

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2013

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

Lorie mentioned that Gateway Louie had come out of hibernation and was joining us at today's meeting dressed in his Cardinal outfit.

Lorie asked if there were any corrections to the February 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.

Lorie mentioned that we are pleased to have 6 new members - Karen Guss, Mary Ann Barr, Barb Grofe, Jackie Fowler, Michelle Senn and Joan Reilly. She welcomed the new members and then introduced the Board to them.

Vada Galvan mentioned that she and her committee made the table decorations, going with an "Easter Theme", thinking that Easter was after the meeting and not before. She said they should have checked the calendar before all the planning was made. Regardless, the decorations were very nice, and the food was delicious.

Ellen Rohne donated some very nice unpainted wood pieces that are on display today. We will have an auction on them and Ellen requested the money received at the auction to go to the Memory Box Program for postage expenses.

Barb Ogden reminded everyone that she has Pay Pal working and would be glad to take your credit cards for auction items or Seminar and Sharing Workshop fees. There is a 30 cents transaction fee, plus 2.5%.

Gloria Falk, who volunteered to chair the committee to make the SDP table decorations, showed the beautiful Placemats and the Pins that the committee had painted.

Debbie Finklang gave a report on Retreat. She said the projects submitted for Retreat are on display. Those going to Retreat should vote on 10 projects - in order of preference. We will stop the meeting to vote on the projects. There are 8 make-it-take-it projects on display and we will be using all 8, but would like everyone to vote on them in order of preference. After the votes have been tabulated, the chosen projects will be on display and teachers will know if their project was selected. The theme for this year's Retreat is "Creative Arts Safari". Retreat Booklets will be available on line. If anyone would like a color copy, let Debbie know. There is a charge of \$2.00.

A break was then taken for those going to Retreat to vote on the submitted projects.

After the break, Lorie called the meeting to order again. Barb Ogden gave a report on upcoming Seminars and Sharing Workshops. Tina Sue Norris is the next scheduled Seminar on June 22nd, 23rd and 24th. This is a colored pencil seminar and projects are on display. This Seminar is \$55.00 per day and final payment is due at the June meeting.

Della Wetterman will be having a Seminar in acrylics on September 7th, 8th and 9th. We

will be the first Chapter on her road trip and she will have a trailer full of tin pieces. Anyone can stop by to purchase the tin pieces even if you are not taking the Seminar. Those taking her Seminar do not have to purchase the tin that she will be painting on. You can bring anything you want to paint on.

Next year, in 2014, Mark Polomchak will be coming back to teach another Watercolor Seminar. This will be on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 3rd, 4th and 5th. Sherry Nelson will have a Seminar in oils on September 26th, 27th and 28th.

Sandra Reynolds will have a Sharing Workshop on the Cardinals picture that is on display today. This will be on Saturday, July 20th. The supply fee is \$10.00. This will be done on a rectangle canvas rather than the oval that is pictured. If anyone would prefer the oval, the supply fee will be higher and when you purchase an oval frame, that will also be more expensive. However, if you still want the oval instead of the rectangle, please let Sandy know.

Barb Ogden's Sharing Workshop will be on Saturday, October 26th and the supply fee will be \$20.00. Both Sharing Workshops will be held at Quality Testing in Maryland Heights and cost \$15.00 per day.

Ginger German will be teaching the "Sunshine" project after today's meeting. The supply cost is \$3.00. Barb has one extra piece of wood if anyone is interested.

After the June meeting, we will be painting our name badges. These are wood and samples are on display. The cost will be \$1.50 per member. If you will be staying to paint, please sign the list. Kits will be made up for those unable to stay and paint so you can take one to paint at home. Please remember to wear them at all our meetings and events.

Barb mentioned that she will be going to the SDP Conference for 3 days and if anyone is interested in riding with her to let her know after the meeting.

Show and Tell was next. Everyone that brought a project or projects in for Show and Tell went up to the front to tell about their painting. Jo Lair brought a painting of Callaway Gardens that she will be teaching on Saturday, May 11th at the Maryland Heights Center.

Sandra collected \$96.00 from the 50/50 tickets. \$48.00 will go to the Memory Box Program and \$24.00 each went to the 2 lucky winners: Bonnie Heggemann and Vada Galvan.

Mary Jo Kumer started the Auction bidding on the wood pieces that Ellen donated to the chapter. The first was a Tray that went to Debbie Christenson for \$22.00. Then, a Kleenex Box that went to Laura Mayo for \$9.00. Other items were: a Tin Pail with Lid to Debbie Christenson for \$27.00; a Sweetener Box to Laura Mayo for \$8.00; a Tea Caddy to Gloria Falk for \$13.00; Utensils to Laura Mayo for \$11.00; Bentwood Box and Wood Placemats to Kay Vuichard for \$30.00; Maxine Thomas Wood Piece to Delia Larkins for \$16.00; Candle Box to Karen Steiner for \$20.00; and a Round Wire Basket with a Wooden Lid to Delia Larkins for \$38.00. Thank you Ellen for all these donations. Total collected from this sale was \$194.00 and that will go to the Memory Box Fund.

Elizabeth McClintock announced that she brought in a delicious precooked slab of ribs to be auctioned off. The money will go to the Memory Box Program for shipping costs. The

ribs were auctioned and Ellen Rohne was the high bidder at \$24.00. Thank you, once again, Elizabeth.

Mary Jo gave a report on Memory Boxes. Donna Wessel taught the paint-in in April. Barb Ogden will be teaching in May. Ginger German will teach in June. Mary Jo Kumer will teach in July. Donna Wessel will teach in August. Joan Love will teach in September. October is still open if anyone is interested in teaching. We meet at St. Peters Bank the first Tuesday of the month.

Cheryll Wilburn reported that we have 65 members. Six are new members. Today, we have 47 members present and one guest, Mary Ann Woolsey. Cheryll would like to have a "Brown Bag Exchange" at the June meeting. If you would like to participate in this, bring an unpainted project with instructions to the June meeting in a brown paper bag. Everyone bringing a project will take a different one home and paint it to bring back to another meeting. You will then receive your project back, painted by a friend, and you will give the project you painted to the person who brought it.

Cheryll reminded everyone to let her know if you hear of anyone that is ill, in the hospital or of a death in the family.

Door Prizes for today were donated by Ginger German, Lorie Reece, Millie Johnson and Gloria Falk.. Winners were: Ann Mohrman, Laura Mayo, Lorie Reece, Sandy Reynolds, Judy Dodson and Barb Stanfield.

The "Spring Pins" were given out to those members that participated in this event.

Donna Wessel gave the Treasurer's Report. She said you will note that she took out a couple of categories that we no longer needed and added a few that we did. Our one-year CD will mature in June and she is planning to liquidate it and put it into our checking account as our cash flow is getting low. When our larger CD comes due, she will split it.

Donna said that she recently got a letter in the mail from a couple in Louisiana, thanking us for the Memory Box that they had received. She also got a thank you letter and a \$50.00 donation from another couple in Louisiana that had lost their little girl and received a Memory Box from our Chapter. They were so appreciative.

Donna mentioned that she has pins, Chapter Patches, etc. for sale at the Chapter Table. She also has some VCR tapes for \$2.00 each that she has donated to the Chapter. Also at her table, are some free books that were donated to our Chapter if anyone is interested.

Gloria Falk gave a report on the Ways and Means Committee. The paint-ins they have held have been very successful. These are held at the Holiday Inn Express and we are presently charging \$15.00 per person, per class. Members are welcome to attend if we have room. Debbie Finklang will be teaching a class on April 20th and Donna Wessel will be teaching on May 5th.

Sandra Reynolds mentioned that the September meeting was changed to the 22nd so mark your calendars. She reminded everyone to send her your "brags". The SDP Conference is coming up soon and if you are going, take some pictures. Maybe you could take a picture of you and your teacher. She would like to put some of these in the Newsletter. The deadline for the next Newsletter is May 20th. Sandy also reminded everyone about our Facebook that started a few months ago.

Lorie said that she has a “brag”. Jeanne Abraham just recently became a Great Grandmother! Congratulations, Jeanne.

Lorie thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone that the projects chosen for Retreat are now on display.

Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Kay Vuichard. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Rogenhofer
Recording Secretary