

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2013

Debbie Finklang called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in the absence of Lorie Reece. All other board members were in attendance. Ginger German gave the invocation. We had a "meet and greet" before the general meeting started.

Debbie asked if there were any corrections to the April minutes. Judy Mayo made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Vada Galvan seconded this motion. Motion passed.

Debbie asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. Hearing no questions, Barb Ogden made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and this was seconded by Ingrid Oertli. Motion passed.

Debbie gave a report on Retreat. The booklets have been completed but are not yet available on-line. She will send these to Josee soon so they can be obtained on line. The projects selected for Retreat are on display today, as well as the make-it-take-its. At the time of registration, you must also list which make-it-take-its you will want to take. The deadline for making registrations at Trout Lodge is August 1st.

It was suggested that Gateway have a Welcoming Committee to welcome new members and guests at each of our meetings. Liz Geers, Linda Nelson and Elizabeth McClintock volunteered to be on that committee. It was also suggested that each table leave an empty chair and invite a new member or guest to sit at their table.

Debbie represented our chapter at the Conference this year. She gave a report on the Chapter's Meeting. We will get a Chapter's Achievement Award if we recruit 15 new members. We will get a free membership. She talked about the SDP Museum and that help is needed to support the museum. They will be having a logo contest. Check the SDP website. There was a question and answer session. Many wanted to know why the Conference is always in April or May. That is because of cost. Some asked why there are more acrylic classes. They welcome all forms of art to be submitted. The CDA Certification is now open to Watercolor and Colored Pencils. They are working on upgrading their blog.

Cheryll gave a report on membership. We currently have 64 members. We have 35 members present today and 1 guest. Ginger German donated a door prize for today and Barb Ogden donated some mystery bags. Winners were: Kay Vuichard, Vada Galvan, Bonnie Heggemann and Donna Wessel. There were no brown bags brought in for the painted brown bag exchange. Cheryl thanked those that volunteered for the welcoming committee.

Barb gave a report on up-coming Seminars and Sharing Workshops. Tina Sue Norris will be having a colored pencil Seminar on June 22nd, 23rd and 24th. This Seminar is now filled up. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, which is okay and did not get hit by the last tornado as was reported on the news, in error.

We will have to cancel the Della Wetterman Seminar in September, as we did not have enough signed up. We only had 7 for Saturday, 7 for Sunday and 6 for Monday. We can give those that paid for this seminar a refund, or can transfer their money to Mark Polomchak's Seminar or Sherry Nelson's Seminar.

Sandra Reynolds Sharing Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, July 20th, at Quality Testing, at 10:00 a.m. The cost for the 16 x 20 canvas, which will be base coated, and the paints, will be \$10.00.

Barb Ogden's Sharing Workshop will be on October 26th at Quality Testing. There is still time to sign up for either of these workshops.

Mark Polomchak will be here next May for a Watercolor Seminar and Sherry Nelson will be here for a Seminar in Oils next September. Projects for these seminars have not yet been selected.

The Board and Refreshment Committee can enter the meeting room at 12:00 noon. We ask that all others do not enter until 12:30 p.m. This gives time to set up for the meeting.

We have an "opportunity of ownership" on two placemats that were painted like the ones we provided for the Conference Banquet Table. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We also have an extra name badge that has been painted. The kits to paint your own name badge are \$2.00 each and you can stay after the meeting to paint this, or take it home to paint.

The items that were brought in for "Show and Tell" were shown by the members that painted them.

Mary Jo Kumer advised that we have mailed 488 Memory Boxes. The July Memory Box Paint-in will be a Lady Bug, taught by Mary Jo. Donna Wessel will teach the August paint-in and Joan Love will teach in September. October and December are months still open for anyone who would like to teach something.

Donna reported that in April we made \$194.00 from the wood that Ellen Rohne donated for our auction. We made \$24.00 from that ribs that Elizabeth McClintock donated and were purchased by Ellen Rohne. \$48.00 was collected from the 50/50 drawing. This makes a total \$266.00 collected for the Memory Box Program. Donna still has some books, videos and packets to sell, but would like to donate these to Left-Over's if they are not sold soon.

Sandy said she would like to receive your "brags" for the next Newsletter by the end of August. Our next meeting will not be until the 22nd of September. Sandy suggested that we might try to get new people to come to our meetings by passing out our tri-folds to people we see in the paint department at Michaels or Hobby Lobby. We collected \$52.00 in our 50/50 drawing today. So, \$26.00 goes to the Memory Box Program and \$13.00 each goes to our two winners: Ginger German and Cheryl Wilburn.

Ginger German suggested that we have a "Granddaughter's Day" next year. Everyone could bring their granddaughter to a meeting. She said her granddaughters are always wanting to come to one of our meetings and are very curious as to what we do.

Mary Jo talked about the postage for the Memory Boxes. The hospitals in St. Louis that we supply are: St. Joseph's at Lake St. Louis, DePaul Medical Center, and Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, on request. These boxes are hand delivered. The hospital must have a Bereavement Program in order to participate in the Memory Box Program. Tole Friends has a form to be filled out.

A drawing was held for the Place Mats and Linda Nelson was the lucky winner. The winner of the name badge was Ingrid Oertli. Gloria Falk thanked her committee for painting the name badges and the Place Mats.

We need a volunteer to chair the Nominating Committee. We will have three positions open for this year's election. Jean Lindsey volunteered.

Bonnie and Jackie are new on the Refreshment Committee and would like to know who has signed up for the rest of the meetings this year. Ellen Rohne's group has signed up for September and the South County

Group has signed up for November.

A drawing was held for the centerpieces. A thank you goes to Ann Mohrman for donating all the plants.

Mary Jo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Jean Lindsey. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Jean Rogenhofer

Recording Secretary