

## GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

### Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2013

Lorie Reece called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. All board members were present. Ginger German gave the invocation. After that she said she had some White Irises from her yard if anyone wanted some. She then announced that this would be her last meeting as she and her husband were selling their house and would be traveling as construction missionaries.

Lorie thanked everyone for coming and told Ginger that everyone is going to miss her.

Lorie asked if there were any corrections to the September minutes. Debbie Finklang made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Bonnie Heggemann seconded the motion and this was passed.

Lorie asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. Elizabeth McClintock made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and this was seconded by Carol Rufkahr. Motion passed.

Lorie thanked the South County group for today's luncheon.

Debbie Finklang gave a report on Retreat. We only had 17 that attended this year, but everyone had a good time. We downsized the classrooms to two instead of three to cut costs and in an effort to break even. Next year, we are thinking of looking for a different location, or possibly just having Retreat every other year. If you have any suggestions, please send an e-mail to Debbie.

Barb Ogden said the Christmas Party will be held at Yacovelli's again this year. It will be on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and will cost \$20.00 per person. We will have the ornament exchange again this year, and also a cookie exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring 3 dozen cookies, wrapped in packages of 6 cookies each.

Mark Polomchak will be teaching a Watercolor Seminar on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Express. The projects are on display and the class fee is \$75.00 per day.

Sherry Nelson will be teaching an Oil Painting Seminar on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be held at the Staybridge Inn in O'Fallon. Projects that Sherry will be teaching are also on display. We are lucky to get Sherry, as she will not be travel teaching any more..

We need 2 volunteers for Sharing Workshops for next year. Ellen Rohne and Lorie Reece volunteered. Their projects will be on display at the February meeting.

Please fill out a form for each Seminar or Sharing Workshop that you register to attend. After the February meeting, we will open the registration up to non-members.

Lorie Reece will be teaching the project after today's meeting. It is a Snow Angel painted on a shovel and the supply cost is \$3.00.

Mary Jo Kumer informed us that the Memory Boxes displayed on the tables were painted by the South County group. We thank them for the 32 boxes.

The projects brought in for Show and Tell were shown by the members that painted them. Jo Lair brought a beautiful painting that she will be teaching during Memorial Week-end on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in Illinois. She also brought a painting of Bunnies in the Snow that she will be teaching on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the

Maryland Heights Center.

Cheryll Wilburn announced that we have 40 members present today. We also have one guest, Mari Hart, who said she will join and has also signed up for a Seminar Welcome, Mari.

The Gold Brush Committee will be meeting today after our regular meeting has ended. Those on that committee should then meet with Cheryll.

Linda Nelson donated door prizes for today's meeting. The lucky winners were: Barb Grofe, Debbie Christenson, Joyce Miller, Marilyn McDonald, Linda Lewis, Ingrid Oertli, Jim Lair, and Jeanne Abraham.

Cheryll reminded everyone that our 2014 dues of \$20.00 is now due. Also, SDP's dues are due by the end of November or there will be an additional charge of \$5.00.

The meeting was then turned over to Jean Lindsey, our Nominating Chair. Jean advised that Lorie Reese was running for President and asked if there were any other nominations. No other nominations were received. Jean mentioned that Barb Ogden was running for Program Chair and asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations. Sandy Reynolds was running for Newsletter Editor. Jean asked if there were any other nominations for Newsletter Editor, but there were none. Gloria Falk made a motion to accept those mentioned for our 2014 officers. This was seconded by Barb Ogden. Motion carried.

Debbie Finklang mentioned that she brought some magnets in for everyone, advertising the upcoming San Diego Convention next May. She said the classes and other information will be on line after the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Donna Wessel advised that she has a few books left, with proceeds going to the Memory Box Program. She also has some Chapter Patches and four brush pins left. Cheryll Wilburn brought a box of books and magazines to the meeting which are free to members.

Sandra Reynolds collected \$63.00 in the 50/50 drawing so \$31.50 goes to the Memory Box Program and \$31.50 goes to our lucky winner - Donna Wessel. Sandra said the deadline for the next Newsletter will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of January

Gloria Falk announced that we have now collected enough to have the drawing for Mark Polomchak's beautiful watercolor painting of the barn scene. The lucky winner was announced as Diana Gilbert. She was one of the patrons at the recent Holiday Boutique.

Joan Love made motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Carol Rufkahr. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.  
Jean Rogenhofer  
Recording Secretary