

## **GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2011**

Gloria called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. All board members were in attendance except for Ingrid Oertli. 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 June 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 the "Paint for Freedom Cards" that were painted by our chapter members. She thanked those that took part in this endeavor. She asked that those that painted a card to stand when she called their name. They were: Ginger German, Marilyn McDonald, Joyce Miller, Sandy Reynolds, Jean Rogenhofer, Judy West and Cheryll Wilburn.

Set up for the Maryland Heights Art Exhibit will be tomorrow, between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. If you have not turned in your exhibit reservation but would still like to participate, see Gloria after the meeting.

The Gold Brush Award Committee still needs a couple of volunteers from the general membership. If you would like to volunteer, see Gloria after the meeting. The GB Committee will meet for a short time after the November meeting, here at the center. The Gold Brush Award is the highest award given by our Chapter. Please think about nominating someone who is a deserving and long-standing member of our chapter, a form is in the Newsletter.

Cheryll Wilburn has a list of Crocks still available. Gloria had sent an e-mail to everyone listing the crocks, size and cost. These were given to our chapter by Gwen Gerhardt's daughter. The money will go towards the Memory Box Program. If you see some on the list that you want, let Cheryll know and she will bring them to the November meeting.

Jim Lair gave a report on Retreat. This year, registration is down and that could be due to the economy. Jim asked if the members would prefer to have a retreat every other year instead of every year. This would not start until 2013 since reservations have already been made for 2012. Kay Vuichard made a motion to have the retreat every other year. This was seconded by Ellen Rohne. Pros and cons were discussed on doing this and then a vote was taken. 22 voted for having retreat every other year and 14 voted against this. Motion carried to have retreat every other year.

Mary Jo Kumer gave a report on Memory Boxes. Kay Vuichard taught the paint-in last month. Joan Love will be teaching the October paint-in. There will not be a paint-in in November and Gloria Falk will teach in December. We have shipped 348 boxes so far this year. Tole Friends is still reimbursing postage.

A Chapter Service Award Charm was presented to Marilyn Hartnett, who is our Historian and Photographer. She was not at the last meeting when these were presented to other deserving members.

Lorie Reece reminded everyone of the "Opportunity of Ownership" for the beautifully painted cabinet that Ginger German has painted for our Chapter's Memory Box Program. The cabinet came from Gwen Gerhardt's Sale. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be held at the November meeting.

Vada Galvan has volunteered to do a Sharing Workshop next year. At the November meeting, Ellen Rohne will be teaching a pumpkin on fabric

Karen Hubbard will be teaching a Seminar next year on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd. That's Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Cost will be \$50.00/day per person, based on 18 members attending. Project submissions can be voted on today.

Mark Polomchak will be teaching a Seminar in November. Cost for that seminar will be \$75.00/day per person. The cost of paint will be \$14.00 a palette for all 3 days. Lorie has a list of the paint colors and supplies that you will need. Project submissions can also be voted on today.

The Tina Sue Norris Seminar was this past week-end with Artistic Friends. We did not have enough sign up for Gateway to have her stay an extra day while she was here, but Lorie will try to get her in 2012.

Mary Jo and Lorie showed the projects brought in for Show & Tell. Barb Ogden explained the projects that she will be teaching at the Checkered Flag in Kirkwood.

Today, Laura Mayo will be teaching the paint-in after the meeting. It is a fall door hanger and the cost is \$3.00.

Jo Lair reported that we have 56 members present today and 5 guests. Gift bags were presented to the guests. Today's door prizes were donated by Ellen Rohne and Barb Ogden. They were won by Jean Rogenhofer, Elizabeth McClintock and Ginger German.

Gloria mentioned the next Newsletter deadline will be October 17th.

Donna Wessel announced that she has some chapter jewelry for sale at the chapter table, along with some painted brush pins and some chapter logo patches.

Jean Ellison thanked today's refreshment committee for all the good food. Those on that committee were Barb Ogden, Nancy Falk, Debbie Finklang, Mary Jo Kumer, Jean Lindsey, Lovella Mauer, Elizabeth McClintock, Ellen Rohne, Margaret Von Kaenel and Cheryll Wilburn. Jean also announced that she is resigning from Refreshment Chair for next year. Debbie Finklang volunteered to take over Refreshment Chair for next year. The board volunteered to bring the refreshments for the February meeting. Jean made note of others that signed up to bring refreshments next year.

Lorie Reece reminded everyone that the Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 4th at Andre's. Cost is \$19.00 per person, which includes drinks at the bar. There will again be an ornament exchange for those wanting to participate.

Cheryll Wilburn is looking for volunteers to run for offices next year. Those offices that are up for election are President, Program Chair and Newsletter

Editor. On the slate this year is: Gloria Falk for President; Lorie Reece for Program Chair; and Sandy Reynolds for Newsletter Editor.

Cheryll asked if there were any nominations from the floor for any of these offices. There were none.

Nominations will be called for at the Nov. meeting again and voting will take place at that time.

Nancy Falk gave a report on the Ways and Means Committee. Debbie Finklang and Cheryll Wilburn are on that committee with her. They have several paint-ins scheduled at Wine Bar/ Café's where participants will paint a wine glass and have hors devours and a glass of wine.

We have a display in the O'Fallon & Wentzville Libraries. Donna is scheduled to set up a display at the St. Ann Library in October. Ginger German has made posters for these displays with pockets for Gateway's and SDP's tri-fold and an invite to the meeting. We are hoping to get people interested in painting and possibly get new members.

Ellen Rohne will be teaching the paint-in after the November meeting. You will provide your own surface. The pattern will be printed in the next Newsletter. Paint will be provided at the meeting, along with a photo.

Vada Galvan reminded everyone to bring their costumes to Retreat.

With no further business, Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Debbie Finklang seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Rogenhofer  
Recording Secretary