

TEACHERS & EDUCATORS of ART MATERIALS
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Years Celebration. 2007 came and went so fast I couldn't keep up with it. TIME!! /where does it go? What did I do with it? Health, family, jobs, stress seem to occupy so much of our time these days. Hopefully 2008 will be a kinder and gentler year.

MINUTES FROM THE FALL 2007 MEETING

President Mandy Steele called the September 7, 2007 meeting to order at 6:30pm at North Bend Lodge, WV. She welcomed 15 members and 1 guest.

Minutes were read and approved from the 2006 fall meeting. The Treasurer Report was give by Sulayne Brooks.

Old Business: President Mandy thanked the members who brought items for the Silent Auction for the Member Benefit Fund.

Motion was made by Sulayne to send our one time gift from this fund to Member Wayne Glenn who is undergoing Chemo. Doni Adam seconded the motion. Motion approved. President Mandy reported that due to low registration our Spring 07 workshop and meeting was cancelled.

New Business: President Mandy reported that TEAM would have a new Certification Program. It will be using 4 North Light Books and for more information to notify Este Rayle.

Nomination forms for expiring term of Secretary for Fall 2008 2010 will be sent out to members by Secretary, Carol Hoffman. Voting ballots will be sent out before Fall Meeting and opened at HCH 2008.

Spring meeting may be at Newcomers Town in May at Judy Leeson's Mark Polomchak watercolor seminar. Motion by Doni to use money from our funds to offset fees for members who attend. Nancy Clark seconded motion. President Mandy and officers will make final arrangements on motion.

Guest Donna Wells reported on GA Artist United information for April 23-27, 2008. Kitty Gorrell, Mark Polomchak and Donna Wells are teaching.

North East Regional Team will be meeting June 9 14, 2008 in Maine. Mandy stated she wished all our regions could get together more.

Past President Doni Adam thanked members of GRL for her cards and gift. The rhododendron is just beautiful and she enjoys the flowers.

Nancy Clark asked for more information on the Grant Program we heard about at HCH. This program has all art teachers and students thinking about how they can improve themselves with the help of State Grants. Contact Jeff Pierson, Director of Arts, WV division of Culture and History.

Member Georgia Dangel stated she is teaching now. Classes will be listed in the newsletter.

Carol Hoffmans Article from local newspaper was passed around about being scenic artist for Bowling Green Firelands College Theatre Program. Carol has been doing theatre backdrops and stage painting for 13 years along with make-up and props designed.

Meeting was closed at 7:15pm and President Mandy thanked everyone for attending.

Members attending: Doni Adam Sulayne Brooks, Jerry Carpenter, Nancy Clark, Georgia Dangel, Kitty Gorrell, Carol Hoffman, Carol Horst, Mary Lauck, Verna Schwartz, Mandy Steele, Doreen Tedrick, Linda VanDyke, Hazel Small, Aileen Grattan. Guest Donna Wells. Submitted by Secretary, Carol Hoffman 9/7/07.

2008 DUES ARE DUE

Dont let this be your last contact with GRL and TEAM. Send your \$15.00 dues to GLR c/o Sulayne Brooks, 69 Mahlon Street, Shinnston, WV 26431. Make checks payable to Great Lakes Region. Please send the registration form at the end of the newsletter or provide the information on the form. We will be updating our files to send to TEAM to place on the Website.

Dues received so far for 2008 are as follows: Jane Wittes, Carol Weekly, Jerry Carpenter, Mary Moore, Yvonne Reusser, Mandy Steele, Betty (Bebe Bold) and Thurmond Frazier, Brenda Anders, Sulayne Brooks, Doni Adams, Mary Lauck, Verna Schwartz, Nancy Clark, Georgia Dangel, Carol Hoffman, Hazel Small, Linda VanDyke, Carol Horst, Doreen Tedrick, and Aileen Grattan.

SPRING MEETING 2008

Judy Leeson will be holding the Mark Polomchak seminar May 14-17. At the GLR fall meeting we voted to hold the spring meeting in conjunction with this seminar at Judy's. The seminar will be held at the Hampton Inn in Newcomerstown, OH. Judy has arranged special rates for anyone attending the seminar. Just tell the hotel you are with the WATERCOLOR GROUP to get the discounted rate. The phone number for the Hampton Inn is (740) 498-9800. There is also a Super 8 near there for a more economical rate but with no discount. Their phone is (740) 498-4116.

Judy is trying to arrange for a banquet at the WINERY to be held on Friday, May 16 where we can dine with Mark, hold our meeting and socialize afterwards in a very nice atmosphere. We must have 20 people to book the banquet. We had also voted to pay a portion of the cost for GLR members to attend Marks class. GLR will pay for one day of the seminar for active members who have paid their dues for 2008 by February 1, 2008. When registering with Judy, let her know that you are a GLR member. Judy will be offering a \$5.00 per class discount for anyone who is taking all four days of classes. Example: you are registering for three days of Mark, your cost will be \$50.00 x 3 = \$150.00. However you will only send

Judy \$100.00 and one day paid by GLR. To take advantage of this offer, you must notify Judy by April 1, 2008.

If you are interested in attending the seminar, please contact Judy ASAP, and she will send you the pictures, hotel information, banquet information, etc. You can reach Judy at (740) 229-1044 or email her at redlee@bright.net. Class size will be limited as other people besides GLR members will be attending this seminar. So don't delay letting her know you are coming and if you will be attending the banquet.

HOMECOMING HUES 2007 - 2008

Kitty and Chuck Gorrell did it again. What a wonderful time we all had. Great classes, Great Teachers, Great Fellowship. What more could you ask for in such a picturesque setting. The art show was exceptional this year. Once again GLR member Georgia Dangel walked away with best of show. Way to go girl! The morning lectures were informative and entertaining. If you were unable to attend 2007, start getting ready now for 2008. Many of us have already signed up and booked our rooms. The offerings for 2008 sound fantastic. There will be something for everyone. Oils, watercolor and acrylics! The teaching staff for this year is Mark Polomchak, Dorothy Dent, Carol Hoffman and Kitty Gorrell. Cant imagine a better selection of styles and experience. If you want your favorite classes, do not wait to register. Classes fill very fast. The 2008 booklet will be on the newly designed website (www.KittyGorrell.com) around January 15. Contact Kitty at (304) 684-7975 or kittygorrellstudio@msn.com.

KITTY GORRELL HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

Quite a few of GLR members took advantage of good food and fun when Kitty held her open house to show off her new studio. It was absolutely beautiful. Chuck and Kitty completed most of the work. One of the high lights of the afternoon was the preview of instructional tapes by Johnnie Liliedahl, which many of us had the opportunity to purchase. The country setting has to be very conducive to painting. Must be why Kittys landscapes are so peaceful. By now you should know that I am not alone in appreciating the talent displayed in Kittys landscapes. We got a sneak preview of her landscape book being published by North Light Books to be released in May 2008. Congratulations Kitty!! We are very proud of you.

CLASS PROMOTIONS

Sulayne Brooks will be opening her studio in Shinnston, WV very soon. She is working Joe harder to get her building ready. Sulayne is a certified Bob Ross instructor in addition to her completion of the Johnnie Liliedahl teacher program. Sulayne just completed a floral seminar at Mandys Artworks in Fairmont. Call Sulayne at (304) 592-0410.

Yvonne Reusser in Woodfield OH hosts an informal workshop 9:00 12:30 every Tuesday, with lunch following. She also has a 4 hr watercolor class by appointment. You can reach Yvonne at (740) 472-5295 or yvonesart@gmn4u.com.

Mandys Artworks will be open for new classes on Tuesday and Thursday beginning in February. Tentative classes include basket making with WV Tamarack artist Helen Efaw. Introduction to Airbrushing with noted artist, Charlie Cowger.

Nancy Clark has moved and is looking for an oil teacher in the Mt. Pleasant area of PA. If you or someone you know offers these let Nancy know.

If anyone else has classes that they would like to have sent along to GLR members, please e-mail me at mandysartworks@earthlink.net.

IN OUR PRAYERS

The power of prayer offers comfort. Many members of Great Lakes Region are in need of your continuing prayers.

Wayne Glenn, please keep Wayne in your prayers as he continues his battle with cancer. Wayne sends his thank you for all you cards, gifts and prayers.

Floyd Hook, long time Alexander and TEAM member had a heart attack in Nov. and underwent By-Pass Surgery. Typical of Floyd he wanted to postpone his surgery until he could teach a class he had scheduled. Now that is called dedication.

Pat Bell, past GLR officer suffered a broken hip and was hospitalized.

Georgia Dangel, Georgia's mother has had such a rough time since Homecoming Hues. She contracted food poisoning that they had a difficult time curing. Then she had a heart attack. She has been in the hospital and nursing home numerous times since October. It became necessary for Georgia to go to Nebraska to stay with her mother indefinitely.

Please keep me informed of anyone who should be added to our prayer line. God does answer prayer.

GAP 2008

Who wouldn't want to paint with four great artists on the beach at Surfside Beach in South Carolina? Well it's very easy to do just that, if you sign up to attend GAP sponsored by Artists United April 23-27, 2008. Paint with Mark Polomchak, Kitty Gorrell, Lynne Pittard, and Donna Wells. You can pay to paint with one or all; the choice is yours. There's a beach party, jam session, treasure hunt and so much more to see and do. For more information contact (803) 329-1928. You can also join Artists United by mailing a check for \$30.00 to P O Box 2631, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS 2008 *If you have paid your dues please send this back or e-mail this form to Mandy so we update our files.*

NAME

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CITY **STATE/ZIP**

PHONE() EMAIL:

DO YOU TEACH (DESCRIBE)

CLASS AND TEACHER SUGGESTIONS

COMMENTS

This came in after the newsletter was mailed out so if you know of any members who do not have email you might pass this along:

Hi Everyone,

Sorry I haven't written and I hope you all had wonderful holidays. We did, quiet but nice.

Well Wayne finished his last chemo treatment, we hope (at Allegheny Valley hospital) last Thursday at one in the morning. We have to wait for 2 or 3 weeks and they will do a pet scan. If the cancer hasn't grown we will proceed with the stem cell treatment. He will be in the hospital for 36 hours where they will put in a new port which will enable them to take out the stem cells and put them back in when it's time. Also they need an extra line in case he gets dehydrated or has any infection. They will put a catheter into his bladder for 24 hours to flush it because the chemo treatment is so strong and they don't want it to crystallize in the bladder. Then he will come home and we will have to go 3 or 4 times a week until they collect enough stem cells. The doctor said sometimes it only takes one or two times. This will be done as an out patient. He will then go into the hospital for 5 days. They will do a spinal tap to make sure the bone marrow is okay. More chemo. This is when they start reentering his own stem cells. The process should take 8 weeks if everything goes okay. The nurse comes twice a week for blood work to make sure his white count is up where it should be and I give him his neupegeon shots after chemo. After treatment the nurse will come every day and he will have to be checked at the hospital. He has done amazingly well through this whole ordeal. His spirits are high. Some days he feels better than I do. Thank God. Well we are looking forward to getting this over with, getting his strength and hair back. He looks pretty good without it though.

Thank all of you for your prayers and concerns. Please continue to keep Wayne in your prayers. I really think that is why he has been doing so well. Prayers sure make a difference.

Thanks and I will write again.

***Love,
Kath and Wayne***