

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 11, 2010

Gloria Falk called the meeting to order at 1:10 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 February minutes, as printed in the Newsletter. Hearing no corrections, the minutes are approved as printed.

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

Gloria presented the Service Awards, with the help of Mary Jo Kumer, to those who were not at the Christmas Party or at the February meeting.

Kim Baker stopped in at our meeting and spoke about the rotating art shows that are displayed at the Maryland Heights Center. Artwork is displayed for a 6 week period. Gateway Pastel Artists currently have their work displayed now. They are a group of about 60 members and meet the 2nd Monday of every month in Webster Groves, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. They invited anyone interested to visit or join their group. Their dues are \$30.00 per year.

Gloria talked about the pins we will be painting to sell at our table in Wichita. She will be hosting a paint-in at her house on Wednesday, the 14th, and invited anyone that is interested in painting these pins to come. Starting time will be 9:30 a.m.

Gloria asked if everyone had a chance to look at the "Paint for Freedom" cards that are on display. We were asked to paint 10 of these and she e-mailed everyone, asking for volunteers. She thanked those that volunteered for this community project. Five of these cards will be mailed back to the company that supplied these cards to us and will be put on display at the National Conference in Wichita. They will then be mailed to the Golden Star Mothers for distribution. The other 5 are to be given out locally. Gloria plans to contact the VFW and USO.

If anyone would like to order any merchandise from SDP, see Gloria after the meeting and she will be glad to get it. Unfortunately, she forgot the SDP order form.

Jim Lair gave a report on our up-coming Retreat on October 29th, 30th and 31st at the YMCA Trout Lodge. Retreat projects are on display to vote on after the meeting. We were able to get a little cheaper rates this year.

The Make-it-take-it Projects are to be displayed and voted on at the June meeting. It was decided that the teachers would be paid \$25.00 for teaching a make-it-take-it project.

The Retreat Booklets will be available on the internet. If you do not have internet and would like to receive a printed copy, please sign the list after the meeting. The black and

white copies are free, but if you want one in color, the cost will be \$3.00.

Mary Jo Kumer gave a report on Memory Boxes. Some boxes were recently given to the Lake St. Louis Hospital. Gloria will be teaching the May Memory Box paint-in. Marilyn McDonald will teach the June paint-in. Ginger German will teach the August paint-in. We are still looking for teachers for the months of September, October and November. Anyone is invited to come and paint. You will receive a free pattern, photo and instructions.

Lorie Reece announced that Barb Ogden will be teaching the paint-in after today's meeting. The cost will be \$3.00.

Karen Steiner will teach a workshop on Saturday, April 24th. It is a lighthouse painted on a 12" x 12" ceramic tile. The class fee is \$15.00 and the project fee is \$10.00. This will be held at Quality Testing Company in Maryland Heights.

Joanne MacVey will be teaching a stroke work seminar on June 26th, 27th and 28th. Cost is \$45.00 per day. So far, we only have 10 people signed up for this. It will be held at Gloria's house.

Janelle Johnson will be teaching a colored pencil seminar on July 30th, 31st and August 1st. This will be held at the Wingate Inn and cost is \$45.00 per day. Friday's class is full and we only have 2 openings for the Saturday and Sunday class. The special paper for the classes will be available at our June meeting. Friday's paper will be \$6.50 and it will be \$9.25 for the other class.

Lorie reminded everyone that refunds are not normally given if you are unable to take a seminar that you paid for. You should try to find someone to buy your space or contact Lorie to see if there is someone on a waiting list. In an extreme emergency, a refund might be given after the board makes such a decision.

The pieces that Maureen McNaughton painted at her seminar and donated to our chapter are on display. We will sell tickets for "Opportunities of Ownership" at our chapter table in Wichita. We would also like everyone to help sell raffle tickets. Colored flyers are available to show. We will have the drawing at the November meeting.

Vada Galvan will be teaching a butterfly pin after the June meeting.

Lorie and Mary Jo showed the projects brought in for Show and Tell.

Cheryll Wilburn gave a talk on Guide Dogs of America. A list of donations needed is printed in the Newsletter.

Ingrid Oertli advised that the next Newsletter deadline will be May 21st.

Jo Lair reported that we have 48 members present and 2 guests. Four door prizes were

donated today by Donna Wessel, Josee Laferriere, Sharon Hall and Jeanette Bishop.

There are 21 donated, painted Memory Boxes on the tables. The angels were started by Michelle Basteau and finished by Ginger German.. We have lots of unpainted Memory Boxes available for anyone wishing to take some home to paint.

Jo mentioned that Lisa Retzer's name should be deleted from your directory, as she has not paid her dues.

Donna reported that there are lots of free books on the table that Mary Messmer's husband, Paul, donated to our chapter.. She also has chapter patches and jewelry for sale at the chapter table.

Jean Ellison thanked today's Refreshment Committee for all the good food at today's meeting. Those on the committee are: Ginger German, Elizabeth McClintock, Debbie Finklang, Barb Ogden, Marilyn McDonald, Karen Steiner, Liz Geers and Mary Jo Kumer.

The June refreshments will be provided by the Illinois group.

With no further business, Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Carol Rufkahr. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Rogenhofer,
Recording Secretary