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NEWSLETTER

March/April 2003

Chapter Meeting

When:
April 13, 2003

Where:
Carrollton Community Center

Program:
JAGUAR FLOWERPOT



Those of you that were at the Working Women's Survival Show will remember this wonderful and much talked about flowerpot. The Illinois Chapter painted it. Annette Dozier has graciously agreed to teach this project at the next meeting.

Everyone needs to bring his or her regular acrylic painting supplies.

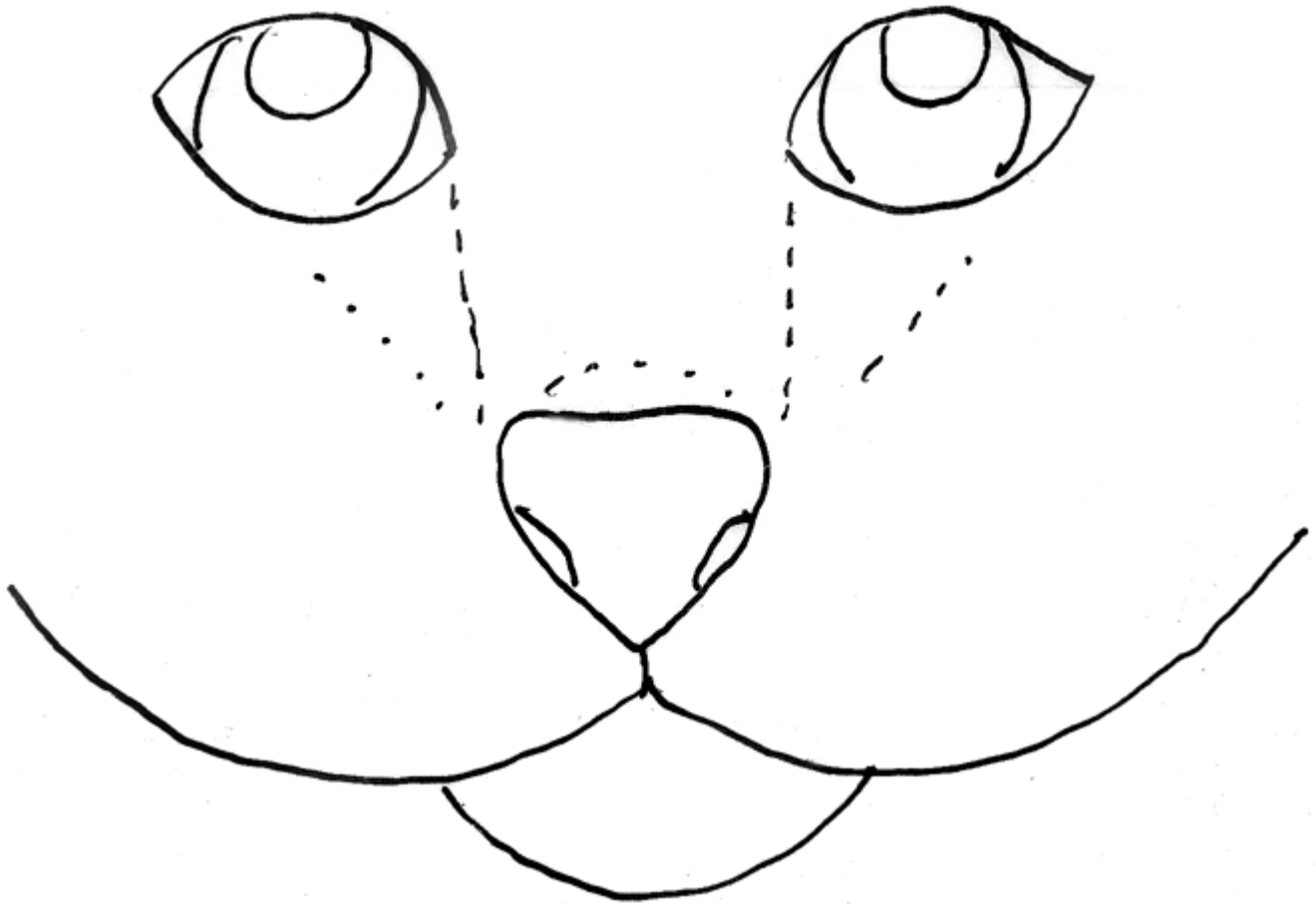
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Pattern for the Jaguar Flowerpot
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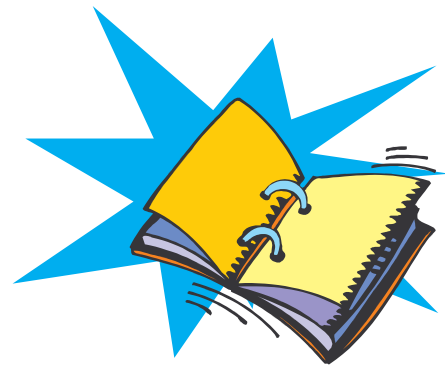
Thank you for signing up for the Table Class. There is one opening left in the class. If you registered for class your table and prep instructions will be at the April Chapter Meeting. If you have not paid your class fee your place in class is not firm and you could lose your place. Table fee is \$45.00 and will need to be paid when picking up your table. This class is Annette's own seminar and not Chapter sponsored and will be held at Annette's home studio. Be sure all checks are endorsed to Annette Dozier. Thanks again!!

Continuing painting classes in Annette's Studio are Tuesday evenings, Wednesday evening for acrylic projects and Thursday evenings for oil landscape class. Call 636-896-9494 if you would like to join one of the classes.

Mark Your Calendar 2003 Scheduled Events

April 13	General Meeting
June 1	General Meeting
June 9-15	Indianapolis Convention
August 8-10	Rosemary West CDA Seminar
August 11-16	HOOT
September 10-13	Tole Country (Oklahoma Mini Convention) Tea Time
September 14	General Meeting
October 11	Sharing Workshop
November 9	General Meeting
November 14 & 15	6th Annual Artists Holiday Boutique
December 7	Annual Gateway Decorative Artists Christmas Party

**All events will be held at the
Carrollton Community Center
unless noted otherwise.**



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In the February Newsletter, it was stated that Debbie Christenson's mother had passed away. The correction we would like to make is that it was her mother-in-law who passed away. We ask that you keep Debbie and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

News from the President

Dear Gateway Members,

Boy, so far 2003 has been incredibly busy for Gateway! Everyone's hard work and enthusiasm has really been paying off. I know all of you have put a lot of effort into our projects this spring and I thought you might like to know what the board has been doing behind the scenes. Ellen, the V.P., has been setting up our charity projects and getting retreat organized. Thanks to everyone who signed up to work on a committee. Remember, many hands make light work. Retreat projects will be on display in April. I can't wait to see all the creativity. Retreat is back in St. Louis, so it should be pretty easy for everyone to attend. Toni, the Programs Chair, like many of us, donated time to the Working Women's Survival Show. She also put together a successful weekend seminar with Mary Kingslan-Gibilisco. Now that WWSS and the seminar is over, she'll be turning her attention to the New Location Committee and By-laws Committee. She's one busy lady, be sure to offer your support. Cindy, the Membership Chair, is helping guests and new members feel like they belong. Her Hospitality Committee is making great strides to welcome people. Janie, the Treasurer, is keeping us in the black financially. Take a look at the treasurer's report this month. I think you'll see that Gateway is doing fine. Donna, the secretary, is working hard to capture the decisions and discussions of both the board and the meetings to keep our records straight. I think you'll all agree that Suzanne, the newsletter and web editor, is doing a fantastic job with our communications. Finally, Vada and I will be organizing field trips this spring and summer for interested members. Do the initials ME mean anything to you? Vada has a possible contact at Mary Englebreit's studio. Maybe we can get a tour. Keep your fingers crossed.

Your Board at Work

W The Working Women's Survival Show was quite an event this year. Annette and company did a wonderful job. The booth was beautiful and the room vignettes were outstanding. Some of our chapter teachers enrolled new students, which I hope will eventually become new members. The make-it-and-take-its were fun and a great way to reach out to the public. Gateway had 114 people interested in our chapter or our events, like Boutique. About thirty-four of us helped out at the show and many more donated pieces for the auction, had work on display, and worked on the rooms. The committee even had money left over, which will stay in the WWSS account, until we decide on future participation in the event. Annette, you and your committee should be very proud of yourselves. We all thank you for putting in such a huge effort to champion decorative painting and Gateway! What a commitment.

Convention time is near!! There are many reasons for attending this year. It's close, only about four hours of driving for a week of painting, shopping, and fun. We have about sixteen entries for the chapter auction. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to support this new national event and our treasury. At least three of our members are teaching. Good luck, Bobbie, Annette, and Carolyn. Finally, Carolyn Bacon will be installed as president of SDP, which is a first for our chapter. I want to invite anyone attending to meet me for a little socializing before the banquet. Let's meet between 6:00 and 7:00 right outside the banquet hall. Even if you're not planning on attending the

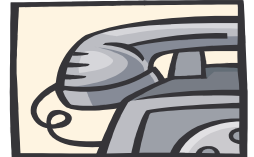


banquet, let's get together and talk about our week. I bet we could even have a drink or two. I'd love to see everyone.

It's time to vote, too. Remember, it's just as important to participate in choosing the leadership of SDP as it is for Gateway. These are the people, who impact our society as a whole. You can also vote on by-law changes. This year one of the by-law changes is for absentee ballots to be included in the by-law changes. Let your voice be heard! Check the March/April 2003 Decorative Painter to see information on candidates, issues, and how to get an absentee ballot. Also, I received two letters this month from candidates asking for our support. They are printed in the newsletter.



Finally, I've got a challenge for you! I want everyone to take a look over your neat, new directory (you could also look over some old ones). Do you see the names of any "missing members"? A missing member is someone, who we haven't seen for a long time. Here's my challenge—call them and invite them to come to the meeting. Let them know we miss them and would like to see them again. Maybe you could even make a day of it and invite them to lunch. Let's get people back in the fold. Sometimes all it takes is a phone call to let them know we still care about them. Give it a shot!



See you in April,
Allison

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the make-it-take-it tables at the Working Women's Survival Show. Everyone pulled together and made it a big success. You all should be very proud of yourselves. Thank you so much.

~ Debbie Christenson

To everyone who helped with the Americana display, let us display their beautiful painted items and worked so hard at setting up and breaking down the display, a big thank you. Without your help it would have been a much harder job. Thank you very much.

~ Jan Rosenberg



News from the Vice-President

Charity Programs

Shriner's Hospital:

Please bring Easter baskets to the meeting filled with anything but sweets and food items. Books, puzzles, small toys, bunnies, games, activity books, colored pencils, markers, color books, crayons, these are just some of the ideas for you to choose from.

Memory Box Program:

There are over 70 boxes checked out right now. We need to get these turned in so they can be sent to the hospitals. Everyone that returns boxes at the meeting will receive a gift.

Suitcases for Foster Children:

There will be 4 or 5 workshops to choose from. They will be taught at the teacher's choice of studio. We will have dates and samples ready at the June meeting for you to choose from. Please note that the suitcase does not have to be new. Used suitcases in really good condition can be found at second hand stores. For those of you who do not have time to paint one, unpainted backpacks are needed for the older children. Anyone interested in sponsoring a workshop please let me know.

A TOUCH OF CLASS

Oct. 3,4 &5

Holiday Inn at Butler Hill Rd.

Plans are getting underway for a great time at Retreat this fall. The decorators, name badge and attendance prize committees have some exciting ideas planned. I am just thrilled that so many of you signed up to work on committees. Your chairperson will be contacting you soon to get the ball rolling.

Class projects will be chosen at the meeting. I'm sure our teachers will come through with a great selection for us again this year.

Teachers remember to bring your projects to the meeting or arrange for someone else to.

Color booklets will be available at a cost of \$2 paid in advance. **To receive your booklet in color I have to have your payment by May 17 or you will receive a black & white copy.**

With everyone's help this is going to be a great Retreat.

Contact me at (636) 240-1684

**Ellen Rohne
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Gateway Decorative Artists Chapter Meeting Minutes February 9, 2003

The Gateway Decorative Artists meeting was held on February 9, 2003 at the Carrollton Club. All Board members were present. President, Allison Bacon, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Allison welcomed returning members and guests. Jeanette Bishop gave the invocation. She asked the membership to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Joycelynn Smutz who passed away on January 22, 2003. Allison announced that our goal today would be to complete the business portion of our meeting by 2 p.m. affording us ample time for today's program of painting with our past, present, and future presidents in honor of President's Day.

The membership will be surveyed for input regarding our common goals and the direction the chapter will take in the future. A new location committee has been formed. Volunteers are still needed to help with WWSS. The National Convention is coming up. Registration begins February 17. Several people are looking for roommates at convention. Judy Sloan is looking into a bus for transportation to Indiana. At least 30-35 people would be needed in order to do this. Anyone interested in traveling by bus should contact Judy Sloan.

Allison called for a motion to accept the November and December minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion was made by Carolyn Dawson and seconded by Lida Gillham. The motion passed. Allison also asked for a show of hands to accept the Treasurer's report as filed. All agreed.

Vice President, Ellen Rohne, then took the floor. She thanked the membership for the Valentine's Day gift bags that were brought today for delivery to Shriner's Hospital in time for their party this coming Friday. She also asked for Easter baskets to be brought to the April meeting and she reminded that they should NOT include sweets or snacks. Books, small games, colors, and stuffed animals would be good. The memory box program will continue. We still have 340 boxes in our inventory that can be painted. We have \$62 in our memory box fund to be used for shipping and handling, but this amount will probably not be enough. Janie thought that Cindy had mentioned an additional donation might be forthcoming again from Mastercard for this program.

Ellen also unveiled a new charity idea – painting suitcases or backpacks or tote bags for foster children to put their things in as they are moved from place to place. This would be a one-time charitable contribution. The membership was in favor of doing this. A suitcase workshop or paint-in was discussed. If this develops it will be announced at a later date. Members could also paint on their own and bring them to the September meeting. There are several organizations that could benefit from this endeavor; namely, Family and Children's Services, Catholic Charities, the Jewish Relief Fund.

Our 2003 retreat will take place October 3-5 at the Holiday Inn on Butler Hill Road in South County. This location is convenient to our chapter being about a hour's drive for most members. Kimswick is about 15 minutes south of the hotel and South County Mall is just a few minutes away. The hotel has accommodated us very well in past years. The meeting rooms are a nice size. It is preferred that everyone stay at this hotel. A

guarantee by the chapter of forty rooms over three nights means no cost to the chapter for the meeting rooms.

Ellen said that she was planning two color pages for this year's retreat booklet featuring the chosen class projects. However, this would require a prepaid fee of \$2 for each booklet requested. The sign up and payment deadline for this color booklet will be May 15. You may send your request and payment to either Ellen or Janie Parisi at any time between now and then or do so at the April meeting. Class size this year will be limited to 15. Therefore, it is recommended that members sign up early to be assured of getting into the classes they desire.

Ellen has handouts for member teachers or anyone else who thinks they might want to teach a class. The membership was urged to submit projects for retreat. There are committee sign-up lists for those who would like to help plan for retreat.

Toni Dosser, Program Chairman, reported on upcoming seminars. Patterns and prep instructions are available for the Mary Ann Gibilisco seminar as well as food assignments for lunches during the seminar. We should have pictures from Rosemary West at the next meeting. Toni would like to assemble a program committee that would help to plan future chapter programs. Please contact Toni if you would be interested in helping. Linda Nelson will chair the Christmas committee and plans and projects for this year's party are already in the works.

Suzanne Glidden, Newsletter and Website Editor, said that notes or announcements for inclusion in the newsletter could either be mailed or emailed to her. Suzanne's address can be found either in the directory or on the back cover of your newsletter. The next newsletter deadline will be March 23.

Cindy Hicks, Membership Chairman, reported that we now have 92 members. There are 58 members in attendance today and 7 guests. Guests who became new members today will get goody bags at the next meeting. Gerry Klein and Annette Dozier both donated copies of their new books as attendance prizes. Anyone still wishing to participate in Secret Pal may still do so and should see Cindy for a form. Cindy will also have 2004 Secret Pal handouts available at the September meeting. Also, please contact her if anyone has suggestions or critiques concerning the area of membership in general. A drawing was then held for attendance prizes.

Allison announced that she had forms available for anyone wishing to donate a painted item for the new Silent Auction event being held at National this year. There is a \$10 fee per piece entered and there are currently 16 people participating. The chapter is paying the fee. Forms need to be completed and submitted as soon as possible.

Vada Galvan handed out service awards for last year to members who were unable to attend the Christmas Party. She unveiled and presented Gateway's new "Arty" award to Linda Nelson and Annette Dozier for their award-winning gingerbread baking skit that was performed at the Christmas party. I believe everyone agreed this was one of the best holiday parties we ever had.

Donna Wessel then gave the membership a brief "Board Report" outlining some of the tasks and concerns the Board will need to address this year. Of primary concern will be

the challenge of finding a possible new meeting location for 2004 and beyond and the updating of our by-laws. Committees are currently in place for both of these activities.

Our paint-in today will give members an opportunity to paint a project with one of six previous chapter presidents. Each teacher has prepared a different project and members planning to stay were given a ticket at random for one of these projects.

There being no further business to discuss, Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. Judy Sloan seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wessel
Recording Secretary



Happy Birthday!!

Karen Oyen 3/15
Jan Rosenburg 3/23
Suzanne Glidden 3/29
Ginny Ogden 4/4
Julia Lamborn 4/9
Pat Hoffman 4/11
Maisel Hey 4/14
Janie Parisi 4/15
Eleanor Denton 4/26
Lida Gillam 4/28
Pat Rowles 4/28
Norma Stoltz 4/30

WORKING WOMEN'S SURVIVAL SHOW

Thanks to all of you who helped to make the show a success! We had so many wonderful comments about our displays, room décor and your professionalism in handling our guests. Several new members were added to the Illinois Chapter, 7 new students were signed up for classes and it appears that the Illinois girls will be having a beginning class starting at Barrett House due to the interest at the show.

Without all your hard work and cooperation it would just not have been possible. I think you all need to congratulate yourselves for a job well done. My personal thanks to my committee chairs. **YOU WERE WONDERFUL!**
Thank you for making my job so easy.

~ Annette Dozier ~

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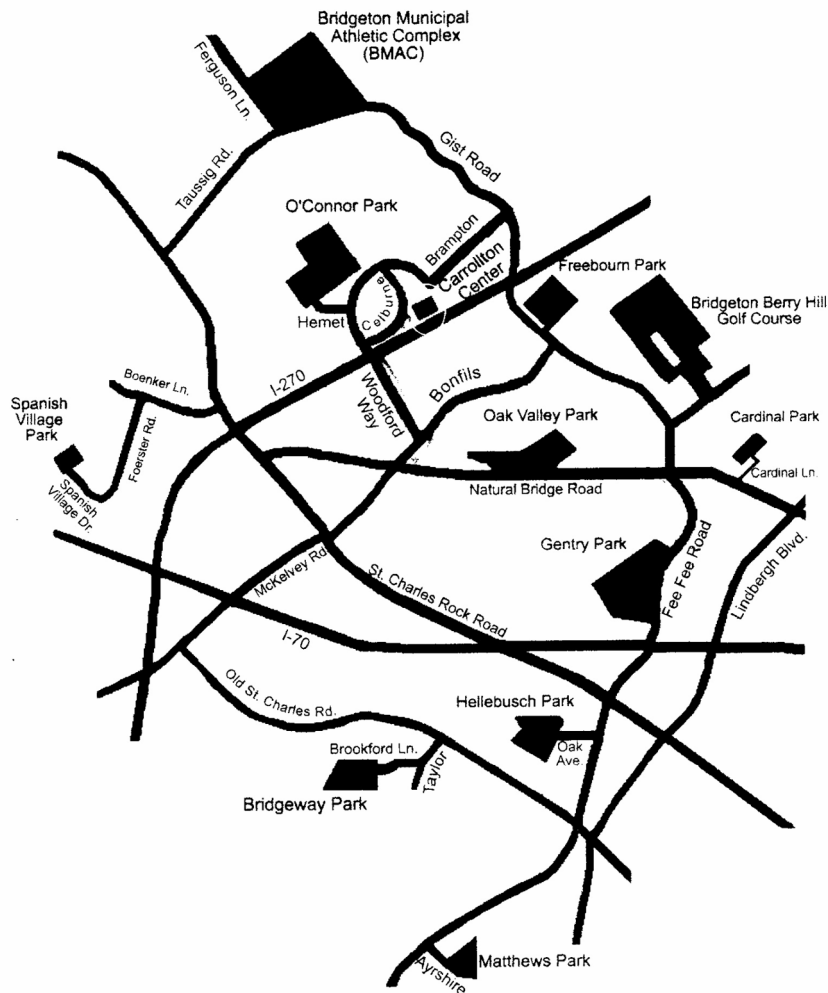
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To: Bridgeton Carrollton Center, 12561 Celburne Drive

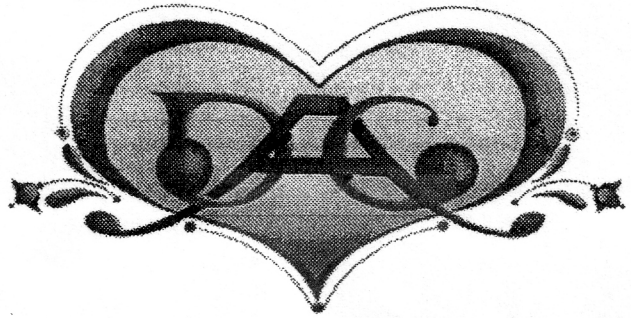
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- Turn Right (north) onto Bonfils Drive (first stoplight)
- Turn Left (west) onto Woodford Way (first stop sign)
- Turn Right (north) onto Celburne Drive (second stop sign or first stop sign immediately after I-270 overpass)
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LOCATOR MAP



Address correction from the GDA pocket calendars:

Hatbox Treasures ~ 1239 Jungerman Road ~ St. Peters, MO 63376 ~ 636-498-0590



January 6, 2003

Dear Chapter President,

The DAC Board of Trustees would like to take this opportunity to invite your chapter and its members to participate in our Quilt Raffle Fundraiser.

The queen-sized quilt features a lovely wreath of flowers painted by Louise Jackson MDA. It has been hand quilted on a white on white cotton fabric and is washable. Without question, it is one of the most beautiful quilts imaginable.

We are selling donation tickets for this quilt in order to raise funds for the DAC Museum of Decorative Painting. Suggested donation is \$1 for each ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. Copy as many tickets as your chapter needs, fill them out and send them to Mail-In Raffle, 393 N. McLean Blvd, Wichita, KS 67203-5968 with the proper amount of donation by June 1, 2003.

We want to be sure that all of your members have a chance to see the quilt and donate to the DAC. Donation tickets may also be returned in person at the Indianapolis Annual Meeting and Convention. The drawing will be held on June 14, 2003 at the close of the banquet.

Please announce this at your chapter meetings and show the photographs. The Trustees appreciate the great support received from chapters and individual member.

Andy Jones
President, DAC Board of Trustees

Decorative Arts Collection

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Support DAC by entering for a chance to win the item in the picture. There will be a box for your entry at the next meeting. **\$1 per chance and \$5 for six chances.**
Good luck everyone!



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Teachers:



Have you got some interesting projects that you'd like us to see? Bring them to the meetings with sign-up sheets and information about the classes. There will be a display table set up for you to get the word out about your projects!

Students:



Are you looking for someone to take classes from? Be sure to look over the Teacher's Display Table at the meetings. You might just find a teacher or a project that sparks your interest.

It's Show and Tell Time!

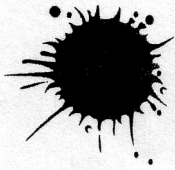
What have you been up to? We all want to see! There will be a display table at the meetings for people to show their creations. Bring items you painted in classes, at seminars, at conventions, or on your own. Let's celebrate our talents.

Be proud of what you can do!



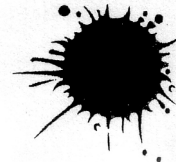
In order to make sure everyone is informed about what is happening to members of our chapter, contact Cindy Hicks. She will make sure the Area Reps. are alerted and notices are placed in the newsletter.

Support your Candidate of Choice



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Dear Society Members:

For the last ten years I have devoted every spare moment to my painting chapters. I have held almost every chapter office and chaired or worked on every possible committee. I've attended and volunteered at SDP conventions. During these activities, I've been listening and learning. Now I know enough to be able to serve you well. That's why I'm asking you to give me a chance to work for all the Society's members.

Please vote for Linda Biedermann to be your SDP Secretary.

During my career as a manager, I worked with boards and corporations. I'm very familiar with the workings of large organizations and I've been a state delegate and committee chair for two national organizations related to my work. I have literally years of experience writing minutes, both for State level boards and for SDP chapters. And, I've done my homework. I've contacted previous Society secretaries to make sure I'm familiar with the debate rules and style of minutes the Society uses. I've studied the Society's Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, objectives, ethics, and committees.

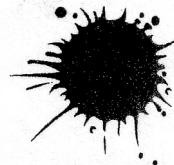
Our membership is made up of people from many different cultures and professions who have come together because of a love of decorative art. Through my career, and as the daughter of a U.S. Naval officer, I've traveled to every state and to many other countries. I've been able to work successfully with a large range of people and to value their differences. I want the Society to continue to grow and to function efficiently, providing both individual and business members true value for their dues.

As SDP Secretary, I will be there for you. I want to hear from you and consider your ideas. If you would like more information, please visit my website at www.paintwebs.com/linda. I hope we will meet at the SDP's 31st Convention in Indianapolis, June 9-15, 2003, but if you cannot attend the convention make sure your vote counts! **Request an absentee ballot** by emailing sdp@decorativepainters.org, writing the SDP at 393 N. McLean Blvd., Wichita, KS 67203-5963, or calling (316)269-9300. **You CAN make a difference.**

Keep painting and you'll keep smiling,

Linda

Linda Biedermann, TDA
Nominee for Secretary



Support your Candidate of Choice

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Dear SDP Chapter Member,

As the 2001-2002 Chapters Committee Chair for the Society of Decorative Painters, I shared in many of the accomplishments of our 300+ chapters and I am extremely proud to have been part of those achievements. I would like to share a brief excerpt from my after action report to the SDP Board of Directors:

In addition to reviewing the chapter survey responses, during the past month I have received letters and pictures from chapters eager to share their accomplishments. Excitement and enthusiasm don't begin to describe how I feel with each and every letter I read. Now, more than ever, I am totally committed to our chapters, our members and the Society as a whole. Together we can accomplish great things! (Hmmm...I see the beginnings of a great speech...)

Perhaps that was a preview of things to come because I am now planning a speech for the 2003 Indianapolis Convention. At the Annual Meeting I will ask attendees to vote for me, Sheila Rouse, for vice-president/president-elect. For those of you who may not be able to vote in person, I am asking for your vote by absentee ballot.

I have spent many years preparing for the position of vice-president/president-elect. I am a current SDP Board member and Awards Committee Chair. I served as Secretary for two years and Member-at-large for the last two years. I participated in SDP Strategic Planning Sessions so I have a comprehensive understanding of the vision and mission set for the Society as well as the goals established to accomplish the Society's mission. Being on the Board and serving as Chapters Chair allowed me the opportunity to visit numerous local chapters, either in person or via the Internet, and hear from the members themselves exactly what they would like the Society and the Board to achieve. I prepared the agenda for the Chapters Conference in Charlotte based on the responses from approximately 250 surveys, and I still receive comments and letters from attendees saying that it was one of the most informative Chapters Conference in years. In order to gain an even better understanding of the industry, I attended the Hobby Industry Association in California in January.

Each year that I have served this organization, I have grown both personally and professionally. I've learned to consider all aspects of an issue before making a decision, and while I still feel a special connection to our chapters, I am able to balance the needs of each segment of our organization. My primary goal has always been to see the Society and all its members grow and prosper.

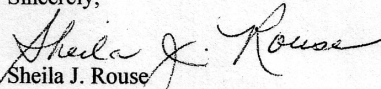
I am very aware the SDP board is like a chain held together by the collective knowledge and experience of each individual member. I take great pride in being a strong link in that chain. No one person can do it alone. It is only by working together as a team that we can help promote the Society and help the decorative painting industry grow as a whole.

My dream is to see the current SDP board's long range goal become a reality – that the Society partner with industry leaders to help grow the decorative painting industry, which in turn will grow its membership numbers. We must close the gaps between the various segments of the Society and work as one to spread the word about our wonderful art form.

Many times during the past four years I've referred to myself as the *Big Pen*, and I've told you that I don't consider myself a big brush – but with your vote now, it would be both an honor and a privilege to be your future number one brush!!

Either in person or by absentee ballot, please vote for me, Sheila Rouse, as your new vice president/president-elect. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Sheila J. Rouse
SDP Board Member-at-large and nominee for Vice President/President-Elect

P.S.

I would also like to take this time to encourage your chapter and its individual members to showcase their talents at the first-ever Chapter Art Show and Silent Auction at the 2003 Indianapolis Convention. Members may submit painted pieces for the art show – for the sheer pleasure of sharing the myriad painting styles of our members. In addition, all chapters are invited to paint something for the silent auction portion of the Chapters Art Show -- *remember, all the money received from the sale of your chapter's auction item will be returned to your chapter!*

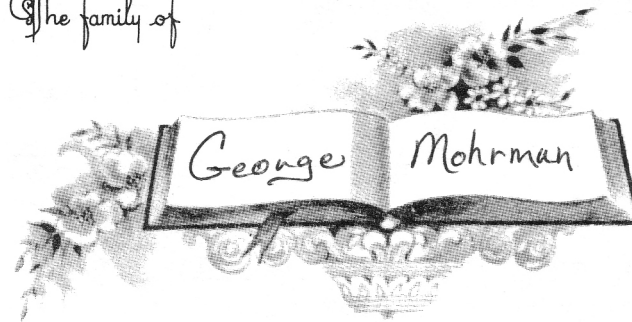
Membership Information

MARY GIBILISCO SEMINAR

I want to thank everyone for making this a successful seminar. The food was great. I knew that this chapter was blessed with great painters and now I know that they are also great cooks. Thank you Mary Jo for helping Mary G. with the paint pattern packets and brushes. We can only have a successful and fun seminar with all of the help that everyone is so willing to give. From Marilyn, Par R. any others making coffee because that is one thing that I never really learned, to Mary McD, Jan R. and Cindy H. and others helping with all of the cleanup after. I can't mention everyone but remember that I appreciate everything that you did to help.

~ Toni

The family of



acknowledges with deep appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy.

Dear Gateway Friends

Thank you for all the cards,
Masses, gifts and memorials
at the death of my husband, George.

Mostly thank you for your prayers -
and please keep them coming.

Gene Mohrman

Many Thanks to the Gateway Decorative Artists



Shriners Hospitals for Children, St. Louis
2001 South Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO. 63131

February 18, 2003

Gateway Decorative Artists
c/o Ellen Rohne
1221 St. Matthew Ave.
O Fallon, MO 63366

Dear Gateway Decorative Artists:

Thank you so much for your generous, donation of 34 individual new valentine gift bags that we received on 02/12/2003.

We are so fortunate to have friends like you. Your thoughtfulness will help provide comfort and support in the treatment of our children. It is wonderful to know that our future is made brighter, because you care!

**SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN
ST. LOUIS UNIT**

Kay Waldron's Father-in-Law recently died and the next day her Mother-in-Law died.
Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Let's Help a Fellow Member

Kathy M. Reuther – 190 Fausek Ranch Dr. – Eolia Mo 63344 – 573 485 2355 – kmreuther_53@yahoo.com

Dear 'Friends & Family of Marvin Bastean'

March 1, 2003

I know many of you have heard by now that Marvin has suffered a brain tumor. Shelly, Marvin, Kristy, Megan and Mady are touched by the response they've been receiving from their family, friends and neighbors. There hasn't been a time when they've needed us more.

Marvin was diagnosed on Feb 10, 2003, and had surgery on Feb. 12. Through surgery, we learned that his illness is terminal. Treatments to keep him comfortable may consist of radiation, chemotherapy, and possibly more surgeries.

Marvin will not be able to work. He is the family's sole provider for medical insurance and the primary source of income. To assist Marvin following surgery and treatments, Shelly has also been unable to work. They are applying for social security disability benefits, but there is a 6-month waiting period after qualifying, and benefits are not retroactive. Even after that there will still be needs to be met. If you can run errands, help transport Marvin to the hospital or relieve care-givers in the future, please call Janie Parisi at 314 575 9903.

Many of you have asked how you may help. See the form below. If you can help financially, two churches named below will accept donations to be used exclusively for the family during this time of special need. Your donation will be tax deductible. **Mark your donations "Benevolence Need/Bastean"** and mail to one of the churches. Help us help Marvin and Shelly meet their financial obligations in the difficult months ahead. This will reduce the stress on the family and make certain Marvin's last days are as enjoyable as possible.

We will try to inform you of fundraising events in the future. There is a bowling event being planned by two neighbors being held in Washington, Mo, on Apr. 12th or 19th. Anyone wanting more information, please call me and I'll get you the details. The owner of "The Current News" in Pacific will advertise without charge.

Marvin and Shelly and family appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you for everything. We, their family, also wish to extend our gratitude for your assistance and prayers.

Ken Parisi & Eileen Uchtyl, Ralph & Kathy Reuther, Mike & Janie Parisi, Steve & Sheri Parisi, Shawn & Eileen Phillips, Tom & Judy Bastean, Melvin & Martha Bastean, Helen Bastean and Phyllis Parisi

Name	Telephone No.	email address
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Address		City/State/Zip Code
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Cash Donation/Amount _____ Pledge/Amount _____ for _____ weeks, or, _____ months.		

◇ Lakecrest Church of Lake Saint Louis
Pastor Steve Lummer
Attn: Benevolence Need/Bastean
1415 Prospect Rd
Lake Saint Louis MO 63367

◇ Villa Ridge Baptist Church
Pastor Roger Johnson
Attn: Benevolence Need/Bastean
PO Box 175
Villa Ridge MO 63089

The *memo portion of your check must be marked "Benevolence Need/Bastean"* in order for Marvin and Shelly to receive these funds.

Rosemary West Seminar August 8, 9, & 10

The photos for this seminar will be at the meeting for you to vote on and the chosen projects will be announced at the meeting. You will be able to sign up at the meeting for this seminar or you can send in your application.

Registration Form - Seminars/Sharing Workshops	
Seminar/Workshop Name:	
Date:	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Phone Number:	()
Seminar/Workshop Fee:	\$
Surface Fee:	\$
Total Amount Due:	Check #:
Paid:	Cash
Balance Due:	
Surface MUST be prepared through the Chapter. NO REFUNDS of Seminar or Surface Fees will be given, upon members cancellation. Cancellation notification must be given to "PROGRAM CHAIRMAN".	
Your signature on this form indicates you are in agreement of all rules regarding Seminar and Workshop policies.	
<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> (Registrants Signature) (Authorization Signature)	
Complete this form, attach a check and make a copy to keep for yourself.	



A Friendly Reminder

Our chapter would like to donate Easter baskets to the Shriners Children Hospital. If you would like to participate, please bring your Easter basket(s) to our meeting. No candy items please.

Thanks everyone!

Seminar Information

All Seminars and Sharing Workshops are held at the Carrollton Community Center from 9:00-5:00

To expedite registrations during the Chapter meetings please follow the following procedure:

Forms for registration are printed in the newsletter and will be available on the registration table during the meeting. Complete a form for each Sharing Workshop or Seminar. Total the cost of the classes, write a check attaching it to your forms with a staple, place the completed forms with check attached in the box provided. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO STAND IN LINE. REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LOGGED IN LATER.**

Please register before and after the meeting only. Registrations will not be taken during the meeting. If you have all the necessary forms and check ready before coming to the meeting the process should go very quickly and painless for you. If you need more than the form provided in the newsletter you can make copies or pick up several forms at the meeting for you to have on hand at home.

Thank you for your help!
Toni Dosser

Cost per day for the Seminars is \$35. Cost per day for the Sharing Workshops is \$15

Make checks payable to Gateway Decorative Artists for the class. Checks for surfaces should be made out to the teacher.

Seminar and Sharing Workshop Policies

- A non-refundable, one-day deposit will be required to register for one or more days of a seminar. Balance is due at the chapter meeting prior to the Seminar date.
- Program Chairman should be notified of any cancellations, and will provide you with a waiting list, if available.
- It is your responsibility to sell your Seminar or Sharing Workshop space and surfaces.
- Failure of member to pay for remainder of Seminar and surface fee ordered, will result in loss of all membership privileges.

All forms should be mailed/given to:
Toni Dosser
1426 Old Farm Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63146



Get Ready for the Annual Christmas Party



It is time to start planning the annual Gateway Decorative Artist's Christmas Party.

Our Painting Elves have already put on their thinking caps, hoping to come up with some great holiday ideas.

The festive party will be held at the Golfview Inn, 500 Old Friedens Road, St. Charles. Mark your calendar for: Sunday, December 7, 2003.

If you want to join the painting elves, sign up at the April meeting.

Laura Heathcote and Linda Nelson are serving as Co-Chairmen and they have plans in the works to have a meeting in May with the Painting Elves.

Laura and Linda think the party will be a great way to start the holiday season!

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Let's Help a Fellow Member

Nancy Luckritz had a fire at her house recently. If anyone has any extra brushes or painting supplies you would like to donate, please bring them to the meeting.

Judy Dodson's mother passed away on March 14th. Please keep Judy and her family in your prayers.

Joanne Goers father-in-law passed away on Sunday, March 16th. Please keep Joanne and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



Membership Forms

2003 MEMBERSHIP FORM

1 MEMBER INFORMATION

Name and address as it should appear on the mailing label

Name _____ Membership # (if renewal) _____
 *Household Member Name _____ Membership # (if renewal) _____
 Business Name (if joining as a Business member) _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Country _____ Zip _____
 E-mail _____ Website _____
 Phone () _____ Fax () _____
 Are you an independent retailer or operate a home studio? yes no

2 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (U.S. funds, includes postal fees)

U.S.
 \$35 Individual (\$40 after 12/1/02)
 \$65 Business (\$70 after 12/1/02)
NON-U.S. (U.S. FUNDS)
 \$65 Individual (\$70 after 12/1/02)
 \$95 Business (\$100 after 12/1/02)

CANADA (U.S. FUNDS)
 \$50 Individual (\$55 after 12/1/02)
 \$80 Business (\$85 after 12/1/02)

ANY COUNTRY (U.S. FUNDS)
 \$15 Household

IMPORTANT

• Membership year is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2003.
 • Dues postmarked after Dec. 1, 2002 require an additional \$5 postage/handling fee. This does not apply to never-before members or those who have not been a member since 2000.

*Household membership is for a member sharing the same address as the Individual or Business member. Application must accompany the membership or renewal form of the Individual or Business member.

3 BUSINESS & TEACHER ONLINE RESOURCE CATEGORIES

BUSINESS MEMBERS ONLY

Business members. CHECK all boxes that apply for the *Business & Teacher Online Resource*. Listings are FREE with your business membership.

Author
 Distributor/Wholesaler
 Home Studio
 Manufacturer/Importer
 Publisher

Retailer
 Teacher
 Travel Teacher
 Other

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS ONLY
 Individuals CHECK all boxes that apply. Listings are \$10 each.
 Author Teacher Travel Teacher
 My design and/or painting skills are for hire.

4 PAYMENT

Make checks payable to: SDP, 393 N. McLean Blvd., Wichita, KS 67203-5968.

For faster service, use MasterCard or VISA and call (316) 269-9300, ext. 105 or fax application to: (316) 269-9191

To join online, visit our website: www.decorativepainters.org

VISA MasterCard Exp. date _____ Phone _____
 Card number _____ Signature _____
 Yes! This is a Gift Membership from _____ Memb.# _____

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 Address _____
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 Would you prefer to receive your newsletter via the website?
 yes [] no [] (<http://www.gatewaydecorativeartists.com>)
 Birth Month & Day _____
 National Membership # _____
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 Check one or more:
 Individual Member [] Teacher [] Business Member []
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 Annual dues are \$20 per year, payable in advance. Please indicate which year your annual dues represent: 2003 [] 2004 [] 2005 []
 Please make checks payable to: Gateway Decorative Artists
 Mail to: _____
 Cindy Hicks
 11779 Unity Drive
 Bridgeton, MO 63044
 If you have questions: _____
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Your national dues need to go directly to SDP.

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To:



Our thoughts
and prayers
go out to
the men
and women
fighting.