

TEACHERS & EDUCATORS of ART MATERIALS *Great Lake Region Newsletter 2013-2014*

Greetings,

I hope 2013 has been a good year for each of you. Many of our members have faced challenging health issues themselves or family members. As we enter 2014, it is my sincere wish that life will be kind to all of us.

FALL MEETING

The annual meeting was held in September at Homecoming Hues in North Bend State Park. We discussed the upcoming Spring Meeting and seminar with Mary Gibilisco. We had so much fun with Mary last year that we voted to have her return in 2014.

SEMINAR DATE – FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 21 & 22. The event will be held in Fairmont, West Virginia at the Kingmont Community Building. This will be a joint venture with Mountaineer Artists of Fairmont.

The painting will be the Tuscany Trompe L'oeil I to match the one we did last year. The still-life will be taught in traditional oils. You can view the painting by going to www.kingslan.com. You can order the wood surface from Mary if you order early. Or you may bring an 18 x 24 or 20 x 24 stretch canvas. The surface must be prepared ahead of time with either Dove Gray or Slate Gray by DecorArt. Class will start promptly at 9:00am and lunch will be provided.

I am working on a reduced room rate at the Comfort Inn like we did last year. A detailed supply list, hotel cost and directions will be provided at registration. To register you can email me at msteele6453@ma.rr.com or by snail mail 218 Cochran Street, Fairmont, WV 26554. Please let me know if you will need a room and for what dates. Registration deadline is March 1, 2014.

We voted to allow any member who has paid dues for the last two years will paint for free. All others will be charged \$50.00. Those who are eligible for the free class who paid dues by the January 2 deadline for 2012 & 2013 are: Sulayne Brooks, Nancy Clark, Carolyn Coen, Georgia Dangel, Connie Frye, Nancy Glasscock, Kitty Gorrell, Carol Hoffman, Norma Kessler, Mary Lauck, Mary Moore, Marlene Moose, Debbie Nees, Susan Newsom, Cindy Owens, Danny Porterfield, Yvonne Reusser, Joan Schneider Sandra Sofia, Nancy VanCuren, Linda VanDyke and Donna Wells. If I missed anyone let me know.

DISSOLUTION OF GLR

Also discussed was a resolution to dissolve Great Lakes Region. Many factors played a role in this decision. The membership is aging and not as active as it once was. Younger members are not joining and participation in scheduled events in the past has not been well attended. A vote will be taken at the Spring Meeting. The office of President will be up for election in 2014. I have chosen not to run for office again as I have had the position for the past 7-1/2 years.

Members who wish to remain active with TEAM (Teachers and Educators of Art Materials) can join other Regions. You can log onto www.artteachers.org to see where the active regions are in your area.

TEAM and Great Lakes Regions have introduced me to many wonderful friends, painters and instructors. I will ever be grateful to the bountiful knowledge I have gained over the years with the organization.

TREASURY

After some discussion, it was voted that any money remaining in the treasury after the Gibilisco seminar will be donated to a reputable non-profit organization (preferably one that is art related), Kitty Gorrell is checking on one such group. If you have any suggestions, please email me prior to the March 21 date.

A vote will be taken at the Spring Meeting on both the dissolution and to what organization to donate any remaining money.

HOMECOMING HUES

Kitty and Chuck once again hosted a very successful event at North Bend State Park. If you missed out this year, hopefully you can join us September 2 – 7, 2014. You will see a new venue and more teachers! HCH is Moving! Oglebay in Wheeling, WV will become the new home. A fantastic group of teacher is waiting to share their talent – Dorothy Dent, Mark Polomchak, Robert Warren and Mary Gibilisco. The paintings were on display and many have already signed up to attend. Don't wait too long to get a class with your favorite teachers.

The beautiful resort at Oglebay in addition to the town of Wheeling offers a large variety of activities. Check it out on line. Kitty has done an excellent job of obtaining a reduced room price at the resort.

ART QUEST

You don't want to miss "Art Quest 2014" April 27 – May 2 in Cherokee, NC. Those of us who have attended this great painting experience anticipate this event every year. Teachers this year are Dorothy Dent, Mark Polomchak, Robert Warren, Louise Jackson, Carol Hoffman and Kitty Gorrell. There is a medium and style for everyone – oils, watercolor, still life – landscape – floral. Check it out at KittyGorrell.com or contact Kitty for a full color brochure. With the 2014 paintings on display at both Art Quest 2013 and Homecoming Hues, many of us have pre-registered already.

PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL

Thank you to all who have supported GLR throughout the years. It has been a great organization, contributing to our art education experience. I have enjoyed the many friendships that I have gained these past 7 years. It has been a privilege to serve as President and I really appreciate all the prayers and support that you all gave to me while I was sick. Hopefully we will all be able to maintain these friendships through other painting venues. We have continued Bill Alexander's dream of sharing our talents and love of painting. Keep teaching, painting and sharing.

Mandy Steele

President, Great Lakes Region