

## TEACHERS & EDUCATORS of ART MATERIALS

### Great Lake Region Newsletter 2009

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year is half over. It has been hectic and often life altering for some. Technology has given rise to new advantages to our industry as many companies have added to their programs with internet online stores to advanced classroom experience without leaving your home. Advantage to some and disadvantage to others. I think that as there are more advances in technology we will see a lot more of this type of education and we as teachers and artist must be prepared to meet these challenges head on by whatever means possible.

#### MINUTES FROM THE SPRING MEETING 2008

President Mandy Steele called the April 17, 2009 meeting to order at 5:45pm at Hill Top Community Center, Hannible, Ohio. She welcomed 12 members and 3 guests. Minutes were read and approved from the fall meeting in 2008. Treasurer's report was read by Mandy in absence of Sulayne Brooks. Beginning balance \$4031.30. Bill for the workshop was pending until Saturday class was over.

Old Business: Mandy reported that we donated \$50 to the Animal Friends of Pittsburg, Pa. in memorial of Wayne Glenn who died Feb. 28 2009. Reports of on going classes from teachers Georgia, Dangel, Kitty Gorrell, Mandy Steele. Now that spring is here classes are picking up. Web Site: please check [www.artteachers.org](http://www.artteachers.org) for TEAM reports and from other Regions' newsletters. Kitty, Editor in Chief, reported on activity and the new Interactive Artist Magazine. Go to [www.InteractiveArtistMagazine.org](http://www.InteractiveArtistMagazine.org) on April 25 with a theme: Painting Around Home. Murals, Tramp Art and lot of other information on art. Join Today...

New Business: Ballots for election of Treasurer will be this year. Nominations can be sent to Carol Hoffman at [ChoffmanArt@who.rr.com](mailto:ChoffmanArt@who.rr.com). Ballots will be counted at HCH in Sept. at North Bend, WV. Great Lakes Region voted on making a basket from our region for HCH Silent Auction raffle as a Thank You for letting GLR meet there. Vote passed.

Kitty reported that registration for HCH is at 65 and the lodge is full but 2 cabins are still open. Others may double up if need for a room mate. Class on Sunday has been added and Kitty will be teaching a beautiful landscape for those who want to stay over one more day.

Fall meeting will be at HCH at North Bend, WV.

Sunshine Report: Pat R. is doing okay from the fire at her son's home. Report said they will rebuild. Card will be sent to Ruhama past member now living in FL.

President Mandy thanked Georgia for organizing the workshop with Dorothy Dent, and thanked all the painters who participated. She thanked Dorothy Dent and DA for coming and giving us a wonderful painting super meal on Friday. We had two raffles. Mandy called the meeting closed t 6:10 pm.

Member Present: Georgia Dangel, Vicki Miracle, Mary Lauck, Linda VanDyke, Norma Kessler, Mary Moore, Marlene Moose, Sandra Sofia, Kitty Gorrell, Mandy Steele, Carol Hoffman, Dorothy Dent, Guest: DA, Dan Dangel, Arlie Shields.

Submitted by GLR Secretary, Carol Hoffman 4-17-2009

## 2010 DUES

2010 Dues can be paid early at HomeComing Hues. If you are unable to attend, you can send \$15.00 dues to Treasurer Sulayne Brook, 69 Mahlon Street, Shinnston, WV 26431. Make check payable to Great Lakes Region. To remain a member of our Region and gain the benefits of membership, dues are due by January 1, 2010. All news releases and newsletters are sent out by email. If you received this newsletter by snail mail, it means I don't have a current email address. When you change email address please forward this info to me. Please include your address, email, phone or cell phone and whether you teach when you send your dues.

## BONUS TREAT

For those who pay their dues by January 1, you will receive a \$50 credit toward a painting class at our spring meeting. So get out your checkbook and mail your \$15.00 dues to Sulayne today.

## 2009 FALL MEETING

GLR will hold their 2009 meeting on Friday evening at Homecoming Hues. Location in the lodge will be announced during the morning session. A vote for a new treasurer will be held at that time. Be sure to send your nominations to Carol Hoffman at [ChoffmanArt@who.rr.com](mailto:ChoffmanArt@who.rr.com) or phone her at (419) 547-8610. Please send your nomination by Sept. 1. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting. If you are unable to reach Carol, please email me at [mandysartworks@earthlink.net](mailto:mandysartworks@earthlink.net) or call me (304) 333-2290 or (304) 216-8683. by Sept. 7 as I will be leaving for North Bend.

## Homecoming Hues Painting Retreat – North Bend State Park, WV

I love this retreat. I have attended since the first retreat and look forward to this event every year. Kitty and Chuck have created a wonderful event in a picturesque environment. Each year there is something new to look forward too. Check out the website [www.KittyGorrell.com](http://www.KittyGorrell.com). All the information and class photos are posted. Teachers this year are Dorothy Dent, Mark Polomchak, Carol Hoffman and a new addition, Kathy George who have shared so much artistic learning in previous years. Having taken classes with all these wonderful teachers, it really is hard to choose which classes to take. I have taken classes with Kathy many years ago and she offers quite a unique painting technique to the lineup this year. There are still a few classes with openings – it's never too late.

## CONGRATULATIONS – CAROL HOFFMAN

Carol won the "Best of Show" at the Tiffin Ohio University Art Show with her painting "Red Spud". The painting is 28 x 34. Three pieces of her art were selected and will hang in the University art gallery for a month. I have learned so much over the years from Carol. She loves sharing the knowledge that she gained over the years. Way to go, Carol! Carol and I have been selected to teach at the Golden Triangle Decorative Painters annual Retreat to be held at Ligonier, PA.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kelly Merideth, 39707 State Route 800, Woodsfield, Oh 43793. (740) 934-2117  
Sr. Shirley LeBlanc, Sisters of Charity, 5900 Delhi Pike, Mt. St. Joseph, OH 45051

Sandra Sofia, 46881 Robin Road, Woodsfield, OH 43793 (740) 472-1044

David Steffy, 1465 Bailey Chapel Road, Beaver, OH 45613 (740) 289-3499 email: [eagles@ohiohills.com](mailto:eagles@ohiohills.com)

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note a change of email address for Judy Leeson to [redlee@hughes.net](mailto:redlee@hughes.net).

PRAYERS FOR THE BROOK FAMILY – Treasurer, Sulayne Brooks’s husband was in a serious car accident earlier this week. He is in intensive care at Ruby Memorial with severe head injury and multiple broken bones. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### SOMETHING NEW TO STIR OUR ARTISTIC GROWTH

Something new and exciting - on February 14 welcomed the launch of the all-new “Interactive Artist Magazine”. This is an online magazine committed to providing you with creative inspiration and information, right at your fingertips 24/7. Created and presented by D & A Publishing. Many of you already know CEO/Publisher Dawn Knowles from her years of work with Martin F. Weber Company. Dawn has created a new company and its first major project is this magazine. Our own Kitty Gorrell is Editor in Chief so you will be seeing updates on the magazine often. I subscribed to this inventive new magazine and I can honestly tell you that is an exceptional educational tool for those who want to continue their growth in their artistic endeavors. Visit [www.InteractiveArtistMagazine.org](http://www.InteractiveArtistMagazine.org) today!

#### GRUMBACHER NEWSLETTER

Grumbacher company has launched a new newsletter geared to educating artists. There are articles concerning products and much more. You can check it out at [www.Grumbacherart.com](http://www.Grumbacherart.com).

#### NEWS FROM DEBORAH WEAVER

Deborah had a suggestion for encouraging painters to attend class. She is a volunteer at the Dundee Senior Center in Carpentersville, IL. They use a punch card system for painters who attend class. Students receive a punch card with 10 punches worth \$15.00. The card is punched every time they attend class. For this fee students provide their own supplies. The center also provides storage lockers for their supplies. Deborah is there only to assist as students pursue their own creations. This idea could be incorporated for school students or church groups. The idea is endless. The cost of the card is paid upfront and if they don’t attend, nothing is lost. Once the card is full they purchase a new card. Thanks Deborah for the great idea.

#### GEORGIA DANGEL CLASSES – Sardis, OH

I will be teaching an oil painting class entitle “Fall Leaves” at Georgia’s on Fri and Sat. October 9 & 10th. Contact Georgia at (740) 483-1811. (Georgia doesn’t have email – DAN!) or write to 49675 Dangel Lane, Sardis, OH 43946.

#### NEWS FROM DEBBIE NEES – Basye, VA

Debbie is proud to announce that her painting “Jesus Ascending” was presented to her church in time for Ascension and was dedicated at the Sunday service. The painting depicted Jesus 5’ x 7’ lifesize. “It was

a Lenten journey and something I could do in these economic times.” Her husband built the frame and wrapped the canvas around the frame so no outer frame was needed. “I can’t tell you the anatomy books that were strewn on the floor to help me get proportions and body parts “right”. Wonderful donation, Debbie!

#### SEASCAPE CERTIFICATION SEMINAR

Paul Joseph Lamoureux sent an announcement to Carol Earle about the exciting new 3-level seascape certification program to be held in Florida from January 11 – 29, 2010. Teacher is Joyce Ortnier. Location – Best Western Castillo Del Sol Hotel on the beach in Ormond Beach, Daytona, Florida. The price for a room with 2 queen beds, refrigerator, microwave and balcony overlooking the beach is for \$59.95 per night. . For more information, contact Francine Henderson at (813) 855-6773. (I happen to own two video tapes of Joyce’s programs from many years ago that were excellent instruction on painting waves and water foam. I still review today. Mandy)

#### ARTISTS UNITED ANNUAL CONVENTION

Artist United, a non-profit national art group, will hold the 2010 Annual Convention at Gatlinburg, TN April 21 – 24. Teachers will be Mark Polomhak and Marie Merritt. You can visit their website [www.AUartists.org](http://www.AUartists.org) or email [artunited@comporium.net](mailto:artunited@comporium.net). You may also call Mary Stephenson at (803) 329-1928 evenings, if you are interested in becoming a member or attending the Convention.

#### TEAM WEBSITE

If you haven’t visited the Teachers and Educators of Art Materials (TEAM) you are really missing a treat. This is a great way to find out what the other regions are offering in classes and educational seminars. Contact members in other regions. Newsletters from other regions. This is a wonderful place to update or add your own website. Smokey and Harold have done an outstanding job of dressing up this website. It is very professional and user friendly. The website address is [www.artteachers.org](http://www.artteachers.org). If you have questions about setting up your site, you can contact Smokey at [beareart@gmail.com](mailto:beareart@gmail.com) or Harold Champagne at [hchampagne@bellsouth.net](mailto:hchampagne@bellsouth.net). They are really wonderful in answering questions and helping computer illiterate people like me.

Thanks to all that have provided information for this newsletter. If there is anyone among our members who would like to take on the task of writing these newsletters, I would appreciate the help.

Please pay your dues, take a class, share the knowledge and keep the paint flowing.

President, Mandy Steele

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## OPTIMISM

I would like to share this with you as someone sent it to me when I was a little down about the state of the economy and life in general.

A 92-year old, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by 8:00, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smile sweetly when told his room was ready. As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window. I love it, he stated with the enthusiasm of an 8-year old having just been presented with a new puppy. "Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room, just wait." That doesn't have anything to do with it, he replied. Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged... it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away. Just for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in. So, my advice is to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories!

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more
5. Expect Less

This is a good sentiment to live by.

## BALLOT FOR SECRETARY FOR GREAT LAKES REGION

TERM: 2010 – 2013

I NOMINATE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR SECRETARY

In order to nominate and vote for this position you must be member in good standing having paid your dues for 2009. Email to Carol Hoffman at [ChoffmanArt@who.rr.com](mailto:ChoffmanArt@who.rr.com) or by calling (419) 547-8610 or Mandy Steele at (304) 333-2290 or [mandysartworks@earthlink.net](mailto:mandysartworks@earthlink.net) if you can't reach Carol. Due by Sept. 1.

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Signature of Member