



Gateway Chapter Meeting

February 11, 2024

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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AFTER MEETING PROGRAM By Christy Smith

Christy will be leading the after-meeting program. We'll be creating a Valentine's ornament.

If you're interested, please bring a liner brush and your typical acrylic painting supplies. Cost for the ornament is \$1.00.



*Cheryll Wilburn Jan. 24th
Donna Wessel Feb. 7th*

Next Newsletter
Deadline: March 20

2024 CALENDAR

Memory Box Paint-in	February 6
General Meeting	February 11
Memory Box Paint-in	March 5
Memory Box Paint-in	April 2
General Meeting	April 14
Retreat	Apr 26-28
Memory Box Paint-in	May 7
Memory Box Paint-in	June 4
General Meeting	June 9
Memory Box Paint-in	July 2
Memory Box Paint-in	August 6
Memory Box Paint-in	September 3
General Meeting	September 8
Memory Box Paint-in	October 1
Memory Box Paint-in	November 5
General Meeting	November 10
Christmas Party	December 1

News from our President

As I sit here contemplating what to write I look outside, the sun is shining today BUT there is the threat of an upcoming storm and frigid air, which I am NOT looking forward to. I wish we could have mild temperatures all the time. As my husband once said, if that were the case, we would not be able to afford to live here because everyone else would want to live here too. As I trot off saying to myself - yeah, I guess you're right. I love the seasonal changes, but I want the colder ones to not last as long.


I hope you're staying healthy, safe, and warm. If you know of a member that is not doing well, be sure and let us know. AS many of you know Carolyn has been in the hospital a long time, I am sure she is anxious to get into her new house. She is due to be released tomorrow (Jan. 23) to her new home for continued therapy there. Linda Nelson just had a knee replacement, so she is in rehab for a few weeks. Barb has sent a note out to let everyone know the address in case you would like to send her some well wishes.

Barb has offered to teach another Sharing Workshop this year. She always has some neat things to paint, there will be more information coming on that. If you have any ideas for zoom classes or possible traveling seminar teachers let Jean Lindsey know. We would like to have some painting opportunities besides those after the meetings. Of course, remember we paint Memory Boxes the first Tuesday of every month...normally.

Sometimes the weather steps in and changes our plans. We are still able to use the art room at Fair Winds Senior complex. If you're able to get email messages I send out a reminder usually the week before.

Spread the word of our Chapter, so we can grow. Life changes for us and for one reason or another we're not painting as much as we used to. Personally, I think COVID did disrupt our lives in ways we never imagined it would. Now we must pull up those bootstraps and get to work on painting again.

I hope to see you all at the meeting in Feb. and remember to always

Paint with a Happy 

Gloria

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEETING MINUTES

Gateway Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2023

Location: Checkered Cottage

Start time: 1:09pm

End time: 2:45pm

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

The invocation was given by Linda Nelson.

President Gloria Falk discussed the following:

- Called for questions regarding the September minutes that were printed in the newsletter. There being none the minutes were approved as printed.
- Called for questions regarding the Treasurer's Report that was emailed along with the newsletter. There being none the report was approved as sent.
- Reported that the Chapter had sold \$395 in chances for the Dorothy Dent painting. A ticket was pulled, Cindy Williams won the painting.
- There were 123 trinket boxes painted for the Salvation Army. Lauren picked up the boxes before the meeting started.
- The meeting was turned over to the By-Law committee. Deb Finklang was the moderator, Donna Wessel took notes and Barb Ogden was the timekeeper. All revisions were discussed; some motions were made to change specific Articles; motions and seconds were then made on each individual revision; and each motion passed by a majority vote of the members present. The new Standing Rules and By-Law documents will be published in the first newsletter of 2024. They will also be on the website and in the 2024 Chapter Directory/Calendar sent to members either electronically or printed for pickup at the first 2024 meeting.

Election Chair Cheryl Wilburn discussed the following:

- Opened the floor for nominations for President, Newsletter Editor and Program Chair.
- The nominations were Gloria Falk, President, Debbie Finklang, Newsletter Editor and no one ran for Program Chair. A motion was made by Mary Jo Kumer to accept the slate by acclamation and seconded by Debbie Finklang. The motion passed.

Recording Secretary Barb Ogden discussed the following:

- This is the last meeting for the sale of discontinued library materials. The monies collected over this past year will be divided among the Chapter charities. \$132.50 has been collected before this meeting.
- Reminded members to bring a painted ornament for Susan Fulton if attending the Christmas Party.

Nov. Meeting Minutes Cont.

Vice-President Jean Lindsey discussed the following:

- The retreat theme for 2024 is Spring into Spring which will be held April 26-28.
- She passed out preregistration slips to get a count for the number of booklets that will need to be printed.

In Donna Wright's absence Carolyn Weingaertner discussed the following:

- Today's program is painting an ornament with Gloria Falk.

Membership Chair Carolyn Weingaertner discussed the following:

- Made a correction to the number of members from 23 to 22.
- 15 members were present today.
- Asked members about 2024 Directories trying to get an idea of how many to print. Several members elected to receive the Directory electronically.
- Thanked Christy Smith with helping on the website.

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

- The Chapter has painted and delivered 156 boxes this year.
- There is no paint in for December. Mary Jo is teaching in January, Christy Smith is teaching in February and Barb Ogden is teaching in March.

Newsletter Editor Debbie Finklang discussed the following:

- Next newsletter deadline is January 20.
- Deadline for registration for the Christmas Party is November 18.

Refreshment Committee Co-Chair Linda Nelson discussed the following:

- Thanked the members who furnished refreshments today and did a second thank you for all who participated throughout the year.

Linda Nelson did a show and tell of a piece she painted at Palooza 2023. It was a fall globe she did with Karen Brouwer.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mary Jo Kumer and seconded by Debbie Finklang.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Ogden, Recording Secretary

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEETING MINUTES

Gateway Meeting/Christmas Party Minutes
Location: Checkered Cottage

December 3, 2023
Start time: 12:10pm
End time: 2:30pm

Board members present: Gloria Falk, Donna Wessel, Jean Lindsey, Donna Wright, Debbie Finklang, Barb Ogden.

Absent: Carolyn Weingaertner

Deb Finklang called to festivities to order.

The invocation was given by Donna Wessel.

Donna Wessel, Kathy Otto and Deb Finklang were the Party Committee.

The Induction of the 2024 officers was given by Cheryl Wilburn.

Lunch was catered by Vic Cuccina.

Following lunch, the attendees exchanged Christmas ornaments and played a game.

Door Prizes and table prizes were drawn and distributed.

There was a special presentation to Susan Fulton, owner of the Checkered Cottage.

Members painted a box full of handcrafted ornaments for her.

The party adjourned at 2:30

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Ogden, Recording Secretary



RETREAT NEWS

Retreat is quickly approaching. There are some great projects and Make-It Take-Its lined up. Retreat will be held at the Checkered Cottage In Kirkwood on April 26th, 27th, & 28th, 2024

Classes will be held Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday morning. Retreat booklets and registration forms will be available at the February GDA Meeting.

Jean Lindsey
Lindseyj1400@gmail.com

CHARITIES

USO

We are going to change things up a bit with our merchandise on the USO table for 2024. The Board has agreed to slim 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, simply make an in-kind donation. The charities the Chapter sponsors will get the proceeds. At the end of the year, we will take the money and divide it 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

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.

Their needs are books, gloves and caps for children and adults.
Reminder: All clothing items need to be NEW!



Thank you, Cheryl Wilburn

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

ANIMAL SHELTER COLLECTION



Calling all Meow Meow & Woof Woof Lovers: This unusually cold weather has led to more rescues & resulting extra costs. Please feel free to donate money in lieu of items.

Material Items needed:

- ❖ Canned and Dry food (Cat & Dog)
- ❖ Treats and Toys (Cat and Dog)
- ❖ Kitten & Puppy Formula
- ❖ Clean and gently used towels and blankets

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

NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING PICTURES



Linda Nelson's
Palooza Painting



NOV. 2023 MEMORY BOX Taught by Christy Smith





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, 259 Timerbrook Drive, St. Peters, MO 63376.

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: _____

FEB. MEMORY BOX by Christy Smith



*Carolyn Weingaertner
&
Linda Nelson*

ADDRESS UPDATE:

Carolyn Weingaertner
259 Timberbrook Drive
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AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Jean Lindsey, 314-691-2307

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

Hospitality & Publicity: Carolyn Weingaertner & Christy Smith

Librarian: Barb Ogden

Nominating Committee: Cheryl Wilburn

Refreshments: Liz McClintock, Linda Nickel & Linda Nelson

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christmas Party: Debbie Finklang

Memory Box Program; Gloria Falk & Mary Jo Kumer

Programs, Seminars & Workshops: Jean Lindsey

Newsletter Editor: Debbie Finklang

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