



Gateway Chapter Meeting

February 9, 2025

The Checkered Cottage

135 W. Jefferson

Kirkwood, MO 63122

Doors open at 12:30; Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.

Gateway Gazette



HEART FULL OF ROSES

By Gloria Falk

Gloria will be leading the after-meeting program. Cost for the ornament is \$2.00

If you're interested, please bring:
your typical acrylic painting supplies,
#10 or 18 liner,
#3 round and
¼" angular brushes



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

Next Newsletter
Deadline: March 20

2025 CALENDAR

Memory Box Paint-in	Feb 4
General Meeting	Feb 9
Memory Box Paint-in	Mar 4
Memory Box Paint-in	Apr 1
General Meeting	Apr 13
Memory Box Paint-in	May 6
Memory Box Paint-in	Jun 3
General Meeting	Jun 8
Memory Box Paint-in	Jul 1
Memory Box Paint-in	Aug 5
Memory Box Paint-in	Sept 2
General Meeting	Sept 14
Memory Box Paint-in	Oct 7
Memory Box Paint-in	Nov 4
General Meeting	Nov 9
Christmas Party	Dec 7

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GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS **OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS**

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 the Area Representative or the Membership Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Hospitality and Publicity: Christy Smith

Librarian: Barb Ogden

Nominating Committee: Cheryl Wilburn

Refreshments: Linda Nelson & Linda Nickel

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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News from our President

Here I sit contemplating what to write to you this month. I look outside, the sun is shining BUT there is that frigid air!! We're in those – minus degree temps right now and you can't even run (whose running??) from the car to the store without freezing. Many of you know I grew up with this type of weather (E. Grand Forks, MN. 90 miles from the Canadian border). But I have lived here longer than I did in my hometown, so I just don't care for these icy cold days we've been experiencing lately. I love the changes of season, but I would prefer the colder ones to not hang around for 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 Christy know, or any member of the board. You just never know when it might be the last time you get to talk to or HUG that person. Then all you have are your memories. If you have been thinking of someone off and on – STOP what you're doing and call them. I have experienced this lesson more than once in my life.

Christy has offered to teach a Sharing Workshop this year. If you haven't signed up yet, make sure you do at the Feb. meeting. This will be the last time you will be able to sign up as she must prepare surfaces as well as order supplies. There will be more information on that elsewhere in this newsletter.

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. We would love to have you join us. We are still able to use the art room at Fair Winds-Rivers Edge Senior complex. If you're able to get email, give me your address as 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 some of us are not painting as much as we used to. So it's time to change and get back in the groove of 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 NOVEMBER 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Gateway Meeting Minutes
Location: Checkered Cottage

November 10, 2024
Start time 1:02 pm
End time 1:42 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Gloria Falk. All board members were present. The invocation was given by Linda Nelson.

President Gloria Falk discussed the following:

- Called for additions and/or corrections to the September meeting minutes. There being none the minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.
- Called for questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. There being none the report was approved as emailed to the membership.
- Asked if there were any reports concerning the Chapter charities from Cheryl Wilburn, Gloria Falk and Barb Ogden. Gloria reported that the animal shelter was very grateful for the towels she took to them.

Vice-President Jean Lindsey discussed the following:

- Announced that registration was open for Christy Smith's Sharing workshop. The date for the workshop is March 16, 2025 and the registration cost is \$15. The supply cost is \$25.
- Today's program is "Winter Bird" with Gloria Falk.
- Show n' tell was Debbie Finklang's two new paintings.

Membership Chair Carolyn Weingaertner discussed the following:

- 16 members are present today with no guests.
- 2025 Membership dues are due now.
- Attendance prizes were given away as well as the table decorations. Linda Nelson donated the decorations.

Cheryl Wilburn Nominating Chair discussed the following:

- Opened nominations from the floor for Vice-President, Membership Chair, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.
- The slate of officers are Jean Lindsey Vice-President, Christy Smith Membership Chair, Barb Ogden Recording Secretary and Donna Wessel Treasurer.
- Barb Ogden made a motion, To accept the slate of officers by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Mary Jo Kumer. The motion passed.

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MEETING MINUTES – cont.

Nov. Meeting Minutes Cont.

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

-161 boxes have been mailed out this year. Since the Chapter began the program in 1999 approximately 10,261 have been mailed out.

-There is no paint-in in December. The next paint-in will be held on January 7 with Mary Jo teaching.

-Christy Smith will teach in February, Barb Ogden in March, Donna Wessel on April and Kathy Otto in May.

Christmas Party Chair Debbie Finklang discussed the following:

-The party is on December 1st at Checkered Cottage. The price is \$27 and the registration deadline is November 18.

-Start time is noon, the Cottage will be open from 11-noon for shopping and there will be an ornament exchange.

Treasurer Donna Wessel had no report.

The next newsletter deadline is January 20, 2025

Refreshment committee chair Linda Nelson discussed the following:

-Thanked all members who brought refreshments for today's meeting as well as all who helped all year.

-The Sunshine Girls (Linda Nelson, Linda Nickel and Liz McClintock) agreed to continue in their position for the year 2025.

-The Board will be responsible for the February 2025 refreshments. We will also be celebrating anniversary #52.

Additional business:

-Mary Jo Kumer invited members to attend a DAR sponsored talk about sailing the seas in the 1800's. The talk is free. It will be held at the Lake St. Louis Library Branch on December 5th at 10:00am.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Ogden, Recording Secretary

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS DECEMBER 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Gateway Meeting/Christmas Party
Location: Checkered Cottage

December 1, 2024
Start time: 12:50 pm
End time: 3:10 pm

Board members present-Gloria Falk, Jean Lindsey, Donna Wessel, Carolyn Weingaertner and Barb Ogden.

Debbie Finklang called the festivities to order and welcomed all.

The Invocation was given by Donna Wessel.

The party committee members were Deb Finklang, Jean Lindsey, Donna Wessel and Kathy Otto.

Lunch was catered by Vic Cucina.

Installation of the 2025 Gateway Officers was given by Carolyn Weingaertner.

Following lunch, attendees exchanged Christmas ornaments and played two games. Names were pulled to give away the table center pieces, hand painted Santas.

The party adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Ogden, Recording Secretary



Freebie heart pocket pattern:

<https://www.rebekahsmith.com/single-post/2018/12/04/a-wooly-christmas-greeting-free-pattern-printable>

CHARITIES

USO

The USO table will be set up and available for items to be sold for donation. Please remove all unsold items.

Make an in-kind donation to help our Charities!

Hope to see you in February,
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.
Special Needs: SUITCASES! Children and Adults in good condition



Thank you, Cheryll Wilburn

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Cheryll 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

UPCOMING SHARING WORKSHOP

DOT PAPER WEIGHT By Christy Smith



Date: March 16th **Time:** 10:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Checkered Cottage

Instructor: Christy Smith

Costs: Class Fee \$15.00 plus Supply Fee \$25.00

Supplies included: Dotting tools, 4" mini turntable, Base-coated plaster "stone" and paints

Note: We will have a lunch break, so bring a sandwich and drink.

FEB. & MAR. 2025 MEMORY BOX DESIGNS

February Design
by
Christy Smith



March Design
by
Barb Ogden



GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS DECEMBER 2024 CHRISTMAS PARTY AND OFFICER INSTALLATION



NOVEMBER 2024 MEETING PROJECT
Taught by Gloria Falk



NOVEMBER 2024 MEMORY BOX
Taught by Debbie Finklang





GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20 PAYABLE BY DECEMBER 1.

Please make checks payable to: Gateway Decorative Artists
Mail checks to: Christy Smith 8551 Markdale Dr., St. Louis MO 63114

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: _____