

RECORDING SECRETARY, MINUTES — Debbie Finklang

Gateway Decorative Artists – April 12, 2015 Minutes

Invocation was given by Barb Ogden

Corrections to previous meeting minutes – Correct Lisa Ober's last name. Jean has the list on the first page of the minutes. Tole friends paid GDA – not DGA. To be corrected.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as admitted.

Reminder: please sign up to bring the goodies.

Persons attending the SDP Conference in Illinois – Gloria Falk, Donna Wessel, Marilyn, Barb Ogden, Lorie Reese.

Artistic Friends are having Rosemary West teaching a class on Sept. 11 -13 at Drury Inn – St. Peters. Please contact Delia Larkins, Ann Dozier, and Jeanne Abraham for more information.

Vice President – Ellen Rhone provided information regarding Retreat

Attendees: 11 participants and a few surprise guests. Everyone participated in the games. Goodie bags were hand painted and full of surprises. Classes were well attended. Everyone had a really good time. Trivia was fun. Prizes – to Mary Jo, Barb Ogden, and there were 13 Memory Boxes painted. Preliminary budget - \$3.68 in the black.

PLEASE FILL OUT A SURVEY AND TURN IT IN. WE NEED EVERYONE'S INPUT.

Barb Ogden provided information regarding upcoming classes and seminars:

Seminars:

Bobby Campbell – June 26 – 28. Pattern sizes information to be sent out this next week. If you would like to paint on her surfaces, Barb needs to get that info to Bobby also.

Cheri Rol – Uses Masonite surfaces. She needs to also know who will need boards.

Sharing Workshops:

Ellen Rhone – Sept 20. \$15 class fee paid to GDA. Supply Fee: \$18 due to Ellen. Class will be held at Lori's brother's business.

Lynette – June Class – Magnolia – acrylic piece

After Meeting Projects

Lynette – June Class – Magnolia – acrylic piece using Traditions acrylics. This will be a 2 hour class. Today – painting silk scarves. Gloria will teach and Donna & Barb will be helpers. \$7. She has enough supplies for one scarf per person.

Memory Box Report– 408 boxes thus far. Donna taught a bunny for the meeting. Next month Ginger German is doing a lamb. Bring brushes, water bucket and palette paper. It will be at Lindell Bank in St. Peters in May. If you want boxes brought to GDA meeting to paint, please contact Gloria before the

meeting, so they can bring them in. When prepping boxes, TAKE THE TAG OFF THE BOTTOM OF THE BOX, before base coating/sealing the box. Paint the boxes at least twice on the interior. The outside of the box will need to be varnished and set out to dry for at least 24 hours before stacking together or putting a lid on it to bring to a meeting. This prevents the boxes from sticking together and the smell from being overwhelmed.

Show & Tell – Lori Reece, Mari Hart , and Anna Mathieu

Membership Report: Jean Lindsey

Calendars have been handed out. If you didn't get one, contact Jean

28 Members present today

3 Guests today:

Pin Exchange – please sign up. Put your name in bag along with pin for the Sept. meeting.

Secret Pal – next year. Send out names in December.

Door Prizes:

1. Gloria Falk – painted a shirt -
2. Wood Plaque – Linda Nelsen
3. Wood Drawer Set – Cheryl Wilburn
4. Wood Gnome - Ellen

Newsletter: Marilyn – please send information to Marilyn to have it included in the newsletter at least 2 weeks before the meeting.

Treasurers Report: Donna

All of the memory boxes we have shipped. Tolefriends was reimbursing us the shipping costs to the tune of over \$400. Our chapter funds in the memory box fund, we are good for the shipping costs for the next year or two. There are some questions regarding who gets the boxes. We do take care of part of our local hospitals that have applied and then some across the country. If the program should fold, we would support our local hospitals that have bereavement programs and that would use them.

Please write up any submissions to the bylaw committee and send in to the committee ASAP. We want to have it in our hands when the committee does the review. Gloria and Donna are the Bylaw Committee members to send them to. We will vote on Bylaw changes in June to avoid the busy months. The submission doesn't need to be in legal/technical format. Just submit all the details.

Presidents Info: Lori Reece - The classes offered after the meetings will be longer this year in order to try and provide interest to all.

First motion to close the meeting: Mary Jo Kumer. 2nd Carol Rufkahr.

Meeting adjourned.