

MINUTES FEBRUARY MEETING—DEBBIE FINKLANG TREASURER

Meeting Date: Feb. 8, 2015

Meeting brought to order at: 1:10pm

Previous meeting information:

Previous Meeting Minutes approved as written.
Treasurer's Report approved as written.
Gold Brush Award for 2014 was given to Janie Parisi.

Donations approved: Society of Decorative Painters (SDP) \$100, DAC \$75, Gold Brush (DAC) in Janie's name \$35.

Charities: approved – Turning Point, USO and O'Fallon/Wentzville animal rescue group (need a building to house the animals and are looking for foster families).

New year GDA meetings: Will continue in the Maryland Heights Center.

The classroom size has been changed to better fit the group and keep costs down.
Refreshments – will be desserts only (vs the full meal) and to be enjoyed after the meeting.
Please sign up at the check – in table. Joan has the list.
Doors open at 12:30. **Please do not come in early** – it only creates more stress and confusion for those setting up for the meeting.

The yearly award pins were handed out.

Show n Tell: Nancy Falk displayed a beautiful still life done through the Colored Pencil Artist group. It's a group of teachers that have appx 14 patterns over the year for one lump sum. The group includes: Janelle Johnson, Nilda Rodriguez, etc. It's a flat fee for the whole set and they provide online video instructions on how to complete the project along with the pattern & instructions can be downloaded also. Kelly Hoernig has a group doing the same for \$99 and there is one for acrylic painting through the Telebrush group. Lorie will send out links.

Volunteers for the bylaw review: Gloria Falk, Donna Wessel, Debbie Finklang and we need ONE MORE PERSON from the floor.

For the SDP National Conference – requests for volunteers for the decorate a table were taken: Lorie Reece, Debbie Finklang, Janie Parisi, Cheryll Wilburn, Gloria Falk. Anyone wishing to help – please contact Lorie. Lorie will send a quick blurb, with details.

Retreat Report presented by Ellen Rhone: Please sign up for classes today so the teachers can start preparing the correct number of projects for each class. There are 3 Make-it-Take-it's. Please sign up for those also. They will be taught as round robin classes Friday.

There is a rewards program where you get tickets for all of the activities participated in, committee's worked on, etc. Then the tickets are used to draw for the door prizes (scalloped platter with pattern, wood jewelry box, and paint brushes.

Please contact Ellen Rhone for sign-ups and any questions regarding Retreat.

Program Chair Information presented by Barb:**Seminars:**

Bobbie Campbell – teaches the class with a No-Float method. She blends the colors using a specific set of blenders. Rules for class:

Can paint on any object you may want but

DO NOT enlarge or reduce the pattern,

You MUST use a specific brand of wood sealer for the method to be successful.

Do not use another sealer. (Details to follow with class information).

Use her blender paint brushes. Mops do not work the same but you can use your other regular paint brushes for the projects.

Cheri Rol – October classes. The Pumpkin project is a beginner project and good one to start with for beginners.

Deco Art is discontinuing 30 different paint colors. Contact Barb for a copy of the list.

Mark Polmchak drawing results: Grapes painting – Diana Gelber; Lighthouse– Angie Kissel;

There are 3 other paintings of Marks to be used for fund raising purposes this year.

April GDA project – painting with Sharpee markers on silk scarves. Barb has ordered and is ironing the silk scarves. The members need to purchase the markers in the colors you would like to use for the project. It was suggested to purchase at least a 12 pack and then select which ones you would like to use for the project after you see the samples being presented during the class. It will be team taught.

Pastel Artist – Lisa Over has been suggested as either a demonstration or a class. A vote was taken and there was enough interest for a pastel class. She provides the supplies since we don't have/know the items needed for the class. It was suggested that everyone take a look at her website and also the Artists Gallery near the Kirkwood station (you can view online). She can be looked up online.

Pin exchange will happen in November meeting. – Signups are at the front table. Secret Pal next year.

Snacks/Desserts for meetings – make sure and sign up for one of the meetings.

Donna – Financial Report was accepted as written.

Tolefriends reimbursed DGA on shipping costs for memory boxes.

Donations of \$100 to SDP approved, \$75 DAC – approved, Gold Brush-DAC \$35 approved.

Anyone not wanting their picture to show up online/Facebook/GDA website please let one of the board members know. Everyone present said it was OK to post their picture.

Meeting Adjourned: Mary Jo Kumer – 1st and Debbie Finklang – 2nd.