

# GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

## Meeting Minutes of APRIL 15, 2012

Lorie Reece called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. All board members were in attendance. Ginger German gave the invocation.

Lorie welcomed all members and guests. Lorie informed everyone that Gateway Louie was out of the closet and was wearing a cute bunny outfit.

Lorie asked if there were any corrections to the February minutes as printed in the Newsletter. The minutes were approved.

Lorie asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report will be filed.

Donna Wessel will be attending the SDP Conference and will represent our Chapter. She will be taking our Chapter's Banner and will carry it in the parade. Anyone from our chapter that will be at the Conference is welcome to walk with her.

The Gift Tags that we volunteered to do for National have been completed and Gloria has them wrapped and ready to go. We ordered 60 of these and have 50 for National. The extra tags were offered to the ones that painted the tags at price of \$2.00 each. Gloria said we have one left and then Jo offered to buy it.

If anyone has any concerns about the By-Laws, they should be directed in writing to Donna Wessel. Lorie said that she was going to be on the committee, but since she works during the day it might be hard for her to make the committee meetings. She asked if someone would volunteer to replace her on that committee. Karen Steiner volunteered.

If anyone has any questions regarding our Seminars, they should contact Barb Ogden., our Program Chairman.

Jim Lair thanked everyone that submitted projects for Retreat. Voting will take place after the meeting today. Retreat is at the YMCA Trout Lodge on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Retreat Booklets will be available on-line. Black and White Booklets can be printed for those that do not have access to the internet. Jim asked how many would need a black and white copy. Retreat registration deadline will be August 15<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for reservations at Trout Lodge will be June 28<sup>th</sup>. If that date changes, he will let us know. Ann Mohrman, Karen Steiner, and Marilyn McDonald will be in charge of entertainment. When voting for Retreat Projects, vote by number, not the name of project. Submissions for "make-it-take-its" should be in to Jim by May 15<sup>th</sup>. These will be voted on at the June meeting.

Mary Jo Kumer reported about the Memory Box Program. At the last paint-in, Donna Wessel taught a cute little bear. After lunch, we painted the Luggage Tags for SDP, taught by Gloria Falk. Ginger German will be teaching the May paint-in and Barb Ogden will be teaching in June. We still have some months available if anyone is interested in teaching a project. So far, we have mailed 160 boxes. The Western Girls did 35 boxes that are displayed on the tables today. We have boxes that can be checked out and painted at home. If you are taking any, please sign your name. When bringing boxes

back, please let us know if they are Gateway's or your own purchase. Everyone is invited to come to our MB Paint-in. We meet the first Tuesday of every month, with a few exceptions. We provide the boxes and the paint. Bring your lunch. If you can't paint boxes, donations for postage will be appreciated. A poem is placed in every box we send and a note is put into every shipment as to where the hospitals receiving them can send donations. The bank has been providing us with the mailing boxes and a bank employee has even given us some cash for postage.

Lorie gave out Service Awards to those not at the Christmas Party. She apologized for neglecting to give these out at the February meeting. She then thanked everyone for all their help.

Dixie Reeb made a suggestion that everyone make a \$2.00 donation towards postage for the Memory Box shipments. A collection was taken and a total of \$66.00 was received for postage.

It was also suggested that we have an auction and garage sale at the September meeting. Money from the auction would go toward Memory Box postage. Bring anything painted, or not yet painted. Let Barb know how many will participate in the garage sale so she knows how much space to reserve and how many tables we will need. Money collected from the garage sale will go to the individuals.

Jean Ellison announced that she brought some throw-away plastic aprons and invited everyone to take some. These are free.

Marilyn Todd asked if you could still go to Retreat if you didn't stay at the Trout Lodge. Jim advised yes if you wanted to drive back and forth everyday. Lunch tickets could be purchased for \$7.50 per meal if you are not staying at the lodge.

Mary Jo showed the various items brought in for Show & Tell. She also mentioned the paintings on display for Jo's Seminar with Mary Carole during Labor Day week-end.

Barb Ogden reminded everyone of the Karen Hubbard Seminar coming up next Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Wingate Inn. It starts at 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, or there are a couple of fast-food places near there if you want to go out. Paint is included. However, your project needs to be base coated, according to instructions, and your base coat colors should be brought to class. Barb has the patterns. Classes should be paid for today.

Mark Polomchak's Seminar is coming up on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The boards he paints on can be purchased from Mark for \$3.00 each. A palette of paint for the entire weekend can be purchased for \$14.00. Bring blue tape with you.

We have Tina Sue Norris scheduled for a Seminar in March of 2013. We are still waiting to hear back from Robert Warren.

Today, Vada will be teaching the paint-in after the meeting. The cost is \$3.00 for the pattern and the box. Vada will also be teaching a Sharing Workshop in August. Samples of two projects are on display. Please vote, after the meeting, on which one you would like to paint.

Barb showed some projects she had recently done from our library patterns. She explained about our library and mentioned that you can go on-line to see patterns and videos that are available. She cannot bring all the library patterns with her at each meeting, but if you e-mail her about a particular pattern or video that you would like to check out, she will bring it to the meeting.

Jo Lair reported that we have 47 members and 4 guests at today's meeting. One guest was from Australia, a friend of Linda Nelson. A door prize donated by Linda Nelson was won by Maureen Wasserman. Other door prizes donated by Sandra Reynolds were won by: Dixie Reeb, Debbie Christianson, and Jean Ellison.

Those that signed up for the "Pin Pal" Program were notified by phone of their Pin Pal. The pins will be exchanged at the November meeting.

Donna Wessel mentioned that the By-Laws were up for review this year and if anyone has any concerns or thinks changes should be made, they should contact Donna in writing so the committee has time to review these. Besides Donna, those on the committee are Gloria Falk, Ellen Rohne, Kay Vuichard and Karen Steiner.

Donna mentioned that Louise Kern, our former member and friend, had recently passed away. She was not a current member but would have been if it had not been for illness. She served on the board and volunteered at SDP Conventions. Donna made a motion that our chapter makes a \$35.00 donation to the Museum of Decorative Painting in memory of Louise. This was seconded by Jean Rogenhofer. A vote was taken and all were in favor, with none opposed.

Donna mentioned that she has some patches, pins and books for sale at the chapter table.

Donna also mentioned that Martin F. Weber Company and Martin Universal Design have a program offering a 20% discount to chapters. The store code to use is GATEWAY. Donna has not yet received any quarterly checks, like Artist's Club used to do.

Sandra Reynolds mentioned that she would like to include a "Brag Page" in the Newsletter. If anyone has anything they would like to "brag" about, let her know about it. Also if anyone has any ideas or suggestions about the Newsletter, please let her know. The next Newsletter deadline is May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Barb reminded everyone to make sure they were paid up for the Karen Hubbard Seminar.

Jim mentioned that Lorie will be handing out ballots for voting on Retreat projects. After you vote, please give the ballot to Jim.

Debbie Finklang thanked those on the refreshment committee. She also thanked everyone for helping set up the tables. The Committee for the next meeting is the Galvanettes.

With no further business, Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Lorie Reece. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Rogenhofer  
Recording Secretary