

## GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2013

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, noting that today's attendance was light. This could possibly be due to this being the cold and flu season.

Lorie asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved. Lorie asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. Hearing no questions, the Treasurer's Report will be filed.

The Chapter needs a Parliamentarian, as Ingrid Oertli is resigning. Liz McClintock volunteered to be our Parliamentarian.

We also need a volunteer for Refreshment Chair. It was decided that two people could take this position and take care of the paper products, cups, plates, utensils, table cloths, etc. Bonnie Heggemann and Jackie Fowler volunteered.

Lorie asked if everyone would prefer to just serve light snacks such as cookies, cakes and chips at the meetings instead of a luncheon. After a vote was taken, it was half the group voting for just desserts and half voting for the meals. It was decided to let the group that signed up for refreshments at the meeting to determine if they wanted to just supply desserts or to provide a meal. However, they should put a note in the Newsletter as to what they were going to serve so that people could eat lunch first if we were not going to serve a meal. Vada's group has signed up for the April meeting and they will be serving lunch.

It is time for our Chapter to conduct an internal audit, Last time, those on that committee were Janie Parisi, Kay Vuichard and Debbie Finklang. Kay advised that she would prefer not to be on the Audit Committee this year, so Gloria Falk volunteered to be on the committee.

The Gold Brush Committee needs two volunteers from the general membership that did not serve last year. Millie Johnson and Vada Galvan volunteered. At the board meeting, Jean Rogenhofer was selected to represent the Board and Lorie Reece was selected as an alternate in Jean's absence. Ellen Rohne was selected to represent a previous Gold Brush Recipient and Barb Ogden was selected as an alternate in Ellen's absence. The Gold Brush Chair is Cheryll Wilburn, who was last year's Gold Brush Recipient.

As in previous years, the Board recommended we donate \$125.00 to the SDP Foundation, \$100.00 to the Museum, and \$35.00 to DAC to honor the Gold Brush Recipient. Kay Vuichard made a motion to donate \$125.00 to SDP and this was seconded by Millie Johnson. Motion passed. Gloria Falk made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Museum which was seconded by Bonnie Heggemann. Motion passed. Vada Galvan made a motion to donate \$35.00 to DAC, seconded by Maureen Wasserman. Motion passed.

Our charities will remain the same as last year: The Memory Box Program, the Women's Shelter, River Bend Animal Shelter, PALS Animal Shelter and the USO.

Service Awards were given out to those people that have helped the chapter during the last year and were not at the Christmas Party to receive them.

Debbie Finklang gave a report on Retreat. This year, the theme will be "Creative Arts Safari". Those submitting projects for Retreat should bring them to the April meeting in a white plastic bag or a pillowcase so that no one can see who brought what in. The votes for Retreat projects will be counted that same day by an independent committee and the selected teachers will be notified that same day. This year, the "make-it-take-its" will also be voted on at the April meeting and should be submitted in the same manner as the Retreat projects. Again, the votes will be tallied and teachers will be notified that same day. When a person signs up for Retreat Projects, they will also sign up for the make-it-take-its. Retreat is October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the YMCA Trout Lodge. Lodge reservations should be made by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Retreat Booklets will be on-line. If anyone needs to have a color copy printed, please let Debbie know. The cost will be \$2.00. Debbie has the forms available for anyone interested in teaching.

Barb Ogden reported that Tine Sue Norris will be here on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> for a colored pencil seminar. She will be painting on suede boards, which will cost \$7.00 to \$10.00. The seminar cost is \$55.00 per day.

Della Wetterman will be here for a Seminar on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. She will be painting on tin and projects are on display. Saturday and Sunday is a two-day project on a tin slant box, which will cost \$28.00. Monday will be painted on a tin plate, which will cost \$20.00. The seminar fee is \$58.00/day.

We will have two Sharing Workshops. Sandra Reynolds will teach one some time in July and Barb Ogden will teach on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Workshop fees are \$15.00/day. We do not know what Sandra will be teaching yet, but Barb's Sled project is on display and the supply cost will be \$20.00.

Mark Polomchak has agreed to return for another watercolor seminar on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. His sister has already informed him that she wants to come with him. She said she had a great time with our group. Barb said she is checking with Sherry Nelson for a Seminar in oils in 2014.

Barb informed everyone that she has printed copies of Gateway's "Sharing Workshop & Seminar Policies 2013". Please pick up a copy. Barb also has a sign up sheet for Christmas Party help. Please sign the sheet if you are able to help with something.

Mark Polomchak donated his three teaching paintings to our Chapter. We had each of them framed and these are on display today. We are offering an "Opportunity of Ownership" at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We will have the first drawing when we reach \$100.00 to cover our cost. The winner will then choose which of the 3 paintings they would like. Then, we will have another "Opportunity of Ownership" for another of his paintings.

Cindy Connoley will have the program after the meeting. She will have a demo on jewelry items that she makes. She will also have some items for sale for those interested.

Mary Jo Kumer gave a report on Memory Boxes. We shipped 645 boxes last year. We are always in need of boxes to paint. JoAnn's has a set of 3 boxes and you can use their coupon for a discount price. They will also accept Michael's coupons. Sets of boxes can be ordered when JoAnn's shelves are empty. You can use your coupon and pay for them when ordered and they will call you when they come in. Since 2001, we have shipped 6,842 boxes. We invite everyone to come to our Memory Box Paint-Ins on the first Tuesday of the month at Lindell Bank in St. Peters. Ginger German is scheduled to teach the March paint-in and Donna Wessel will be teaching in April. The hospitals we support locally are: Lake St. Louis, De Paul and Cardinal Glennon.

Mary Jo Kumer showed the many beautiful painted items brought in for Show and Tell.

Cheryll Wilburn reminded everyone to check their 2013 Calendar to make sure the information is correct. We have 61 members. Our dues are \$20.00 per year, To be a member of our chapter, you also have to join National, whose dues are \$50.00 per year, but you get four great magazines per year and an invitation to their annual Conference and Trade Show. We have 29 members present today and 6 guests. A "goodie bag" was given to each guest. Barb Ogden donated all the door prizes today and they were won by: Ginger German, Debbie Christenson, Sandra Reynolds and Jean Rogenhofer. Cheryll said to let her know if a member is ill or if there is a death in the family.

We will have a "Spring Pin Exchange". If you are interested, please sign up and you will be given the name of someone to make a pin for. These pins should be brought to the April meeting.

Sandra Reynolds reminded everyone to submit something for the "Brag Page" in the Newsletter. She said we need to thank the teachers who taught the "Learn to Paint" classes. We now have a Facebook page and will be posting pictures from our meetings, classes, etc. on the web page. Go to Gateway Decorative Artists/Facebook. The next Newsletter deadline will be March 18<sup>th</sup>.

We collected \$85.00 from our first 50/50 drawing, which means \$42.50 will go towards the Memory Box Program and \$21.25 for each winner. The two winners were: Bonnie Heggemann and Jeanne Abraham. A birdhouse was donated by Sandra and her neighbor, who makes these birdhouses, and the winner of the birdhouse was Gloria Falk.

Sandra made an announcement that she is a candidate for Board Member at Large at SDP. She would appreciate your vote. If you are not able to attend the Conference, you can mail in an absentee ballot. Check the Decorative Painter for form, instructions and mailing deadline.

Donna Wessel advised that she has donated some VCR tapes to the chapter and these are available for \$2.00 each. She also has three SDP shirts, donated by Cheryll Wilburn; two for \$7.00 each and one for \$5.00. Cheryll has also donated lots of old painting books that are free. Donna mentioned that our cash flow is dwindling. If you look at the Treasurer's Report, you will see that our expenses last year were in the vicinity \$14,000, but our income was only \$12,000. Our one-year CD is maturing in June and maybe we should put this into our checking account. Our room rental has gone up to \$1000 per year and with 62 members, this doesn't leave much left over for other expenses. Our chapter needs to grow.

Gloria gave a report on the Ways and Means Committee. We have had five "Learn to Paint" classes so

far. There was an average of 23 to 25 people in each class. We will have more “Level 2 Learn to Paint” classes in which we will be charging a fee. The first five classes were free. We had men, women and children show interest in these classes. We have also scheduled some wine glass paint-ins. We have at least four people interested in other classes and possibly joining our chapter.

We would like to thank Gloria Falk and Janie Parisi for making the centerpieces for today’s meeting.

Lorie mentioned that she has some SDP “Frolic on the Fox “ patterns if anyone is interested.

Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Joan Love. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.  
Jean Rogenhofer  
Recording Secretary