

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS Meeting Minutes of June 12, 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 April 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 passed out the Service Award Charms to those who were not at the last meeting. She thanked everyone that helped the chapter last year with events and various committees.

A report was given on convention. This year, only 589 people were registered. That number is way down from previous years. There were 10 countries represented. The economy seems to be hurting everyone. Next year will be the 40th Anniversary Convention in Wichita. Please consider attending this celebration. Plans are in motion to assure you a good time.

This year's Silver Palette winner was Heidi England. The Dedicated Service Award went to Brenda Stewart. Presidents Accommodation Award went to Marian Jackson.

National Membership is down about 10,000. Part of this is probably due to the aging of our members, changes in interest, and loss of stores and teachers. We must all try to do our part in gaining new members. Excitement was rolling at Convention for chapters to do this. Gloria said she has appointed a Ways and Means Committee. Nancy Falk is Chair and Deb Finklang and Cheryl Wilburn are on that committee. They are working up some ideas and if anyone has any suggestion or help to offer, please feel free to contact one of them.

Donna Wessel is setting up a display at a local library and we will have a display here at the Maryland Heights Center in September. We will hand out brochures to promote National and our Chapter at these displays. We are still accepting applications to display your artwork at the Maryland Heights Center.

Donna talked about the display she will be having at the library and encouraged others to check out their local library to see about displaying their art. We need to spread the work about painting and not let this art form die.

Cheryll Wilburn wanted anyone interested in running for office to see her after the meeting, or to call her. Positions up for nominations are: President, Program Chairman and Newsletter Editor.

For a Memory Box Fundraiser, Ginger German has painted a beautiful cabinet. We are having an "Opportunity of Ownership" on this piece. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Our chapter has been asked again to take part in the "Paint for Freedom" cards for our Servicemen.

We were given 6 and we still have 5 left to paint. If you are interested in painting one of these, see Gloria after the meeting. Some ideas for patterns are on SDP's website. Deadline to get these back to Gloria is September 1st.

Jim Lair gave a report on Retreat. It will be held at the YMCA Trout Lodge on September 30th, October 1st and 2nd. The class selections are on display. Jim has black and white copies of the Retreat Program available. Registration is due by June 30th. If teachers want to bring a camera, tri-pod, etc. for their class, he will help set up. Retreat Teachers are to meet with Jim after today's meeting for a short meeting. Those going to Retreat can vote on Make-it-Take-its after the meeting.

Mary Jo Kumer gave a report on Memory Boxes. Ginger German taught at the last MB paint-in and they painted 27 boxes. Ingrid Oertli will be teaching the MB paint-in in July, Donna Wessel in August, and Gloria in September. We have shipped 251 boxes so far this year. Some of these went to local hospitals - Cardinal Glennon, DePaul and Lake St. Louis.

Lorie Reece gave a report on up-coming seminars. The Carol Spohn Watercolor Seminar will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 17th, 18th, and 19th. She will also have a class on Thursday evening starting at 6:00 p.m. This will be at Quality Testing Company in Maryland Heights. Lorie has the supply lists.

The Annette Long Oil Seminar will be on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 16th, 17th, and 18th. Lorie has the patterns for these projects. Trace the patterns on paper but do not put them on your wood piece. The palette fee is \$4.00 per day.

Sandra Reynolds will be teaching the paint-in after today's meeting. Cost is \$3.00.

Several boxes of various wood pieces and miscellaneous items are available for purchase today with proceeds going to the Memory Box Program.

Mary Jo and Lorie showed the various items brought in for Show and Tell. Also on display were the projects for the Mary Carole Seminar in Illinois on Labor Day week-end, hosted by Jo Lair.

Ingrid Oertli said the deadline for the next Newsletter will be August 30th.

Jo Lair reported that we have 42 members present today. We have no guests, but have 2 new members.

Door prizes were won by Marilyn McDonald and Ginger German.

Donna Wessel announced that she has pins and patches for sale at the Chapter table.

Gloria thanked Jean Ellison and the Galvanettes for the refreshments at today's meeting.

Jim Lair announced that Vada Galvan would be in charge of entertainment at Retreat. The theme is —Movie Madness || and we will have a costume contest. Bring board games and cards. Kay Vuichard will have lots of things to use to decorate Memory Boxes in your spare time.

Marilyn Hartnett's brother-in-law passed away this morning.

With no further business, Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy Sloan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Rogenhofer
Recording Secretary