

## **GIFT OF LOVE WITH BOBBIE GRAY CDA**

**We will be painting gift boxes and gift bags for that someone special in your life. You will need to bring regular acrylic painting supplies and a permanent black, ex-fine or fine pen for the inking.**

A quick note: Some one left a fleece jacket at the Christmas party and we need to find it a home. If you brought a guest ask them if they might have left one behind.

## **SHERRY NELSON UPDATE**

If you still **OWE** on the seminar or for the paint and photos you will need to pay for those at the next meeting.

We are in great need of 6 small TV's and at this time we have 2 so if you are coming and would let us use your small TV let us know. This is a must for the seminar.



**From the Desk of Your V. P.  
Ellen Rohne**

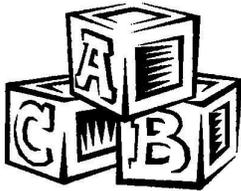
**Meet Me In St. Louis/ Retreat Info  
Oct. 1,2 & 3, Holiday Inn, Butler Hill Road**

**Teachers please remember to bring your Retreat Projects to the meeting at 12:00. We will be selecting class projects at this meeting. Also please send me your Project Forms. I need to know how many projects we will have to choose from.**

Some of the committees have had meetings and are getting ready to work on their projects. You still have time to sign up to help on a committee. Please see me at the meeting.

This will be your last chance at a meeting to reserve your Color Retreat Booklet. The cost is \$2. If your not able to make the meeting You may send me a check.

The booklets will be ready to pick up at the June meeting . We will start accepting Registrations at that time. Classes will be limited to 18 students this year. To reserve a seat in your favorite classes, I suggest getting your registration form in early.



This month we are sponsoring The St. Louis Crisis Nursery. Their "Wish List" includes the following: New toys, Barbie, cars & trucks, puzzles, Lego's, board games, play dough, art supplies, diapers, pull ups, baby wipes, shampoo, bubble bath, socks and underwear, batteries, and cleaning supplies.

The Crisis Nursery takes in children whose parents need help. They may be going in the hospital or they realize that they need help with anger management, in which case they help the parents with parenting classes, they also help families at times of crisis for example a fire in the home. We will again have a box for cash donations. Please write checks to The Crisis Nursery. Cash collected at the last meeting bought a few more Valentines and other things on the wish list not donated for "Our Little Haven".

Don't forget to return your Memory Boxes. We will have boxes available for you to take home and decorate. The boxes do not have to be fancy, sponge them and decoupage a picture on it!

Christmas stockings will be available to take with you at the meeting. The cost will be \$1. Teachers will have samples of their projects for you to paint in a workshop. Please thank all the teachers for their time and talents they are giving to this charity project. Where would we be without all our wonderful teachers. They are always asked to give. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.

Hello Everyone,



The flowers and trees are all in bloom, and I hope you are being inspired to create. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone April 18<sup>th</sup>. The theme is Gift Boxes of Love. Bobbie Gray will be teaching an ink and wash gift box/bag designed for Mother's Day. Toni has a fun activity planned to encourage us to think "outside the box" while we guess what's inside the box. There will be several gifts that will be silent auctioned at the meeting. You'll have the opportunity to bid on a box, but you won't know what's inside. Some of the possible prizes are: a free Seminar Day, a free Workshop Day, and a free Christmas Party. We're going to start the meeting off with the bidding this time, break for a little business, then wrap up the bidding and paint! You won't want to miss it. I think it's going to be really fun.

Speaking of fun the SDP Conference is coming up May 24<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix, Arizona. Don't miss this opportunity to take classes, renew friendships, and of course shop! This year we have the chance to show our chapter pride! We are supposed to wear something that represents our chapter to the Annual Meeting. What do you think gals? Anyone still have (or fit into) their 1993 Paint the Town Convention costumes?



Our big cheese is going to wear her vest to the meeting, but I'm not sure she's finished painting it yet. Let's show our true colors and our chapter spirit. Also, let's meet before the banquet like we did last year. We'll meet between 6pm-7pm right outside the banquet hall. Then we can try to sit together again. In addition, the THING is ready and will be presented to mom at the banquet. It will be on display at the June meeting, for anyone who won't be able to see it live and in person. Although Phoenix isn't as close as Indy, it'll be as much fun. If you're a last minute decision maker, you can still register and there are lots of classes available. You can even contact Janelle Johnson CDA, TDA (Janelle@decorativepainters.org or 316-269-9300) if you are looking for a roommate. Remember there are no strangers among painters!



Our field trip this year is to Alton, Illinois for food, fun, and antiquing. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. We'll start the day at Josephine's in Godfrey around 11:00 am for lunch and shopping. Then we'll move down to Alton to shop till we drop. Thanks to Judy West, who helped me with the itinerary. I think we are going to have an exciting day together. Please plan on going. I'll start taking RSVPs at the June meeting. Those of you who didn't go on our last field to Kimmswick missed a good time. I hope you'll consider going with us to Alton.



Once again Gateway made the national news, the Decorative Painter, I mean. Congratulations to Julia Lamborn, Norma Jackson, Jean Rogenhofer, Carolyn Dawson, and Louise Kern. Thanks for touching women's lives through decorative painting. Let's all try to follow their example and share our talents with others.

See you soon,  
Allison

## **Attention Chapter Auction Participants**

Just a reminder, all Chapter Auction items need to be brought to the April meeting. Forms and money have been turned in. All that I need now are your pieces. Please make sure they are travel ready (in other words wrapped for their protection).

Thanks for supporting Gateway by donating your artwork.  
All money earned will come back to our treasury.



Carolyn Bacon



## **Display your work!**

We want to see what you've been up to! Bring some painted pieces for display at the April meeting. Teachers, you can bring your new class projects and sign up sheets.



## **Gift Boxes of Love Silent Auction**

We are going to start our meeting with a fun silent auction. Be prepared to bid on your favorite box. Inside will be a wonderful surprise.



## **Refreshments**

Please contact Mary McDevitt if you are interested in bringing refreshments to the April meeting.