



# Gateway Chapter Meeting

April 10, 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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*Cheryll Wilburn Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>*  
*Donna Wessel Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>*

Next Newsletter  
Deadline: March 20

## AFTER MEETING PROGRAM by Carolyn Weingaertner

Carolyn will be leading the after-meeting program. We'll be creating paper doilies with a Valentine's theme.

If you're interested, please bring sharp scissors that can cut through multiple layers of paper and \$1.

You'll get multiple pages of red and pink to create the doilies. Using your imagination, you could create something like these pictured.

## 2023 CALENDAR

Memory Box Paint-in	February 7
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>February 12</b>
Memory Box Paint-in	March 7
Memory Box Paint-in	April 4
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>April 16</b>
Memory Box Paint-in	May 2
Memory Box Paint-in	June 6
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>June 11</b>
Memory Box Paint-in	July 11
Memory Box Paint-in	August 1
Memory Box Paint-in	September 5
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>September 10</b>
Memory Box Paint-in	October 3
Memory Box Paint-in	November 7
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>November 12</b>
<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>December 3</b>

# News from our President

Good day everyone, I hope all of you are doing well. I don't know how the rest of you feel, but I am done with winter already. We have had a mild winter, but I am really looking forward to warmer weather.

Along our painting lines, we have had some major changes to deal with and these are disappointing, in my opinion. But changes do happen in life, and as the saying goes "The branch breaks that will not bend with the wind. You must learn to bend". — Wilbur Smith

We are scheduled to go over the by-laws this year. You will note in your directory that changes have been made already. The board removed any reference to SDP in this temporary set of by-laws. That was a given since SDP is no longer. Look at the by-laws and if you have concerns about anything, please let me or one of the board members know. Also make sure we have your current information correct.

A few years ago, the chapter donated money to buy and donate a painting to the (IMSDP)International Museum of Society of Decorative Painters. The museum has also dissolved. Anyone who donated a painting was given the opportunity to get it back. We are now in possession of a painting by Dorothy Dent. We are checking into ways of being able to get some of that money back used to purchase it. Again, if anyone has any suggestions to consider, please let one of the board members know.

Our Library has grown immensely, and it needs to be downsized. Barb will post details of this later in this newsletter. Any proceeds from the sale of items from the library is going to be split between our Charities: (Animal Shelter, Turning Point & the USO).

Our Memory Box Paint-in's will continue to be held at Fairwinds-Rivers Edge Senior Living on the 1st Tuesday of every month except for July (holiday) & December. We painted and shipped 122 MB in 2022. MaryJo will be leading the February paint-in.

We will be auditing the Chapters books on Feb. 18. The committee exists of: Barb Ogden; Gloria Falk; Deb Finklang; Jean Lindsey and Donna Wessel will be present.

Stay healthy and paint with a Happy



Gloria  
TDA



## **RETREAT NEWS**

**Teacher! Teacher! Teacher!**  
**or anyone who wants to teach a class.**

We are tentatively planning a retreat (theme: **FALL INTO FALL**) for September 22-24, 2023.

Anyone who would like to be a teacher, get your ideas together and bring your project to the April GDA meeting. The projects will be voted on in April meeting.

How to bring your project in for voting:

1. Paint/create your project for the classes at retreat
  - a. Put it in a bag and give to Jean at the April meeting
  - b. Don't have your name on the piece.
  - c. Email the painting name and supply costs to [Lindseyj1400@gmail.com](mailto:Lindseyj1400@gmail.com) prior to the April meeting

Classes will be held:

Friday – night. Saturday – morning & afternoon, Sunday – morning.

Make it Take it's on Saturday evening.

Jean Lindsey

[Lindseyj1400@gmail.com](mailto:Lindseyj1400@gmail.com)



## ***BIRTHDAY EXCHANGE IS BAAAACK!***

Birthday Gift Exchange Month is June. At April's meeting, we will be drawing names for those who are interested in participating in a gift exchange.

Carolyn Weingaertner

# **GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEETING MINUTES**

Location: Checkered Cottage

Date: November 13, 2022

Start time: 1:10

End time: 2:10

The meeting was called to order by President Gloria Falk. All board members were present except for Marilyn Hartnett and Donna Wright.

The invocation was given by Linda Nelson.

President Gloria Falk discussed the following:

- Called for questions regarding the last meeting minutes. There being none the minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.
- Called for questions regarding the current Treasurer's report. There being none the report was approved as attached to the newsletter.
- SDP no longer exists so no dues need be paid to them. All SDP rules will need to be removed from our by-laws. The board postponed the review of by-laws until 2023.
- There are heart shaped paper mache boxes available for members to paint as Memory Boxes.

Nominating Chair Cheryl Wilburn discussed the following:

- Nominations from the floor were open for Vice-President, Membership Chair, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. There being no nominations from the floor the Slate of Officers for 2023 were: Jean Lindsey, Vice-President, Carolyn Weingaertner, Membership Chair, Barb Ogden, Recording Secretary and Donna Wessel, Treasurer. Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to accept the slate by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Barb Ogden. A show of hands vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Vice-President Jean Lindsey discussed the following:

- A retreat will be planned for 2023 if no seminar is planned. Projects will need to be submitted at the April 2023 meeting. A show of hands approved holding the retreat at the Checkered Cottage as we did this year.

In Donna Wright's absence:

- Barb Ogden reminded members of the SDP paint in on Saturday November 19 at Fairwinds titled Santa and Friends.
- Carolyn Weingaertner talked about the ornaments she, Christy Smith and Gloria Falk were teaching today for the program.

Nov. Meeting Minutes Cont.

Membership Chair Carolyn Weingaertner discussed the following:

- There were 17 members, and 2 guests present at today's meeting.
- Door prizes and table decorations were given away.
- Carolyn will do a computer demo of the Gateway website at the February 2023 meeting.

Memory Box Co-chair Mary Jo Kumer discussed the following:

- December 13 is the next paint in date. Since we have no teacher, everyone will bring their own box and design to paint on. We will meet at Fairwinds at 9:30.
- Posed the question of continuing to meet as a group or to paint on our own and get the boxes to Gloria. The members agreed to keep meeting as a group.
- Barb Ogden will teach January 10th and Christy Smith will teach in February.

The next newsletter deadline is January 20. Debbie Finklang will be taking over for Marilyn Hartnett. Info for the newsletter as well as any Gateway information should be sent to [definklang@gmail.com](mailto:definklang@gmail.com).

Refreshment Co-chair Linda Nelson discussed the following:

- Thanked the members who helped with the November meeting while Liz McClintlock passed out thank you pins.
- Also thanked all members who helped all year and reminded us that the board is responsible for the refreshments for the February 2023 meeting.

Deb Finklang talked about the Christmas Party. On Sunday December 4 here at the Checkered Cottage at 12:30. The price is \$27.00 per person and there will be an ornament exchange. November 21<sup>st</sup> is the registration deadline.

There being no further business Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn and Delia Larkins seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Ogden, Recording Secretary

# **GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEETING MINUTES**

Location: Checkered Cottage  
Start time: 12:30

Date: December 4, 2022 Christmas Party  
End time: 3:10

All Board members in attendance except Marilyn Hartnett and Jean Lindsey.

Debbie Finklang, the Master of Ceremonies, introduced the Party Committee:  
Donna Wright, Linda Nickel, Donna Wessel, Jean Lindsey and herself.

Donna Wright gave the invocation.

Our food was catered by Cucina and there were 22 people in attendance.

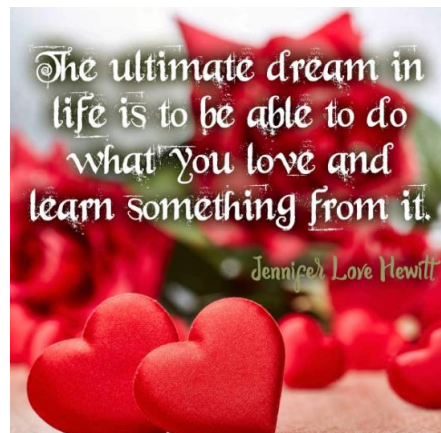
Following lunch, Cheryl Wilburn officiated the installation of the 2023 Gateway officers. All were present for the installation except Jean Lindsey.

Several attendees enjoyed an ornament exchange which was followed by playing Pass the Parcel and Spoons.

Donna Wessel conducted the drawing for the angel centerpieces and the smaller angel favors that decorated the tables.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Jo Kumer and seconded by Liz McClintock.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Ogden, Recording Secretary



# CHARITIES

## USO TABLE

We are going to change things up a bit with our merchandise on the USO table for 2023. The Board has agreed to slimming down our Library so the books, patterns, DVDs and VHS tapes will be on the table at each meeting. **We will not be selling the 1993 Convention patterns.** These items will not be priced.

If there is something you want, you will simply make an in-kind donation. The charities, that the Chapter sponsors, will receive the proceeds. At year end, the proceeds will be distributed equally between them.

There are many great books, patterns etc. that have been donated over the years so, I am sure there is something for everyone!

Hope to see you February 12,  
Barb

## Double Duty Charity Events



As Christy Smith put down more than a dozen painted Angels, created by her, she asked Mary Jo Kumer, who was working the USO Charity table, if her donation could be used. The Angels were added to the table.

Shopping at the table, Linda Nelson needing gift items for patient's receiving infusions at the SSM Health Care Cancer Center during the Christmas holiday week, made a monetary donation for the beautiful cherubs.

The angel tree ornaments went into a colorful holiday gift bag along with a pair of cozy socks, delivered to the center where nurses handed out the presents, helping to brighten a patient's day while receiving treatment.

A special way to support both the USO and a number of patients at the cancer center.

## **TURNING POINT**

Turning Point Women's Shelter serves victims from Warren, Gasconade, Lincoln, Franklin, and Montgomery counties and others. 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, Cheryll Wilburn  
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me,  
Cheryll Wilburn, at 314-640-8759



## **ANIMAL SHELTER COLLECTION**



**At this time there is a need for  
dog/cat food and treats.**

As always, they gladly take:  
clean and gently used towels,  
new toys for cats or dogs

Gloria Falk, TDA will be collecting donations.  
arttouch@aol.com



# MEMORY BOX PAINT-IN Lead by Christy Smith



# SANTA & FRIENDS Taught by Barb Ogden





**GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEMBERSHIP FORM**

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20 PAYABLE BY DECEMBER 1.

Please make checks payable to: Gateway Decorative Artists  
Mail checks to: Carolyn Weingaertner, 1555 Swan Drive, Florissant, MO 63031.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Christmas Party Pictures



Angels provided by  
Donna Wessel



Party Attendees enjoying a good  
time visiting



Ornament Exchange



Officer Installation

## **THE SUNSHINE GALS REPORTING:**

### **REFRESHMENTS**

“Autumn was in the Air” as the Gateway Decorative Artists gathered in the classroom of the Checkered Cottage for the November meeting.

The tables were colorful with fall theme tablecloths topped with cork pumpkins and mini scarecrow hats with small leaves. The decorating committee members consisted of [Linda Nickel](#), [Donna Wright](#), [Mary Jo Kumer](#) and [Linda Nelson](#).

Refreshments were provided by Linda Nickel, Donna Wessel, Jean Lindsey, Christy Smith, Mary Jo Kumer and Linda Nelson.

Liz McClintock created darling decorated fall leaf lapel pins for the committee members and teachers: Gloria Falk and Christy Smith.

Thanks to all members who served with the Refreshment and Decorating Committee during 2022, a drawing for a fall floral arrangement was held with Jean Lindsey winning.

Due to the numerous donations of refreshments, food supplies, drinks and ice, the committee’s expenses totaled \$0 for the year.

A “Big Brush” thank you to all members who stayed after the November meeting to put the classroom back in “Ship Shape” order. Kudos to Debbie Finklang and Carolyn Weingaertner for loading the boxes, coolers, and other meeting supplies in Linda Nelson’s car.

### **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, Cheryll 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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