

## GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

### Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2012

Lorie Reece called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. All board members were in attendance. Ginger German gave the invocation.

Lorie welcomed all members and guests. Lorie said to note that "Gateway Louie" was wearing a swim suit today due to the warm weather we're having. Maybe "Gateway Louise" would be a better suited name today.

Lorie asked if there were any corrections to the April minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Lorie asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the Treasurer's Report. Hearing no corrections, the Treasurer's Report will be filed

Lorie mentioned that the Chapter's need of purchasing a camera and projector was brought up at the last board meeting. She said she has been borrowing the projector from her work, but since she is no longer Program Chair, she would probably not be at some of the seminars or workshops that the chapter has. Her work would probably not like lending their equipment out if Lorie was not going to be there. Also, the camera we had been using belongs to Gloria. We are checking on prices of purchasing this equipment, or possibly receiving a donation. We presently have some cable wires that we are thinking of selling on Craig's List and the money from that sale could go toward the purchase of the equipment we need. .

The possibility of setting up a "Pay Pal" account was also discussed at the board meeting. Donna Wessel is going to check this out.

Lorie thanked Sandra Reynolds for the new "Brag Corner" in our Newsletter. Sandra invited everyone to contact her if they had something to "brag" about.

Jim Lair gave a report on Retreat. It will be held at the YMCA Trout Lodge again on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for making reservations at Trout Lodge is June 28<sup>th</sup>. The "make-it-take-it" projects submitted for Retreat are on display today and can be voted on after the meeting. Please vote by number only and only those planning on going to Retreat should vote.

Barb Ogden gave a Report on Seminars and Workshops. We still have openings in all three days of Mark Polomchak's Seminar on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Cost of Mark's Seminar is \$75.00/day, plus supplies. We have two Sharing Workshops scheduled. Vada Galvan will be teaching on August 25<sup>th</sup> and cost is \$15.00, plus canvas. Ellen Rohne will be teaching on October 6<sup>th</sup> and cost is \$15.00. Ellen will be teaching fabric painting and you will need to bring a shirt, canvas bag or apron to paint on. If you want a shirt like Ellen painted on, you can order it from SDP. Both Workshops will be held at Quality Testing in Maryland Heights. You should bring a sack lunch.

Debbie Christenson will be teaching the paint-in after the meeting today. It is a colored pencil project and the cost is \$3.00. However, the projects have all been sold.

Tina Sue Norris will be teaching a colored pencil Seminar on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The

projects have not been selected yet. We also have Della and Company scheduled for a Seminar in Acrylics in 2013..

Barb reminded everyone that Mark's Seminar will be held at Holiday Inn Express and not Wingate.

Mary Jo Kumer gave a report on Memory Boxes. There was a good turn out for Barb's paint-in. Gloria took some boxes to the hospital in Lake St. Louis. As of today, we have shipped a total of 284 boxes. The next MB Paint-in will be on Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and Joan Love will be teaching. The August paint-in will be taught by Donna Wessel. We still need a volunteer for the September paint-in. We will not have a paint-in in November.

Mary Jo showed all the nice projects brought in for "Show and Tell".

Jo Lair reported that we have 45 members present today and one guest. Linda Lewis is a new member. Door prizes were won by Marilyn Todd and Mary Jo Kumer. Booklets for the Las Vegas Convention are available, free, for anyone interested. Drawings for the table centerpieces took place at each table.

Donna Wessel advised that she will be getting in touch with the By-Laws Committee to set up another meeting. Donna was our Representative at the Chapter's Gathering in Wichita this year and gave a report. She said the Convention was smaller this year, but still lots of fun. The vendors had a good show. Next year, the Convention will be held in the Chicago area. It's a resort about 45 minutes west of Chicago. It will be held May 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. Donna's report on the Chapter's Gathering is listed in the Newsletter.

Sandra Reynolds informed everyone that the deadline for the next Newsletter will be August 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember to send information to her for the "Brag Corner".

Debbie Finklang thanked everyone on the Refreshment Committee for all the good food. A request was made to put the bean recipe in the next Newsletter.

Jo mentioned that she still has some Directories available. If you have not picked yours up yet, see her after the meeting.

Cheryll Wilburn mentioned that the Ways and Means Committee would like to know if anyone has any ideas to get people interested in painting and, if so, to let them know. Nancy Falk and Debbie Finklang are also on this committee. Cheryll then reminded everyone that election of officers is coming up in November. If anyone is interested in running for an office, please let her know. The offices up for election are: Vice President, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Our Calendar lists the duties of each office.

Jo Lair mentioned that she will be teaching an oil painting class this Saturday at the Maryland Heights Center. The painting is on display in the lobby.

Barb reminded everyone that the next meeting, in September, will be our "sales" meeting. Contact Barb if you will be needing a table.

Mary Jo mentioned that we still have Memory Boxes available for members to take home and paint. She showed the various Memory Boxes that were painted and brought to the meeting and thanked all those that painted them. Mary Jo said it was important to keep the lids with the boxes, as they have

found out that not all lids are interchangeable.

Jim reminded all those that are planning on going to Retreat to vote on the “make-it-take-it” projects that are on display. Vote by number and vote for four projects.

With no further business, Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Jim Lair. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Rogenhofer  
Recording Secretary