



# Gateway Chapter Meeting

June 8, 2025

The Checkered Cottage

135 W. Jefferson

Kirkwood, MO 63122

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

## Gateway Gazette



**PRAYERS & WELL WISHES FOR:**  
Gloria Falk



*Linda Nickel June 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Linda Nelson June 6<sup>th</sup>*  
*Delia Larkins June 14<sup>th</sup>*  
*Ingrid Oertli June 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Marilyn Todd July 14<sup>th</sup>*

Next Newsletter  
Deadline: August 20

### AFTER MEETING PROGRAM

Textured and Foil Painting  
by Kathy Otto



Cost: \$4.00

Different colored foil backgrounds to choose from and texture will be provided.

Supplies needed:

1. A stencil that can fit within the 8x10" size
2. Palette knife

Kathy will supply remaining supplies and foils.

### 2025 CALENDAR

Memory Box Paint-in	Jun 3
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Jun 8</b>
Memory Box Paint-in	Jul 1
Memory Box Paint-in	Aug 5
Memory Box Paint-in	Sept 2
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Sept 14</b>
Memory Box Paint-in	Oct 7
Memory Box Paint-in	Nov 4
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Nov 9</b>
<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Dec 7</b>

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# News from our President

I want to begin by welcoming you to our meetings and our Sharing workshops.

It is our goal to bring everyone together to share our knowledge and create opportunities to paint. Jean has tried hard to provide those opportunities to learn new techniques in this Decorative Painting world of ours. If you have learned something new and would like to share it with our members, please come forward with your ideas. We want to work together to improve your painting experience. We like to encourage all members to become involved in our activities.

Cheryll will be working on creating a slate of officers between now and our Sept. meeting. If you would like to serve on the board or on a committee, please let her know.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our June Meeting. Mary Jo will be teaching our June memory box at Fair Winds Senior complex on June 3rd, starting at 9:30.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Remember to always .....Paint with a Happy   
Gloria

# Vice President News

Ladies,

We will be having a workshop on August 17, 2025 at 1 pm at Checkered Cottage. A \$15.00 fee for supplies will be collected at the June meeting, we will be painting the Cardinal Bird.

If you miss the workshop with Christy, we had a great time and learned something new.

Jean Lindsey  
314-691-2307

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## **GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEETING MINUTES**

Gateway Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2025

Location: Checkered Cottage

Start time: 1pm

End time: 1:45pm

The meeting was called to order by President Gloria Falk. All Board members were present. The invocation was given by Donna Wessel.

President Gloria Falk discussed the following:

- Called for questions/corrections to the February meeting minutes. Delia Larkins caught the misspelling of her first name. The correction was made. There being no further corrections/questions the minutes were approved.
- Called for questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. There being none the report was approved as printed and sent via email to members.
- Discussed the changes being made to ARTistry Today Magazine. Check the website [ARTistrytodaymag.com](http://ARTistrytodaymag.com) for details.

Vice-president/Program Chair Jean Lindsey discussed the following:

- Introduced a workshop planned for August 17. The medium is colored chalk. Members did a preliminary sign up and chose which designs they preferred. More details will follow.
- Kathy Otto is doing the June program and Barb Ogden did today's program.

Membership Chair Christy Smith discussed the following:

- Present membership is 21. There were 16 members and 1 guest present today.
- Door prizes were handed out as well as the table decorations which were made and donated by Linda Nelson.

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

- May 6 is the next paint-in and Christy Smith is providing a pattern of painted owls.
- June 1 Kathy Otto will be teaching.

Newsletter Editor Debbie Finklang reported the next newsletter deadline is May 20.

Treasurer Donna Wessel mentioned she will bring merchandise to the June meeting.

#### Show and Tell

Jean Lindsey and Barb Ogden brought in their Mandala painted pieces. Debbie Finklang brought a watercolor piece and mentioned a colored pencil artist who does Zoom classes, Bonnie Snowdon.

Refreshment Committee Co-Chair Linda Nelson discussed the following:

- Thanked the members who brought refreshments today and had Linda Nickel give out a thank you pin, as Liz McClintock did. Linda Nickel painted the pins.
- June meeting theme, Down on the Farm, September meeting theme, Lemonade Stand and November meeting theme, In the Jungle.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Ogden, Recording Secretary



# Urgent appeal from Artistry Today-Miho Halsey

I'm now preparing for the summer issue of *ARTistry Today*. We have wonderful projects again for the next issue, I cannot wait to showcase those for our subscribers. However, today I must share something with all of you painting enthusiasts. And, it's not good news.... disappointing and emotional information instead.

With your support, the situation could change. **I need your help! We must have more subscribers to keep our *ARTistry Today* magazine going.** Your subscription is the most important thing to us. Every single subscription plays a vital role. As of today, we have less than 100 subscribers in 2025, this is both shocking and heartbreaking to our team, and we hope that it is to you as well. The fact is that this low number of subscribers is not proportionate to the amount of effort we put into featuring the quality projects by incredibly talented artists.

We have continued to listen to our subscribers' opinions and have always been open to any suggestions over the last two years. Starting with the current Spring 2025 issue, changes were implemented based on your feedback. We made the subscription process easier and more convenient without requiring an account log-in; as soon as you subscribe, we automatically email you a one-sheet with links to the electronic flipbook, the entire pdf of the magazine - which is downloadable to print, each project with individual links for both the e-packet for that project and for the individual line art. We also adjusted the payment options to make it easier for you to have an ongoing subscription that you pay for in installments each time a new issue publishes. All of these changes were made in response to "pain points" expressed by our subscribers. Yet, the lack of response to these changes cut our subscriber numbers to not even 25% of where we were in 2024.

The reality is that despite the incredible artists and staff dedicated to sharing high quality projects, we cannot continue without the willingness of each of you as painters to subscribe. I believe our magazine is valuable to decorative painters. I am confident that *ARTistry Today* is the most beautiful and high-quality decorative painting magazine you will find. Each issue features about eight works by various artists in different mediums and at different levels. Not all of them will be to your taste, but this is a useful magazine for continuing the education and legacy of decorative painting, all while featuring a wide array of mediums, styles and skill levels.

So, if you've been waiting to subscribe (renew) for any reason, don't wait any longer. If you don't act now, it sends us the message that you do NOT want *ARTistry Today* to continue. It's important to me and our team that we are transparent and not surprise you with final decisions later. Please be aware that if we do not significantly increase our number of subscribers in the month of May and early June, this Summer issue will be the LAST issue of *ARTistry Today*.



## 2025 GDA APRIL MEETING PROJECT PICS



Linda Nelson & Sister Anne Marie Bonvie



Donna Wessel



Jean Lindsey



Delia Perkins & Linda Nickels



Gabbie Soomro & Linda Nelson



Ginny Schramm

## 2025 MEMORY BOX THANK YOU



Thank you for the hand-painted Memory Boxes for our infant Bereavement Program. Please share with all the artists that help made this possible for us to give our patients such a beautiful piece of art. It's such a difficult time when families do not get to take their baby home. These boxes bring joy to our staff to collect all the special mementos and place items in them to give the families something to take home.

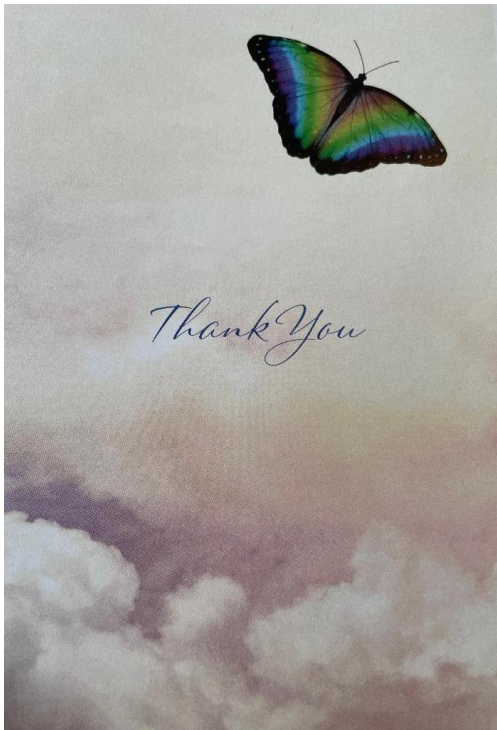
Thank you again!  
Becky

Rebekah Chappel RN, BS, C-EFM, CLC  
Perinatal Supervisor  
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500 Thorpe St.  
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# 2025 MEMORY BOX THANK YOU

From: Cruise Health in New York:



Dear Gloria and the  
members of the Gateway  
decorative artists group,

Thank you so very  
much for the donation  
of such beautiful  
memory boxes for our  
families. What a beautiful  
memento that they will  
have to cherish.

We appreciate your time  
and the care taken to  
create such amazing  
boxes.

Liz Dablock  
Cruise Health



# APRIL MEMORY BOX





# MAY MEMORY BOX



**Gloria Falk**



**Debbie Finklang**



**Marini**

**Gloria Falk**



**Jean Bannister**

**Sister  
Anne  
Marie  
Bonvie**

**Christy  
Smith**



## REFRESHMENTS

June Refreshment Committee:

Jean Bannister, Jean Lindsey, Deb Finklang, Barb Ogden, Mary Jo Kimer

Theme: Red, White and Blue

The Sunshine Girls,

Liz McClintock

Linda Nelson

Linda Nickel



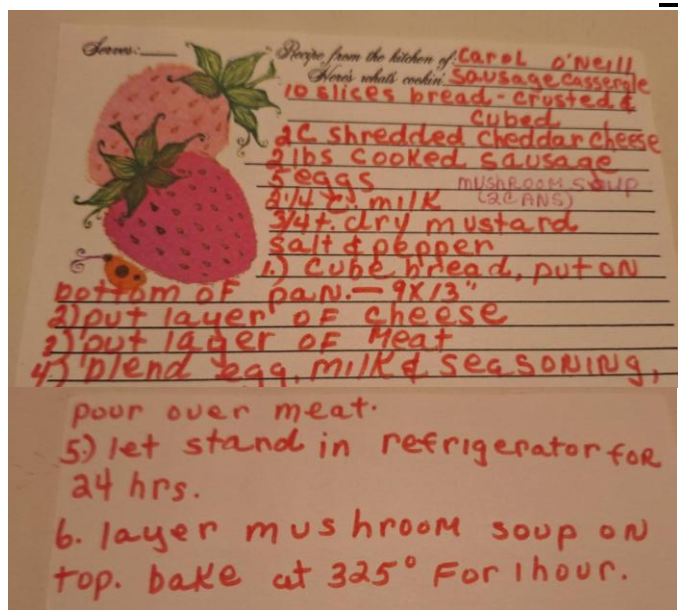
## *Hot Tip of the Month*

How to keep your food hot to be served at gatherings:

- Line a cooler with aluminum foil
- Cover hot food with a lid or aluminum foil
- Place food in cooler.
- Boil water and pour into an empty milk jug.
- Place hot water jug in cooler with food.

Food should remain hot for hours.

## RECIPES





## **CHARITIES**



## 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 will be collecting donations.

### Charity Table(USO Table)



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 June,  
Barb

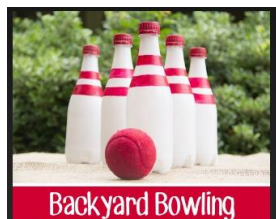


## **TURNING POINT SHELTER**

Turning Point Women's Shelter serves victims from Warren, Gasconade, Lincoln, Franklin, and Montgomery counties and others.

**For June, their needs are:**

- Children games
- Adult games
- Outdoor games



Please note that all items need to be new and they gladly accept Dollar Tree items! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,  
Cheryll Wilburn  
Ph# 314-640-8759

## 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: Cheryll 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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**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 Timberbrook Drive, St. Peters, MO 63376.

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_