

TEACHERS & EDUCATORS of ART MATERIALS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Who Stole the Year? Every day I get up thinking I will get the majority of my “things to do list” accomplished only to find at the end of the day that I haven’t put a dent in it. It just seems like yesterday that I was welcoming in spring. Now I am dreading the weather forecast for that first sign of s*&#@. I guess that we can look forward to the best that 2010 will have to offer. As this will probably be the last newsletter of the year, I would like to take this time to thank all those who have contributed time, talent and support of the Great Lakes Region. To those who have shared their love of painting and creating, I hope you will continue to be blessed. As the holidays approach, I hope you, your family and friends have a safe and happy holiday season.

MINUTES FROM THE FALL MEETING 2009

The fall meeting of Great Lakes Region of TEAM was called to order on Friday, September 11 by President, Mandy Steele. Members attending were Carol Hoffman, Nancy Clark, Lou Ann Reckley, Mary Lauck, Linda VanDyke, Nancy VanCuren, Norma Kessler, Georgia Dangel, Shari VanBramer, Marlene Moose and Mandy Steele. Nancy VanCuren made a motion to approve the minutes from the spring meeting that were published in the newsletter. Nancy Clark seconded. Motion carried. The treasurer’s report was presented by the President in the absence of the Treasurer, Sulayne Brooks. Classes were announced by teachers of GLR.

New Business: Mary Lauck made a motion that a check for \$50.00 from our Members Benefit fund be sent to Sulayne Brooks to help with expenses incurred from the terrible accident that her husband, Joe had in August. Linda VanDyke seconded. The motion carried. Nominations were accepted from the floor for the 2010 – 2013 Treasurer position. Sulayne Brooks was nominated, seconded and approved as the new treasurer.

Georgia Dangle announced the dates for Dorothy Dent’s class to be held April 20 – May 1 to be held in Hannibal, OH. The members voted to hold the annual Spring Meeting on Friday, April 30. Once again members will be receiving a \$50 credit toward this class is their dues are paid by January 1, 2010.

Lou Ann Reckley suggested we look into creating a Tri-Fold about Great Lakes Region. The officers agreed to looking into it. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

2010 DUES

2010 Dues are due. Mail \$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.

MEMBERS PAID DUES:

Members who paid their dues at HCH for 2010 are: Shari VanBramer, Marlene Moose, Norma Kessler, Linda VanDyke, Nancy VanCuren, Mary Lauck, Sulayne Brooks (2010 & 2011), Mandy Steele, Nancy Clark, Lou Ann Reckley, Connie Frye, Lyda Virden, Mary Moore, Carol Horst, Doni Adams and Ilene Grattan. If I missed anyone, please let me know. If you want to take advantage of the class discount in 2010 – don't forget to pay your dues by January 1.

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.

SPRING MEETING.

Get out your calendars and mark the dates April 29 – May 1 at Hilltop Community Building, Hannible, OH. Dorothy Dent will be offering a different painting each day. I don't have to tell most of you what a wonderful teacher Dorothy is. The class on Saturday will actually offer two paintings for the price of one. Georgia will be accept reservations for these classes. More information will be available after the first of the year. Contact Georgia at (740) 483-1811 or write to 49675 Dangel Lane, Sardis, OH 43946. REMEMBER if your dues are paid by January you will get a \$50.00 credit toward one of these classes. The GLR Spring meeting will be held on Friday, April 30 following dinner at the community building.

Homecoming Hues Painting Retreat – North Bend State Park, WV

Wow! If you missed it, I'm sorry. If you were there wasn't it great? Kitty and Chuck Gorrell really work very hard to make this event wonderful. Teachers Mark Polomchak, Dorothy Dent, Kathy George, Carol Hoffman and Kitty were excellent. Everyone had such a wonderful time. The Batiking that Kathy introduced this year was a nice new addition. North Bend State Park is such a peaceful setting for this venue and the staff bends over backward to make everyone feel at home. Next year in addition to Mark and Dorothy, Brenda Harris will be joining the teaching staff. Kitty and Carol may be offering additional classes as well. So much talent in one place. GRL region donated a gift basket that represented the states attending members came from. Thank you so much to all who contributed to this basket. In appreciation for all that Kitty has done for GLR, we presented Kitty with a hand painted goose painted by Carol Hoffman. It was really beautiful. Thank you Carol. Winner's of this years Art Show was Third Place – Mandy Steele, Second Place – Betty Allen, First Place – Mandy Steele; Best of Show and People's Choice – Nancy VanCuren. There were many beautiful pieces of art work from all over the country. I do hope more of you will be able to join us next year – Sept. 7 – Sept 12, 2010.

PRAYERS FOR THE BROOK FAMILY – Treasurer, Sulayne Brooks's husband, Joe

Continues to slowly improve from his serious auto accident in August. The last update that I received said that Joe was being transferred back to Ruby Hospital in Morgantown this week. I am sure that this is a relief for Sulayne as that weekly drive to Pittsburgh was taking a tremendous toll emotionally, physically and financially. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. Since I typed this, Joe will be coming home this week. Lots of rehab will be needed so keep up the prayers.

CLASSES AT GEORGIA DANGELS

Mark Polomchak – June 30, July 1

Kathy George – August 25 & 26

Contact Georgia at (740) 483-1811 or write to 49675 Dangel Lane, Sardis, OH 43946.

NEWS FROM DEBBIE NEES – Basye, VA

Debbie was hosted at a “Meet The Artist” exhibit in conjunction with a wine tasting of the Cave Ridge Vineyard in Mt. Jackson, VA. Wine, music and a very talented artist. What more could you ask for.

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 Polomchak and Marie Merritt. I will be taking a second vacation this year to attend. The event sounds great in a wonderful area of our country. The paintings by Mark and Marie are exceptional. You can visit their website www.AUartists.org or email 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 – NEW FACE LIFT

The TEAM Website wizards are Smokey Beare-Spencer, Harold Champagne, and Ollie Trawick are our “dynamic trio”. They have put their exceptional talents together and created a new and innovative website for our regions. 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. I think our web gurus deserve a very special pat on the back. Especially since they do all this computer work on a volunteer basis. Now that it was I call TEAM dedication. It is very professional and user friendly. The website address is www.artteachers.org. If you have questions about setting up your site, you can contact Smokey at beareart@gmail.com or Harold Champagne at hchampagne@bellsouth.net . They are really wonderful in answering questions and helping computer illiterate people like me.

TEAM WEBSITE EXCITEMENT

The new addition that I am excited about is the availability of pattern packets from artists throughout TEAM will soon be available. Teachers can submit one packet to the webteam. A new packet will be posted on line each month and the old one will be archived. You must be a TEAM member available by password only. If you teach these projects, credit should be given to the original artist. If you are interested in submitting a packet to share, send it to webteam@artteachers.org. Subject: Website. As soon as it is ready they will send this year's password with a brief note on "how to". I am really looking forward to this new addition.

NEWS FROM CAROL EARLE

2010 TEAM PONY EXPRESS ART SHOW – sponsored by the TEAM -Western Region is open to all national tea members. Basis information is submit 5x7 photo of your art work. No frame in picture. Entry fee is \$5.00 for each submission with a limit of 2 per member. Divisions are 1. Oil/acrylic 2. Watermedia 3. Pastels 4. Graphics/pencil/pen/ink. Categories: landscape, seascape, animal/wildlife/birds, Portraits, Floral, Cityscape. Dead line for mail-in is January 20, 2010. Make checks payable to Carol Earle Western TEAM with memo of Pony Express Art Show. Place the check in the envelop with the pictures of your art work. Mail to Roy Gould, 1048 E. Walnut, Glendora, CA 91741-3664. Include a self-addressed envelope to receive your pictures back. Art Show will be held o Feb. 25, 2010. If you have any more questions, you can email Carol at carolearle@sbcglobal.net or (209) 380-6288.

TEAM NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

The 2010 Northeast Conference will be held at the Acadia Birches Knights Inn in Ellsworth, ME June 23 – 26. Teachers will be Brenda Harris and Mark Polomchak. For more details, you can go to the TEAM website and check it out. It sounds like a really great time.

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.

SHARE THE NEWS

Do you have classes to promote, news to share, or interesting stories, good art websites to share, please send them to me.

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

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