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Happy Birthday GTDP

(We couldn't wait to eat it!)

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We had a wonderful turnout in January for the painting of the Walker Bags. We really do have a wonderful, talented, giving group of members. All the bags turned out beautifully.

We have Sandra Camarota doing an alcohol ink project at the March Meeting. It's great to have her teaching again at Chapter. Remember you need to bring canned air to do the project.

I hope all of you are looking forward to the Sherry Nelson Seminar. We will be prepping the surfaces after Sandra's class at the March Meeting. Those of you taking these classes please bring 4 sponge rollers with you. It's unbelievable that we can take classes from a national teacher for only \$30. There are non-members on the waiting list that are willing to pay \$75 for this class and think it's a bargain. Just remember if you're on the list and have not paid **in full** yet you need to get payment in before April 1st or you will be removed from the list and the next person on the waiting list will be given your spot. GTDP will be taking a HUGE loss on this and the other scheduled National Teachers so we should not be expected to take a further loss by holding a space for a no-show who didn't pay when we could easily have filled that spot.

Rosemary Habers
2018 Newsletter Editor
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It was so difficult to start off the year with the passing of my wonderful headstrong friend Debbie Carosone. Debbie's dedication to GTDP was evident in her generosity for events, fund raisers, programs, board positions, retreat. Even in the hospital, she was concerned about the basket luncheon and what she would be able to do. She set an example for each of us to strive for to make GTDP a great organization. To her, membership equaled contributing time and talent. Many hands make a task much easier.

We have many opportunities over the next several months to contribute to our Chapter. At the March meeting Jeanne would appreciate donations to Ways and Means, Cindi would appreciate helpers for the lunches and of course the scrumptious treats that members donate for desserts. Don't forget you can now bring a few items to sell instead of waiting until the July trunk sale.

Our annual Basket Luncheon is coming up April 15. So far 41 members have paid dues for 2018. Each and every one can contribute in some manner to the success of this event. We are limited to 180 in attendance. If each of you would attend and bring 4 people we would have a sellout. It would be great to have at least 25 nice door prizes - value at least \$10. Last year I believe we had 29 basket creations. So far there will be 4 big raffle items. Every member of GTDP can contribute in some manner. I am very grateful to Rose Marie Geer and her daughter Rosie for chairing this event.

From there we continue on thru the year with excellent teachers and classes. Please remember if you signed up for Sherry Nelson that the money must be paid in full by April 1 since we have several non-members on the waiting list. The board has been very mindful of member benefits as we price classes. Never will you be able to take a class with International Instructor, Sherry Nelson for \$30 or \$40 a day, plus we are providing the paint palettes which would normally cost \$4.00 a day. We will be prepping surfaces for her classes after painting with Sandra at the March meeting. Surface and base coating paint will be available for each class in March. **Please bring 4 roller brushes with you if you signed up.**

A very special thank you to all who painted walker bags for the Veterans. I didn't have to teach because everyone just jumped in and did a great job. Everyone just helped each other, it was so nice to see. Thank you Carol D'Abruzzo for stepping up with some great service projects this year.

I leave you with – Tomorrow is never promised. Live each day as if it was your last and the memories that you want to leave behind. It's all about choices.

Mandy Steele
2018 President

BASKET LUNCHEON

Chairman – Rosemarie Geer

Editor's 2¢ worth: The theme for the Luncheon is "Birds 'N Blooms". We will be having painted clay pots for centerpieces with live flowers. Clay pots were distributed at the January meeting. If you took one to paint please give it to Rosemarie at the March Meeting. Also, if you can paint a door prize bring it to the March Meeting as well.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Chairman – Danny Porterfield

Editor's 2¢ worth: If you know of anyone who needs a card please let Danny know

DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

No Report.

HOSPITALITY

Chairman – Cindy Martincic

Editor's 2¢ worth Bring a favorite dish.

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

Editor's 2¢ worth: Membership books will be handed out at the March meeting. If you noted a mistake in the 2017 Membership Book please contact Rosemary at habersr1@aol.com to let her know. Books will be printed March 13th so get any corrections in before then.

Remember that to be a member in good standing you need to be a member of National. Proof of membership must be shown. National will again be delivering our Membership cards via e-mail in February.

POINTS

Chairman – Rosann Wagner

Editor's 2¢ worth: Points were distributed at the January meeting. If you weren't at the meeting you can pick them up at the March Meeting. Also, remember this is a good time to start keeping track of your points for 2018. If you have any questions feel free to contact Rosann.

Program

Chairman – Laura Angelo

Sandra Camarota Class – March 21, 2018 - Alcohol Inks on tile



The following have signed up for Sandra's class but have not yet paid for the class:

Cindi Martincic
Carol Neth
Rosalie Piccola
Rosann Wagner

Please get your money in as soon as possible. Also remember you need to bring canned air for the project. Please give me a call and let me know if you still want to be in the class.

Editor's 2¢ worth: Class Fee is \$20 which includes tile and box

Class begins at 10:00 doors open at 9:30.

PROGRAM (continued)

Sherry Nelson Seminar May 18, 19, 20, 2018

Friday May 18, 2018 - Luna moth with Tulip



PROGRAM (continued)

Saturday May 19, 2018 - Crystal Candlestick



PROGRAM (continued)

Sunday May 20, 2018 - Towhee



Classes are almost full.

Students are to come to the March meeting and pick up their surfaces. We are going to be prepping them there. There is a fee of \$10 for pattern and 9 X 12 masonite surface on Friday and Saturday and \$9 for pattern and 8 X 10 masonite surface for Sunday.

Any questions, get in touch with me at home or thru email.

*Editor's 2¢ worth: We will be prepping the surfaces for these classes at the March meeting so please bring 4 sponge rollers with you to the meeting along with your pattern and surface fee. It has been announced at several meetings that needed to pay your 2018 dues by December 31, 2017. Your first reward for this is a discounted price is the Sherry Nelson Seminar. Those of you who did pay your dues will pay \$30 per day for class. Those of you who payed after December 31 will be paying \$40 and non-members will be paying \$75 per class. **To take advantage of this price for the Sherry Nelson Seminar you MUST have paid in full by APRIL 1, 2018.***

Next Classes included in this special pricing are:

Liz Miller	July 13, 14, 15, 2018
Mark Polomchak	September 14, 15, 16, 2018

RECORDING SECRETARY
Golden Triangle Decorative Painters
January 21, 2018 IOOF Hall, Finleyville

Golden Triangle Decorative Painters business meeting January 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Mandy Steele at 12:45p.m.

The membership said a silent prayer for Debbie Carosone and Robert Caldwell.

Membership – Rhonda Gillespie. There were 33 members present, and no quests. Judy Shuba won the Golden Dollars.

Newsletter – Rosemary Habers.

Susan Jaap made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous business meeting as printed in the newsletter, motion seconded by Danny Porterfield, motion carried. Newsletter reports due the first week of February.

Treasurers Report – Rosemary Habers.

Rosemary gave the Treasurer's Report. Reports were filed with the IRS and National All books have been submitted for audit. All 1099 misc forms have been sent out.

Ways and Means – Jeanne Delbusso. 50/50 drawing won by Bill Habers. Lighted wine bottle donated by Susan Jaap won by Donetta Brunnet. The tray donated by Rosemary Habers was won by Joan Schneider. The snowman donated by Rosann Wagner was won by Rosemarie Geer, jewelry donated by Monica Schallenberger and Jeanne Delbusso was won by Bill Habers, the books wood and stencils donated by Rosemary Habers was won by Judy Shuba, and the colored pencil flowers donated by Ellen Hildenbrand was won by Carol D'Abruzzo.

There was a discussion on bringing various items to sell at each

Recording Secretary – Rosann Wagner. A motion was made by Rhonda Gillespie to table the publication of the 2017 motions, because of the passing of Debbie Carosone. Delores Khalouf seconded the motion, motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary – Danny Porterfield. Cards will be sent to Gail Bodkin and Mary Ann Dunbar.

Points – Rosann Wagner. There were 2134 points turned in for a total of \$537.00 in Golden Dollars.

Programs – Laura Angelo. March meeting will be Sandra Camarota She will be teaching a box with alcohol inks. Cost \$20. The May meeting will be Sherry Nelson. Friday--Luna Moth, Saturday—Candlestick, Sunday—Towhee Bird. Classes will be cut off at 30 students. Cost is For membership---if dues paid by Dec.31,2017---each class will be \$30, After Dec.31, 2017,\$40. Non Members \$75.

Doors will open for Sherry's class at 8:30 and painting will begin at 9.

Regular meetings—doors will open at 9:30 with painting to begin at 10.

Service – Carol D'Abruzzo. Walkers bags were painted. We will collect jars for the animal shelter.

No old business.

New business;

Basket luncheon – Rosemarie Geer. Theme is Birds 'n Blooms, April 15, 2018 at the Fairview Firehall Sunset Room. Doors open at 12:00, lunch at 1:00. Laura is in charge of tickets, cost is \$20. Centerpieces were passed out. Maryann Yurus is in charge of baskets. We will only sell 179 tickets. Rosie Lang is in charge of door prizes. Part of the profits from the basket Luncheon will go to charity.

Retreat – No Chairman. The retreat will be held on October 18-21, 2018 at the Antiochian Village, Ligonier. This may be our last retreat there as the costs will go up next year by \$50.00. The theme is **Sail Away**, banquet chairpersons are Ellen Belisle and Debbie Miller.

Pat Stepko thanked the board for all they do.

Mandy told the membership the late Ellen Hildenbrand, in her will, has donated a class by Cheryl Rol for the members. Once the estate is settled the class will be scheduled.

Mandy talked about the funeral service for Debbie Carosone. In time her “stash” will be donated to GTDP by her family.

The budget was presented to the membership. Maryann Yurus made a motion to pass the proposed budget and Marjorie Morris seconded, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rosann Wagner, Recording Secretary.

RETREAT

Cindie Martincic

Editor's 2¢ worth: The 2018 Retreat will be October 18th – 21st. The theme is “Sail Away”. Mark your calendars NOW. Rosann will be sending out Teacher Letter soon. If you haven't taught in the past but want to give it a try, contact her at rvwagner75@comcast.net.

SERVICE

Chairman – Carol D'Abruzzo

Editor's 2¢ worth: We will be doing something different this year for service projects. We will still be doing walker bags for the veterans but we are starting 2 new projects. One, this year ALL the money from Ways & Means sales in 2018 will be collected and donated to St Jude's and second, any profit from the Basket Luncheon will be used to purchased toiletries for the woman's shelter. In addition to the walker bags the Animal Friends project will be continued. Please bring your saved jars, painted or unpainted, to any Chapter meeting and give them to Rosemary. Thank you.



What a wonderful turnout we had to paint walker bags.

SPECIAL NEWS



It is with the heaviest heart that I must report the passing of a dear friend, Debbie Carosone. Debbie loved life and her family and friends. Despite many medical problems she always had an ear to listen, a kind word for her friends and a smile that made you think everything would be OK.

Debbie was a valued member of GTDP joining in 1997. She was Recording Secretary in 1998, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017; Retreat Chairman in 2000, 2001 and 2002; 2nd VP in 1991 and 2001; Point Chairman in 2002 and 2003; Publicity in 2004; 1st VP in 2005 and 2006; Ways & Means in 2009 and 2010 and Corresponding Secretary in 2007 and 2008. She attended not only our Retreats but Buckeye, Town N Country, Hoot, and National.

Debbie was a talented painter and teacher. I looked forward to seeing Debbie's smiling face as I gave my reports at Meetings. She was not only a great friend but a wonderful person. She is greatly missed.

BIRTHDAYS

February

06 Karen Pagasky
07 Gwen Bonomo
09 Danny Porterfield
18 MaryAnn Dunbar
25 Marjorie Morris

March

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

April

11 Eileen Bogacz
15 Carol Keller
23 Dot Hoffman
28 Gerry Dille

Editor's 2¢ worth: If I miss any of your birthdays let me know.

TREASURER

Rosemary Habers

IMPORTANT: Make sure that ALL checks written for classes, dues, the Basket Luncheon, Retreat, any Chapter activity **MUST** be written to GTDP not the Chairman of the activity.

WAYS & MEANS

Chairman – Jeanne Delbusso

We had five lucky winners at the November Meeting:

Grape wine bottle donated by Susan Jaap

Won by Donetta Burnett

Patience tray donated by Rosemary Habers

Won by Joan Schneider

Wood, books and wood jointed Santa donated by Bill Habers

Won by Judy Shuba

Bracelet donated by Monica Schallenburger and

a 4 leaf clover necklace donated by Jeanne Delbusso

Won by Bill Habers

Snowman and Rabbit Plaque donated by Rosann Wagner

Won by Rosemarie Geer

Ellen Hildenbrand color pencil picture donated by her Estate

Won by Carol D'Abruzzo

Our 50/50 winner was Bill Habers

	RULES	Points	Total
1	Each Board Meeting Attended	6	
2	Serving on the Board: President Elected Officers: 1 st VP, 2 nd VP, Corresponding Secretary Newsletter Editor, Publicity, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Ways and Means Appointed Officers: Hospitality, Parliamentarian, Points System, Service, Special Committees: Decorative Painting Month, Nominating	25 20 10 5	
3	Chapter dues for the following year paid by December 1 st of the current year	1	
4	Bringing a new member into the Chapter	3	
5	Donation of items to the Chapter Ways & Means or Hospitality (1point per \$10 value)	1+	
6	Teaching a make-it/Take-it at Chapter Business meeting	3	
7	One point for each item displayed in any month to promote Decorative Painting Month. Limited to a maximum of 15 Points. (Must provide picture of display to Committee Chair)	1+	
8	SPRING BASKET LUNCHEON a. Chairperson(s) b. Special Committee (Basket Committee, Door Prize Committee, Ticket Committee, etc.) c. Painting a large special raffle project. A maximum of 10 points will be awarded d. Painting a centerpiece e. Donation of a Basket (TOTAL of 20 points) f. Donation of a painted door prize item (1 point per \$10 value). Maximum of 3 points. g. Painting favors 1 point for 5 pieces painted, 3 points for each 10 pieces painted h. Selling Luncheon tickets for Basket Luncheon (1 point for every 10 tickets sold)	20 10 10 5 20 1+ 1+ 1+	
9	RETREAT a. Chairman (Co-Chairing) b. Special Committee Chairman (not co-chairing) c. Special Committee Chairman (co-chairing) d. Working on a special committee e. Donations for goodie bags. (1 point per \$5 value) f. Painting a large raffle item. Maximum of 10 Points awarded g. Painting a Door Sign h. Painting a centerpiece i. Painting favors 1 point for 5 pieces painted, 3 points for each 10 pieces painted	20 10 5 3 1+ 10 5 5 3+	
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2018 POINTS SYSTEM

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	RULES	Points	Total
10	CHRISTMAS PARTY a. Chairman b. Co-Chairman c.. Donation of item to Christmas Party (1 point per \$5 value) <p style="text-align: center;">All donation points awarded are subject to Chairman's approval and validation.</p>	10 5 1+	
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- The "+" means additional quantities






TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR POINTS YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AS DEFINED IN OUR BY-LAWS.

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**POINTS SYSTEM FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY
 DECEMBER 31, 2018**

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	E-V	Treasurer:	Rosemary Habers	412-741-5158
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	A-V	Hospitality:	Cindi Martincic	724-222-7449
	A-V	Points System:	Rosann Wagner	724-745-4212

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	A-NV	Nominating:		
	A-NV	Parliamentarian:	Rosann Wagner	724-745-4212
	A-NV	Service:	Carol D'Abruzzo	412-881-1208
	A-NV	Retreat Chairman:	Cindi Martincic	724-222-7449
	A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon:	Rosemarie Greer	412-260-8364

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

2018 Calendar of Events

January 21	Painting Walker Bags - Mandy Steele
March 18	Sandra Camarota
May 18, 19, 20	Sherry Nelson
July 13, 14, 15	Liz Miller
September 14, 15, 16	Mark Polomchak
November 18	Elections
	Christmas Party

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

Unless stated otherwise, painting classes will start at 10:00 A.M. and the doors open at 9:30.

Visit the Chapters website at GTDP.org