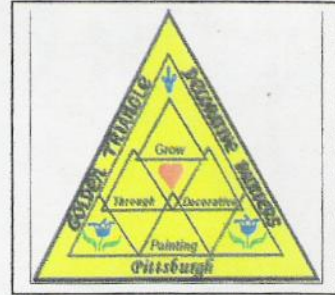




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*Let's Keep in Touch*

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Can you believe this is almost a year of this pandemic? I've really missed getting together with all of you. I hope now that we have a vaccination, we may be able to get together soon.

I want to thank all of you for helping me to do my job as Newsletter Editor and helping to keep us together by sending me photos of your works during this pandemic. I love seeing all of your works.

Our March meeting has been cancelled. We're still under restrictions. Let's keep our fingers crossed things will be better and we can have the May meeting.

Stay tuned to the April Newsletter for information about the Sherry Nelson Seminar.

I know it means more clutter for your home but please continue saving jars for me. I was able to give almost 200 jars to Animal Friends in 2019 but so far this year I only have 80. Animal Friends have been involved in supplying food for pets to those who can't afford it so if you think you can afford it, send them a donation. Maybe next year we can collect more jars and beat our past donations. Thank

you 

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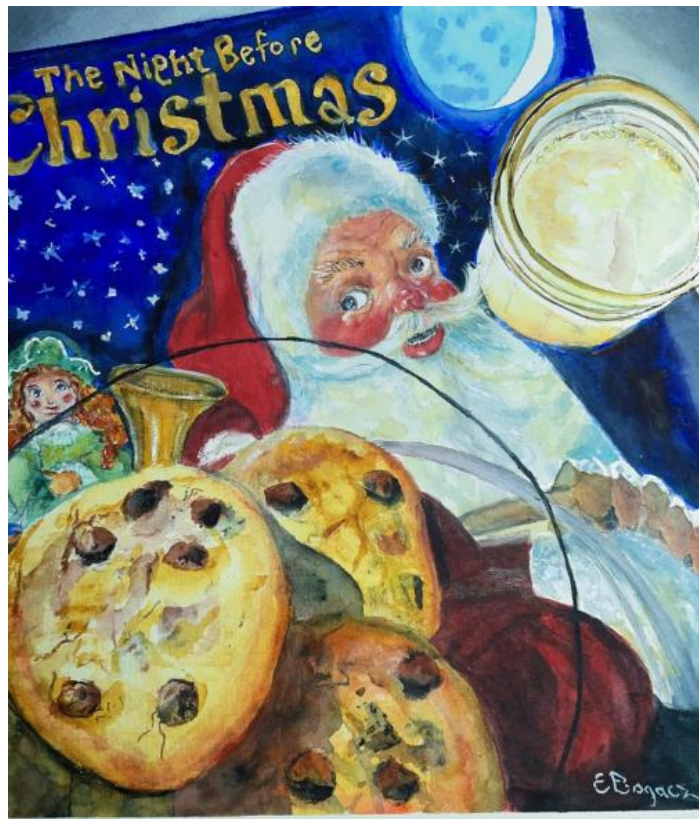
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Painting friends-- as I sit here on the cold winter day I hope you are all well and keeping safe and warm. I have received both of my doses of the Covid vaccine and I am hoping in the near future you will as well so we can get back together to do what we do best--paint. Last week we had a zoom board meeting and passed the budget as well as decided on the projects for the Sherry Nelson seminar. Those projects will be posted as soon as we finalize everything. Of course a lot still depends on the Covid situation as well as the CDC guidelines at that particular time. Have any of you been taking any zoom classes? I have taken a few classes from Creative Innovations on Facebook. It is a site run by Debbie Cole and you are required to join at no cost. Once they accept you, you will be able to take classes from various artists, some are actually free. I will be taking a class from Maureen Baker on February 25 ,2025. It is a free class and I chose to buy her packet, but that was not required, you could just observe if you choose too. We will make a decision about the March meeting soon, so please keep an eye out for Rosemary's messages. Take care and I hope to see all of you soon

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## Eileen Bogacz



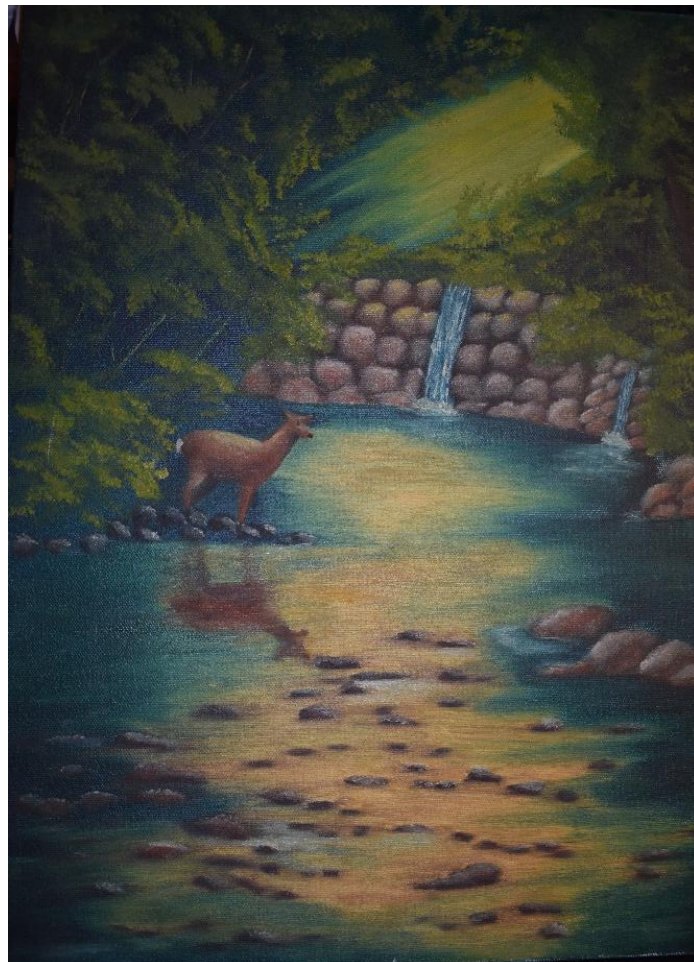


Rosemary Habers





Bill Habers



Dorothy Hoffman



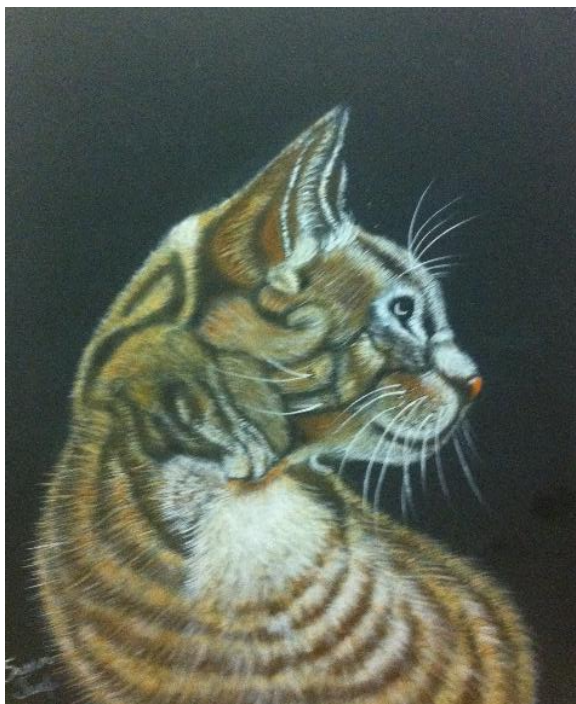


Susan Jaap





## Susan Jaap (Cont'd)





Kelly Jasko





**Marjorie Morris**



**Monica Schallenberger**



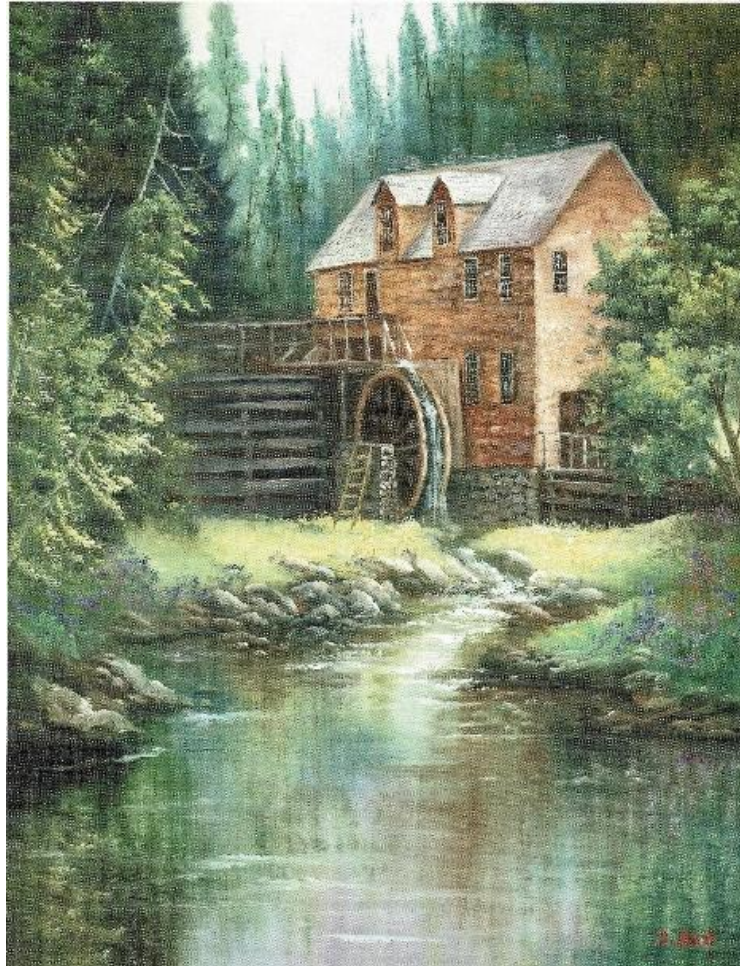


**Mandy Steele**





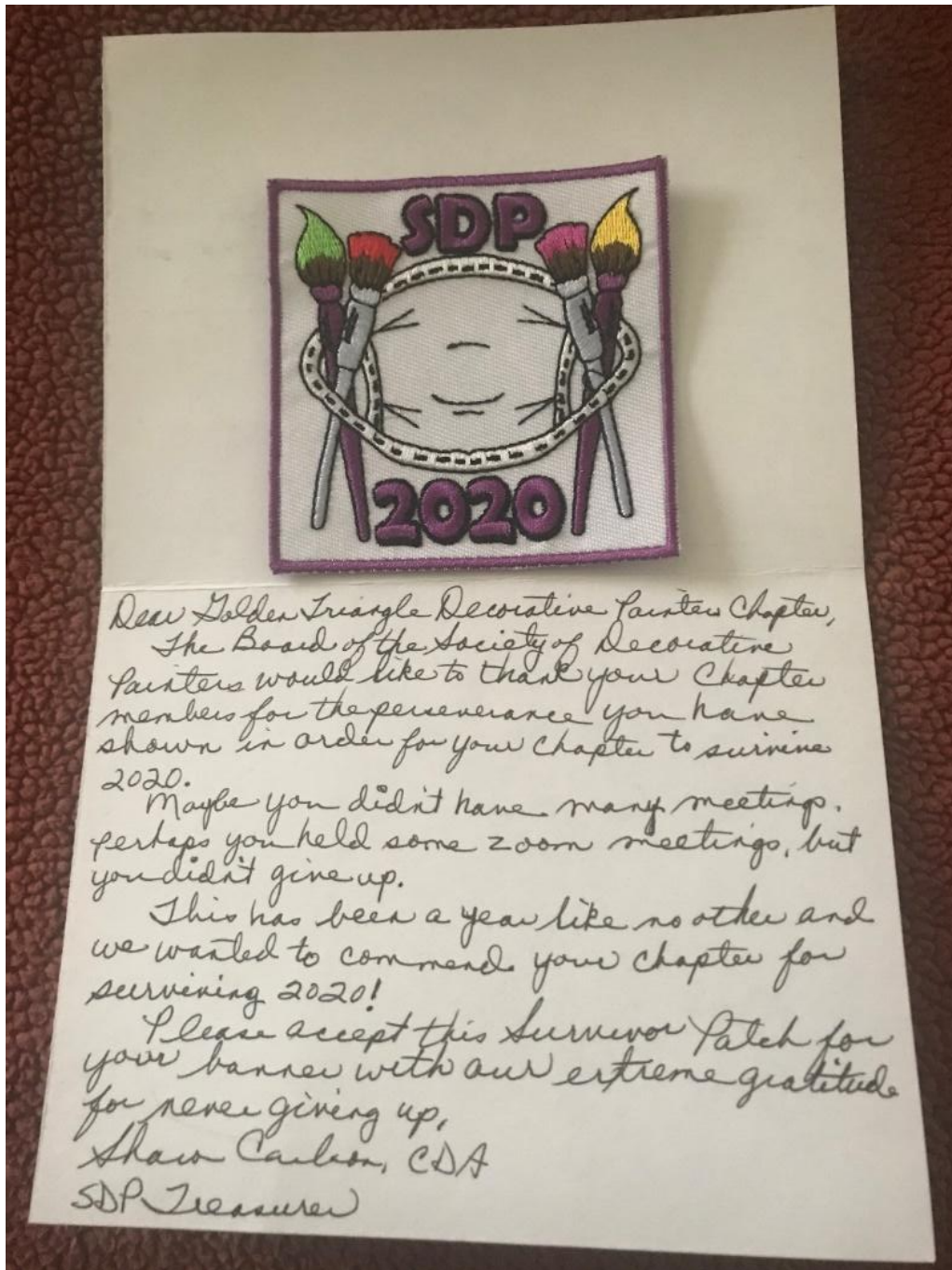
## Mandy Steele (Cont'd)





## SPECIAL NEWS

GTDP was awarded the below special badge for continuing our chapter during the pandemic of 2020.



## PROGRAM

Chairman – Cindie Martincic

**September 16-19, 2021**

Keep an eye out for news on the Sherry Nelson Seminar in the April Newsletter.

## General Tips

Try cleaning scratches on glass or plexiglass with toothpaste

When using picture wire to hang a framed piece, wrap tape around the wire at the center to prevent slipping.

Soak spray can nozzles in nail polish remover to unclog.

Make small nail holes along the inside rim of varnish or sealer cans. When wiping the excess from the brush will run back into can.

Clip the corners off junk mail envelopes and use them as page markers by slipping them over the corner of the page. Write the name of the pattern on the corner for easy reference.

For a quick brush prop fold a thin piece of cardboard in half length-wise and cut 4 or 5 diamond shaped notches along the folded edge. Lay your brushes in the notches to keep them from rolling around while painting.

Spread a little Vaseline inside the cap of a new tube of paint to prevent sticking.

To touch up a scratched or damaged frame make a paste from instant coffee and a small amount of water and rub in with a soft rag.

Prop wet paintings in upright position to dry. It's harder for dust and grungies to settle on an upright surface.

To locate rough spots in a "smooth" surface slip your hand into an old nylon stocking and rub across surface. Rough spots will snag on the nylon.



# Painting on Wood

To strip old wood, choose a paint and varnish remover with a thick consistency to avoid messy drips. Use only in well ventilated areas.

After using remover to strip old wood neutralize the surface with denatured alcohol and sand lightly to smooth.

To fill knotholes or depressions, using wood putty fill the layers higher than the surface since the putty may shrink then sand smooth.

Be careful your hand does not create swirls in the wood when you reach the end of the sanding stroke. Instead of making a “U-turn” at the edge of the wood, let the sandpaper run straight off the wood.

Wrap your sandpaper around a small board (2” X 3”) this will make sanding easier.

If your surface is too slick for painting after sealing you applied too much sealer. Sand off some of the existing sealer

If your wood feels “fuzzy” after sealing and sanding, apply a second coat of sealer then sand with #0000 (4 ought) steel wool.

To sand hard to reach areas, fold the sandpaper in use. The creased edge gets down in the thin ridges or use an emery board or wrap sandpaper around a pencil to sand in concave areas

If a dent in the wood is too deep to sand away moisten the dented area with water and hold a hot steam iron close to the surface and the wood will raise immediately. Let dry then sand.

## "Ode to Getting Old"

Just a line to say I'm living, That I'm not among the dead Though I'm getting more forgetful And something's slipping in my head;

I got used to arthritis, To my dentures I'm resigned. I can manage my bifocals, But oh, how much I miss my mind.

For sometimes I cannot remember When I stand atop the stairs, If I must go down for something Or if I've just come up from there.

And before the fridge, so often My mind is filled with nagging doubt. Have I just put food away, or Have I come to take some out.

I called a friend not long ago, When they answered I just moaned. I hung up quickly without speaking, For I'd forgotten who I'd phoned.

And when the darkness falls upon me I stand alone and scratch my head. I don't know if I'm retiring, Or just getting out of bed?

Once I stood in my own bathroom, Wondering if I'd used the pot. I flushed it just in case I had And sat down just in case I'd not.

So, now if it's my turn to write you. There's no need for getting sore It may be that I think I've written And don't need to write no more.

Now I stand beside the mail box With a face so very red Instead of mailing you the letter I have opened it instead.

Author Unknown



## ***Editor's 2¢ worth***

### **BASKET LUNCHEON**

Chairman – Karen Pagasky – See you next year

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Chairman – Pat Jinkens – Know someone who needs a card let Pat know

### **HOSPITALITY**

Chairman – Susan Jaap – Will let you know before next meeting

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie – *A motion was made and passed that the dues paid in 2020 will be carried over to 2021. New National cards have been sent out. Please e-mail or snail mail a copy to Rosemary*

### **POINTS**

Chairman – Karen Pagasky – A motion was made and passed by the Board that all points given out in January 2020 will be honored for 2021 classes *with exception of the Sherry Nelson Seminar.*

### **RECORDING SECRETARY**

Recording Secretary – Laura Angelo – No Meeting, no minutes

### **SERVICE**

Chairman – Carol D'Abruzzo -Took a box home to paint? Return it to Carol at the next Meeting.

Please continue saving jars for me. Thank you 

### **TREASURER**

Rosemary Habers - *I have NO checks to be deposited. Checks written for my canceled class will be returned next meeting.*

### **WAYS & MEANS**

Chairman – Jeanne Delbusso - No Meeting, no raffles.

## BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

01 Gail Bodkin  
25 Ellen Belisle

### FEBRUARY

04 Karen Pagasky  
07 Gwen Bonomo  
18 Mary Ann Dunbar  
25 Marjorie Morris

### MARCH

07 Carol D'Abruzzo  
13 Mandy Steele  
16 Dominique Nashed  
17 Donetta Brunette  
19 Pat Stepko  
25 Laura Angelo

### APRIL

03 Sharon Henson  
11 Eileen Bogacz  
27 Debbie Miller  
28 Gerry Dille

### MAY

08 MaryAnn Yurus  
31 Rosemarie Geer

### JUNE

08 Sandra Camarota  
25 Rosalie Piccola  
28 Linda Wyke

### JULY

01 Marjorie Orlandini  
10 Jennie Delbusso

### AUGUST

02 Debbie Shillingburg  
14 Linnea Ondick  
20 Val Vandenberghe  
26 Dolores Khalouf  
Miranda Scanlon

### SEPTEMBER

16 Rosemary Habers  
22 Cindie Martincic  
23 Ciara Wagner  
25 Sharon Livingood  
28 Rosann Wagner

### OCTOBER

12 Pat Diettrich  
26 Virg Simmons

### NOVEMBER

02 Debra Valentino  
09 Bill Habers  
16 Monica Schallenberger  
24 Ruby Dunlap  
28 Joan Schneider  
30 Rhonda Gillespie





### DECEMBER

07 Paulette Caldwell  
09 Pat Jenkins  
13 Susan Jaap  
23 Judy Shuba  
30 Carol Neth



## 2019 BOARD MEMBERS

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	E-V	Recording Secretary:	<b>Laura Angelo</b>	724-785-5592
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	A-NV	Parliamentarian:	<b>Mandy Steele</b>	304-216-8683
	A-NV	Service:	<b>Carol D'Abruzzo</b>	412-881-1208
	A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon:	<b>Karen Pagasky</b>	724-947-5290

**E** – Elected      **A** – Appointed    **V** – Voting      **NV** – Non-Voting

### **2020 Calendar of Events**

March 21	Canceled
May 16	TBA
July 2021	TBA
September 16-19	Sherry Nelson - TBA
November 21	TBA

**Meetings are held at the: I.O.O.F Hall**  
**3684 Finleyville-Elrama Rd.**  
**Finleyville, Pa. 15332**

**Doors open one half hour before the class start time.**

**Visit the Chapters website at [GTDP.org](http://GTDP.org)**