

## GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2014

Lorie Reece called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. All board members were in attendance. The invocation was given by Jeanne Abraham. Lorie thanked everyone for coming. Lorie mentioned that Gloria Falk recently had back surgery and is at home recovering. There is a card for her at the attendance table for everyone to sign.

Lorie also mentioned that Nancy Falk has some dog and cat necklaces that were painted by Gloria Falk that she is selling for \$5.00 each with the proceeds going to the PALS Animal Shelter. Lorie said that she recently adopted a cat from the shelter. She said the facility is very clean and a nice place in the country. Everyone was very loving and caring for the animals.

Lorie asked if there were any corrections to the June 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 SDP Conference will be held in the Chicago area in 2015. SDP usually asks the various chapters to make the centerpieces and table favors for the banquet. If they ask us and we decide to do this, we will need a Chair person for this committee. Donna Wesel and Lorie Reece volunteered to help on the committee.

Cheryll Wilburn is the Gold Brush Committee Chair. We need some volunteers from our membership to also be on this committee. Vada Galvan, Millie Johnson and Jeanette Bishop volunteered.

There was an error in the Newsletter, which mentioned the November meeting as being on November 5<sup>th</sup>, but this should be November 9<sup>th</sup>.

We need a volunteer to Chair the Refreshment Committee next year. The Chair person will bring the paper goods, etc. to the meetings and keep track of those that volunteer to bring refreshments each meeting.

Now is the time to think about volunteering or nominating officers for next year. We have four board members that will be leaving the board at the end of this year. We will need a Membership Secretary, as Cheryll will be leaving. Vada Galvan volunteered for this position. We also need a Recording Secretary, as Jean will be leaving. There were no volunteers or nominations for this office. We need a Vice President, as Debbie will be leaving. Ellen Rohne volunteered for this office. We will also be needing a Newsletter Editor, as Sandy will be moving to Kentucky. Marilyn Hartnett volunteered for this office. The office of Treasurer is open for election this year. Donna Wessel has volunteered to run again for this office. There were no other nominations or volunteers at this time.

Our Retreat for next year will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at Trout Lodge. Rooms are cheaper at that time of the year - \$99.00 for one, or \$79.00 each for two. Teachers need their projects submitted by the November meeting. We will check on the contract for room rentals, which we think are 10 rooms.

Barb Ogden mentioned the fact that there is too much talking during the meeting, making it difficult for many to hear what is being said. The Retreat classes scheduled for October are on display and sign ups must be made by October 1<sup>st</sup>. We have not been getting much participation in these classes.

Today, we will be painting a bookmark after the meeting. The cost is \$1.00. This is Gateway Louie/Louise,

celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

We have two Seminars scheduled for next year. The teachers are Bobbie Campbell and Cheryl Rol. If you are planning on taking these seminars, please vote on your choices. The classes that are picked will be displayed at the November meeting. You must pay for at least one day to hold your spot. Bobbie paints in acrylics and Cheryl paints in oils. You may paint on the surface of your choice with either of these teachers.

The Sherry Nelson Seminar is coming up soon and we still have a few openings left. Your boards need to be prepped before class. Use the sealer she recommends. No patterns will be given out before class. Oil paint pallets are included in your class fee. Class starts at 9:00 a.m., but do not arrive before 8:30 a.m. Sherry will have brushes, pattern packets, etc. for sale.

The projects brought in for Show 'n Tell were shown next by the person who painted them.

Mary Jo Kumer gave a report on Memory Boxes. The next M.B. paint-in at Lindell Bank will be on October 7<sup>th</sup>. There will not be one in November, but Ginger German will be teaching the paint-in in December. We need volunteers for next year. Donna Wessel will be teaching the April and August paint-ins. We have shopped 300 boxes so far this year,

Mary Jo mentioned that Gloria Falk had back surgery on Thursday, but got to come home on Friday. She is in a lot of pain and it will take about six months for recovery.

Linda Nelson and her friend, Cookie, donated the artificial flower arrangements that are on display today. Mary Jo will auction these off at this time and the proceeds received will benefit the Memory Box Program for postage.

Cheryll Wilburn informed us that we have one visitor today, Barb Ogden's daughter, Ginny. We have 36 members present today. Attendance prizes were donated by Millie Johnson, Kay Vuichard and Gloria Falk. Winners of these attendance prizes were: Joyce Miller, Judy Dodson, Marilyn Hartnett, Linda Lewis, Lynnette Horn and Lorie Reece.

Cheryll reminded everyone that dues are due by the November meeting and anyone running for an office must have their chapter and national dues paid by the election. Please let Cheryll know of any e-mail or phone changes.

Donna Wessel advised that she has set up another display at the library and has pictures. She encourages everyone to check with the library in their area and also set up a display.

Lorie reminded the Committee Chairs to let her know who served on their committee so she can order charms.

Sandra Reynolds said that \$37.00 was collected for the 50/50 drawing. That means that \$18.50 will go to the Memory Box Program and \$9.50 each to the two winners, which were Donna Wessel and Sandra Reynolds. Sandra said she needs brags for the Newsletter by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you are unable to attend the November meeting for election, you may vote by absentee ballot.

Just a reminder - Teachers bring your projects for Retreat to the November meeting to be voted on.

Barb Ogden mentioned that 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cupcakes are at the head table for everyone. Please help yourself.

With no further business, Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to close the meeting. This was seconded by Carol Rufkahr. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Rogenhofer  
Recording Secretary

