

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2013

Lorie started the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with all board members present. Ginger German gave the invocation. Lorie welcomed all members and guests.

Lorie asked if there were any corrections to the 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 thanked the Refreshment Committee for all the good refreshments and the table decorations.

Lorie mentioned that she needs a list of all those that helped on various committees. She reminded everyone about the Gold Brush Award and to get their nominations in. Cheryl Wilburn was last year's winner and is the Chair for this year's Gold Brush.

The election of Officers will take place at our next meeting in November. The Offices open for election are: President, Program Chair and Newsletter Editor.

We have been searching for a new meeting place for next year in an effort to save expenses. However, we were unable to find anything comparable to what we have. Sometimes for less money meant setting up the tables and chairs and taking them down, or stairs, or a smaller room or poor lighting. So, it was decided to stay here again next year.

Bonnie Heggemann will be unable to help on the Refreshment Committee for the remainder of the year due to health reasons. Jackie Fowler is still on that Committee. Peggy Araki and the South County group will take care of the refreshments in November.

Debbie gave a report on Retreat. So far, we only have 16 people registered. Spaces are open in all classes. Brochures will be ready when you sign in on Friday. Projects and make-it-take-its are on display and you can still register for Retreat.

Barb gave a report on the next Sharing Workshop, which she will be teaching on Saturday, October 26th at Quality Testing. The cost is \$15.00 plus supplies. A discount will be given on supplies, as she was able to catch a sale and save some money. Barb needs two people to volunteer for next year's Sharing Workshops.

Mark Polomchak will be teaching a Watercolor Seminar on May 17^h, 18th and 19th next year. If you are planning to attend, please vote for 3 projects that are on display. Sherry Nelson will be teaching an Oil Seminar on September 26th, 27th and 28th next year. Projects for this class are also on display so please vote for 3 of these. You do not have to be a member of Gateway to attend these Seminars.

Our Christmas Party will be held at Yacovelli's again this year. It will be on Sunday, December 1st and the cost will be \$20.00.

Mark Polomchak's original beautiful watercolor painting is on display and chances for an "Opportunity of Ownership" are available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The winning ticket will not be drawn until we receive \$100.00 to cover our cost for framing.

Those that signed up for the Della Wetterman Seminar, which was cancelled, can receive a refund or the money can be transferred to Mark's or Sherry's Seminar. See Barb to let her know what you want to do.

After today's meeting, we will have a demo on Art Calligraphy by Cheryl Tefft, as well as giving us some hands-on experience. Cost will be \$5.00.

A list is being passed around for name badges. Please sign the list if you bought one of these badges.

Gloria Falk will be teaching the next Memory Box paint-in at the bank on October 1st. There will not be a paint-in during November due to the annual Boutique. The December paint-in will be held on the first Tuesday. We are in need of volunteers to teach next year's paint-ins. We have shipped 643 boxes so far this year. Gloria mentioned that anyone giving donations for the Memory Box Program can get a receipt from Tole Friends and can designate the money for Gateway.

The Show and Tell Projects that were on display were then shown by the members that painted them.

Jean Lindsey, our Nominating Chair, said that we need nominations for President, Program Chair and Newsletter Editor for 2014. Barb has agreed to run for Program Chair again. Sandy will not be running for Newsletter Editor again. No nominations were received. If anyone would like to volunteer for an office, please contact Jean. The duties for each office are listed in the Newsletter.

Donna requested that everyone turn in their expenses before the end of the year.

Cheryll advised that we have 29 members and 1 visitor at today's meeting. She is collecting money for dues and name badges. Door prize winners were: Ginger German, Joan Reilly, and Elizabeth McClintock. National dues are due by December 1st or pay an additional \$5.00. Gateway's dues for next year must be paid before the November election if you are running for an office.

Sandy informed everyone that the next Newsletter deadline is October 20th. Send in your "brags". The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Bonnie Heggemann. \$34.00 was collected so Bonnie received \$17.00 and \$17.00 went into the Memory Box Program.

Gloria asked if we got the Chapter Achievement Award. Lorie said that we did.

The next "Learn to Paint" will be held at the Holiday Inn Express on Saturday, October 19th.

Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Jo Lair. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Rogenhofer
Recording Secretary