



Who am I ?



www.gatewaydecorativeartists.com

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NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Hi, I'm your newsletter. Will you help me? The chapter has a name. I want one too. I want a name that tells everyone who I am and what I do. You're all creative. You can do this. Send your suggestions to Josée or give them to her at the February meeting. Give her up to 3 of your best ideas. The deadline will be the Feb. 6 meeting. If the list of names grows too long, the Board will select the best 20 names to be voted on at the April meeting.

Don't forget to include your name. In case of duplicate submissions, we need to know whose names to put in the hat to pick the winner.



Hey!! Some lucky chapter member is going to receive a nice prize. Let's go. Put on your thinking caps. I can't wait to find out my new name.

Your Newsletter

PROGRAM FEB. 6 MEETING

Paint-in with Cheryl Wilburn
"Paint with a Happy ♥"
Fabric painting
Cost: \$5
Paint will be provided



Bring with you:

- ✓ Pre-washed shirt - any color (no fabric softener used).
- ✓ Another possible surface would be a Tote Bag.
- ✓ If you have a dark colored surface – bring White Chalk Pencil. If you have a light colored surface – bring Grey Chalk Pencil
- ✓ A small shirt board – or a 9x12 stiff cardboard covered with aluminum foil or contact paper.
- ✓ Water bucket, paper towels, masking tape, Palette paper, 9x12 piece of TRACING PAPER.

Brushes:

Loew-Cornell 797-F series #2, #4, #6, flat-Loew-Cornell JS Liner - #10/0



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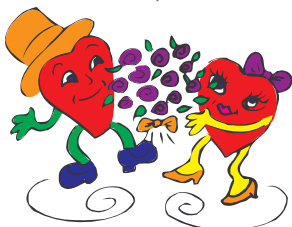
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If you have anything you would like to pass on to the Chapter, such as illnesses, congratulations etc. you may call one of these people or your membership chairman, Kay Vuichard

Deadline for your articles

For the next Issue:

March, 22



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



2005 Scheduled Events

January 29	Bobbie Gray Workshop
February 6	Chapter Meeting
March 3,4,5,6	Maureen McNaughton Acrylic Seminar
March 20	Board Meeting
April 10	Chapter Meeting
May 15	Board Meeting
May 23,28	SDP National Convention- Tampa
June 12	Chapter Meeting
July 29,30,31	Mary Gibilisco's Oil Seminar
August 14	Board Meeting
September 11	Chapter Meeting
Sept.30, Oct 1,2	Retreat 2005
October 9	Board Meeting
November 13	Chapter Meeting
December	Christmas Party

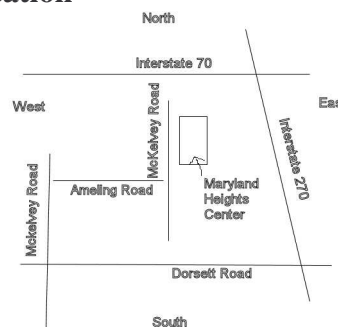
Upcoming Events

March 17,18,19, 2006	Peggy Harris' Acrylic Seminar
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Location

All chapter meetings will be held at the Maryland Heights Center unless noted otherwise.

From 270:
Dorsett Road West
Right on McKelvey Rd.
Right on Ameling
Left on McKelvey
2344 McKelvey
314-434-1919



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

The hectic bustle of the holidays is behind us and the New Year lies before us like a blank canvas on an easel. The opportunity to create something beautiful and lasting is standing before us. A line of dialog from a television show struck a cord. It went something like this, "Opening a new door can sometimes be the most fun." Grab your tools everyone (Lord knows we have an abundance of those) and let the February meeting be the new door we open as we embark on a magical journey through the world of creative painting. We are going to start putting some paint on our canvas. Pick up your brushes, choose your colors and away we go.

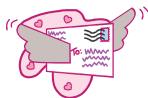


Jan has started planning Retreat. I'm sure you will learn more about that in the VP's report. Debbie Christensen and Mary McDevitt will be helping her with our charity projects. Marilyn is busy making plans for meetings, workshops and seminars. She has a sweet surprise planned for February that I think you will enjoy. I know I'm looking forward to it. But don't ask. My lips are sealed. Jean is busy crunching our budget numbers and securing our bonding insurance. Kay is diligently gathering our membership information and working out the details for printing our 2005 calendar/directory (no small task). Our goal is to have them ready to hand out at the February meeting. Ginny is sharpening her pencils and warming up her laptop as she prepares to take notes, write up the minutes and generally keep track of the things we say and do this year. And last, but not least, is Josée whose creative ideas have already given our newsletter a new look to be followed very soon with changes to our website. We are all excited and we plan to have a great year. I hope all of you plan to come along for the ride. The more the merrier I always say! Let's paint some beautiful memories this year.

See you soon,
Donna



YOUR EDITOR



Whew! My FIRST newsletter and FIRST meeting of the board - WHAT A MONTH!!

You will notice that the format of the newsletter is changing slightly. Because of the board meeting being later in the month and our meeting being early in February, I was not able to work on it like I would like to do. But you will see changes all year long.

I hope you will enjoy reading it, as much as I enjoy working on it. I will consider any suggestion or opinion to improve our newsletter. Tell your Editor, what you want to read in the newsletter.

I will need each of you to report anything of importance to me so I can publish it.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your newsletter editor this year.

Josée Laferrière, Newsletter Editor

Communicate with your new board

You're invited to meet the board before or after the meeting or to send your comments, questions and opinions to your President, Donna Wessel. The board will give serious consideration to your communication and respond to you as soon as convenient.





Retreat 2005
Sept. 30, Oct. 1 & 2

Retreat is in the works. We are planning and working hard to make a great week-end for you. We hope that you all are looking forward to this as much as we are. Committees are forming now. If there is anything you would like to work on, please let me know. We need all of you. We are going to go back to the same place as last year.

Holiday Inn South
4234 Butler Hill Road at I-55
(314)894-0700

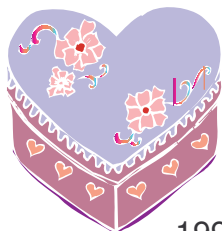
We will be looking into other places for next year. We have made a few small changes. We don't want to change a lot as we have been having so much fun as it is.

Anyone that would like to submit project for a retreat please call for retreat class form. We will also have them at the February meeting. Teachers will get these in the mail. If I miss someone please let me know.

If you have a question please call or e-mail :

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CORNER FROM THE HEART



MEMORY BOX PROGRAM



This year we are continuing to support the Memory Box Program and help provide boxes for families of infants that pass away in the hospital. This program began in June of 1998 by a small group of painters over the internet and has grown to supply over 70,000 boxes to more than 500 hospitals in the US, Canada, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Australia and England. We will have paper mache boxes you can pick up at a meeting, paint and return the next meeting to be mailed out to whatever hospitals are in most need of them. We have some fun events planned for this program. One idea we have is to offer a wonderful gift for painting boxes. For each box painted and returned a ticket will be put into a drawing with the painter's name. At the end of the year we will draw a name for the gift. The more boxes you finish, the better your chance to receive it. The gift will be at the meetings and it may be added to during the year, so check it out. Also come by and take a look at the Memory Box notebook. There are some lovely thank you notes from hospitals and families that have received a box. We look forward to helping this worthwhile charity.

**Women
Shelter is
another
charity we
picked to
support
this year.
More
information
to be talk
about at
the
meeting.**

Debbie Christenson

SEMINAR

Maureen McNaughton will be doing a seminar March 3, 4, 5 and 6. Regrettably the class is full and there is a waiting list. But if you would like to preview some of her work, check out the first three 2004 issues of "The Decorative Painter" and the current issue of "Paint Works." Her technique produces beautiful results and is worth trying on your own. **FINAL PAYMENTS ARE DUE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.** Patterns will be given at that time to those who don't have them.


Mary Kingsland Gibilisco will be doing a seminar July 29, 30 and 31, 2005. Some have made deposits for this seminar and we will need to have you stop by the seminar registration desk to let us know which days you want to attend.

SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Registration forms are available at the seminar/workshop registration desk and a copy is printed in the newsletter and website. Registrations will be taken before and after the meeting. **The cost per day: Seminars-\$35; Workshops-\$15.** A **non-refundable deposit** will be required for seminars and workshops with the balance due no later than the chapter meeting prior to the seminar date.

Complete the form and give or mail, along with payment, to: **Marilyn Hartnett, 3116 Bear View Court, Wentzville, MO 63385.** Make checks payable to Gateway Decorative Artists. Checks for surfaces, if ordered, should be made out to the teacher. If checks and forms are completed, just staple them and drop them off at that desk.

Notify the program chairman of cancellations. No seminar or surface refunds will be given for cancellations. Participants are responsible for re-selling the seminar or workshop space and any surfaces ordered. Failure to pay for seminar or surface fees due will result in loss of all membership privileges.



REGISTRATION FORM – SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

SEMINAR/WORKSHOP _____ Date _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____


Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Days Interested _____ : Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Seminar/Workshop Fee:	\$ _____			
Deposit: ____/____/____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check No: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash _____	Your signature on this form indicates your agreement to all rules regarding the policies outlined above.
Reduction or Gift certificate	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Gift No: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash _____	
Balance Due: ____/____/____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check No: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash _____	
Surface Fee :	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check No: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash _____	
		(Checks should be made out to the teacher)		

Registrants Signature

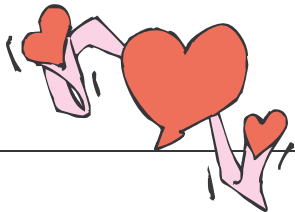
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Let's talk about...

Welcome back

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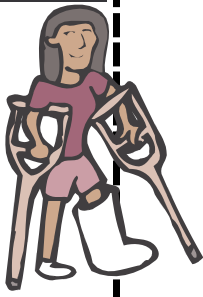


OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our Thoughts and prayers go to Jean Rogenhofer whose nephew passed away recently.

Wanted

Knee replacement surgery support group
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Ellen Rohne 1/1	Leona Zimmer 2/6
Gerry Klein 1/3	Mary Haynes 2/7
Judy Dodson 1/7	Carol Trittler 2/7
Ruth Paddock 1/7	Donna Wessel 2/7
Annette Sullivan 1/17	Joyce Miller 2/10
Vada Galvan 1/17	Karen Bourbon 2/15
Nancy Wymer 1/19	Elizabeth Jones 2/22
Cheryll Wilburn 1/24	Mary Messmer 2/28
Maura Gallen 1/26	
Kay Vuichard 1/29	

RX REPORT

Gerry Klein had Knee surgery. She is doing fine and making progress.

Annette Dozier had knee replacement surgery 2 month ago. She had scheduled some scar tissue to be broken up in January.

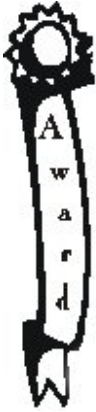
Norma Jackson had knee surgery January 7. She is doing great.

Toni Dosser had knee replacement surgery January 12.

Members in the Spotlight



2004 GOLD BRUSH AWARD



This year's recipient truly deserves the highest honor bestowed on a Chapter member. During her years of membership she has given generously of her time and talents. Many committees have benefited by her creative ideas and hard work.

Not only is she ready with a "yes" when asked to help, she takes the initiative and pitches in any time she sees a job that needs to be done. I'm sure most members have not been aware of all she does for the Chapter since she seeks no recognition for herself.

She takes every opportunity to invite prospective members to Chapter meetings. Even though she is involved with many outside organizations, she still finds time to participate in Chapter functions and committees.

It is with pleasure I present this year's Gold Brush Award to:
Laura Heathcote

List of past recipients

1987	Joycelynn Smutz
1988	Judi Krause
1989	Bonnie Stout
1990	Gerry Klein
1991	Bobbie Gray
1992	Arlene Siebert
1993	Barb Ogden
1994	Carolyn Bacon
1995	Jeanne Abraham
1996	Annette Dozier
1997	Gloria Falk
1998	Jan Rosenburg
1999	Mary Jane Jett
2000	Ellen Rohne
2001	Ruth Ann Thompson
2002	Toni Dosser
2003	Debbie Christenson

Congratulations to:

VADA GALVAN for winning 1st place in the Delta Design Challenge and giving us the opportunity to receive a free seminar by Delta.



Carolyn Bacon and Gloria Falk both painted ornaments that were chosen to grace the official White House Christmas tree which is traditionally displayed in the Blue Room. They were invited to Washington DC to attend a reception and tour the magnificently decorated public rooms. It was a wonderful experience and perhaps they will share some of the details with us. You will soon see their pictures with Laura Bush on our Website.

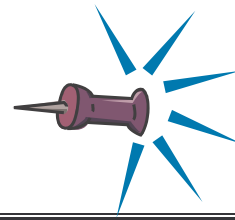
Thank you

We offer a toast and a heartfelt thank you to the 2004 Board, committee chairs and every member who volunteered their time and energy this past year to make our programs and activities enjoyable and successful. A special thank you goes to the Board who tried their best to satisfy everyone. You gave us an opportunity to paint with good teachers and to help others in need. The Christmas party was a "two thumbs up" affair and a fitting end to the year. We salute you all for a job well done.

2005 Executive Board

Two of our members had articles about their painting in STLToday magazine section of the Post Dispatch. SUCHETA BHIDE and GLORIA FALK

Bulletin



NOTE

EVERYONE LOOK AROUND AT THE MEETING. IF YOU DON'T SEE SOMEONE PLEASE CONTACT THEM FIND OUT WHY THEY WEREN'T AT THE MEETING. HAVE THEY NOT RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP? ARE THEY ILL? LET'S SHOW THEM THAT WE CARE AND THAT WE MISS THEM WHEN THEY ARE NOT AT THE MEETINGS

HELP NEEDED

Chapter Historian and Photographer

This position is now vacant. Your chapter needs you. We are seeking an interested member to fill this position. You would be responsible for recording and preserving our Chapter history in addition to maintaining the Chapter albums. If you are this person, please call, write, email or see me after the meeting.

Donna Wessel
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FROM: TONI DOSSER

I want to take this time to thank everyone that has made this a wonderful year for me. The Christmas committee: Jeannie, Abraham, Debbie Christenson, Laura Heathcote, Michelle Kasban, Jan Rosenberg and Maureen Wassermann for all of the hard work that they put in over this past year working on all of the details to make it a fun time for all. Even when Jan couldn't make to work on the decorations she contributed her sewing talents to the fundraising with her towels and apron. Also I could not have had greater team then Kathy Colter and Mary Messmer to take care of the seminar registrations. They keep everything straight and handled anything that may have arisen. A big THANK YOU to everyone that shared their talent with the programs and were willing to role with punches when we were having trouble with the room. Your support was greatly appreciated in a time that was a bit trying to say the least. I wish you all a great New year and joy in your painting.



ATTENDING THE TAMPA CONFERENCE?



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed in many areas. So registered or just attending the Expo, please sign up and help for a couple of hours.

No experience is necessary.

All onsite volunteers receive the SDP volunteer charm, plus a beautiful "Tampa conference specific charm".

If you want the form ask to Josee Laferriere at the meeting.

Bobbie Gray's Workshop.

October workshop was cancelled and rescheduled for January 29, at Annette Dozier's studio, at 9:30 a.m. Those who were on the list have been notified.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

2005 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please print name and address as it should appear on the mailing label.

Name _____ Membership # (if renewal) _____
 *Household Member Name (if purchasing a Household Membership) _____ Membership # (if renewal) _____
 Business Name (if joining as a Business Member) _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____
 E-mail _____ Website _____
 Phone () _____ Fax () _____

I am a member of at least one SDP chapter and I wish to receive SDP e-mail chapter communication. (Please include e-mail address above.)

2 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (CHECK ONE, PLEASE)

U.S.
 \$35 Individual (\$40 after 12/1/04)
 \$65 Business (\$70 after 12/1/04)
NON-U.S. (U.S. FUNDS)
 \$65 Individual (\$70 after 12/1/04)
 \$95 Business (\$100 after 12/1/04)

CANADA (U.S. FUNDS)
 \$50 Individual (\$55 after 12/1/04)
 \$80 Business (\$85 after 12/1/04)
ANY COUNTRY (U.S. FUNDS)
 \$15 Household*

IMPORTANT

- Membership year is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2005.
- Dues postmarked after Dec. 1, 2004 require an additional \$5 postage/handling fee. This does not apply to never-before members or those who were not a member in 2003 and 2004.



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

3 BUSINESS & TEACHER DIRECTORY RESOURCE CATEGORIES (OPTIONAL)

BUSINESS MEMBERS ONLY

Business Members, check all boxes that apply for the 2005 *Business & Teacher Directory*. Listings are **FREE** with your business membership. All business members receive a *B&T Directory* **FREE** with membership. **NEW!** Visit SDP's website, www.decorativepainters.org to submit a 50-word description about your business and to submit subcategories associated with your business. These additional subcategories and descriptions will be added to the *B&T Directory Online Resource* only. You must join or renew by Dec. 1, 2004, in order to be listed in the printed version of the 2005 Business & Teacher Directory (those who join or renew after Dec. 1 will be added to the *B&T Directory Online Resource* only).

- Author
- Distributor/Wholesaler
- Home Studio
- Manufacturer/Importer
- Publisher
- Retailer
- Teacher
- Travel Teacher
- Other

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS ONLY

Individual Members check all boxes that apply. **Listings are \$10 each.**

- Author
 - Teacher
 - Travel Teacher
 - My design and/or painting skills are for hire.
- The 2005 *Business & Teacher Directory* will be available for sale in spring of 2005. Check future issues of *The DP* and the gift shop section of the SDP website, www.decorativepainters.org, to order your copy.

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 • Join online at www.decorativepainters.org

Total _____
 VISA MasterCard Exp. date _____ Phone _____
 Card number _____ Signature _____

This is a Gift Membership from _____ Memb.# _____

DUES POSTMARKED AFTER DEC. 1, 2004, REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL \$5 POSTAGE/HANDLING FEE (DOES NOT APPLY TO NEW MEMBERS).

2005 Gateway Decorative Artists Greater St. Louis Chapter of The Society of Decorative Painters	
Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
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Birth Month & Day	
National Membership #	
Certification: MDA [] CDA [] New Member [] Renewal []	
Check one or more: Individual Member [] Teacher [] Business Member []	
Name of shop if status is teacher:	
Annual dues are \$20 per year, payable in advance. Please indicate which year your annual dues represent: 2005 [] 2006 []	
Please make checks payable to: Gateway Decorative Artists	
Mail to:	Kay, Vuichard 3772 Cambridge Crossing Dr. St. Charles, MO 63304-5001
If you have questions:	Kay Vuichard twofrogs63@yahoo.com



Your national dues need to go directly to SDP.

When mailing your membership dues to Gateway, you should include a copy of your national membership card.

A Woman's (real) Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep.
 I pray the Lord my shape to keep.
 And please lift my butt, before it sags.
 Please, no age spots.
 Please, no gray.
 And as for my belly, please take it
 away.
 Please keep me healthy.
 Please keep me young.
 And thank you Dear Lord for all that
 you've done.



Checklist For February Meeting

- ❑ **Painting supplies for fabric painting.**
- ❑ **At the seminar table:**
 - **select days for Gibilisco's seminar**
 - **Make final payment for Maureen McNaughton**
- ❑ **Leave suggestions for the newsletter name contest in the box at the registration table.**
- ❑ **Sign up for a committees that needs your help**
- ❑ **Memory boxes: pick-up or drop off**

Great advertising opportunities

Ad	Size	Members		Non-Members	
		issue	year	issue	year
Full Page	8 1/4 X 10 3/4	\$ 10.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 13.25	\$ 62.50
Half Page	8 1/4 X 5 1/4	\$ 8.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 46.25
Quarter Page	4 X 5 1/4	\$ 5.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 31.25
Business card format	4 X 2 1/2	\$ 3.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 3.75	\$ 15.50

Personal messages are \$.05/word

All ads must be paid for in advance of publication.

Ads should be camera ready, which means typed, artwork completed

and ready to print. Remember to keep any border trims to the inside of the measurements listed above.

Place your ad in the newsletter

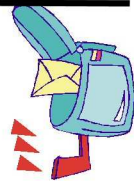
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Support our chapter and Advertisers

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First Class Postage

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1445 Snowbird Lane
O'Fallon, Mo 63366



Gateway Decorative Artists

Greater St. Louis Chapter

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



Chapter Meeting

February 6, 2005

Sunday: 1:00PM

At Maryland Heights Center

(map-address Page 2)

Program:

February is a time for sweethearts,
chocolates and the Superbowl.

We will be celebrating our own "superhearts"
with a fun paint-in by Cheryl Wilburn.

See more details inside