help Riverbend Animal Shelter by getting an e-script card from Schnucks. Every time you shop at Schnucks, show your e-script card and a percentage of your purchase will go to Riverbend. Riverbend is full of animals, awaiting adoption. Help is needed to feed and care for the animals.

Since the 7 1/2 years that we have been doing Memory Boxes, we have shipped about 4,695 boxes. So far, this year, we have shipped 563 boxes. We have a Memory Box Paint-in the first Tuesday of each month, except November. Ginger German will be teaching the October paint-in.

The USO appreciates our donations, but they cannot accept hardback books. However, Turning Point will take hardback books and so will the Riverbend thrift shop.

Lorie reported that Maureen McNaughton patterns are on display. If you are signing up for her seminar, you can vote on 3 of the projects shown. The 3 receiving the most votes will be chosen for the seminar. The seminar will be January 8t, 9th and 10th at the Wingate Inn. Cost is \$65.00/day.

Joanne McVey Seminar is scheduled for July 30th and 31st and August 1st• She will be teaching Rosemalling and requires the first day for mixing colors and putting on patterns. Cost is \$45.00/day.

The Christmas Party will be held at Andre's again on Sunday, December 6th• Cost is \$19.00 per person. There will be an ornament exchange for those who want to participate.

Jo reported that we have 74 members in Gateway. Today, we have 43 members present and 4 guests. Martha White is a new member. Today's door prizes were donated by Elizabeth McClintock, Judy Mayo and Ginger German. Winners of the door prizes were: Ingrid Oertli (a broom), Barb Ogden (a birdhouse) and Donna Wessel (a hat).

The table centerpieces were designed by Sharon Hall. The centerpiece winners were: Gloria Falk, Laura Heathcoat, Lorie Reece, Jim Lair, Lou Ann Duryea, Cheryl Wilburn, Jean Lindsey, Martha White, Joan Love, and Lovella Mauer.

We are in need of door prizes for the next meeting. Dues must be paid by the November meeting in order to be included in the 2010 Directory. Please check your directory to make sure all your information is correct.

Donna talked about attending the Chapter Conference in Peoria and how enjoyable it was. Next year, the National Convention will be held in Wichita, Kansas. Guides for Wichita are available at the registration table.

Jean Ellison thanked the refreshment committee for today's good food. Those on that committee are: Vada Galvan, Cindy Rupp, Judy Mayo, Sharon Hall, Jeanette Bishop and Mary Jo Kumer. The board is in charge of refreshments for the November meeting. We will need volunteers for next year's meetings.

Donna made a request for yarn. She said her mother makes afghans or throws for nursing home residents and donates them to the residents. If anyone has any yarn they would like to donate for this cause, her mother would greatly appreciate it

Delia Larkins announced that the Illinois Chapter, Lincoln Trails, will be hosting a Boutique on October 22nd, 23rd and 24th and would like everyone to attend.

The annual Artists' Holiday Boutique will be held the 2nd week-end in November, the 13th and 14th, in O'Fallon, Missouri.

Barb Ogden announced that she has teachers' samples from the '93 Convention. These will be at her table and any money collected from these samples will go to the Memory Box Program.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Jean Rogenhofer Recording Secretary