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## Refreshments

- Mary Jo Kumer
- Liz McClintock
- Lori Reece
- Jean Lindsey
- Ellen Rohne
- Linda Nelson
- Kay Vuichard
- Millie Johnson
- Liz Geers
- Lee Zimmer
- Ginger German
- Barb Ogden



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Decorative Painters

[www.decorativepainters.org](http://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.

## Chapter Meeting

### Sunday, April 19th, 2009

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

## Convention Apron Paint in with Gloria



What better way to show your GDA affiliation than an apron or tote with the St. Louis skyline. Design size is 13"x13" to be painted on an apron or tote bag of whatever color you desire. It will be great to take to the SDP convention or just to use for painting class. Additional supplies: A piece of heavy cardboard, a waxed shirt board, foam core board or whatever to attach the apron to and pins to fasten it to the board. A chalk pencil that will show up on the fabric; #2 flat, #8 flat, and #1 liner brushes. You do not need to wash your fabric. If you do wash, do not use fabric softener or dryer sheets. There will be a \$1 charge for the color picture and instructions. The paint and rhinestones will be supplied free of charge for those that stay and paint.

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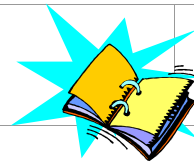
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If you have anything to pass on to the Chapter, such as, illnesses, congratulations etc. contact one of these people or your Membership Chairman, Jo Lynne Lair.

# Mark your Calendar



## 2009 Scheduled Events

April 7	Memory Box Paint in	Lindell Bank
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter Meeting	Maryland Heights
April 25-26-27	Debbie Slavin Seminar	Wingate Inn
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Memory box Paint in	Lindell Bank
June 2	Memory Box Paint in	Lindell Bank
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter Meeting	Maryland Heights
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Memory Box Paint in	Lindell Bank
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Memory Box Paint in	Lindell Bank
August 21-22-23	Kathy George	Wingate Inn
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Memory Box Paint in	Lindell Bank
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter Meeting	Maryland Heights
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Memory Box Paint in	Lindell Bank
November 8th	Chapter Meeting	Maryland Heights
Dec 1st	Memory Box Paint in	Lindell Bank

## Directions

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



## Location

All 2009 Chapter meetings are held at the  
Maryland Heights Center,  
2344 McKelvey Road,  
Maryland Heights, Missouri,  
314 434 1919.

# News from our President

The Daffodils are now popping up all around us.

Sometimes my first glimpse of those green leaves is when they are peeking persistently through the snow. They are my sign of hope that winter will eventually end.

I need those beautiful yellow blossoms in March to remind me that life will not always look dead, bare and cold. Those little flowers remind us that spring will come and that new life is possible. We all need to be reminded that life doesn't always stay the same. Sometimes that journey is not easy. Things happen in our lives to change them, knowing that we can find the strength from the love of friends and family to work our way through those struggling times, helps us along.

Take a moment to call that friend that you haven't talked to in awhile, to see how she or he is doing. Let them know that you are thinking of them and that you care.

This meeting we get to choose the projects that we will offer at Retreat this fall. I am excited to see what everyone has come up with. Another learning opportunity and a weekend of fun are being planned for you. Be sure to tell your friends.

Lorie has been hard at work getting the seminars planned for this year and next. In a few short weeks we get to paint with Debbie Slavin, who will teach us Calligraphy and stroke work. She is a wonderful teacher; you will have a great time and learn something in the process. I believe there is still room, so contact Lorie right away at 314-971-0190 to get registered.

The Peoria Conference is just around the corner. It will be here before we know it. At this meeting we will be painting the top of an apron or a tote bag with a St. Louis theme. This is a redesign of a pattern that I created and taught at our '93 convention. I hope you will stay and paint with us. If you're going to conference, it is one way to show that St. Louis is well represented.

A big thank you to Barb Ogden for facilitating (Mary Jo's favorite word) the last MB workshop. We had a wonderful turn-out for this lesson and produced some great looking boxes. Checkered Cottage was very nice in supplying us with materials to do these boxes.

We have received some extra cash towards our Memory Box Program. Former member, Janie Parisi, won a 50/50 prize. This yielded us \$45. I received a request from a friend for a Memory Box for a family that lost a child recently. We received a \$20 donation from them. Member, Sandra Reynolds, has been hard at work for us also. She has another lady interested in trying to raise some funds for us. Thank you ALL your efforts, I want you to know it IS appreciated, and will definitely help us with shipping and the purchasing of new boxes. Besides helping us, it helps those families that have lost a child way too early in

life. We know this, because we get letters from not only the parents of the child, but the nurses at the hospitals that help these parents deal with their grief.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find Wish Lists for Turning Point Women and Children's Shelter and the River Bend Animal Shelter, that we have adopted. Look the lists over and donate if you can.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Gloria



## **Planned Itinerary for Peoria Bus Trip**

Thursday, June 18th - leave from Maryland Heights Comm. Center at 6:00 - 6:30 a.m. Arrive at Peoria at 10 a.m. to attend The trade show that day. Bus will pick you up at the convention center and take you to the motel. Places to eat supper are within walking distance.

Friday, June 19th - check out of Motel and leave for Convention Center by 9:30 a.m. SHOP till you DROP.  
Bus will pick you up at Convention Center at 5:30 - 6:00p.m.  
Driver will stop someplace close (ie: Bob Evans, Cracker Barrel) for supper. You will arrive back at Maryland Heights Comm. Center between 10:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Vandalia Bus Lines - \$123 round trip

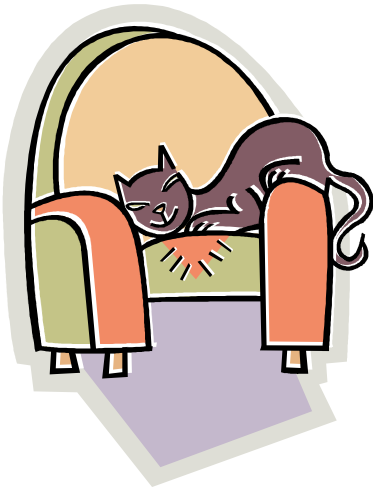
Mid American Bus lines - \$140 round trip -

Mid American has reclining seats and appears to be roomier).

NOTE: The above figures are for 12-13 people. If we get more interested in going, the price will go down.

Motel in Peoria - around \$50-60

I would need 1/2 down for the Bus ride at the April Meeting and the remainder due by May 25.



## News from the VP Easy Chair

**Calling All Teachers !! Please have your Retreat Teacher Forms to me no later than April 1st. If you did not receive a form, but would like to submit 1 or 2 projects or a make-it-take-it project to teach at Retreat, please contact me and I will get a form to you right away. MITI projects also need to be submitted on the same form. Make an additional copy if necessary. Just make sure you mark the project as an MITI. We are going to vote on these at the June meeting. Please bring your projects to the April meeting for voting. If for any reason you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to have someone bring your project(s) for you. You will pick them up after the voting and take them home with you. We had a marvelous selection last year. I am looking forward to seeing all of the wonderful things we will have this year! Our theme is "Rockin' To The 50's & 60's". So unpack and dust off your poodle skirts, peek-a-boo blouses, bobby socks, tie dye and hippie duds and get ready for a rockin' good time. We are calling on our members creativity and talents for a portion of our entertainment. We will have a "GONG SHOW". Maybe a song or two, a group skit, poetry, jokes, magic..... Let your imagination run wild (like I know it can) !!!!!**

**We will be at the beautiful Trout Lodge in Potosi again this year. The dates are Friday - October 30th through Sunday - November 1st. These were the only dates available to get those remarkable classrooms!!**

**The classrooms are all next to each other on the 3rd floor, with restroom facilities just a few feet away. Our guest rooms are also located on a 3rd floor wing, so you will only be a few yards from your classes. Trout Lodge is going to make every effort to limit families with children to other floors. We will offer a Trade Show again this year - with lots of great bargains. Start looking for roommates to decrease your expenses and book your rooms early. Reservation deadline is NO LATER than June 31st. Trout Lodges phone number is - 573-438-2154 (direct), or 314-241-YMCA (toll free from St. Louis). If you were unable to attend last year - you need to try to get there this year. Everyone had a great time and the laughter was non-stop. All of the rooms overlook the beautiful 360 acre lake and the classrooms are large with good lighting and floor to ceiling windows overlooking the lake. The food is buffet style with a selection that can meet everyone's dietary needs, in a dining room with floor to ceiling windows overlooking the lake. You truly have a million dollar view the entire weekend! I will have brochures available at the April meeting, and if you have any questions, I will be happy help you. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and look forward to seeing you all at the April meeting.**

**Jim Lair - VP**



## Happy Birthday

Jo Lair April 26  
Lida Gillham April 28  
JoAnne Goers May 3  
Gloria Falk May 3  
Peggy Araki May 4

Jean Hofman May 5  
Bobbie Hanlon May 14  
Laura Heathcote May 22  
Darlene Schuler May 29  
Kay Peele May 29

## Charity Corner

### River Bend Humane Society

Our shelter is so grateful for your 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 animals on the not adoptable or the "end of the line" list to be euthanized, River Bend 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 beagle, a beautiful tri-color collie puppy, and a Yorkie. Thank you for your continued generous support of these furry friends who cannot help themselves and depend on us and need our help.

### River Bend Wish List

Cat food - dry and canned

Kitty Toys and Beds (if you would like to donate jungle gyms new or used they would also be appreciated)

Kitty Litter - any kind

Dog food - dry and canned

Large water dishes for dogs

Cleaning supplies - Bleach, all purpose cleaner (ie: Pine Sol, Clorox Green Works, etc) and Dish Soap  
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: River Bend 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



## Join in the fun!

Be an angel and paint with Donna Wessel . This angelic Memory Box to be painted **Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>** from 9 am to 3 pm at the Lindell Bank across from the St. Peter's Rec Plex.

Please bring your usual painting supplies and a bag lunch.





## Artists Paint Memory Boxes for Families

By: Pauline Masson, Pacific Editor

03/03/2009

A group of artists were looking for opportunities to expand their craft when they spotted a notice about painting memory boxes for families of infants who pass away in the hospital.

"When you lose a newborn and walk away from the hospital with nothing to remind you of the infant, it can be devastating," the notice stated.

"But a small hand-painted box to hold mementos of the infant, such as the hospital I.D. bracelet, a photograph, skullcap or lock of hair, can give the parents something to cherish."

That was 1999, since then some 25 members of Gateway Decorative Artists have shipped thousands of the individual memory boxes to hospitals across the country to be given to parents.

The national organization that they have affiliated with has shipped more than 115,000 boxes.

Until recently, Gateway painters never met the parents who received these boxes. But as word of the project grew, the number of hospitals requesting memory boxes expanded.

Pacific artist Michelle Bastean was introduced to Gateway Decorative artists by Janie Parisi, her sister-in-law, who recently lost an infant grandson in childbirth.

"His tiny foot was the size of my thumb," said Parisi, holding up her hand to demonstrate. "I never dreamed that our family would be the recipient of one of the boxes."

Gateway artists paint together each Wednesday and hold a class once a month at Lindell Bank in St. Peters to teach other tole painters the craft of memory boxes.

The artists buy the boxes, all the paints and pay for the postage to ship them to hospitals. When they teach a class, they sand and seal the boxes ahead of time and trace an outline of the pattern to be painted.

Between them, they have introduced 60 personal designs of flowers, teddy bears, hearts and angels to the boxes they have distributed through the National Memory Box Association.

"They tell us which hospital needs boxes and how many they want," said Gloria Falk.

Gateway Artists can complete up to 36 boxes during a monthly class, but when they work in their own workroom, they can paint as many as 60 boxes in one day.

Currently, they are top U.S. producers of the boxes three quarters of the year - outdone in one quarter only by the Black Hills Chapter, which in a South Dakota winter can top the local group's 250 boxes.

Gateway artists also use their talent to raise funds for the Turning Point Women's Shelter in Warrenton and the Riverbend Animal Shelter in Jerseyville, Ill.

"It's a labor of love," Falk said. "Every box that we paint is a child lost."

In addition to shipping through the national memory box program, Gateway artists distribute directly to several area hospitals including St. John's Mercy in Washington.

# Program Chair ~ Lorie Reece



## UPCOMING SEMINARS 2009 – 2010 – 2011

### ***Debbie Slavin – April 25, 26 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.debbieslavin.com)

### ***Kathie George – August 21, 22, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.kathiegeorge.com)

### ***Joanne MacVey - May 14,15,16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.janellejohnson.com). Cost will be dependent on class size.

### ***Carol Spohn – May 14, 15, 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 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 Chairman

We begin spring into the season with expectations that we will continue to grow. Spread the word about Gateway Decorative Artists and invite a friend or two to share in our fun.

### Welcome to our newest member:

Jacqueline Fowler - 9550 Alix Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123 - ph: 314-448-5717 - DOB: 8-18

email: [jfowler51@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jfowler51@sbcglobal.net)

Please add her information to your new directory.

We apologize to member Mary Haynes, her name was accidentally left out of our directory. Her information is: 316 Hickory Drive, Bethalto, IL 62010

DOB: 2-7 - email: [MLHaynes@charter.net](mailto:MLHaynes@charter.net)

Please add this to your directory.

### I also have a few corrections to the directory:

Laura Heathcote - email: [rlheath2@att.net](mailto:rlheath2@att.net)

Milly Johnson - email: [milypaints4u@yahoo.com](mailto:milypaints4u@yahoo.com)

Donna Wessel- email: [toletinker@att.net](mailto:toletinker@att.net)

Please check your information in your new directory to make sure it is correct. If there are any changes, please notify me ASAP so I can update the information.

If you have not picked up your 2009 directory, it will be available at the April meeting or you may send me a SASE (long business size) with \$1.00 postage and I will be happy to get one in the mail to you. Extra directories are available for \$1.00 each.

I am seeking volunteers for door prizes for the remaining meetings in 2009. The door prizes don't always have to be a painted item - use your imagination! Please contact me or see me after the meeting. A big THANK YOU to Barb Ogden who donated an adorable hand painted stool for a February door prize and to Donna Wessel for her beautiful door prize of a painted Valentine T-shirt.

I look forward to seeing you all at the April meeting.

Jo Lynne Lair

Membership Chair



*In sadness and in sorrow—*

*Dear Friends,*

*I want to thank all of you who sent cards and words of sympathy at the passing of my sister Diane in February. This meant so much to me.*

*I will always remember your kindness.*

*Karen Steiner*

Our condolences go to family and friends of long time member Michelle Basteau who passed away March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Former member, Suzanne Koestner and her husband Kevin had a baby boy on Feb. 9. Mom and baby are doing fine.

Marilyn Hartnett's Mom, Gwen, fell and broke her hip. She had hip replacement surgery and came through with flying colors. Marilyn, give your Mom a [Hug] from all of us.

Ann Mohrman is doing much better these days. Ann, we miss you at the MB paint-ins.

Marilyn McDonald is feeling better also. Marilyn we were happy to see you and Karen Steiner at the last MB workshop. We have missed you.

Get well wishes to Lorie Reece who recently underwent knee surgery.

Ginger German is recuperating from knee replacement surgery. We wish you a speedy recovery Ginger!

## **GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2009**

Gloria Falk called the meeting to order at 1 :00 p.m. All board members were present. Joan Love gave the invocation. Gloria welcomed members and guests. Gloria mentioned that Louise Kern, a former long time member, was in the hospital and in intensive care. Gloria has a get well card that she would like everyone to sign.

Gloria asked if there were any corrections to the November minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Dixie Reeb made mention of a statement in the minutes about her wanting to run for president next year. She said she did not remember making that statement. However, many people did so with no further corrections, the November minutes were approved. (Sorry, Dixie!)

The December minutes were also printed in the Newsletter and hearing no corrections, the December minutes were approved, as printed.

The Treasurer's Report will be filed as printed in the Newsletter, since there were no questions or corrections.

If anyone is interested in serving on any committees this year,, Gloria has a sign-up list for the various committees - Audit, By-Laws, and Gold Brush Award.

The Board has recommended that we donate \$100.00 to the DAC again this year. Donna Wessel made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the DAC and this was seconded by Barb Ogden. Motion carried.

If we are going to charter a bus trip to Peoria, we need to have at least 25 people sign up in order to make the cost reasonable. We could schedule the bus for Thursday and Friday, June 18 and 19. Those that raised their hands as being interested were: Sue Struckhoff, Dixie Reeb (pius 2), Marilyn Hartnett, Joyce Miller, Barb Ogden (plus 3), Judy West, Maureen Wasserman, Liz Geers and Jean Rogenhofer.

The Chapter patches have arrived and are available today. The 3" patch is \$3.00; the 4" patch is \$7.00; and the 6" patch is \$11.00. See Donna Wessel after the meeting if you are interested in purchasing any of these. An iron-on instruction sheet will be given with each purchase. Metallic thread was not used on the arch so the prices are less than anticipated.

If anyone is interested in ordering Athena Brushes, Speedball will give us a 40% discount. See Gloria after the meeting if you would like to order any of these. You do not have to pay for them until they come in, which will probably be the next meeting.

Jim Lair gave a report on this year's Retreat. It will be held again at the YMCA Trout Lodge on October 30,31 and November 1. This was the only week-end we could get and have the nice class rooms that we had last year. Forms for teachers are available today. The charities this year are the same as last year - the Memory Box Program, Turning Point, Riverbend Animal Shelter and the USO. Please be sure to sign the list when returning boxes or checking them out. We won every contest last year but the contests have been discontinued this year. Remember to varnish the inside of the boxes, as well as the outside. Let the varnish dry thoroughly before placing the lid back on the box. We paint Memory Boxes the first Tuesday of every month and invite everyone to come and paint. We have teachers for March, April and May. If you are interested in teaching something at one of the Memory Box Paint ins, let Mary Jo or Gloria know.

Elizabeth McClintock donated a slab of ribs that are already cooked and ready to eat. These are to be auctioned off and proceeds to go to the Memory Box Program. Delia Larkins won the ribs with the high bid of \$31.00. A purse was also donated to be auctioned off, with proceeds also going to the Memory Box Program. Bobbie Harlon had the winning bid of \$30.00. Sandra Reynolds donated \$100.00 to the Memory Box Program from Avon sales.

Lorie Reece said the Calendar/Directories are available today. She apologized for any errors that might be found. She said we have 68 members.

Debbie Slavin will have a seminar on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 25, 26 and 27. So far, we only have 13 people signed up. Lorie talked about various seminars coming up and said that if more people would sign up for these, then the cost could be less. It is expensive to bring in out-of-town teachers as we have to pay their teaching fees, hotel expenses, travel expenses and food. Maureen McNaughton charges \$850.00 per day for a seminar, plus the hotel, travel and food. She asked how many would be willing to pay about \$65.00 per day if we could get at least 20 people. A lot of people seemed interested so she will see what dates Maureen has available.

Kathie George has a scheduled seminar on August 21, 22 and 23. Vote today on projects you would like to paint. Cost is set at \$45.00 per day

Gloria reminded everyone that orders from the Artist Club to go through our website to place their order. We will then get credit for a percentage of the total order and it helps to pay for our website. Also, if ordering, let Gloria or Josee know so we can make sure we get the credit.

Jo Lair reported that we have 45 members present today and 5 guests. The directories are available today and if you have not picked up your copy, see Jo after the meeting. Names were drawn for the table centerpieces. Winners were: Millie Johnson, Jean Ellison, Ingrid Oertli, Darlene Schuller, Dottie Baumgartner, Maureen Wasserman, Liz McClintock, Jean Wideman, Joanne Goers, Margaret Von Kaenel, Barb Ogden and Judy Sloan. Door prizes were: a bench donated by Barb Ogden and won by Gloria Falk; and a donation from Donna Wessel won by Kay Vuichard. Lorie said she needs donations of door prizes for our next meeting.

Gloria mentioned that Ginger German recently had knee surgery and is home recovering. Karen Steiner's sister just recently passed away. Lorie Reece will be having knee surgery next week. Lida Gillham recently had surgery and Jean Hofmann is scheduled for surgery.

Ellen Rohne will be teaching a snowman candle after the meeting today. Cost is \$3.00. We need volunteers to do make-it-take-its after our meetings. We also need some volunteers to teach workshops. Vada Galvan volunteered to do a workshop.

Donna Wessel has patches for sale today and also jewelry, pattern packets, books and some brushes.

Lorie Reece said the Calendar/Directories are available today. She apologized for any errors that might be found. She said we have 68 members.

Our apologies to Peggy Araki whose name was omitted, in error, from the refreshment list in the Newsletter.

Gloria thanked Jean Ellison and the Refreshment Committee: Dottie Baumgartner, Peggy Araki, Brian Ellison, Joan Love, Joyce Miller, Ingrid Oertli, Sandra Reynolds, Carol Rufkahr and Sue Struckhoff.

Mary Jo Kumer and her committee will do the refreshments and centerpieces for the April meeting. Mary Jo said it will be an "eggstravaganza". Those that volunteered to help Mary Jo with the "egg fesf are: Kay Vuichard, Linda Nelson, Ellen Rohne, Liz McClintock, Millie Joh nson, Jean Lindsey and Lorie Reece.

The Illinois group volunteered for the June meeting; Vada Galvan and the Galvanetts volunteered for the September meeting and the board volunteered for the November meeting.

Barb Ogden made a suggestion to have the meeting dates printed in the Newsletter for the whole year, as some of the meetings are not on the second Sunday.

Barb has paint racks for sale from Checkered Cottage. These are stackable and are 23" x 12" x 6". They hold 14 bottles of paint in each row. The price is \$6.00 per rack or all 12 for \$50.00. If interested, see Barb after the meeting.

Barb Ogden will be teaching the Memory Box Paint-in in March. It will be scrapbooking on the box instead of painting. A sample of project is on display at today's meeting.

Jo Lair thanked Lorie Reece for doing the directories. Jo will be hosting a Dorothy Dent Seminar on Memorial Week-end - May 22,23,24 and 25. Pictures of the projects are on display today and forms are available for the seminar.

Gloria reminded everyone to please sign the Get Well card for Louise Kern after the meeting.

With no further business, Mary Jo Kumer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Judy Sloan. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Jean Rogenhofer Recording  
Secretary

Guide Dogs of America are having their First Midwest Fundraiser, May 16th & 17th at the Machinist Hall on St. Charles Rock Road in Bridgeton, MO. They would be very appreciative of any donations of painted items for their raffle or auction. For more info, contact Cheryll Wilburn at 636-332-4548 or go to [www.guidedogsofamerica.com](http://www.guidedogsofamerica.com).





## Other Seminars

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

**See paintings online at [DDent.com](http://DDent.com)  
Look under seminars or contact Jo or  
Jim Lair at 618-258-9905**

## Checklist For April Meeting

**Bring basic painting supplies**

**Bring Show and Tell Projects.**

**Memory boxes – painted, varnished, ready  
to ship**

**Books, Snacks, & Magazines for USO**

**Donations for Turning Point**

**Donations for River Bend Animal Shelter**

**Painted items for Guide Dog Auction**

## 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

## Next Newsletter Information Deadline

**May 17th**



**Mailing May 24th**

**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.

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



**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](http://www.decorativepainters.org)

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ New Member  Renewal

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**



**Ingrid Oertli**  
**Newsletter Editor**  
**12345 Mentz Hill Road**  
**St. Louis, MO 63128**

## **Chapter Meeting**

**April 19th, 2009**  
**Sunday: 1:00 P.M.**  
**At Maryland Heights Center**  
**Door Opens at 12:00**

***Come and paint an apron or  
tote!***

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