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**Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday GTDP**

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I was very glad to see that so many of you could make the January Meeting. The cold, snow and/or ice can make it hard for some of the Membership to get to a meeting. Hopefully the weather in March will be nicer.

We have some very nice painting classes scheduled for the coming year. Mark Polomchak is returning in June. He was very popular when he was last here in 2018.

We again will be having our Annual Retreat October 24, 25, 26, 2024 at the Crestfield Camping and Conference Center. Further details will be at the March meeting.

We also had, for me at least, the heart-breaking news that long time member and friend Mandy Steele had passed away. Mandy was a beautiful painter, a talented teacher and a wonderful person and friend. She is missed.

Thank you.

Rosemary Habers - 2023 Newsletter Editor

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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

### President's Message

Thank you to everyone that made it to our first meeting of the year, which was cold and icy! We managed to have a board meeting and got some things settled for the upcoming year. We celebrated our Founder's Day with pizza and a beautiful cake.

Our VP Rosann Wagner has some wonderful classes lined up for this year and we are bringing back Mark Polomchak to paint with us in June.

I want to extend an invitation to all present and past members to come and paint with us. Get in touch with friends who you haven't seen for a while. Come and paint and share good times.

I'm excited about the Basket Luncheon in April and our retreat in the fall. I'll have tickets at the next meeting for the luncheon and Rosann will be getting the teacher letters sent out for the retreat soon.

I hope that we will see you in March!

Laura

## **BASKET LUNCHEON**

Chairman –Deloris Khalouf

*Editor's 2¢ worth: The basket luncheon will again be held at the Sunset Room at Fairview on April 21, 2024. This year's theme is "Butterflies & Daises". If you were given a centerpiece to paint and have not returned it to Deloris at the January Meeting, please bring the finished piece and favors to the March Meeting. Remember to include the index card that came with the project indicating if you want your centerpiece at your table. Once we get to the Hall there will be **NO** changes..*

*Also if you can do a basket, please let Mary Ann Yurus know and if you have something to donate as a door prize let Deloris know.*

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Chairman – William Habers

If there is anybody you think needs a card for any reason, feel free to let me know and I will get one out.

## **DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH**

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

No Report.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Chairman – Susan Jaap

*Editor's 2¢ worth: Our March Meeting is a pot luck bring what you wish lunch. (Don't forget the deserts) GTDP will be supplying the drinks as always. The Meeting date is also St. Patrick's day so*

*maybe we can make a theme of it. Can you picture green colored potato salad*



## **MEMBERSHIP**

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

*Editor's 2¢ worth: If you haven't paid your dues yet, please see Rhonda at the March Meeting. Dues are still \$25.*

*Also, the 2024 Membership Book will be available at the March Meeting. Please review your information in the 2023 Booklet and notify Rosemary ([habersr1@aol.com](mailto:habersr1@aol.com)) with any changes before March 10th.*

## PROGRAM

### Chairman – Rosann Wagner

I was not at the January meeting but through the grapevine I understood some members felt the price of our future classes were high. I hope that you understand the work that the teacher has to do prior to the class can be several hours if not more. The teacher needs to be paid for all their work, they need to make a pattern, directions, photograph, and prepare the purchased surface, and buy paint before they even walk through the door. Please try to understand. I feel all of our teachers try to give our members their very best with their knowledge at a fair price.

March---Ellen Belisle---Patriotic Sign---\$22.00--acrylic

May---Monica Schallenberger--Osprey--\$60 for a two day Oil Seminar.

June-- Mark Polomchak---June 21-22-23---A watercolor three day seminar with three separate projects. \$75.00 per day. Please note that your membership entitles you to this discounted price. GTDP will be taking a loss at this price.

September--Rosemary Habers ---Rabbit on a feather--acrylic.

If you would like to sign up for any of these classes please let me know. Signup sheets will be at all of our meeting. Rosann Wagner --724-745-4212 or 504-301-7999.

**March 17, 2024 – Ellen Belisle:** Price \$22.00



*Editor's 2¢ worth: Program does not have a class scheduled.*

## **RECORDING SECRETARY**

Golden Triangle Decorative Painters

January 23,, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 by President Laura Angelo.

The program chair, Rosann Wagner was not in attendance but the sign-up sheets for the upcoming classes were presented, The classes are Ellen Belisle's patriotic plaque for March, Monica Schallenberger is osprey is a two day class for May 18 & 19. We will have Mark Polomchak for a three-day seminar in June 21, 22, and 23. July is still open and September we have Rosemary teaching a bunny painted on a feather.

We discussed charging \$75.00 per day for Marks classes with the chapter underwriting the remaining costs. This is still being discussed, we will need to nail down all expenses that will be incurred. Connie Klien asked if these classes were being advertised anywhere and we said that all classes are offered to our members first and then to our sister clubs next and then Mary Ann will publish the classes. Connie also asked if we had a way of cancelling our meetings or classes in case of inclement weather. We really did not have an answer.

There will be a memorial gathering for our dear friend and member Mandy Steele on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Also need to send a get well card to Carole Neth

Rosemary gave an update of our accounts, and this will be filed and given to Laura.

Hospitality said that the March meeting will be a covered dish so all members can bring something. Drinks will be supplied.

Decorative Painting Month– Connie Klien suggested several ways to increase membership through fliers.

Rosemary said that anything for the newsletter must be submitted by February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We discussed our service projects were discussed and it was said Children's Hospital is not accepting anything at this time because of Flu and Covid. We are looking for a place to distribute our backpacks for children and Jeremiah's Place might be a good fit. Also, women's shelters are good places to send toiletries and such in a tote bag. We are always looking for a worthy cause. Jeannie suggested that we take money from the money raised by Ways and Means and purchase items for these bags.

Next, we discussed Basket Lunch which is on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The theme is Butterflies and Daisys. The cost of the tickets are \$25.00 and donations are needed for door prizes.

The retreat was next, and we are looking for a theme for our gathering. We are taking into account that we are in the fall and near Halloween.

We are also updating our Facebook pages.

We presented our 2024 budget to the membership of \$14,130.00 which was accepted. Also, in November we neglected to vote on Publicity chairman so Mary Ann was nominated and voted on today. Rosann was voted and appointed as parliamentarian.

We adjourned the meeting with a Rhonda voting and Paulette giving the second. After lunch we had our Ways and Means raffle and Debbie Miller won two items and Laura winning the 50/50. Cindie won the painting by Mark Polomchak..

Submitted on January 27, 2024  
by Recording Sect. Cindie Martincic

## **RETREAT**

Chairman – The Board

Retreat--October 24,25,26, 2024 at the Crestfield Camping and Conference Center, Slipper Rock Pennsylvania. The theme this year is--- A Haunting WE Will Go! More information will be coming soon. Hope to see you there!

*Editor's 2¢ worth: Just a reminder, Town and Country's Retreat will be April 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you want further information you can go to our website (GTDP.org), click on miscellaneous then the Town & Country buttons for the Retreat Book and Registration form. We are now able to satisfy our panting needs for Retreats every 6 months. Thought that worked out well.*

## **SERVICE**

Chairman – William Habers

The Service project for 2024 is small tote bags which will be filled with various item for women shelters including socks. The totes are the same material as the walker bags Being adults,. the pictures are less restricting than the backpacks. Some bags were passed out at the January meeting.

Just a reminder to everybody to bring the following to the next meeting:

1. Painted backpacks taken home at the previous meeting.
2. Walker/tote bags taken home at the previous meetings.
3. A memory box taken home at prior meetings. If anybody has a medium to large box, you can donate them to be a memory box.
4. Shelter bags taken home at the previous meeting.
5. Don't forget glass jars with their lid on them for Rosemary. Labeled and unlabeled are acceptable. Also, any clean glass jar is acceptable for us. If we cannot use any, bring it and we will recycle it for you.



**SERVICE (Cont'd)**  
**Chairman – William Habers**



195 hand painted jars with biscuits, 4–8-pound boxes of biscuits a 10-pound box of biscuits a 35-pound bag of dog food and 3 cans of cat food was delivered to Animal Friends. They were so excited to receive this donation every year.



## **TREASURER**

Rosemary Habers

**IMPORTANT:** ALL checks written for classes, dues, the Basket Luncheon or any Chapter activity **MUST** be written to GTDP not the Chairman of the activity or Teacher. Also, please keep all activities on separate checks. For example, if you want to pay for both a Chapter class and Basket Luncheon Tickets you need to write two separate checks. Each activity is deposited into separate accounts

## **WAYS & MEANS**

Chairman – Jeanne Delbusso

*2 groups of miscellaneous surfaces*

*Donated by Bill Habers & Jeanne Delbusso*

*Both won by Debbie Miller*

*Framed picture painted by Mark Polmochak*

*Donated by Laura Angelo*

*Won by Cindie Martincic*

*50/50 Raffle won by Laura Angelo*

*Editor's 2¢ worth: If you have anything you wish to donate to Ways & Means please bring them to Jeanne at the next meeting.*

## SPECIAL NEWS



It is with the saddest heart that I must report the passing of Mandy Steele on January 8, 2024. Mandy was a very active member of GTDP. Mandy Joined our Chapter in 1990. She taught classes at Chapter meetings in 1991, 1994, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2012. Mandy was not only a talented painter but a wonderful teacher and was always there to help when you had painting problems. Mandy was Retreat Chair in 2008, President in 2014-2018, and Parliamentarian in 2013 to 2023. She taught classes at our Annual Retreat in 1992-1994, 1999-2009, 2012-2013 and 2016.

There will be a Memorial Mass on April 20, 2024 at the Immaculate Conception Church, 329 Maryland Avenue, Fairmont WV 26554 at 10:00am. A committal Service will follow in the Mausoleum at Grandview Memorial Gardens in Fairmont. Condolences can be sent at [www.fordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fordfuneralhomes.com). We love you and miss you Mandy. We'll always remember the laughs and love you gave to us.



*Editor's 2¢ worth: The day of the January Meeting was cold and icy. Thank you to those of you who braved the weather and came to help paint tote bags for our service project.*



# BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

**President** Leads the meeting and guarantees all Chairmen do their jobs, has paperwork audited at the end of the year and handles any questions/problems Chairmen may have.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP** (Program Chair) arranges everything related to classes such as booking Teachers including GTDP teachers and National Teachers and their requirements, arranging dates for classes, fee for classes, supplies needed etc.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** (Membership Chair) receives payment of dues, keeps a list of members and checks them in at meeting and produces the Membership Book.

**Recording Secretary** records the actions at each Chapter and Board Meetings, compiles a list of Motions adding all to all previous records.

**Treasurer** handles all moneys from 4 Bank accounts and 3 GTDP Accounts, submits a year-end report to National and files taxes at the end of the year.

**Publicity Chairman** finds newspapers or free flyer in the area that you know will publish GTDP's classes, Retreat or Basket Luncheon information.

**Newsletter Editor** publishes the Newsletter 6 times a year in the off months of the Meetings. They collect Information from each Chairman, publishes the minutes and any information of interest to members.

**Ways and Means Chairman** handles raffles every meeting soliciting items from the Membership for the table.

**Corresponding Secretary** sends cards to someone who is ill, in the hospital, lost a family member or thank you cards.

**Historian** keeps a record of actions at each meeting and any outside GTDP activities.

**Hospitality** handles the purchase of supplies needed for our pot luck luncheons such as utensils, plates, napkins, pop and table coverings; arranges catering for the January Meeting and Christmas Party and gives suggestions for what to bring the remaining Meetings.

**Parliamentarian** makes sure we follow Roberts Rules of Order.

**Decorative Painting Month Chairman** finds places to display art work in October.

**Spring Basket Luncheon** Chairman makes all arrangements for our Luncheon, choosing a date, meals, centerpieces, favors, door prizes and main raffle.

**Service Chairman** finds nonprofit groups or deserving organization that needs help other than monetary where we can use our painting skills for useful items to the individuals.

**Nominating Chairman** makes phone calls or speaks directly to people requesting people run for office.

## BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

01 Gail Bodkin  
25 Ellen Belisle

### FEBRUARY

04 Karen Pagasky  
18 Mary Ann Dunbar  
25 Marjorie Morris

### MARCH

16 Dominique Nashed  
17 Donetta Brunette  
19 Pat Stepko  
25 Laura Angelo  
27 Carol D'Abruzzo

### APRIL

03 Sharon Henson  
11 Eileen Bogacz  
15 Carol Keller  
23 Dot Hoffman  
27 Debbie Miller

### MAY

08 Mary Ann Yurus  
31 Rosemarie Geer

### JUNE

08 Sandra Camarota  
17 Rosemarie Lang  
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

### SEPTEMBER

05 Barb Leffler  
16 Rosemary Habers  
22 Cindie Martincic  
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  
30 Rhonda Gillespie





### DECEMBER

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

## 2023 BOARD MEMBERS

	E-V	President:	<b>Laura Angelo</b>	724-859-8206
	E-V	1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Program:	<b>Rosann Wagner</b>	412-889-5854
	E-V	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership:	<b>Rhonda Gillespie</b>	412-889-5854
	E-V	Recording Secretary:	<b>Cindie Martincic</b>	724-222-7449
	E-V	Treasurer:	<b>Rosemary Habers</b>	412-741-5158
	E-V	Ways and Means:	<b>Jeanne Delbusso</b>	724-215-9931
	E-V	Publicity:	<b>Mary Ann Yurus</b>	724-745-8337
	E-V	Newsletter Editor:	<b>Rosemary Habers</b>	412-741-5158
	E-V	Corresponding Secretary:	<b>Bill Habers</b>	412-741-5158
	A-V	Historian:	<b>Delores Khalouf</b>	412-292-1254
	A-V	Hospitality:	<b>Susan Japp</b>	724-745-5873



	A-NV	Decorative Painting Month:	<b>Rhonda Gillespie</b>	412-889-5854
	A-NV	Nominating:		
	A-NV	Parliamentarian:	<b>Rosann Wagner</b>	412-889-5854
	A-NV	Service:	<b>Bill Habers</b>	412-741-5158
	A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon:	<b>Delores Khalouf</b>	412-292-1254

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

### **2023 Calendar of Events**

March 17	Ellen Belisle	Patriotic Acrylic Sign,
April 21	Annual Basket Luncheon	
May 19	Monica Schallenberger	Osprey
June 21-23*	Mark Polomchak	Watercolor Seminar
July 21	Lynn Banting	
September 15	Rosemary Habers	Feather painting,
October 24 – 27	GTDP's Annual Retreat	
November 17	Christmas Party	Elections

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

**Unless stated otherwise painting classes start at 10:00a.m. Doors open one half hour before the class start time.**

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

\*Subject to change