

The Official Publication of the G.T.D.P.

April 2024

Volume 40 Issue 2



**Thanks Ellen for the wonderful class**

## NEWSLETTER

We have some very nice painting classes scheduled for the coming year. Monica is teaching in May and 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 May meeting.

We also had, for me at least, the heart-breaking news that long time member and friend Mandy Steele had passed away.

What a wonderful class Ellen did. Everyone's project looked so nice. Thank you Ellen.

Hope you are all ready for our Basket Luncheon on the 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have a centerpiece and favors and haven't given them to Delores yet please let her know that you will have it there, finished, before 11:00.

Thank you.

Rosemary Habers - 2023 Newsletter Editor

[habersr1@aol.com](mailto:habersr1@aol.com)

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

### **President's Message**

Happy Spring and an early one at that! A busy month is ahead. We have our Basket Luncheon on the 21<sup>st</sup> and all tickets are out! It looks to be a nice time and our guests do love our painted items!

Town and Country's painting chapter is having their retreat at the end of the month also and I'm heading to Slippery Rock to spend time with those girls.

Please keep in mind to participate in our chapter's events. We have some nice projects scheduled, but with very little participation. Please come and paint and support your chapter. Let's keep this chapter alive and painting! Any suggestions are always welcome! Call Rosann to get in on a class!

Laura

## BASKET LUNCHEON

Chairman – Delores Khalouf

*Editor's 2¢ worth: The Basket Luncheon is coming up the end of this month, April 21. 2024. It will be held again at the Sunset Room at Fairview, Theme this year is "Butterflies & Daisies". If you have tickets and haven't submitted payment to Laura please bring payment to the Luncheon. **If you have extra unsold tickets let Laura know IMMEDIATELY.** All tickets have been distributed and a few people still need tickets*

*If you were given a centerpiece to paint and have not returned it to Delores yet, please bring the finished piece and favors to the Luncheon. 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 MaryAnn Yurus know and if you have something to donate as a door prize let Delores 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 May Meeting is a pot luck bring what you wish for lunch. (Don't forget the desserts and snacks) GTDP will be supplying the drinks as always.*

## MEMBERSHIP

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

*Editor's 2¢ worth: There were a few errors in the Membership book:*

- 1. Ciara Sloneker*
- 2. Meeting dates: Jan 21; Mar-17; Nov 17*
- 3. Basket Luncheon is April 21*
- 4. Retreat Theme is "A Haunting We Will Go".*

*I tend to copy and paste info that is going to be basically the same and make the minor change. Oops. Also, if you did not pick up your 2024 Membership Book at the March Meeting see me at the May meeting.*

**PROGRAM**  
**Chairman – Rosann Wagner**

**May 18, 2024 - Osprey - Monica Schallenberger**



Class: oils, Fee is \$40

Each class for Mark Polomchak is \$75 per each day per student. The class normally would cost more but GTDP will be absorbing some of the cost. **This is your organization, please enjoy some of its perks.** We must know if you will take the class by April 15, 2024. Please call me at 724-745-4212 or 504-301-7999 to register if you have not done so at the meetings.

*Editor's 2¢ worth **IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT.***

*The sign up for Mark Polomchak's seminar has been very low. Mark was very popular in 2018 when he was here for a seminar. Right now there are only 28 of a minimum or 54 spots signed up for. If we do not meet the minimum before April 18<sup>th</sup> at the absolute latest, the seminar will be cancelled. If you're thinking the Basket Luncheon is the next 3 days "I can tell Rosann then", please don't wait because the seminar will have already been cancelled by then if the minimum has not been met. If Mark does not hear from us before the 19<sup>th</sup> that we will be cancelling we will be penalized with the loss of the required deposit. So please contact Rosann if you plan to attend.*

July class is being scheduled.



**PROGRAM (CONT'D)**  
**Chairman – Rosann Wagner**



Friday, June 21- Red, White, and Blue



Saturday, June 22 - Autumn Rain



Sunday, June 23 - Swan Lake.

**PROGRAM (CONT'D)**  
**Chairman – Rosann Wagner**

July class is being scheduled.



September 21, 2024—Rosemary Habers will be teaching an acrylic class on a feather. Cost is \$15.

Photographs of all the classes are also on our Golden Triangle Decorative Painters website at [GTDP.ORG](http://GTDP.ORG).

## **RECORDING SECRETARY**

Golden Triangle Decorative Painters

March 17, 2024

The meeting was brought to order at 1:04 P.M.

The March meeting minutes were approved as printed.

First Vice President/Program - Rosann Wagner: Sign-up sheet presented for Monica Schallenberger's Osprey oil class on May 18. The fee will be \$40 for a one day class. Mark Polomchak's classes will be 6-21, 6/22, and 6/23 for a class fee of \$75 a day. Rosemary Habers will be teaching a class on a feather in September.

Second Vice President/Membership - Rhonda Gillespie: Reports that 26 people were in attendance at today's meeting. Membership booklets for 2024 were passed out.

Treasurer - Rosemary Habers: The Treasurer's report for all accounts were presented.

Publicity - Mary Ann Yurus: An article was presented that she had submitted to the Washington Observer regarding GTDP. She reported that so far 20 baskets have been promised for the annual basket luncheon.

Corresponding Secretary - William Habers reported no cards were sent. He was given the names of 2 people in need of cards: Paulette Caldwell in sympathy on the death of her son and Karen Pagasky recovering from recent surgery.

Hospitality - Susan Japp: Susan had to leave early Connie Klein was in charge of today's lunch. The next meeting will be a pot luck lunch per Susan.

Service - William Habers: Back packs, tote bags (Walker and Shelter), and memory boxes are available to paint.

Basket Luncheon - Delores Khalouf: Tickets are available for purchase. Deadline for the ticket sales must be reported by April 6th.

Miscellaneous:

The GTDP retreat dates are October 24 thru 27.

Town and Country retreat is April 25 thru the 28. Their booklet is available on their website at [townandcountrydecorativepainters.com](http://townandcountrydecorativepainters.com).

Mountaineer decorative painters have a quilt to be raffled off at their Christmas Party \$6 for \$5.

William Habers thanked all everyone who brought jars for Rosemary's project.



Ways and Means - Jeanne Delbusso: The drawings were made.

Watercolor Pencils won by Dot Hoffman  
Leprechaun Wreath was won by Judy Shuba  
Gnome Gourd was won by Laura Angelo  
Pot of Gold Wreath was won by Gail Bodkin

The 50/50 was won by Monica Schallenberger

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 P.M. by motion by William Habers and seconded by Rosemary Habers.

*Editor's 2¢ worth: Recording Secretary Cindie Martincic was unable to attend the March Meeting so Delores Khalouf was kind enough to take Minutes in her place. Great job Delores, thank you.*

*The minutes were transcribed by the webmaster for easier reading. The original is at the end of this newsletter.*

## **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 bag 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.

## WAYS & MEANS

Chairman – Jeanne Delbusso

Watercolor pencils

Donated by Mandy Steele

Won by Dot Hoffman

Pot of Gold Wreath

Donated by Rosemary Habers

Won by Gail Bodkin

Leprechaun Wreath

Donated by Rosemary Habers

Both won by Judy Shuba

Gnome Gourd

Donated by Jeanne Delbusso  
Won by Laura Angelo

5050 Raffle won by Monica Schallenberger

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

## 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

## NOSTALGIA

In 1988 Marjorie Orlandini collected members favorite recipes and compiled a recipe book. The chapter charged \$6 for the book and sold every one. Thanks to Gail Bodkin for copying some of the recipes so I could print a few in this and following Newsletters.

### **Pizza Burgers**

1lb lean ground beef  
1/3 C Grated parmesan Cheese  
1/4 C chopped Onion  
1/4 C chopped ripe black olives  
1 tsp. Salt  
1 tsp. Pepper  
1/4 to 1/2 tsp. crushed oregano  
1 (6oz) can tomato paste

3 hot dog buns (makes 6 burgers)  
Fresh Tomatoes, sliced and halved  
American cheese slices quartered

Brown ground beef with onions. Drain if necessary. Add grated parmesan cheese, black olives chopped, salt and pepper, oregano and tomato paste. Stir well and spread on open face hot dog bun. Split to make 2 halves. Alternately place in a triangle of cheese and a half slice of tomato over meat mixture. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven until bun is toasted and cheese melted,. Approximately 10 minutes. Serve pronto

Renee Marchetti

# 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**

April 21	Annual Basket Luncheon	
May 18	Monica Schallenberger	Osprey
May 19	May Meeting	
June 21-23*	Mark Polomchak	Watercolor Seminar
July 21	Lynn Banting?	
September 15	Rosemary Habers	Feather Painting A Rabbit
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

# OFFICIAL RECORDING SECRETARY

Golden Triangle Decorative Painters

March 17, 2024

GTDP meeting 3-17-24

The meeting was brought to order at 1<sup>04</sup> p.m.

Minutes were approved as read.

1st VP - Rosann Stagner presented sign-up sheets for Monica Schallenberger's <sup>osprey</sup> oil class on May 18. The fee will be \$40 for a one-day class.

2nd VP - Mark Polomchak's classes will be on 6-21, 6-22, & 6-23 @ \$75/day.

Rosemary Habers will teach a class on feather painting in September.  
2nd VP / Membership chairperson Rhonda Gillespie reports that 26 people were in attendance at today's meeting.

Membership Booklets for 2024 were passed out.  
Treasurer Rosemary Habers presented the treasurer's report (Print out is attached).

Publicity chair Mary Ann Garcia presented an article that she had submitted to the Washington Observer re: GTDP.  
She reports that so far 20 baskets have been promised for the annual basket luncheon.

# OFFICIAL RECORDING SECRETARY

Golden Triangle Decorative Painters

March 17, 2024

newsletter  
14th

Corresponding Secretary Bill Habers was given the names of 2 people in need of cards: Paulette Caldwell in sympathy in the death of her son and Karen Pagasky, recovering from recent surgery.

Hospitality - Susan Japp was absent; Cornie Kline was in charge of today's lunch. The next meeting will be a pot luck lunch.

Service - Bill Habers - back packs, tote bags memory boxes available to print. Basket lunch - tickets available for purchase. Deadline set for April 6.

Miscellaneous GTD Retreat - dates Oct 24-27

Town & Country's Retreat in April. Booklets are available on their web site: [Town+Country.com](http://Town+Country.com)

Mountaineer Artists have a quilt to be raffled off at their Christmas Party 6/5.

Bill Habers thanked everyone who brought jars for Rosemary's project.

Hay-means:

Jeannie Welbuser: 50/50 won by Monica: 1/2 of 58

Leprosan wreath won by Judy

Gnome gourd - won by Laurie

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 on a motion by Bill Habers, seconded by Rosemary Habers.

Delores Khalouf