

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2011

Gloria called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. All board members were in attendance. Ginger German gave the invocation. Gloria welcomed all members and guests and thanked everyone for coming.

Gloria asked if there were any corrections to the November minutes and December minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Hearing no corrections, the minutes will stand as printed.

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

Gloria mentioned that brochures are available advertising the up-coming Convention in Wichita. So far, they only have about 500 registered. Fliers are also available for SDP. As a promotion, they are offering new members a special kit. There are also a few brochures available advertising the Houston Artist Expo.

Gloria asked how many members were going to the Wichita Convention and mentioned that we are in need of someone to attend the Chapter's Conference. If anyone is interested, please see Gloria after the meeting.

The board discussed sending donations again this year to SDP and the Museum of Decorative Painters. We suggested sending \$125 to SDP and \$100 to the Museum. Jo Lair made a motion that we send \$125 to SDP and \$100 to the Museum. This was seconded by Sue Struckhoff. Motion carried by a show of hands.

The Chapter Service Award Charms were presented to the various deserving members. Paul Messmer will be having another sale on Saturday, April 30th. Fliers are on Jo's table with the information and directions.

Jim Lair gave a report on Retreat, which will be held at the YMCA Trout Lodge again this year on September 30th, October 1st and 2nd. Trout Lodge reservations should be made by June 30th. This year's theme is "Movie Madness" The rooms will cost \$5.00 more, per person, due to the time of year we will be going. The projects submitted for Retreat are on display today and ballots will be given out after the meeting for voting. We ask that only people going to retreat do the voting. Retreat Booklets will be available on-line. Anyone wanting a black & white retreat booklet should let Jim know after the meeting.

We are still supporting the USO and are accepting paperback books only. We are also still supporting Turning Point and Riverbend Animal Shelter. Riverbend recently had an Artadoptathon event to raise money for support of the shelter. Handpainted items were donated by Gloria Falk, Lorie Reese, Donna Wessel, Ginger German and Jo Lair. Next Sunday, Riverbend will be having a Chocadoptathon as another fund raiser for the animals. See their ad in our Newsletter.

Mary Jo Kumer gave a report on Memory Boxes. Donna Wessel taught the April MB paint-in and Ginger German will be teaching a bird nest at the May MB paint-in. We are still looking for someone to teach the June MB paint-in. The South County group painted 38 Memory Boxes that are displayed on the tables today.

Lorie Reece gave a report on Seminars. She advised that the seminar fee for non-members will now be \$20.00 over the cost of a member's fee. The Carol Spohn Watercolor Seminar will be June 17th, 18th and 19th. Carol will be teaching Geraniums on Friday, Ditch Flowers on Saturday and Turtles on Sunday. She has offered to do a free two or four hour class on Thursday evening. The only cost will be a supply fee of approximately \$15.00. The project for Thursday will be determined by the most votes after the meeting. Lorie will e-mail a list of brushes needed for each project. She will check with Carol to see if she will have brushes available to purchase.

Annette Long will have a Seminar on July 16th, 17th and 18th. This is on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. This will be in oils and photos of various projects are on display for voting. You can paint on the surface of your choice. The cost is \$45.00 per day and the seminar will be held at the Wingate Hotel.

We are planning a one-day Color Pencil Seminar with Tina Sue Norris on Monday, September 19th, at the Staybridge Hotel in O'Fallon. Cost will probably be \$45.00. Tina will be doing a Seminar for Artistic Friends on Friday through Sunday, September 16th, 17th and 18th at the Staybridge and has offered to stay an extra day for us.

Karen Hubbard and Mark Polomchak Seminars are planned for next year, 2012. In 2013, we are planning a Seminar with Robert Warren. Specific dates have not yet been determined.

We had a good turnout for both Ginger German's Workshop and Gloria Falk's Workshop. Lorie showed some of the projects that were done at these workshops. Lorie is looking for two or three teachers for next year's workshops. See Lorie if you are interested. Lorie and Mary Jo showed the projects that were on display for "Show and Tell". Barb Ogden mentioned that she had projects on display for classes at the Checkered Cottage. Barb Ogden will be teaching the paint-in after the meeting today. It is a cute little "Be Mine" Pin and the cost is \$2.00.

Ingrid Oertli made an announcement that the next newsletter deadline will be May 15th. The newsletters will be e-mailed and mailed out to those not having e-mail on the 29th of May.

Jo Lair reported that we have 45 members attending today's meeting, and 5 guests. The guests were introduced by the members who brought the guests. One guest was Jo's friend from Japan. Tickets were drawn from each table for the attendance prizes. Door prizes were donated by Gloria Falk and the winners were Vada Galvan and Kay Vuichard.

Donna Wessel said she has some books, patches and jewelry that are for sale at the Chapter Table.

The 2011 Directories are available for pick up today. The Newsletter lists some corrections that should be made in these Directories.

Kay Vuichard suggested that we do some Memory Boxes at Retreat. She offered to have a table set up for making "Cut and Paste, Decoupage Memory Boxes" - no painting. She has offered to supply all the materials and Gateway will supply the boxes. These can be done anytime someone has some free time at Retreat, or after the Banquet on Saturday evening.

Jean Ellison thanked today's Refreshment Committee for all the good food. Those on that committee were: Ginger German, Marilyn McDonald, Ann Mohrman, Linda Nelson, Karen Steiner, Kay Vuichard, Wanda Webb and Judy West. She thanked the South County group for all the Memory Boxes they painted and had on display at today's meeting. Vada and her group will be providing the refreshments at the June meeting.

Sue Struckhoff announced that she has a bag of plastic tubes from her dog's treats if anyone would like to have some. These are great containers for brushes or pencils and they are free.

Liz Geers announced that she has about 50 blue wine bottles if anyone is interested. She will sell these for \$1.00 each and will donate the money to the Memory Box Program. If you are interested, see Liz after the meeting and she will bring them to the next meeting.

Jim reminded everyone to vote on Retreat Projects after the meeting. He has the ballots.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Rogenhofer,
Recording Secretary