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**Happy Founders Day GTP**

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hope you all had a good time at the January Meeting. It was great fun bringing back the Make-it/Take-its and wonderful to see so many of you there. Katrina and Rob Orlandini brought us a wonderful lunch in honor of Rob's mother, Marjory Orlandini's passing.

At our March meeting we will be having Lynn Banting teach a watercolor picture, fruit of the vine. Lynn is one of the nicest people I have ever met. She is a talented artist and wonderful teacher. She has taught at our Retreats for many years and everyone has enjoyed her classes. This will be a 6-hour class and a bargain at \$40.

I also want to thank everyone who brought me and continue to bring me glass jars. Rescue animals are a passion for me and it warms my heart that so many of you bring me jars so I can paint them and fill them with treats. Animal Friends really appreciate them and look forward to receiving them. I am hoping for 200 next year. Adoptions have been a little slow the past couple of months and there are so many dogs and cats waiting for their forever home so if you're looking for your best friend who will love you through everything life gives you, give them a call and adopt. Thanks again.

Thank you.  
Rosemary

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear chapter members,

Well, January is out of here! I'm looking forward to seeing February out of here, also! March is the month I'm looking forward to! We are having our meeting and painting with Lynne Banting, and as most of you know, she is an incredibly talented painter and she is one of the nicest ladies I have ever known. Please check your calendar and come paint with us if you have not signed up yet. There are some openings. See you soon.

Laura Angelo  
2024 President

## **BASKET LUNCHEON**

Chairman – Dolores Khalouf

*Editor's 2¢ worth: Our Annual Basket Luncheon is April 6, 2025*

*The basket luncheon will again be held at the Sunset Room at Fairview. Our theme this year is Easter Parade.*

*If you took a hat and eggs to paint for centerpieces, please try to return them at the March Meeting.*

*If you can do a basket, please call MaryAnn Yurus or talk to her at the March Meeting.*

*Laura distributed tickets at the January Meeting and will have them again at the March Meeting. Please bring your payment to the March Meeting.*

*Winter is here and if you're snowed in and need something to do, go through your stack of painted pieces and see what you could donate to the Luncheon for door prizes or Raffle items. We all know we have them and if you're like me there are many collecting dust. I've also found pieces I forgot about years ago. In addition to our regular raffles, we will be having a special raffle of a picture painted by Mark Polomchak and a cabinet painted by Laura Angelo.*

*This is our only fundraiser. We do not make a profit on the meals so the profits from our baskets and raffles is where we get the finances to purchase supplies for our Wounded Warrior walker bags, boxes donated to the Neonatal units and are used to subsidize our educational classes.*

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Chairman – William Habers

Cindie

Sorry you couldn't make it to the January meeting. We all missed you. The make-it/take-it's were a nice alternative to the Service projects not being painted. Hope you can be there when Lynne Banting will be teaching.

Judy

We missed you at the January meeting. We had a few make-it/take-its and the lunch provided by Marjorie Orlandini's daughter in law. Hope all is going well for you.

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

*Editor's 2¢ worth: A Thank You card was sent to Rob and Katrina Orlandini for the wonderful lunch they supplied.*

*One of our Founding members Marna Marano passed away on Jan 9.*

## **DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH**

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

No Report.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

*Editor's 2¢ worth: We had 31 Members pay their dues at the January Meeting. If you haven't paid yours yet see Rhonda at the March meeting to pay your 2025 dues. Dues are still \$25 per year.*

*A 2025 Membership Book will be available at the registration table for the March Meeting.*

# HOSPITALITY

Chairman – Rosemarie Geer

Rosemarie will be having Sloppy Joes at the March Meeting. Please bring your favorite side dish. (and, don't forget the desserts. 🍌)

Thank you, Rob and Katrina Orlandini, for a tasty lunch at the January meeting!



## **RECORDING SECRETARY**

Cindie Martincic  
Golden Triangle Decorative Painters  
January 19, 2025

### **President- Laura Angelo**

The budget was presented to the members and approved.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP(Programs) Monica Schallenberger**

Classes are as follows.

March- Lynne Banting- watercolor

May- Gail Bodkin-watercolor

July- Monica Schallenberger-oil

September- Rosann Wagner-TBA

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Membership- Rhonda Gillespie**

There were 16 members at the meeting

### **Recording Secretary- Cindi Martincic-absent**

### **Treasurer- Rosemary Habers**

Report was read by Rosemary

### **Ways and Means- Bill Habers**

Paulette Caldwell won the 50/50 raffle and Rhonda Gillespie won Jeannie's rock

### **Publicity- Mary Ann Yurus**

### **Newsletter Editor- Rosemary Habers**

Deadline is February 7

### **Corresponding Secretary- Bill Habers**

### **Historian – Dolores Khalouf**

### **Hospitality- Rosie Geer**

Rosie will be making sloppy joes for the March meeting. Members are asked to bring sides and desserts

### **Service- Jeanne Delbusso**

### **Basket Luncheon 2025- Easter Parade- Delores Khalouf**

Tickets handed out to members

**Fall Retreat 2025** "Into the Mystic" November 13-16, 2025, Chairman- Jeanne Delbusso and Laura Angelo

Motion to adjourn the meeting:  
Submitted by Laura Angelo

## SERVICE

Chairman – Jeanne Delbuso

The Service surfaces were turned over to Jeanne who is now the Service Chairman. A few more bags were filled and taken by Karen Pagasky to the women's shelter.



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Make It/Take-It's were back!!



And a fun time was had by all.

## PROGRAM

Chairman – Monica Schallenberger

The March class is Lynn Banting teaching a watercolor called Fruit of the Vine. The class will be 6 hours and is an intermediate project. The cost of the class is \$40. If you wish to attend contact Monica by February 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

**March 16, 2025:** Fruit of the Vine – Lynn Banting



Fruit of the Vine, 6 hours 11x14, Intermediate, \$22, Round brushes, liner, 1/2" flat

**PROGRAM (Cont'd)**  
Chairman – Monica Schallenberger

**May 18 - Gail Bodkin (Watercolor)**



Sponged Landscape - \$16.00

**PROGRAM (Cont'd)**  
Chairman – Monica Schallenberger

**July 20,2025** – Monica Schallenberger (Oils)



Bridled Tit. - \$22.00.

**PROGRAM (Cont'd)**  
Chairman – Monica Schallenberger

**September 28, 2025** – Rosann Wagner



Santa and Chimney Shelf Sitter - \$20

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## RETREAT

Jeanne Delbuso and Laura Angelo - Chairmen

*Editor's 2¢ worth* Our 2025 Retreat has an official date October 23 through 26. Our Theme is "Into the Mystic". It will again be at Crestfield Conference Center. Additional information will be in future newsletters.

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## **TREASURER**

Rosemary Habers

**IMPORTANT:** ALL checks written for classes, dues, the Basket Luncheon, Retreat, 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 AND MEANS**

Chairman – Bill Habers

It was opening day and the changing of the guard. Jeanne is now the Service Chairman and I am now Ways and Means Chairman. Anything you would like to raffle off will now come to me.

There was only one item available for raffling. It was the candle holder donated by Jeanne and won by Rhonda Gillespie. The fifty/fifty raffle was held and won by Paulette Caldwell.



## BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

**President:** Leads the meeting and ensures all Chairs 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 monies from 4 Bank accounts, submits a year-end report to National and files taxes at the end of the year.

**Publicity Chair:** Finds newspapers or free flyers 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 Chair, publishes the minutes and any information of interest to members.

**Ways and Means Chair:** 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:** Oversees the purchase of supplies needed for our potluck 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 Chair:** Finds places to display artwork in October.

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

**Service Chair:** 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 Chair:** 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

### 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

10 Jeanne Delbusso

### AUGUST

02 Debbie Shillingburg  
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

## 2025 BOARD MEMBERS

	E-V	President:	<b>Laura Angelo</b>	724-859-8206
	E-V	1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Program:	<b>Monica Schallenberger</b>	412-221-1839
	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>William Habers</b>	412-741-5158
	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>William Habers</b>	412-741-5158
	A-V	Historian:	<b>Dolores Khalouf</b>	412-292-1254

	A-V	Hospitality:	<b>Rosemarie Geer</b>	412-260-8364
	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>Jeanne Delbusso</b>	724-215-9931
	A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon:	<b>Dolores Khalouf</b>	412-292-1254

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

### 2025 Calendar of Events

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May 18	Gail Bodkin	Sponged Landscape	Watercolor
July 20	Monica Schallenberger	Bridled Tit	Oils
September 21	Rosann Wagner	Santa Claus Shelf Sitter	Acrylics
October 23 thru 26	GTDP's Annual Retreat		
November 16	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)**