

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2012

Lorie Reece called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. All board members were in attendance with the exception of Jo and Jim Lair. Vada Galvan gave the invocation. Lorie thanked everyone for coming today and also thanked Gloria Falk for taking care of the membership tasks in Jo's absence.

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

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

We need a volunteer from the membership to be on the Gold Brush Award Committee. Kay Vuichard and Maureen Wasserman volunteered. Members may vote for anyone that they think should receive the Gold Brush Award. Fill out the Nomination Form and drop it in the Gold Brush Award box at the registration table.

Lorie stated that she needs the names of all those that volunteered on various committees. The Committee Chair Person should keep a list and give that to Lorie so that charms can be ordered for them.

The election of officers for 2013 will take place at the November meeting. The offices we will be voting on are Vice President, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. We will also be reviewing the By-Laws and voting on the proposed changes.

We have received a notice from the Maryland Heights Center regarding a price increase for next year's room rental. It will be going up \$25 per room and since we rent two rooms for our meeting that means our room rental per meeting will increase from \$150 to \$200 for a total of \$1,000 in 2013. We have decided to stay at the Maryland Heights Center next year, but will be checking out other locations for our meetings in 2014.

We have decided to set up a Pay Pal account for paying dues, seminar fees, etc. This will be on a trial basis, starting in November. A person using this will pay a 2.9% fee plus 30 cents per transaction. For example, if paying your dues by Pay Pal, it will cost you \$20.88. Barb Ogden had some questions as to why we chose Pay Pal over The Square. Sandra and Lorie explained the advantages of using Pay Pal. This will be set up on a trial basis with paying dues.

We need an Area Rep for North County. Jean Lindsey volunteered. A list should be given to each Area Rep with the names and phone numbers for them to call when an emergency arises.

At this year's conference, National is offering a Pampered Palette Juried Art Exhibition. Submission cost is \$10.00 for members. There are three entry categories: Professionals, Hobbyists and Beginners. Your entry does not have to be original artwork, but you do need permission from the original artist.

Retreat is coming up on September 28th, 29th and 30th. If you have not signed up yet, you need to do so today with Gloria, she has the forms. Jim said he has contacted all the retreat teachers as to how many have signed up for their class. If anyone needs to use the video equipment, they need to let Jim know before retreat or it will not be available for them.

Bill Chiles is retiring and this will be his last year at our retreat. He has sold all his tools and will no longer be doing woodworking. So, this is our last chance to buy some of his great wood pieces.

Mary Jo Kumer gave a report on Memory Boxes. We have mailed 353 so far this year. We will be painting at the bank on Tuesday and we invite everyone to come. Ginger German will be painting a cute little bunny with colored pencils. Donna Wessel will be teaching in October. We will not have a paint-in in November. Barb Ogden will teach in December. We will be needing volunteers to teach for next year. We will have a Memory Box paint-in again this year at retreat. Gloria and Mary Jo have prepped the boxes.

Barb Ogden gave a report on Workshops and Seminars. She thanked Vada Galvan for recently teaching a Workshop. Ellen Rohne will be teaching a Workshop on Saturday, October 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Express. Barb has sent instructions for those signed up. The shirt Ellen painted on is no longer available from National so you need to bring a black shirt, apron or canvas bag.

Mark Polomchak will be teaching a three-day watercolor seminar on November 3rd, 4th and 5th. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Express. You can bring your own paints or buy a palette from Mark. Those signed up have received a check list of things to bring. If you still owe a balance on Mark's Seminar, please pay up today.

Tina Sue Norris will be teaching a colored pencil seminar on June 22nd, 23rd and 24th. We have five photos on display. If you are planning to take Tina's class, please vote on three.

At the November meeting, we will have the dates of the Della Wetterman Seminar and the projects she will be teaching.

The Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 2nd at Yacovelli's. The cost will be \$20.00.

Barb mentioned that the "garage sale" would still be available after the meeting. She thanked all the vendors and those that brought things in for the auction.

Mary Jo showed the items brought in for Show and Tell. The auction was held next. Mary Jo was the auctioneer. Items for the auction were donated by Ellen Rohne, Donna Wessel, Gloria Falk, Barb Ogden and Dixie Reeb. \$240.00 was collected from the auction. This money will go to the Ways and Means Committee for their expenses.

Gloria Falk painted a beautiful rooster on a chair and donated it to our chapter for an "Opportunity of Ownership". Chances are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Nancy Falk has tickets for this. The drawing will take place at the November meeting. The money collected will go to the Ways and Means Committee to help with their expenses for some Learn to Paint classes that will be offered in 2013.

Today, we have 36 members present and 5 guests. Gift bags were presented to the guests. Door prizes were won by Jeanne Abraham, Jean Rogenhofer and Mary Jo Kumer. Gloria reminded everyone that dues are due by the November meeting. Also, if you haven't registered for Retreat, then do so today.

Sandy advised that the next Newsletter deadline is October 15th. She also reminded everyone about the "brags" and the "bios" she needs for the Newsletter. She brought up the possibility of having a 50/50 drawing at the meetings. The chapter would get half the money collected and the winner would get the

other half. The money could go into our general fund and possibly be used to help pay the extra room rental fees. Barb Ogden made a motion to do the 50/50 drawing and this was seconded by Sandy Reynolds. Motion passed.

A report was given by the Ways and Means Committee. Those on that committee are: Nancy Falk, Gloria Falk, Cheryll Wilburn, Debbie Finklang, Donna Wessel and Liz Geers. They told of the various free classes they were planning to teach and the costs involved with the projects. The board elected \$450.00 towards this project in an effort to get more people interested in painting. The money from the auction and the chair would go towards these expenses. They also have some winery classes scheduled.

PALS thanked us for the donations they have received from our chapter. They are having a Halloween Trivia Night on Friday, October 19th. Forms are available, if interested. Ginger German has donated a portrait of a pet for their auction.

Mary Jo announced that the Artist Expo will be sponsoring a Five City Class Tour in 2014. St. Louis was selected as one of these cities for the dates of April 25th, 26th and 27th. There will be 4 teachers, each teaching one class for 3 days. The teachers selected for St. Louis are: Janelle Johnson, Mary Gibilisco, Sharon Hamilton, and Carol Spohn. For more information or to download a form, go to www.artistexpohouston.com.

Donna Wessel mentioned that she has some pins and chapter patches for sale. She reminded everyone about nominating someone for the Gold Brush Award. She has forms available and you can drop the form in the Gold Brush Box or mail it to her. The criteria for the Gold Brush Award are listed in the Newsletter.

Cheryll Wilburn, our Nominating Chair, said the offices open for election are: Vice President, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. The duties of each office are listed in the Sept./Oct. Newsletter. Cheryll asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Debbie Finklang was nominated for the office of Vice President. Cheryll Wilburn was nominated for the office of Membership Secretary. No other nominations were received.

Debbie Finklang thanked those that brought refreshments today. The South County group is responsible for refreshments at the November meeting.

Ellen Rohne has samples of classes she will be teaching at her home studio. Delia Larkins made an announcement that Brenda Stewart will be teaching a 3-day Seminar on October 12th, 13th and 14th at the Staybridge Hotel in O'Fallon. This is in acrylics and there are still a few openings each day. This is hosted by Artistic Friends Group. Delia has forms and pictures, if interested.

The "garage sale" will be continued for a while after the meeting. Elizabeth McClintock brought some things that are free but a donation would be appreciated.

Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Elizabeth McClintock. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Rogenhofer
Recording Secretary