

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2014

Lorie Reece called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. All board members were in attendance. Jeanne Abraham gave the invocation. Lorie thanked everyone for coming.

Lorie asked if there were any changes to the February minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Hearing no comments, 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.

Lorie mentioned that the wood pieces Ellen Rohne brought to the last meeting to be auctioned off will be done later at today's meeting. We didn't auction these at the last meeting due to the low attendance. These wood pieces are from Ellen's mother-in-law. The money from the auction will go to the Memory Box Program.

Barb Ogden advised that she had sent e-mails to everyone who owed money for Mark's Seminar. She has a supply list for Mark's Seminar and if anyone still needs it, let her know and she will e-mail it to them. Mark's Seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Maryland Heights.

Sherry Nelson's Seminar will be held at the Staybridge Suites in O'Fallon at Hwy. K and Hwy. 40. If you are wanting to stay at the motel, a discount rate will be given if you tell them you are with Gateway Decorative Artists. Their phone number is 636-300-0999. The reason we are having this seminar at Staybridge is because Sherry will be staying with Mary Jo Kumer and does not want to travel more than 10 minutes to the seminar location. Staying with Mary Jo rather than getting a hotel room helps keep down the cost of the seminar. Sherry usually paints on masonite, but you can paint on what ever you choose. Two of the projects are 8 x 10 and one is 9 x 12. Barb will be glad to cut masonite for anyone if you let her know what you want,

We have two Sharing Workshops scheduled. Ellen Rohne will be teaching a rose on a shirt apron on April 26th, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This will be held at Quality Testing in Maryland Heights. We still have a few openings in this class. Lorie Reece will be teaching flowers on a canvas bag on June 14th, which will also be at Quality Testing. We have openings in that class also.

Mark Polomchak's original watercolor seascape painting is on display today. Chances for "opportunity of ownership" are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. This is a beautiful painting, framed and ready to hang. Barb mentioned that Mark brings frames and framing material to his seminars and you can have your own painting framed for \$80.00.

Barb will be teaching the paint-in after today's meeting. It is a watercolor card with a cute little .rabbit painted on it and the cost is \$3.00.

Cheryll reminded everyone that the 2014 Calendar Directories are available. If you have not received your copy, see Cheryll. Please check to make sure your information is correct in the directory, .

Kay Vuichard is scheduled for surgery on Monday for a heart valve replacement. She will be at DePaul Hospital for about a week. Our prayers go out to Kay.

Today, we have 28 members present and 3 guests. Cheryll introduced and welcomed our newest member, Lynnette Horn.

Names were drawn for door prizes and the winners were: Delia Larkins, Lorie Reece and Marilyn Todd.

Sandra Reynolds informed us that the next Newsletter deadline will be May 20th. Send any information for the Newsletter to her by e-mail with an attachment.

Gloria Falk advised that the Ways and Means Committee will have one more Learn to Paint Class. This will be on April 26th. After that, we will offer our Retreat Classes. We will ask the teachers for information on their class and put it on the web site.

Donna Wessel mentioned that she has some books, tapes, patches and 3 brush pins at her table. New members or anyone needing a name tag should see Cheryl for the packet.

Mary Jo Kumer gave a report on Memory Boxes. She said we are thankful that 57 boxes were painted and donated by Ginger German, Karen Steiner, Ann Mohrman and Marilyn McDonald. Also, 32 boxes were painted at the last paint-in at the bank. So far this year, we have shipped 164 Memory Boxes to various hospitals. On May 6th, Barb Ogden will be teaching a cute little bear at the paint-in at the bank. Marilyn Todd will be teaching in June. Mary Jo will be teaching a Maureen McNaughton painting in July. This is from Issue No. 1, 2014, of the Decorative Painter. Please bring that issue with you if you come to paint. Donna Wessel will teach in August.

The projects brought in for Show and Tell were shown next by the various artists that painted them. Jeanette Bishop and Vada Galvan showed their paintings and ribbons they won at a recent Art Show in Farmington..

The auction took place next with Mary Jo Kumer volunteering to be the auctioneer. Besides the wood pieces donated by Ellen Rohne, donations were also received from Elizabeth McClintock and Michelle Senn. Lorie thanked those that donated the wood and those who purchased it. Proceeds went to the Memory Box Program.

Lorie told of a website called Pigment-Pallet. For \$10.00 per month they send you a box filled with several art products. She showed two of the boxes and items she received.

Sandra Reynolds advised that \$94.00 had been collected in the 50/50 drawing today. Therefore, \$47.00 goes into our Memory Box Program and two winners will receive \$23.50 each. The lucky winners were: Judy Mayo and Sandra Reynolds.

A thank you was extended to Vada Galvan and her group for the delicious refreshments today. Vada said the Easter Basket Centerpieces were filled with dog and cat treats to be given our furry friends at the PALS Animal Shelter.

Volunteers were needed to bring refreshments to the rest of this year's meetings. Those volunteering for June were: Marilyn Hartnett, Michelle Senn, Gloria Falk, Jean Lindsey and Mary Jo Kumer, who will bring the soda. September is our 40th Anniversary Celebration and those that volunteered were: Barb Ogden, Lorie Reece, Debbie Finklang, Elizabeth McClintock, Jean Rogenhofer, Cheryl Wilburn and Mary Jo Kumer, who will bring the soda. The South County group will bring refreshments for the November meeting.

Debbie Finklang talked about the Retreat Classes. The dates for these classes are: June 28th and 29th, July 26th and 27th and October 18th and 19th. There will be two 4-hour classes each day at \$15.00 per class, plus supplies. You pick the classes you want to take. You can take one class, or both each day. The class fee for non-members will be \$20.00 per class, plus supplies. All classes will be held at the Holiday Inn Express. Today, the class projects are on display. Please vote for the projects you would like to take. After the

schedule is set up, an e-mail will be sent and it will also be posted on our website. The class fee must be paid for when signing up for a class. The supply fee will be paid to the teacher at the beginning of the class. The registration for the June classes must be made by the 1st of June so the teacher has time to get the supplies ready for her class.

Mary Jo Kumer made an announcement that anyone wanting boxes to paint for the Memory Box Program should let her know before the meeting and she will bring them. Otherwise, she will not be bringing the unpainted boxes.

With no further business, Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Maureen Wasserman. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Rogenhofer
Recording Secretary