



Gateway Chapter Meeting

November 13, 2022

The Checkered Cottage

135 W. Jefferson

Kirkwood, MO 63122

Doors open at 12:30, meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.

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Here is the picture of the ornament Gloria Falk will be teaching at the November meeting. Carolyn Weingaertner will be doing the other one with Christy Smith helping her.

The following are the brushes used to paint the cardinal, along with basic acrylic painting supplies to bring.

- 18/0 liner
- 1/4" angle
- #6 or #8 filbert
- #3 round
- small scruffy brush (i.e., small dome)
- Cost \$3.00

2022 CALENDAR

General Meeting November 13

Christmas Party December 4



Decide that joy is the hue you want your heart to be, then start making the little and large choices that over time will paint your heart happy....Thomas Kinkade

News from our President

Dear Painting Friends,

I hope this finds everyone well and happy. Have you taken a ride in the country yet? Take time to enjoy this season and what she has to offer. The fall colors are beautiful.

It's that time of year again, November is our election month. Consider getting more involved in chapter activities by running for office. If you're not ready to step up for one of the offices, then maybe you can volunteer to help that officer.

Our chapter is small, and we would like to have it grow. So, advertise as much as you can that there is a painting group in the St. Louis / St. Charles area. Invite them to a meeting, letting them know that we provide an opportunity to paint some cute projects and increase their painting skills. I was at Michaels not long ago, and while I was perusing the acrylic paint aisle, there was a lady there looking lost while trying to figure out which paint, she needed to buy for her project. I offered my help. I also found an opportunity to tell her about our chapter and what we do at our meetings, and how we get involved in helping the community.

Now on to SDP business. We have not heard any more about a meeting to decide the fate of SDP. I am hoping that will come soon, maybe by the time of the meeting in November. But our association with SDP, as we knew it, by all practical purposes is over. You do not have to be a member of SDP to be a member of our chapter. There will be things to discuss at the Nov. meeting. I hope all our members will be able to attend that meeting. If you cannot attend, please send me an email or letter with any questions or concerns you may have.

We are also looking into planning events, Seminars, or paint-ins for 2023. If you have any suggestions, please get in touch with Donna Wright or any board member. We want to hear from you!!!

Always Paint with a Happy



Gloria

VICE PRESIDENT-Jean Lindsey

We had a good time and painted and penciled projects, had a good dinner on Saturday. I learned a lot about having the retreat for the next year. I want to thank everyone who helped me get the retreat going. I think it worked out great having the retreat at Checkered Cottage, and it was easy for members to access. Be thinking about the next retreat so maybe we will more projects to decide to paint.

Thanks again, Jean Lindsey

MINUTES

Gateway Decorative Artists
Chapter Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2022
Location: Checkered Cottage
Start: 1:05 p.m. – End: 2:00 p.m.

President, Gloria Falk, called the meeting to order welcoming all members and our guest. All Board members were present except for Recording Secretary, Barb Ogden, and Newsletter Editor, Marilyn Hartnett. Donna Wessel gave the invocation.

President, Gloria Falk, discussed the following:

- Called for corrections to the June meeting minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.
- Called for corrections or questions to the August 16 Treasurer's Report. There being none, the report was approved as printed in the newsletter.
- SDP convention and classes took place in Las Vegas August 7-11.
- SDP announced an important live, online meeting to discuss the future of SDP to take place on their An Artful Connection FB page on September 20 at 7 p.m. All SDP members were encouraged to attend.
- The Board decided to postpone the By-law review until next year – 2023.

Gloria Falk reporting for Nomination Chair, Cheryll Wilburn, who was not present and is recovering from shoulder surgery:

-Board positions up for reelection in 2022 are Vice President, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer to serve a 2-year term. Jean Lindsey, Carolyn Weingaertner, Barb Ogden, and Donna Wessel have agreed to run for reelection. Gloria asked for nominations from the floor for each position. There were no nominations forthcoming today.

Vice President, Jean Lindsey, discussed the upcoming Retreat:

- Anchors Away Retreat will take place September 24-25 at Checkered Cottage. Members signed up were asked not to arrive for Barb's class before 2 p.m. as there was another group meeting there earlier. There will be a break for dinner followed by a MITI.
- Sunday's class with Donna Wright will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by lunch and a MITI.

Program Chair, Donna Wright, reported:

- Tuesday, 9/13, MB at Fairwinds taught by Donna Wright is Never Lose Your Sense of Wonder.
- Gloria Falk is teaching a pumpkin design October 22 at Fairwinds. Start time is 9:30 a.m. and cost is \$3. Donna has the sign-up sheet.

-The Rosemary West SDP Santa and Friends project will be taught by Barb Ogden on November 19 at Fairwinds Rivers Edge. Start time is 9:30. There is a sign-up sheet and surface prep work to be completed prior to class.

-The November meeting paint-in is ornaments with Gloria Falk and Carolyn Weingaertner.

-Marilyn Todd brought some painted Memory Boxes for Show N' Tell today.

-Today's program features Lisa Ober, pastel artist, demonstrating painting a glass bottle using pastels.

Membership Secretary, Carolyn Weingaertner, reported:

-Current membership is 23

-Members present today 14 Guests present today 1, former member Nancy Falk.

-Six members participated in the September Think Spring pin exchange with a Show N' Tell of their new pin.

-2023 Chapter renewal dues need to be paid no later than the Christmas Party on December 4.

-Door prizes won by: Linda Nelson, Maureen Wasserman, Nancy Falk, Donna Wright, Christy Smith, Delia Larkins, and Marilyn Todd.

Delia Larkins filling in for Barb Ogden, USO Table:

-Sale of donated items today generated \$40 for the USO.

Gloria Falk substituting for Mary Jo Kumer, Co-chair, with the MB report:

-The next MB paint-in is September 13 at Fairwinds with Donna Wright teaching the Sense of Wonder bunny. Start time 9:30 a.m.

-Gloria Falk has ordered a supply of MBs for chapter member use. Contact Gloria if you need some boxes to paint.

Gloria Falk for Marilyn Hartnett, Newsletter Editor:

-The next newsletter deadline is October 20 (FIRM!) Pictures and text should be camera ready for insertion in the newsletter. Please review for spelling and punctuation before submitting.

Donna Wessel, Treasurer, Audit Committee report:

-The Audit Committee: Gloria Falk, Deb Finklang, Jean Lindsey, and Barb Ogden met at Gloria's on August 19 to review chapter financial records for 2019 thru 2021. All three years were found to be in order.

Linda Nelson/Liz McClintock, Refreshment Committee, reported:

-There was a drawing for the Anchors Away theme painted oar table centerpieces. Winners were Maureen Wasserman, Delia Larkins, and Liz McClintock. The winners of the wine bottle decorations drawing were Linda Nelson, Linda Nickel, Carolyn Weingaertner, Donna Wright, Christy Smith, and Nancy Falk.

-Liz handed out pins that she had made for those that brought refreshments today. They were Delia Larkins, Marilyn Todd; Donna Wright; Christy Smith; Gloria Falk and Mary Jo Kumer.

There being no further business, Delia Larkins made a motion to adjourn at 2p.m. with Jean Lindsey seconding.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wessel, Treasurer and Acting Recording Secretary

... time to be thankful

REFRESHMENTS

The Sunshine Girls Reporting

Liz McClintock and Linda Nelson

We are expressing our gratitude to the Gateway members who served on the Refreshment Committee for the September meeting.

Liz presented cute “Sea Life Animal” lapel pins to the following members serving to help make the day one to remember: Donna Wright, Christy Smith, Delia Larkins, Gloria Falk, Marilyn Todd and Mary Jo Kumer.

Liz, along with Linda Nickel and Linda Nelson used their artistic abilities to create table decorations from wine bottles, candles, and seashells.

In addition, Linda Nickel painted a “Dock Side” painting on a boat paddle, while Linda Nelson painted and decouped seaside scenes on two paddles which were presented to three members attending the meeting.

A “Big Brush thank you to Linda Nickel and Gabbie Soomro (Linda Nelson’s niece) who assisted in setting up the room so it could be decorated and gotten ready for the meeting.

Also, we wish to express our appreciation to everyone who helped to break down, clean up the room and pack up the refreshment committee supplies after the meeting.

Now, plans are on the table for the upcoming November 13, meeting for the theme of “Autumn is in the Air.” Serving on the Refreshment Committee will be the following members: Linda Nickel, Donna Wessel, Barb Ogden, Jean Lindsey, Christy Smith, and Mary Jo Kumer.

The Decorating Committee, consisting of Linda Nickel, Donna Wright, Mary Jo Kumer, and Linda Nelson have begun creating special table decorations for last business meeting for the year of 2022.



We wish everyone “A Colorful Fall!”

The Sunshine Girls, Liz McClintock, and Linda Nelson.

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

Official Ballot

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Elections of Officers for 2023

Please vote for only one person
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Vice- President:
Jean Lindsey []
Write in: _____ []

Membership Secretary:
Carolyn Weingaertner []
Write in: _____ []

Recording Secretary:
Barb O'Brien []
Write in: _____ []

Treasurer:
Donna Wessel []
Write In: _____ []



*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

*Happy
Birthday*

Donna Wright	November 3
Barbara Ogden.....	November 12
Mary Jo Kumer.....	November 13
Leah Vogel	November 13
Debbie Finklang	November 17

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Jean Lindsey, 314-921-0425
 Maureen Wasserman, 636-517-1721
 If you have information to pass on to the Chapter such as news of an illness, congratulations, etc., please contact an area rep or your Membership Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Historian, Marilyn Hartnett
 Hospitality and Publicity, Carolyn Weingaertner
 Librarian, Barb Ogden
 Nominating Committee, Cheryl Wilburn
 Parliamentarian, Liz McClintock
 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

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NEXT NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE IS

January 25, 2023

PROGRAM INFORMATION

At the November meeting we will paint two Christmas ornaments.

Tickets are now on sale for the Gateway Christmas Party on December 4, 2022, at the Checkered Cottage. Optional will be an ornament exchange.

Doors open at 12:00 pm, Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. Cost is \$27.00. Come enjoy good food, fun, prizes, and great friends. Cut off is November 21, 2022. Call, text, or email Donna Wright to reserve your spot. 314-413-2997 or donnas53art@gmail.com

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Program _____ Date _____ Date _____ Date _____

Class Fee Per Day _____ Surface/SupplyFee _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Amount _____ Cash _____ Check _____

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

Send to Donna Wright, 228 Sorrento Ct., Wentzville, MO 63385
(314) 413-2997 or email: donnas53art@gmail.com

The Pumpkin Class was successful, with some very talented ladies attending. They all seemed to have a great time and they wanted to paint more. We stayed for lunch at Fair Winds. They have a fantastic menu and it's very reasonable. We are lucky to have such a nice place to have our extra classes.



They each got an extra design for the backside of their Plaque



Linda Nickel & Linda Nelson



Rebecca & Christy Smith



Donna Wright, Jean Lindsey



Part of the group



Deb Finklang



Gloria Falk, TDA, A very tired teacher!

USO Table

There will be painting magazines on the table at this meeting. If you have any thing you would like to donate, please make sure you have the price marked on the piece or pieces. A great cause!

Please feel free to bring individually wrapped treats or snacks. November is a busy month for military travel with the holidays approaching. I will be taking what we collect to the airport the week following our meeting.

TURNING POINT

Turning Point needs many items at this time of year. They take care of 30-40 individuals including children. They need clothes that are new including for children: underwear all sizes, gloves, hats, socks, etc. especially for winter. Hygiene products: tampons, razors, hairbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, etc. Non-perishable items: coffee, creamer, paper towels, toilet paper, even things for kids like fruit yogurt pouches, Kool-Aid, etc.

All items need to be NEW! Thank you, Cheryl Wilburn

ANIMAL SHELTER COLLECTION



Gently used towels and blankets are needed for the animal shelter. This will be the last month we will be collecting for them until after the first of the year. So, look through the linen closet to find those extra towels or blankets you might have and bring them to the November meeting. Thank you for helping. MEOW MEOW WOOF WOOF



MEMBERSHIP—Carolyn Weingaertner



At the September meeting, it was reported both SDP dues and GDA dues needed to be paid to be included in the 2023

calendar. However, the statement was made just before SDP sent an email about its transition. This new information and the uncertainty of its outcome has made us change the requirement to be in the 2023 calendar.

You only need to provide the GDA dues (\$20) by December 1st to be included in the 2023 calendar. Look for the revised form included in this newsletter.



GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20 PAYABLE BY DECEMBER 1, 2022
IF YOU WANT YOUR INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2023 CALENDAR.
NO SDP 2023 Dues will need to be paid.

Please mail checks payable to Gateway Decorative Artists.

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 _____



Message from your President - Linda Chaffee

Our President addresses Concerns about SDP

The Society of Decorative Painters board has been compiling a list of questions and concerns about our situation. As President, I personally want to answer some of these concerns currently.

Chapter Concerns

When does our SDP Chapter Insurance expire? The Insurance covering the Chapters that is issued from SDP will be in effect until January 6, 2023. At that time, if you wish to carry insurance to cover meetings, in person seminars or conventions you hold, you should talk to an Insurance Agent that handles Liability Insurance for not-for-profit organizations.

Will Chapters be required to have a new federal tax identification number for purposes of filing taxes? All chapters will be able to use their current EIN for the 990 form they fill out in 2023, because it is for the taxes from this year, 2022. Go to <http://www.irs.gov> for more free information about EINs or talk to an accountant.

Will Chapters need to prepare new By-Laws as they become a separate organization? Yes, it is always recommended that any Club or Guild create By-Laws and Standing Rules to govern their organization, explain their purpose and identify the duties of their officers. New groups will need to remove any reference to the Society of Decorative Painters or Chapters in their name.

Will SDP provide guidance to Chapters to help them proceed with the change to a separate organization? SDP will relay the steps to continue as an independent club or guild.

Financial Concerns

What happens to the proceeds from merchandise, furniture, fixtures, and office equipment if the proposed reorganization should not happen? Whether we reorganize or not, the furniture, fixtures and office equipment is being sold to pay outstanding bills.

Will the \$141,409.31 liabilities be moved to the Foundation if the reorganization does happen? Yes, if the reorganization does happen, then all liabilities and assets will be moved to the Foundation.

The new merchandise for the 50th Anniversary - where is the cost showing? The 50th Anniversary merchandise is being sold through Cafe' Press, Inc. All orders go directly to them, and the merchandise is shipped directly from them to the customers. There is no cost for SDP, and we receive a percentage of each sale.

How will the SDP pay for the accrued vacation, federal and state payroll taxes? SDP has dealt with their Staff in a fair and equitable manner and all taxes have been paid.

Are there any additional items for which SDP is obligated, like lease agreements (office space/copier)? There are many aspects of an organization of this size that must be looked at, and that is what the board has been and is still doing, researching, asking questions, and looking for the best solutions for the problems at hand.

Future Concerns

The comment was made that using the SDP Artful Connection page was the best way to reach the most members. How many members have joined this Facebook page? Why is there not some other method of communication that reaches 100% of the membership for such a critical decision? 1980 members currently have access to our Facebook page. We have email addresses for 4000 of our 4300 members. The board is currently checking other options that might help us reach more members.

An online version of The Decorative Painter magazine was approved at the annual meeting. Are we to assume that there will now be NO more issues of the magazine (either digital or printed)? Yes, the digital form of the magazine was approved at the annual meeting. There is one issue of the Decorative Painter near completion, and it will be sent out digitally as soon as we are able. One option for the future is to make our Magazine a subscription purchase.

If the Foundation dissolves as well, what will happen to the Decorative Arts Collection? Where are the items currently being stored and where will they be housed after any merger? Prior to any discussion of a merger or reorganization, the Foundation Trustees had voted to dissolve the collection. The pieces have been in a climate-controlled storage for three years at a cost of \$20,000.00 each year for storage and insurance. Museums were contacted and were not interested or, if they would take them, they would simply put them in storage. The items would still not be viewed, and the Foundation would be responsible for the very expensive cost of shipping. The pieces have been offered back to the artists/families or donors. Those that have chosen to reclaim their pieces have done so.

What are the plans for the "merged" organization? Since the Foundation will not have membership, what is the anticipated revenue stream? The board is still looking at options. If the merger or reorganization is approved, the Decorative Artists Academy and Certification will move to the Foundation as they are both educationally based and financially profitable. Grants, which can be sought by the 501c3 will also help. And contributions are always welcome.