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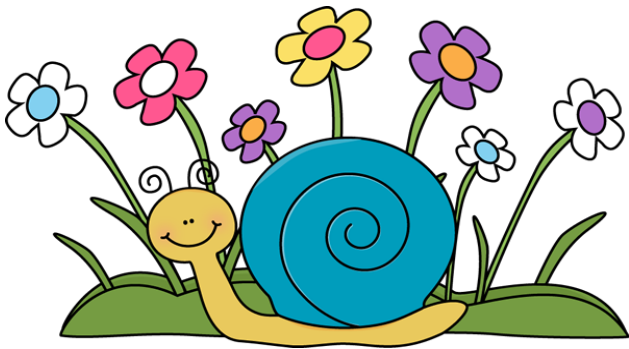
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Gateway Chapter Meeting

JUNE 13, 2021

The Checkered Cottage
137 W. Jefferson
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.



REMEMEBER TO WEAR YOUR MASKS IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED OR IF YOU ARE UNCOMFORTABLE AROUND OTHERS.

PROGRAM FOR JUNE MEETING

HISTORY OF ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR



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Refreshments Liz McClintock & Linda Nelson

Special Committee Chairs

Christmas Party..... Debbie Finklang

Memory Box Program..... Gloria Falk and Mary Jo Kumer

Programs, Seminars and Workshops..... Donna Wright

CALENDAR

June 13 Chapter Meeting

August 25..... Newsletter Deadline

September 12 Chapter Meeting

September 18..... Sharing Workshop, Barb Ogden

October 25..... Newsletter Deadline

November 14..... Chapter Meeting

December 5 Christmas Party

REMINDER

MEETINGS, SEMINARS and SHARING WORKSHOPS

If you have someone that you would like to suggest to come to our chapter to teach, or have a question about the seminars and sharing workshops please email me.

The Christmas Party this year is scheduled Sunday, December 5. If you would like to help the planning committee, please contact me at

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You don't need to travel long distances to revel in natural beauty. All you have to do, most of the time is go outside and look at the sky.

~~Thomas Kinkade

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT — GLORIA FALK

Well it has been a crazy year for all of us. I've missed everyone and I am happy to know we are going to try and make up for time lost with each other.

In Dr. Keith Roaches column in the post-dispatch on April 30, regarding gatherings, he was providing some clarity of the gatherings after having the pandemic shots.


Recent interim guidelines released by the centers for disease control and prevention state that fully vaccinated people can visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or practicing social distancing. They have also now lifted the requirement of wearing masks, **IF** you have been fully vaccinated. But it's totally up to the individual. Those people who cannot get vaccinated for one reason or another, need to wear their masks, for their protection as well as others.

SDP and other vendors are certainly giving us plenty of classes to choose from through ZOOM, if that is your thing. I have not gotten into it myself yet. Too many unfinished pieces to work on, I don't need to start anything else. But for those of you who are technically involved, there are some great opportunities to learn something new.

SDP has also announced that the 50th annual conference is going to be held in **Las Vegas at "The Orleans" on Aug. 7 – 11, 2022.** Start making your plans now to go if you can. I am sure it will be one to remember.

We have a couple of new officers who have stepped up to help the chapter grow in their position. Please offer your help to them if and when you can. Carolyn Weingaertner is our Membership Chair and Donna Wright is our Program Chair.

Carolyn also is working on getting our website renewed and up and running. Thank goodness for her expertise along with a knowledgeable friend of hers.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer. Stay healthy and stay safe.
Paint with a happy 

RECORDING SECRETARY — BARB OGDEN

Gateway Chapter Meeting Minutes March 8, 2020
Location: Checkered Cottage Start time: 1:07—End time: 2:07

The meeting was called to order by President, Gloria Falk with all board members in attendance. The invocation was given by Donna Wessel.

President Gloria Falk discussed the following:

- The November and December meeting minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter as well as the Treasurer's report.
- Briefly touched on SDP's search for a new Executive Director.
- Asked which members would be attending the SDP Conference in Wichita.
- Announced the board's recommendation for the annual donations to SDP and IMSDP. A motion was made by Donna Wessel to make a \$50 donation to both the SDP and IMSDP. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Wilburn and passed by the members present at the meeting.
- There were no objections to continuing the Chapter's current charities: Turning Point, the animal shelter, Memory Box and the USO.

Vice-President Milly Johnson discussed the following:

- 2020 Retreat projects are due at the April meeting. The submission should not be signed and brought in a bag.
- There will be four three-hour classes and two one-hour MITIs.
- Retreat will be held October 2-4. Submission forms for projects will be in the next newsletter. Permission from the original designer must be attached to your submission form if the design is not your own.

Program Chair Luz Rooney discussed the following:

- Today's program will be a speaker from the USO, Mr. David Henroid.
- The program for the April meeting will be Mandela painting. Preregistration is being done at today's meeting.
- Debbie Cushing is the July Seminar Teacher. Registration started at the seminar table. The seminar dates are July 14-17.
- There will be two Sharing Workshops this year. Milly Johnson, September 15, will be teaching alcohol inks and Barb Ogden, June 19, will be teaching watercolor pencils.

Co-chair of Charities Mary Jo Kumer discussed the following:

- 104 Memory boxes have been completed and mailed this year.
- The next paint in is April 14, Donna Wessel is teaching an Elephant and baby.

Membership Chair Jean Lindsey discussed the following:

- The Chapter's current membership is 27. There were 20 members and 1 guest present at this meeting.
- The June meeting will again celebrate member's birthdays. Sign up with Jean.
- Directories will be ready at the April meeting.
- Drawings were held for door prizes and table decorations.

RECORDING SECRETARY (continued) — Barb Ogden

Secretary Barb Ogden discussed the following:

- The “white elephant table for the USO will continue at each of the 2020 Chapter meetings. Last year we collected close to \$200 from the table and the watercolor raffle. We have several VHS tapes in our Library. There is a Postal Plus store in Dardenne Prairie that will transfer VHS tapes to DVDs for \$10. Larry Courtright is the owner/person to talk to.

Newsletter Editor Marilyn Hartnett discussed the following:

- Next newsletter deadline is March 27.

Treasurer Donna Wessel discussed the following:

- Reminded the membership that anyone who fills out the reimbursement expense voucher needs to include all receipts. She will bring some patches to the next meeting.

Refreshment co-chairs Linda Nelson/Liz McClintock discussed the following:

- Thanked the Board and Mary Jo for refreshments at today's meeting.
- Listed the following themes for upcoming meetings: April, Springtime in St. Louis, June, Birthday Party, September, By the Sea and November, Turkeys and Pumpkins. Liz handed out clover pins to the refreshment committee members.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mary Jo Kumer and seconded by Milly Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Ogden, Recording Secretary

REFRESHMENTS—LINDA NELSON AND ELIZABETH MCCLINTOCK

Refreshments for the June Meeting will be provided by the Board and will be in the form of wrapped snacks or sandwiches.

Retreat

Nothing new this year, but keep in mind that we will have a retreat in September 2022. I do not have an exact date and where it will be yet. Anyone who would like to teach a class or a-make-it, get your ideas ready. I will be working on this in December or January 2022. We will have a vote in June 2022.

Jean

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Memories from last retreat.



PROGRAM CHAIR — DONNA WRIGHT

Debbie Cushing is the July Seminar Teacher. You can register at the seminar table or mail in via coupon in this newsletter. The seminar dates are May 10-12, 2022.



Gateway Decorative Artists Program Registration Form

Program _____ Date _____ Date _____ Date _____
Class Fee _____ Surface/Supply Fee _____
Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Amount _____ Cash _____ Check _____

CHECK HERE IF YOU AGREE TO HAVING YOUR PICTURE IN OUR PUBLICATIONS OR FACEBOOK ()

Send to Donna Wright, 228 Sorrento Ct., Wentzville, MO 63385

Questions call: (314) 413-2997

or email: program@gatewaydecorativeartists.com



TURNING POINT



Turning Point Women's Shelter serves victims from Warren, Gasconade, Lincoln, Franklin, and Montgomery counties and others. They shelter about 75 women and 100 children annually. We will be doing cash donations only this year.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Cheryl Wilburn, at 314-640-8759.

Hey **everyone**, Since we are taking monetary donations only for our charities this year here are the two for the Pet Charity. You can make Your checks out to:

**The Pet Doctor to the Rescue
2301 Technology Dr. O'Fallon, MO 63368**

Or

**Friends of the Pet Adoption
Centre
4850 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Peters, MO
63376**



(Gloria Falk will collect these donations.)



The USO is only accepting items with a very long shelf life, i.e., paper products, straws, etc. Of course they will always accept cash. They were totally shut down for two months last year and the number of military going through the airport has been reduced significantly so they don't go through product as fast. Barb Ogden

Directory will be ready soon.
We are planning a pin
exchange later this year.



Happy Birthday!

Linda Nelson — June 6
Delia Larkins — June 14
Marilyn Todd — July 14
Ingrid Oertli — June 22
Liz McClintock — August 6

Maureen Wasseerman has sent a thank you note to all who sent her cards. She says she is doing OK. She starts radiation treatments soon and everything looks good. Please say a prayer for Maureen and that this cancer leaves her body.

Getting rid of some of your custom jewelry? Two places where you could donate these pieces.

"I HAVE WINGS" - this one is for cancer patients.
<https://ihavewings.org/donate-costume-jewelry/>

"DRESS FOR SUCCESS" - This one is for low income women during job search.
<https://dressforsuccess.org/>

Check List for Meeting:

- Refreshments, if you are on the committee.
- Pet Rescue Donations
- Turning Point Donations
- Painted Memory Boxes
- USO Donations
- White Elephant Donations



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: August 20, 2021

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership in the Chapter is OPEN ONLY to persons who are dues-paying members of SDP

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20, PAYABLE BY DECEMBER 1

Please make check payable to Gateway Decorative Artists;
Mail to Carolyn Weingaertner, 1555 Swan Dr., Florissant, MO 63031

Name _____ New Member _____ Renewal _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Birth Date _____ SDP Membership No. _____ (include copy of SDP Card)

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR PICTURE PRINTED IN OUR NEWSLETTER, FACEBOOK, WEB SITE OR OTHER PUBLICATIONS .

Check all that apply:

Individual Member _____ Teacher _____ Business Member _____ Name of Shop _____

Certification: MDA ___ CDA ___ TDA ___

Preferred Painting Medium: Oil ___ Acrylic ___ Watercolor ___ Other ___

What year did you start painting? _____

Favorite Artists: _____



Dear Gateway Decorative Artists Chapter,
The Board of the Society of Decorative Painters
would like to thank your Chapter members for
the perseverance you have shown in order
for your Chapter to survive 2020.
Maybe you didn't have many meetings,
perhaps you held some Zoom meetings, but
you didn't give up.
This has been a year like no other and
we wanted to commend your Chapter for
surviving 2020!
Please accept this Survivor's Patch for
your banner with our extreme gratitude
for never giving up.
Sharon Carlson, CDA
SDP Treasurer

**Count your age by friends, not
years. Count your life by
smiles, not tears.**

~~ John Lennon.



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UNITED STATES

- \$60 INDIVIDUAL
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- \$40 HOUSEHOLD*
- \$40 TRIAL**
- \$20 STUDENT***

CANADA (U.S. FUNDS)

- \$80 INDIVIDUAL
- \$50 ONLINE INDIVIDUAL†
- \$110 BUSINESS
- \$80 ONLINE BUSINESS †
- \$40 HOUSEHOLD*
- \$40 TRIAL**
- \$20 STUDENT***

INTERNATIONAL (U.S. FUNDS)

- \$80 INDIVIDUAL
- \$50 ONLINE INDIVIDUAL†
- \$120 BUSINESS
- \$80 ONLINE BUSINESS†
- \$40 HOUSEHOLD*
- \$40 TRIAL**
- \$20 STUDENT***

CHECK IF TWO YEAR MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT IS INCLUDED. \$ _____

***HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP:** An additional member sharing the same address as an Individual or Business member. Member online only. No printed *Decorative Painter* magazines will be mailed to you.

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- MANUFACTURER/IMPORTER
- RETAILER
- HOME STUDIO
- TEACHER*
- TRAVEL-TEACHER*
- OTHER

* If you select "Teacher" and/or "Travel-Teacher", you will also be listed in the Online Teacher Directory. For a Non-Business member to be listed in the Teacher Directory cost is \$20.

3 ONLINE TEACHER DIRECTORY** INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS: \$20 LISTING with your individual membership. Check all boxes that apply.

- TRAVEL-TEACHER
- TEACHER

4 MEMBER PROFILE (Please Print) **NOTE: ONLINE BUSINESS AND ONLINE TEACHER DIRECTORIES: Please enter your business/teacher contact information, including phone, email, and mailing address, as the information you enter will be displayed publicly in the Online Business/Teacher Directory.

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HOUSEHOLD MEMBER NAME _____ MEMBER NO. (If Renewal) _____

BUSINESS NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

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EMAIL _____ WEBSITE _____

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5 PAYMENT INFORMATION CHECK OR MONEY ORDER IN U.S. FUNDS ONLY; FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS, THE CVV CODE AND THE BILLING ADDRESS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH PAYMENT, IF DIFFERENT FROM MAILING ADDRESS ABOVE. IF RENEWING MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE PAY ONLINE AT DECORATIVEPAINTERS.ORG.

Check Money Order CREDIT CARD: AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER MASTERCARD VISA TOTAL _____

CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ CVV CODE _____

YES! This is a gift membership from _____ I was referred by _____

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Or FAX MEMBERSHIP FORM TO: (316) 269-9191

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Feather Light

**Hollister woman paints
with a gentle touch**

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by Heather Berry
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Her brush looks like one most people would throw away, with its scarce long bristles pinched into the metal base. To use it would be a bit like painting with a blade of grass, but for Tina Richards, it's perfect for the tiny world she brings to life.

Amazingly enough, a decade ago the Hollister real estate agent didn't paint at all. She saw a woman painting on feathers at a Branson festival and couldn't get over the beautifully detailed artwork.

"As I went on over her work, she said, 'Oh, it's a paycheck,'" says Tina. "I thought 'If she can do it for a paycheck, I can do it because I like it.'"

She shared the conversation with her husband, Eric, then began her search for feathers. Armed with acrylic paints and brushes, Tina began outlining a little red fox on what would become her first painting.

"Within a year I was painting an entry for the Ducks Unlimited Missouri competition. Then someone at Silver Dollar City called and invited me to paint during their fall festival," Tina says, noting this fall will be her ninth year painting at the park.

Her Ducks Unlimited entry — a painting of two hooded merganser ducks in water — garnered her first big win in 2015.

Through the years, Tina has perfected her technique through trial and error. "You learn things like what glue to use and how feathers do or don't take paint. You create some pretty rough stuff sometimes. It takes a lot of patience," she says.

The artist says you can't paint on any feather you find. "You can only use feathers from birds you can legally shoot or legally raise," Tina says. To do otherwise is breaking federal law. She often purchases her feathers from reputable online sources or taxidermists.

Tina says a few dots of paint can sometimes last for an entire feather painting. "Acrylics are easiest to work with because they're forgiving as you work," she says. It can take as few as eight hours or up to two weeks to complete a detailed painting according to Tina.

An image can be a small work on

a single feather or a large illustration painted across several feathers which have been joined together before Tina begins painting. Sometimes an image is painted partially on a feather, overflowing onto the backdrop. Other times an image might include several likenesses within a painting.

"I call those the 'Where's Waldo?' paintings," says Tina, smiling. Some of her most popular prints have a military theme and often include several depictions within one main work.

The White River Valley Electric Cooperative member says she's been blessed to enter and win the regional Ducks Unlimited competition as well as painting at several of their events. A customer once told her she should enter the wildlife conservation contest for the state of West Virginia, so she did, and won, twice.

"I'm still amazed at how all this began," says the humble artist, noting she's had no formal art training.

While she's created a few canvas works, feathers are her primary medium. Prints created from her original feather paintings begin at \$20 while original feathers can run into the thousands of dollars. Her matted and framed Ducks Unlimited original sold at Silver Dollar City during one fall festival making her

one of the highest-paid artists to ever work at the park.

When she's not painting, selling real estate with her husband or fishing with their three children, Tina represents the area as Mrs. Branson 2020, a title she holds until she relinquishes her sash later this year. She also holds the title of Mrs. Congeniality awarded to her by the other contestants from the three-state competition. Tina

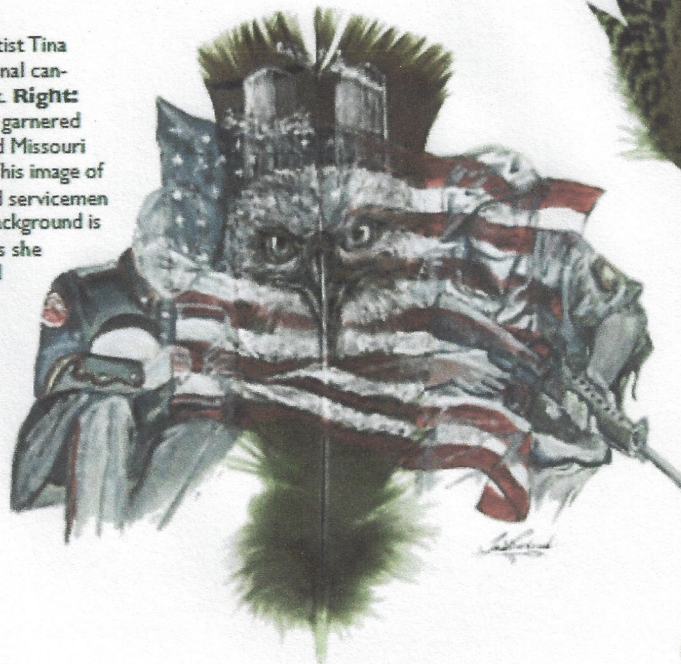
also can be found sharing her effervescent personality through a weekly Monday night Facebook Live broadcast with local Pastor Shane Grady called "Be Encouraged."

"I hope to win the federal Ducks Unlimited competition one day," Tina shares. Until then, the artist is happy to paint her feather works of heart for others to enjoy.

To see more of her work, follow Tina Richards Studio on Facebook or Instagram. You may reach the artist via email at christinajrichards@yahoo.com or by calling 417-334-8338.



Previous page: Hollister artist Tina Richards uses the unconventional canvas of feathers for her artwork. **Right:** Her detailed feather work has garnered top awards in Ducks Unlimited Missouri competitions and elsewhere. This image of an eagle, the American flag and servicemen with the Twin Towers in the background is one of her most popular prints she sells to date. The piece is titled "We Remember." **Far right:** The artist loves painting on feathers with unique coloring, such as these peahen feathers from a female peacock. The image is titled "Day at The Office."



Tina Richards
artwork courtesy Tina Richards

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