

# **GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS**

## **MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 8, 2009**

Gloria called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. All board members were present. Ginger German gave the invocation. Gloria welcomed all members and guests.

Gloria asked if there were any corrections to the September minutes, as printed in the newsletter. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Gloria asked if there were any questions to the Treasurer's Report, as printed in the newsletter. Hearing no questions, the Treasurer's Report will be filed.

We recently lost two former members of Gateway - Mary Messmer and Garnet Rogers. Gloria sent sympathy cards to their families from Gateway.

Cheryl Wilburn, Nominating Committee Chair, advised that election ballots should have been picked up when registering. The ballot lists the following: President - Gloria Falk; Program Chair - Lorie Reece; and Newsletter Editor - Ingrid Oertli. Cheryl asked for nominations from the floor. Since there were no other nominations, Liz Geers made a motion to accept the proposed ballot and this was seconded by Barb Ogden. Motion carried.

Ellen Rohne made an announcement of a Trivia Night on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a Benefit Fundraiser for her daughter-in-law, Shelly Rohne, and Melanoma Cancer Awareness. Her daughter-in-law is in the advanced stage 4 of Melanoma and is presently being treated with an experimental program in Maryland, which is not covered by insurance. Ellen has fliers telling of this event which will be held at the O'Fallon Elks Lodge.

Janie Parasi's sister-in-law, Michelle Bastean, recently passed away and many of her possessions were sold at a yard sale at Gloria's house. From this sale, \$1,155.25 was donated to the Memory Box Program.

Gloria will be placing another order for Athena Brushes. See Gloria after the meeting if you are interested in ordering any of these. We will, again, receive a 40% discount. You do not have to pay for your order today. Also, aprons can be ordered with the Gateway logo on them. Cost is only \$8.00 for the apron. See Gloria or Donna if you are interested.

Sue Struckhoff announced that she has a supply of containers that can be used for brushes or pencils. They are free for anyone who would like some.

Jim Lair gave a report on Retreat and said 34 people attended. Everyone had a great time and there were some really nice prizes. The door prizes were won by Jeanette Bishop, Vada Galvan and Ginger German. Vada thanked Jo and Jim for her nice prize and the

wonderful job they did for Retreat. The costume winners were: Lorie Reece, Brian Ellison and Marilyn McDonald. The “early bird registration” prize was won by Ginger German.

River Bend has advised that the e-script cards are making a difference. They said to mention that they have lots of animals up for adoption.

The USO is still seeking donations of paper back books and snacks.

Turning Point is very grateful for all the donations we have provided them. Debbie Finklang said she received several bags of white tee-shirts for Turning Point. Vada Galvan’s daughter, Charlotte, works at Target and they have been donating many items for Turning Point. Ginger said she picked up three 19” TV’s, bicycles, wagons, and electronics. Target will also give Christmas gifts for them.

Mary Jo showed the Memory Boxes that were painted and brought to the meeting today. The next Memory Box Paint-in will be on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Ginger German will be teaching a Mama Bear with a Baby Bear.

Lorie Reece reported that she has one pattern now to pick up for the Maureen McNaughton Seminar. She will e-mail the supply list and other patterns when she receives them.

A selection of projects is on display for the Janelle Johnson Seminar in July. Please vote for either a two-day project and a one-day project, or three one-day projects.

Today, we have a silent auction on the Kitty Wrap that was donated to the chapter by Marilyn McDonald. It is a frameable canvas. So far, we have received a bid of \$40.00.

Projects brought in for Show and Tell were shown.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Andre’s on Telegraph Road. Cost is \$19.00. The time will be from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

After today’s meeting, we will have a paint-in on Christmas Ornaments. Cost is \$2.00 each. Lorie Reece and Donna Wessel will each be teaching a different ornament.

Jo Lair reported that we have 74 members that have joined our chapter this year. Today, we have 47 members present and one guest. Today’s Centerpieces were designed by Jo Lair. Winners of the centerpieces were: Lorie Reece, Kay Vuichard, Elizabeth McClintock, Jean Lindsey, Maureen Wasserman, Sue Struckhoff, Vada Galvan, Liz Geers, Ginger German, Marilyn Harnett, and Judy West. Door Prizes were won by: Lida Gillham, Judy Mayo and Barb Ogden.

Dues must be paid by December 1<sup>st</sup> for your name to be included in the 2010 Directory. Dues are \$20.00 and you must be a member of National to belong to a local chapter.

Donna Wessel said she has books, packets, brushes, patches, tee-shirts, tote bags and jewelry for sale at the chapter booth.

Jean Ellison thanked the board for the refreshments and centerpieces today. She was recruiting volunteers for next year's meeting refreshments and for February - the South County Crew volunteered. For April - Ginger German, Elizabeth McClintock, Barb Ogden and Liz Geers volunteered. For June - the Illinois Group volunteered. For September - Vada and the Galvanettes, and Judy Sloan. For November - the Board, and Jean Lindsey, Kay Vuichard, Cheryl Wilburn and Lee Zimmer.

Gloria thanked Jean Ellison for the nice job she has done being the Refreshment Chair.

Gloria said she has a card for Louise Kern and would like to have members sign it after the meeting.

Barb Ogden reminded everyone about the chapter library. She also told about the small display she had of classes available at the Checkered Cottage.

Gold Brush Nomination Forms and the Gold Brush Box are at the Registration Table. Jean Rogenhofer reminded everyone that today is the last day to submit nominations.

Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Carol Rufkahr. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Rogenhofer  
Recording Secretary