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Refreshments

Dottie Baumgartner
Brian Ellison
Jean Ellison
Joan Love
Joyce Miller
Ingrid Oertli
Sandra Reynolds
Carol Rufkahr
Sue Struckhoff

Chapter Meeting

Sunday, February 15, 2009

Maryland Heights Community Center
 at 1pm
 (Doors open at 12:30pm)

Paint-in with Ellen Rohne

Since we haven't gotten much snow and haven't been able to build a snowman, we are going to paint one at the February meeting. It is being taught by Ellen Rohne. The cost is \$3.00 and will be done on a round candle. Bring your normal painting supplies and be ready to paint.



Chapter of
National Society of
Decorative Painters

www.decorativepainters.org



We will continue to reserve tables for the paint-ins. Put your painting supplies at one of these tables and be seated at another during the meeting. The designated paint-in tables will have special table cloths on them.

Mark your Calendar
2009 Scheduled Events



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If you have anything to pass on to the Chapter, such as, illnesses, congratulations etc. contact one of these people or your Membership Chairman, Jo Lynne Lair.

February 15	Chapter Meeting	Maryland Heights
February 3	Memory Box Paint-in Gloria Falk	Lindell Bank
March 3	Memory Box Paint in Barb Ogden	Lindell Bank
April 25-26-27	Debbie Slavin Seminar	Wingate Inn
August 21-22-23	Kathy George	Wingate Inn

Directions From 270:
Dorsett Road West
Right on McKelvey Rd.
Right on Ameling
Left on McKelvey



Location

All 2008 Chapter meetings are held at the
Maryland Heights Center,
2344 McKelvey Road,
Maryland Heights, Missouri,
314-434-1919.



The patches are in and they look great. They will be available at the Feb. meeting. The prices are:
3" - \$3.00
4" - \$7.00
6" - \$11.00
We did not use the metallic thread, so therefore they did not cost as much as expected.
Those of you who have already paid more will receive a refund

News from our President

A special thank you to last year's board and chairman who have worked hard this past year for the members of our chapter. I appreciate having such a wonderful cohesive group to work with.

As I look back over the last year, the chapter has accomplished so much. We have collected food, money and toys for the animals; personal sundry items and money for the Women's Shelter; books and treats for the Military at the USO; and last but not certainly least, Memory Boxes (1246 to be exact) painted for families who have lost children at such an early age. We have gone electronic, for the most part, with our newsletter, thus saving the chapter a lot of money for postage and printing.

We have proven that we can do GREAT things when we work together as a group. Thank you to everyone who has participated in our community outreach programs.

Lorie has planned some wonderful educational programs for us these next few years. Be sure to take advantage of these and sign up early. I have a question?

Have you ever planned a party at home and wondered how many people were actually going to come? It's hard, isn't it? Not knowing how many actually plan to attend. Working the seminars and sharing workshops is much the same for the Program Chairman. We can't wait until the last minute to sign up - she needs to know ahead of time, how many to count on so the expenses can be calculated and the fees can be determined. What great opportunities these are for us locally. You don't have to rent a room, or have unusual travel expenses - you just have to come and be ready to take advantage of a learning opportunity. Take this year to try something different, experiment with new techniques, paints and mediums. It's being planned for you, take advantage of it as much as you can.

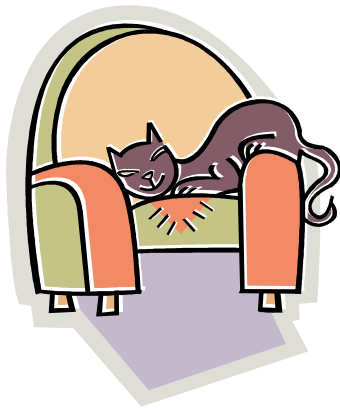
I would like to know how many of you would be interested in a two day bus trip to the SDP conference in Peoria? If we can get at least 25 people to take the trip it would cost you approx. \$70 round trip, plus one night in a hotel and your food. The bus will hold 49, so the more that go, the price goes down. After talking with you all at the last meeting, I was thinking of a Thursday/Friday (June 18 & 19th) trip - giving two full days to shop the trade show and see the exhibits. If you're not going to be at the meeting in Feb., let me know if you're interested.

Lastly, I would like to ask every member to try and recruit new members to our chapter this year. We need to do our part in keeping this art form alive and well. We have a lot to offer and this should be an exciting year for us.

Continue to paint with a Happy ♥.

Gloria

P.S. Some of you will remember Louise Kern, she was a long time member and officer of our chapter. She is presently in DePaul Hospital in ICU. She is in a critical state. Please keep her in your prayers.



News from your Vice President

Retreat Report

We had 32 registered guests this year! This was an increase from 2007; we had 47.2% attendance in 2008! Believe it or not.....snowmen proved to be a popular choice. It was a TRUE RETREAT!

The weather couldn't have been more perfect. A fall nip was in the air and glorious sunshine to highlight the fall trees and clear nights to show off the never ending canopy of stars. The night skies looked like an explosion of stars.

The classrooms were the best you could have anywhere. They were all located right next to each other on the 2nd floor with floor to ceiling windows on one side, great lighting and TV monitors available. There was a common area lounge just outside the doors, which proved to be a great place for relaxing, playing cards, scrabble and other games as well as visiting. Most everyone's sides ached from the laughter, which began upon arrival and lasted throughout the entire weekend. Surveys were handed out with the programs and all of the ones that were returned said they would definitely like to return to Trout Lodge. Even though mealtimes were shared in the dining room, we were able to sit together in groups of tables together. The meals were good and very plentiful - there was always something for everyone, no matter what your dietary concerns were. If you left hungry.....it was your own fault.

After the Saturday meal and costume contest and door prize drawing, we changed to outdoor clothes. The entertainment portion included a haunted hayride, in which our group filled the woods with laughter, screams and songs. Rumor has it - at times they scared the hiding monsters more than the monsters scared them. As for the rest of the hayride happenings - as the saying goes "what happened on the hayride - stays on the hayride"! This was followed with a big bonfire with roasted marshmallows and smores and more laughter under the most beautiful sky we have ever seen. The Milky Way chose to show off the best ever that night. We had wonderful big door prize baskets each day which were PACKED with terrific gifts!

Our participants in the costume contest were very creative, they ranged from Snow Queens, snowflakes, Jack & Jill Frost, Acme ice carver, a little girl with visions of sugar plums, a racy Klondike Kate, Vincent Van Went to a mug of hot chocolate covered with foam. We had three large prize baskets, loaded with goodies.

- 1st place went to Ginger German: as a mug of hot chocolate
 - 2nd place went to Lorie Reece: as a Snow Queen
 - 3rd place went to Vada Galvan: as Vincent Van Went (Van Gogh's cousin)
- Be sure to check the website for the photos.

We repeated our trade show again, there were 3 booths this time and we raised \$105.00 to go toward Retreat expenses next year. Bill Chiles was there again and everyone was flocking in and buying off of his cart before he was able to get it unloaded! Bill and his wife enjoyed Trout Lodge very much and said as long as we go there, he will be glad to have a booth. The 3 booths donated items of \$25.00 or more to our raffle. Our raffle winners were: Lorie Reece - 2 cute hand painted bags donated by Barb Ogden. Mary Jo Kumer a basket full of goodies donated by Studio "J". Marilyn McDonald - a very nice wood trunk crafted by Bill Chiles.

Sunday morning we packed up attended our last classes and met in the dining room for a wonderful lunch of roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans, brussels sprout, rolls, a large salad bar, soup and chili and a desert bar with over a dozen choices! The final door prize won by Marilyn McDonald was handed out and drawings for our reindeer centerpieces were completed. We slowly left the dining room, some headed for home and others went to the General Store for some last minute shopping, some drove around to enjoy the fall colors and also went hiking.

Trout Lodge is a very popular spot, thus creating limited weekend availability. When we checked, they were already booking 2010. The only weekend we were able to book which enabled us to get the same classrooms is: Friday, October 30th through Sunday, November 1st. We booked that weekend. I know this falls on Halloween and some of you plan parties and such. By securing the date this early, it would give some of you a chance to perhaps plan parties and events the weekend before. Our room block will be on the 2nd floor, the same floor as the classrooms. Other Lodge guests will be on other floors.

To get your imaginations "Kick Started", next year's theme is "Back to the 50's and 60's" We want a portion of our entertainment to be provided by our own talented group in the form of the "Gong Show". I'm sure a lot of you have "hidden talents" just waiting to come out. Be creative.....singing, dancing, magic, skits. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us in 2009 for even more fun! The more, the merrier!! Several members have said that this was the best Retreat they have attended, come join us and see why.

Teachers and Make-It-And-Take Teachers, start getting your projects ready. We are all looking forward to another great selection this year. We will be adding an extra table at the meeting for the MITI's and they will also be voted on this year.

Finally, thank you all for a wonderful year in 2008. We were over the top in Memory Box submissions - that was terrific. I am so proud that Gateway has contributed so much to our Charities. It means so much to them, to know others care. I look forward to serving another term.

See you at the February meeting.
Jim Lair, VP



Happy Birthday

Lee Zimmer February 6
Donna Wessel February 7
Joyce Miller February 10

Veronica Delgado February 21
Sandra Reynolds February 21
Brian Ellison March 11

Charity Corner



Riverbend Humane Society

Riverbend is so grateful for our support and caring. A lot of you have given and helped them out. They are at full capacity for both dogs and cats right now. Many of you are not aware that this shelter is so dedicated to our 4 legged friends – that when other shelters place some of their animals on the “end of the line” list to be euthanized, Riverbend gets them to give them another chance at finding a loving home. If you or someone you know is considering adoption – please keep Riverbend in mind. They currently have several pure breeds in house, a Dachsund, an English setter, and a few Beagles. Thank you for your continued generous support of these furry friends who cannot help themselves and depend on us and need our help.

Riverbend Wish List

Cat food – dry and canned

Kitty Toys and Beds (jungle gyms ,new or used, would also be appreciated)

Kitty Litter – any kind

Dog food – dry and canned

Large water dishes for dogs

Cleaning supplies – Bleach, all purpose cleaners

Bedding

Unused coupons for any of the above

Rabbit Food – they now have several rescued domestic rabbits.

Donations of money go to offset veterinary expenses and food for the animals. Please make checks payable to: Riverbend Humane Society. They also have a Resale Thrift Store and gladly accept any usable, working items for the home



BOOKS—BOOKS—BOOKS !!!

The U.S.O. needs all of the used paperback books you wish to contribute. Please bring them to the meetings and they will be turned in to the U.S.O. for our soldiers!! Thank you for supporting our troops.

Turning Point

Emergency Shelter gives assistance to those suffering from domestic violence and sexual assault. They offer crisis advocacy and peer counseling, and assist victims in obtaining an Order of Protection from the abuser, and dealing with the Criminal Justice System. They help women gain access to available legal services, social service agencies, and programs that provide other types of needed help. Turning Point serves Franklin, Gasconade, Lincoln, Montgomery and Warren counties. Their location is confidential.

Turning Point

Wish List

They can really use the following:

- Toilet Paper
- Dish Detergent
- Deodorant
- Hair brushes
- Hand lotions

MEMORY BOX PROGRAM

Paint Ins held at Lindell Bank in St. Peters
Across from the Rec Plex
Bring your painting supplies and a bag lunch



February 3 Paint In with Gloria Falk



March 3 Paint in with Barb Ogden
Bring a small stylus and sharp pointy scissors

*Gateway thanks
Sandra Reynolds, Avon district manager and
her reps, for the generous donation of \$100 to
the Memory Box Program. It will help defray
shipping of the finished boxes.*



IF YOU EVER WONDERED IF THERE WAS A “REAL NEED” FOR THE MEMORY BOXES, THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM A COUPLE WHO LOST A CHILD WILL ANSWER THAT QUESTION!

Dear Ms. Falk,

Form the bottom of my heart, My husband and I thank you for the generosity of your organization. On September 17th, 2008 my husband & I lost our son. This was the second child we have lost, and needless to say we were devastated. Our small consolation at the time was a beautiful memory box we received from the hospital to put our son's things in as a keepsake, one that your organization painted.

From a mother who lost her child, I think it's amazingly sweet and thoughtful to remember that there are innocent children who are taken from us way too soon. I can't thank you enough for providing these boxes for those of us who are so consumed in grief, we wouldn't have thought of having something so sweet to keep. I don't remember the name of the artist who painted our box, but I can tell you it was a dark blue bottom, with a light blue top and a bright yellow bird.

After we had a memorial service for our son, we found that some of our family members had given us money. As bad as this economy is, we don't need the money to cover any of the expenses and we don't feel right keeping the money. My husband & I decided to donate the money and we both agree we would like to donate the money to your organization. We would like to help other families who have lost a child and we were so touched by what you are doing that we both agree more memory boxed need to be made and sent out.

If possible, can you please let me know if there is someone else I need to speak with or where I can mail the funds. Please also let your members know that there are people out there who admire their talent and thank them for their generosity. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. It was a small comfort to know that there are people in this enormous world who understand and care about the loss of a child and easing the grief of the bereaved parents one small memory box at a time.

Sincerest Regards,
Krista & Ed Quinn
In memory of Oliver Francis Quinn

Program Chair ~ Lorie Reece



UPCOMING SEMINARS 2009 – 2010 – 2011

Debbie Slavin – April 25, 26 27th 2009

Debbie will be doing an introduction to Calligraphy on Saturday teaching stroke work for the art that we will be doing Sunday and Monday. It is a great class to take to learn Calligraphy. This will be done with ink and acrylics. A beginner can do it. If you wish to use canvas for both classes, Saturday's class is an 18X24 primed canvas and Sunday class will be a 14x18 primed canvas. Paper is not good, it will curl. www.debbieslavin.com

Kathie George – August 21, 22, 23rd 2009

Kathie will be working with Batik (wax) and watercolors. We will be choosing the projects shortly. This will be a lot of fun and a new median for most of us. Come learn something new and have fun while doing it. Cost is dependent on class size. This seminar is getting call from outside members, so be sure to sign up early. It should be a sell out. www.kathiegeorge.com

Joanne MacVey - May 14,15,16th 2010

Joanne is an award winning Rosemaler and we are very lucky to get her! She has been Rosemaling since 1983 and her work is beautiful. She is retired and a full-time Rosemaler, instructor and designer/publisher. Please check out her website at www.joannemacvey.com. This should be a very fun and interesting class. Cost will be dependent on class size.

Janelle Johnson – July 30, 31, and August 1, 2010

Janelle is a wonderful pencil artist. Many of us have attended her previous seminars. The work you will produce is beautiful. If you would like to visit her website, please go to www.janellejohnson.com. Cost will be dependent on class size.

Carol Spohn – May 14, 15, 16th 2011

Carol has been painting since 1989 when she learned to paint on her lunch hour. She has been painting exclusively in watercolor since 2002. She is also a published artist. She works a lot with different “things” when painting. You might use a geranium leaf to make a print within the watercolor; you might use another medium with the watercolor to make a different effect. Very creative. I have painted with her at SDP and she is a lot of fun to take from. Very casual and personable. Cost will be determined on class size. Please check out her website at www.carolspohn.com.

Annette Long – October 8, 9 10, 2011

Annette has been painting since the 1980's and started her own business in 1997. She is a published teacher and has been to Japan for the Artist of the World Exhibition. She works with Wood and Porcelain. Her pieces are beautiful. Cost will be determined on class size. Please visit her website at www.annettelong.com.

I also have a contract with Mark Polomchak but we have not decided on a date yet. It will probably be in 2010 or 2011. If you would like to make any suggestions as to teachers, please do so. I will be more than happy to discuss a seminar with them, but I cannot promise that a seminar will be scheduled with them.



SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

DEBBIE SLAVIN

**April 25th,26th,27th, 2009 9am - 5pm
Wingate Inn, 13615 Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights**

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Classes Requested:

Saturday: Calligraphy Class \$45 (nonmember \$50) _____
Sunday: Friends \$45 (nonmember \$50) _____
Monday: Earth Blooms \$45 (nonmember \$50) _____

Deposit \$45 (non-refundable)

Balance due April Meeting

Please make check payable to: Gateway Decorative Artists

Mail or give registration with payment to:

Lorie Reece: 1092 Arnold Tenbrook Road, Arnold, MO 63010 - 314-971-0190

**A non-refundable, one day deposit is required to register for one or more days.
Program Chair should be notified of any cancellation. It is your responsibility to
sell our Seminar space and surfaces.**

Mail or give seminar registration form with payment to: Lorie Reece: 1092 Arnold Tenbrook Road, Arnold, Missouri 63010. A non-refundable, \$40 deposit is required to register for one or more days. Program Chairman should be notified of any cancellation, and will provide you with a waiting list, if available. It is your responsibility to sell your Seminar space and surfaces.
[Check the website: www.gatewaydecorativeartists.com](http://www.gatewaydecorativeartists.com) for registration forms.

REMEMBER If you need to buy decorative painting supplies and want the opportunity to support your Chapter at no cost to you, go to our website: www.gatewaydecorativeartists.com and click on the ARTISTS CLUB link on the first page. Do your shopping and the chapter will receive 10% of your purchase. Again, at no extra cost to you. To make sure we receive the money please inform the President, Gloria Falk or the webmaster Josee Laferriere with any purchases you have made through our website. If you click out of the site and try to go back in - you must enter through the Chapter's link for us to get credit for your purchases



Membership Chair

Your 2009 dues are now past due. Please bring them with you to the February meeting, or drop them in the mail to me. The Membership Directories will be available at the February meeting. If you are unable to attend, you may have someone pick yours up for you or you may send me a SASE with \$1.00 amount of postage on a large white envelope and mail it to me at: 106 Cooper Ave., East Alton, IL 62024 and I will get one in the mail to you. Also remember that your National dues need to be paid for 2009 as well.

Please welcome our new members:

Bobbie Hanlon - 3393 McKelvey Rd. - Apt. 315 - Bridgeton, MO 63043 - ph: 314-387-3315 - DOB: 5-14 - no email

**Kathy Otto - #12 Seabiscuit Dr. - St. Charles, Mo 63301 -
Ph: 636-896-9425 - DOB: 9-30 - email: RTZgal@charter.net**

**Brian Ellison - 2836 Shelly Dr. - High Ridge, MO 63049 -
Ph: 636-677-6677 - DOB: 3-11 - email: ellisons@swbell.net**

**Nancy Falk - 720 Crooked Lake Ct. - St. Charles, MO 63304
Ph: 636-329-1360 - DOB: 11-6 - email: makinscents@charter.net**

**Darlene Schuler - 8392 Weber Ter. Dr. - St. Louis, MO 63123
ph: 314-544-2916 - DOB: 5-29 - email: darleneschuler@att.net**

Returning Members:

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ph: 636-394-3626 - DOB: 12-28 - email: gchriste@swbell.net**

**Tracy Kocher - 514 Center St. - Farmington, MO 63640
ph: 573-760-1698 - DOB: 8-8 - email: theredrooster@sbcglobal.net**

Lou Ann Duryea - data unlisted

Please welcome our new members - look for them at the February meeting and introduce yourself.

Thank you for a great 2008 and I look forward to serving another term for you. You have all been wonderful. ■

See you all at the February meeting

Jo Lynne Lair, Membership Chairman

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEETING MINUTES OF
NOVEMBER 9, 2008

Gloria Falk called the meeting to order at 1 :10 p.m. All board members were present. Liz Geers gave the invocation.

The September minutes, as printed in the Newsletter, were approved. The Treasurer's Report will be filed, as there were no corrections.

Gloria gave an updated report on the Gateway Patches. A 3" patch will cost \$3.50; a 4" patch will cost \$7.50 and a 6" patch will cost \$12.50. Orders will be taken today and must be paid for when ordering.

Gloria asked how many would be interested in chartering a bus to Peoria. If enough were interested, a one-day trip would probably cost about \$25.00 per person. If wanting a two-day trip, the cost would probably be about \$72.99 each, plus the cost of a hotel room. If registering for convention, the cost can be shared if going with someone who has never been to convention.

Today is election of the 2009 officers. Cheryl Wilburn, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the following members on the ballot:

Vice President -----Jim Lair Membership
Secretary -----Jo Lair
Treasurer -----Donna Wessel Recording
Secretary -----Jean Rogenhofer

No other nominations for these offices were received from the floor. We do need a Newsletter Editor as Liz Geers is resigning due to health reasons. Ingrid oertli volunteered to take the Newsletter Editor position.. There were no other volunteers or nominations. Since there was only one person running for each office, Liz McClintock make a motion to accept these members as officers and eliminate the ballot voting. This was seconded by Joyce Miller. Motion carried.

Mary Jo Kumer, our Gold Brush Chairman, reminded everyone to turn in their nomination for the Gold Brush Award Recipient. Those on her committee are: Dixie Reeb, Marilyn Harnett, Jo Lair and Ellen Rohne.

Jim Lair thanked Mary Jo and Gloria for their help with the Memory Box Program. He mentioned that recently there was a very nice article in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, Metro Section, about Gateway Decorative Artists and the Memory Box Program.

He mentioned that Retreat was over and thought everyone had a great time. The Haunted Hay Ride was a lot of fun. The class rooms were really nice. Jim thanked the teachers that taught classes and make-iHake-its. He also thanked Ellen Rohne for taking charge of the Trade Show. Bill Chiles said he was very pleased with the trade show.

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We are planning on returning to the YMCA Trout Lodge for next retreat. The only times we could get the class rooms is the week-end of October~ and Nov. 1. The theme for next year will be "Back to the 50's and 60's". Forms will be available for teachers at the February meeting.

Mary Jo Kumer gave a report on the Memory Box Program. She reminded everyone that the inside of the boxes must also be varnished. She said she made phone calls to everyone that still had boxes out so they could get them done and bring them to this meeting. The response was good. The next Memory Box paint-in will be on Tuesday, December 2nd and Marilyn McDonald will be teaching a cute little elephant. Mary Jo will be teaching in January. Gloria in February, and Barb Ogden in March. We have received 7 letters and \$400.00 in donations for the Memory Box Program as a result of the article in the Post Dispatch.

Today, we have two beautiful turkeys in the silent auction. These were donated by Joyce Miller and painted by Marilyn Harnett. The money will go to the Memory Box Program.

Lorie Reece reminded everyone to sign up for the Christmas Party. Cost is \$22.00 which includes a buffet dinner and drinks. The party will be at Andre's.

Debbie Slavin will be teaching a Seminar on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 25, 26 and 27. The cost will be \$45.00 per day. The first day, Saturday, she will be teaching calligraphy. This can be done on parchment or you can purchase the banner for \$25.00.

Kathy George will be teaching a wax/watercolor seminar in August. You can sign up at the next meeting. Be sure to sign up early as we already have some calls for this seminar from out of town people.

Jo Lair reported that we have 68 members for 2008. Today, we have 40 members present and 5 guests. So far, we have 4 new members for 2009. Door prizes were won by Elizabeth McClintock and Jeanette Bishop. Centerpieces were won by: Jo Ann Goers, Mary Jo Kumer, Jean Ellison, Donna Wessel, Ingrid Oretli, Barb Ogden, Ginger German and Karen Steiner. Dues for 2009 are being accepted today. You must be a member of National to belong to the chapter.

Liz Geers said the next Newsletter deadline will be January 25th. The Newsletters can be reviewed on Gateway's website - www.gatewaydecorativeartists.com. Look under Categories, then click on Newsletter. The chapter saves a lot of money by e-mailing the Newsletters rather than sending them by mail. Liz made a motion to continue sending the Newsletters by e-mail. This was seconded by Barb Ogden. Motion carried Newsletters will still be mailed to those that do not have e-mail. .

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Donna Wessel said the auction for the Memory Box Program did well. Since the Treasurer's Report was done, she has received \$150 in donations for the Memory Box Program. She also received other donations from Gloria as a result of the article in the Post Dispatch.

Jean Ellison said she has had a wonderful year being the Refreshment Chair. She had no trouble getting volunteers for refreshments and thanked everyone. Jean also volunteered to be Refreshment Chair again next year. The South County Group will do refreshments in February. Mary Jo will do Easter, the Illinois group will do June, Vada and her group will do September and the board will do November.

Dixie Reeb made mention that she would like to run for President next year!

Vada will chair the Ways and Means Committee and they will come up with an idea for the chapter to sponsor a Banquet Table at the Peoria Conference. The theme is "Passport to Painting". Vada suggested maybe getting a group together to volunteer answering phones for Channel 9's fund raising drive. This would be a way of promoting our organization. We could all wear a painted hat or shirt. She will check on this and have more information at the February meeting.

Gloria thanked the ladies that provided refreshments today- Vada Galvan, Judy Mayo, Cindy Rupp, Jeanette Bishop, Sharon Hill and Jean Wideman.

Jo Lair reminded everyone to pay their dues by the end of the year so that their name, address, phone number and e-mail address can be in the 2009 Directory.

With no further business, Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Carol Rufkahr. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jean Rogenhofer, Recording Secretary

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2008

The December meeting of Gateway Decorative Artists was our annual Christmas Party. It was held on Sunday, December 7th, at Andre's Restaurant. The cost was \$22.00 per person which included a buffet dinner and open bar drinks. Lorie Reece made cute Santa favors for everyone. Joyce Miller gave the invocation. After dinner, we played several fun games and prizes were awarded.

The Installation of Officers for 2009 took place, as follows:

President -----Gloria Falk
Vice President ----- Jim Lair
Membership Secretary ----- Jo Lair
Program Chairman ----- Lorie Reece
Treasurer ----- Donna Wessel
Recording Secretary ----- Jean Rogenhofer
Newsletter Editor -----Ingrid Oerth

After the Installation of Officers, Mary Jo Kumer presented the Gold Brush Award to Jean Rogenhofer. Mary Jo placed the Gold Brush necklace on Jean and gave her two beautiful plaques.

Everyone that brought an ornament for the ornament exchange got in a circle and played the Wright Family story game. At the end of the story, they kept the ornament they ended up with.

After visiting a while longer, Christmas wishes and hugs were exchanged before going home. Everyone had a good time and thought Lorie did a great job with the party.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Rogenhofer, Recording Secretary

AN INVITATION FROM RONNIE BRINGLE AND COUNTRY FRIENDS

COME TO KANSAS AND PAINT WITH ME!
APRIL 14 – 18, 2009

I'M OFFERING A 5 DAY PAINTING SEMINAR
IN PITTSBURG, KANSAS – CLOSE TO MY HOME IN McCUNE.
AT THE LAMPLIGHTER INN AND SUITES
THE FEE IS \$425.00 WHICH INCLUDES THE PAINT AND THE SURFACE

This is the 10th year I have offered this seminar. The project is secret until you arrive on Prep Night. We always have a lot of fun so I hope you can join us.

For more information contact

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I'LL HAVE TO ORDER SUPPLIES SO THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS SEMINAR IS
MARCH 1, 2009 . DON'T WAIT TOO LONG!

Next Newsletter Deadline

Information deadline March 30th

Mailing April 5th



The 2008 Gold Brush Award Winner

GOLD BRUSH AWARD – 2008 GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS

This year's Gold Brush recipient represents what Gateway is all about – promoting and educating the public about decorative painting.

She demonstrates a willingness to participate in the programs within the Gateway environment. This recipient is ready at all times to step in and accept responsibilities of board offices or committees. Never turning away those asking for her help, she has more than “taken her turn” at contributing to the group.

- Meetings
- Seminars
- Retreats
- Paint-ins
- Sharing Workshops
- Memory Box Program
- Charity
- Hospitality Program Assistant
- Secretary
- Newsletter Editor

This soft-spoken, sweet lady has a caring heart which extends to her local community activities, garden club, family and friends. Needless to say, this is a busy lady who always finds time to lend a helping hand and presents a positive influence in the chapter.

In 2009, it will be her 25th anniversary of service and membership in Gateway. During her long-term Gateway association she has continued to be a loyal and committed friend to all who know her. We will make sure she is never left behind again....!

It is my honor to reveal to you now, the name of our 2008 Gold Brush Award recipient, **Jean Rogenhofer**.

To Gateway Decorative Artists,

I would like to thank Mary Jo Kumer and the Gold Brush Award Committee for selecting me to be the 2008 Gold Brush Award Recipient. I would also like to thank the members that submitted my name for this award. I am so grateful and appreciative. It is such an honor to receive this special award. I never dreamed that I would ever get the Gold Brush Award so when Mary Jo was reading about the recipient, I never thought about it being me until she read the part about never being left behind again. Then I thought, could this be me? Who else was left behind? Then when she read my name, I was speechless. Wow! What a wonderful surprise. Thank you, everyone! You made my day.

Jean Rogenhofer



Other Seminars

**Dorothy Dent – 4 day seminar
May 22- May 25**

**See paintings online at DDent.com
Look under seminars or contact Jo or
Jim Lair at 618-258-9905**

Checklist For February Meeting

- **Bring basic painting supplies.**
- **Bring Show and Tell Projects.**
- **Memory boxes – painted, varnished,
ready to ship.**
- **Books, Snacks, & Magazines for USO**

Standing Committee Chairs 2009

Nominating Committee
Cheryll Wilburn

Refreshments
Jean Ellison

Gold Brush Award
Jean Rogenhofer

Librarian
Barb Ogden

Historian
Marilyn Hartnett

Special Committee Chairs 2009

Christmas Party
Lorie Reece

Memory Boxes and Charity
Mary Jo Kumer
Gloria Falk

Webmaster
Josee Laferriere

Your national dues need to go directly to SDP

1. Member profile (Please print 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 _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____
 Email _____ Website _____
 Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

I am a member of at least one SDP Chapter and I wish to receive SDP e-mail chapter communication.

2. Membership Categories (Check one, please)

U.S.

- \$40 Individual (\$45 after Dec. 1)
 \$70 Business (\$75 after Dec. 1)

3. Business & Teacher Directory Resource Categories (optional)

Business members, Check all boxes that apply for the Business & Teacher Directory. Listings are FREE with your business membership.

<input type="checkbox"/> Author	<input type="checkbox"/> Retailer
<input type="checkbox"/> Distributor/Wholesaler	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Studio	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer/Importer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
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VISA MasterCard Exp. Date _____ Phone _____
 Card Number _____ Signature _____
 YES! This is a Gift Membership from _____ Membership # _____

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

Membership in this Chapter is open only to persons who are dues-paying members to the SDP



2009 Gateway Decorative Artists Membership form

Name _____ New Member Renewal
 Last First Spouse
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____
 Birth Date : Month ____ Day ____ SDP Membership # _____ (include a copy of SDP card)
 Member of other chapters: _____

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: _____

Annual dues are \$20, payable by Dec 31, 2008. Please make check payable to: **Gateway Decorative Artists**
 Mail to: **Jo Lynne Lair, 106 Cooper Ave., East Alton, IL 62024**



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Chapter Meeting

February 15, 2009
Sunday: 1:00 P.M.
At Maryland Heights Center
Door Opens at 12:00

Come and paint a candle

Gateway **Gazette**