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November is your last chance to win this beautiful quilt

## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

This is GTDP's second e-mail/website only newsletter. Hopefully we have all the "bugs" out. I know some of you can read Word 2013, others Word 2007 and still others only a PDF file. If you haven't received a newsletter, can't read the file or you know a friend has not received theirs, please contact me either by e-mail or at a meeting.

These issues will be receive booklet style (double sided the way you received it in the past). The website version will stay the same one page format. The website version will be available at the same time you receive your file or shortly after. I would appreciate any feedback, good or bad, including; can you read the file; do you want the file or just notice that it's on line; do you want, and willing to pay for, a hardcopy newsletter. Anything you have to say. Call me (412-741-5158), e-mail me [habersr1@aol.com](mailto:habersr1@aol.com) or see me at the November.

Newsletter deadline: December 4<sup>th</sup>

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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

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Fall is finally with us. The colors were beautiful at Antiochian for Retreat. I had such a wonderful time and everyone was so much fun. Many, many thanks to so many people who pulled together to make it a wonderful success. I have had quite a few emails from people thanking us for a great retreat. A special thanks to Debby Carosone, Retreat Chair for her creative mind. We now know what she does when she can't sleep at night. One lady who came for several years with her daughter, who was 15 when they last attended, contacted us at the last minute to attend. One of their fondest memories was attending our retreat together. Anna, now 30 with three children and her mother Penny got to spend Friday painting with us again.

Looking forward to our November Make-it/Take-it meeting. We had so many great projects last year, I am anticipating the same this year.

We will also have our election of officers. The chapter has been so successful over the years by the generosity and contributions of our members.

A special thank you to Bill Habers and Dolores Khalouf for helping with set up, food prep and clean up at the September meeting. Many hands make the work much easier.

I will leave you with "The painter turns a poem into a painting, the musician sets a picture to music." Robert Shumann

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

December is always such a hectic month that very few of our members got to attend the annual Christmas Party. By combining it with our Make-it/Take-it November meeting, many more of our members got to participate. Once again we will have prizes for the "best themed Christmas Fashion Show." Share your wonderful painting talents for our annual "Ornament Exchange".

Volunteers will be bringing the main courses for our dinner. Menu so far: Ham (Debbie Carosone and Mandy) Turkey and Gravy (Laura Angelo) Stuffing (Rosann Wagner) Sweet Potatoes (Rosalie Piccola) Mashed Potatoes (Rosemary Habers) Green Bean Casserole and Cranberry Sauce (Mary Ann Yurus). If you can think of something that you would like to contribute, please email Mandy at [msteele@ma.rr.com](mailto:msteele@ma.rr.com) so we can be sure to have a variety of foods not listed above. You all have been so generous contributing to our lunches (especially my favorite part - desserts) that none of us has gone home hungry from our meetings.

## BASKET LUNCHEON

Still looking for suggestions for a theme for the April 10 Luncheon to be held at the Fairview Sunset Room. The classy atmosphere is begging for an elegant theme. With so many creative people in our group, we should be overflowing with ideas. Think in terms of centerpieces, favors, basket ideas.

## FRIENDLY REMINDER - PLEASE BE COURTEOUS

For those who have to leave early, remember that we will have a 15 minute break following the meeting prior to the teacher resuming class again. This will allow you to say your goodbyes and the teacher will not be interrupted as they start class back up.

Mandy Steele  
1015 GTDP President

## BASKET LUNCHEON

The 2016 Basket Luncheon will be held at The Sunset Room at Fairview April 10, 2016. This year the Board will be splitting the responsibilities of a Chairman. That does not mean we don't need your help too. ANYTHING you can do to help will assure a successful, profitable, smoothly run Luncheon. The Boards first request for help from you is to submit your suggestions for a theme. Contact any Board member with your suggestions in person at the November Meeting, by phone, e-mail or letter with your suggestions

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Chairman – Nancy Reeser

GTDP sends it's sympathies to Jeanne Delbusso on the passing of her father.

## **DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH**

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

No Report.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Chairman – Rosalie Piccola

No Report.

*Editor's 2¢ worth: The theme for November is the Christmas Party foods from the board.*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Chairman – Debbie Miller

No Report

## **NOMINATING**

*The November Meeting is our election meeting. We will be electing the officers for the board of GTDP's for 2016.*

*If you would like to run for an office or know someone who might, let me know. Just call me or send an e-mail.*

*Officers may also be nominated from the floor, (just remember to get their approval before placing their names in the running.)*

*Give this some thought, I will see you at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

*Nominating Chair*

*Mary Ann Dunbar*

### *2016 Ballot*

President:

1<sup>st</sup> VP/Program:

2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership:

Recording Secretary:

Treasurer:

Ways and Means:

Publicity:

Newsletter Editor:

Corresponding Secretary:

**Debbie Miller**

**Rosemary Habers**

**Jeanne Delbusso**

**Mary Ann Yurus**

**Rosemary Habers**

## **POINTS**

Chairman – Rosann Wagner

*Editor's 2¢ worth: Remember to keep track of your points. The end of the year will come quicker than you think*



## YOUR PAGE

### Birthdays

November	December
7 Nancy Reeser	7 Paulette Caldwell
9 Bill Habers	12 Susan Japp
13 Susan DePalma	23 Judy Shuba
23 Robin Rinaldi	30 Carol Neth
24 Ruby Dunlap	
28 Joan Schneider	
30 Rhonda Gillespie	

*Editor's 2¢ worth: If I missed any others or you are new and I don't have your birthday, please e-mail me or see me at the next Chapter Meeting so I can include it in future Newsletters*

### Recipe

At the September Meeting Marjorie Orlandini made a fantastic chocolate cake. I had several requests for the recipe so here it is. Many thanks to Marjorie for sharing.

#### **Flourless Chocolate Cake**

Preheat oven to 350<sup>0</sup>. Spray bottom of 8" pan

##### Ingredients:

6 oz semi chocolate (chips or bar)  
¼ cup maple syrup  
½ cup granulated sugar  
3 eggs  
½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
¼ tsp kosher salt  
1 tsp vanilla  
Fresh berries or strawberry or cherry pie filling

##### Directions:

Melt chocolate and maple syrup in a sauce pan over low heat  
Once melted add sugar and stir until melted.  
Take pan off heat.  
Whisk eggs in one at a time.  
Add cocoa powder through a sieve  
Add to egg mixture a little at a time.  
Add salt and vanilla. Mix well.  
Bake 25 to 30 minutes  
Cool 5 minutes remove from pan.  
Cool then top with fruit.

## **RECORDING SECRETARY**

Golden Triangle Decorative Painters  
September 20, 2015  
IOOF Hall, Finleyville

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm.

### **Membership-Debbie Miller**

35 members attended today's meeting. 1 guest was present Delores Kehrn.

Cindy Martincic made a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting printed in the newsletter. Susan Japp second the motion. Motion carried.

### **Program-Laura Angelo**

Rosann Wagner taught a snowman on a lighted glass block today. There were 35 students taking the class. Laura thanked Rosann. The November meeting will be make it take it's. We will have the Christmas Party that day.

### **Treasurer-Rosemary Habers**

Rosemary gave the current Treasurers report\

### **Newsletter-Rosemary Habers**

Rosemary reported that the first emailed newsletter went out last month.

### **Ways N Means-Mary Ann Dunbar**

The only items that will be raffled at the November meeting is a 50/50 drawing and the quilt will be raffled that day.

### **Corresponding Secretary-Nancy Reeser**

Nancy announced all the cards that were sent out. She also thanked the membership for the cards that she received while she was under the weather.

### **Points-Rosann Wagner**

Rosann reminded the members that the value of the points will go down starting January 2016.

### **Service-Laura Angelo**

Laura stated the 25 walker bags are ready to be delivered to Ashbury Heights Nursing Home. The walker bags were painted by some of the members during the July 2015 Chapter meeting.

### **Parliamentarian-Rosann Wagner**

No Report

### **Retreat Chairman-Debbie Carosone**

Debbie reported that photos on the Antiochian Website showed that some of the rooms were remodeled.

### **Nomination Chair-Mary Ann Dunbar**

Mary Ann read the members that are running for 2016 offices.

Debbie Miller - Membership

MaryAnn Yurus - Publicity

Rosemary Habers - Newsletter and Treasurer

Jeanne Delbusso - Ways 'N Means

Mary Ann will ask for nominations from the floor.

### **Basket Luncheon-2016 Board**

Mandy announced that due to the bad service and owners comments we have moved the Basket Luncheon from Peters Place to the Fairview Sunset Hall in Bridgeville.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45

## **WAYS & MEANS**

Chairman – Mary Ann Dunbar

The Ways and Means raffle at the September Meeting helped our members get into the "SPIRIT" of the upcoming Halloween Season.

Our very popular 50/50 raffle was won by Joan Schneider

Landscape painting---painted and donated by Carol Keller

-----won by Joan Schneider

Prayer Shawl-----made and donated by Joan Schneider

-----won by Debbie Miller

Prayer Shawl-----made and donated by Joan Schneider

-----won by Amanda Scanlon

Pumpkin Paver-----painted and donated by Mary Ann Dunbar

-----won by Nancy Reeser

Our November meeting (CHRISTMAS PARTY) will have prizes and surprises hosted by our CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE

Ways and Means will have the last 50/50 raffle of the year, so remember to bring some extra money to buy your raffle tickets.

Last year's winner went home with over \$100.00--great way to start you Holiday shopping.

Keep on Painting

Mary Ann Dunbar, Ways and Means Chair.

## RETREAT

We had art show winners:





..... great banners



.....Fantastic major raffle items





.....and a great time with Make-it/Take-it's





Merry Christmas



Rolling Cart Raffle





Saturday Dinner



And a special 'guest star' you'll have to come to the November meeting to see who it was.



## PROGRAM

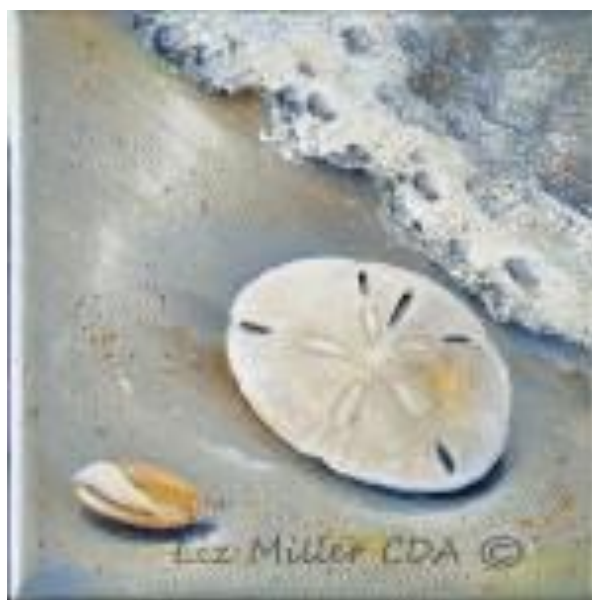
May 13, 14, 15, 2016 - Liz Miller



Friday – Cobalt and Hydrangeas



Saturday – White Tulips



## Sunday – Seashells

*Editor's 2¢ worth: Keep your calendars open for the May 13, 14 and 15, 2016 Liz Miller seminar classes. The prices will be posted later.*



We had a great time painting a snowman on a glass block with Rosann Wagner at the September Meeting

## 2015 POINTS SYSTEM

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	RULES	Points	Total
1	Each Board Meeting Attended	6	
2	Serving on the Board: <b>President</b> <b>Elected Officers:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> VP, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP, Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Publicity, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Ways and Means <b>Appointed Officers:</b> Historian, Hospitality, Library, Parliamentarian, Points System, Service, <b>Special Committees:</b> Decorative Painting Month, Nominating	25 20 10 5	
3	Each Chapter meeting attended	1	
4	GTDP membership badge worn at Chapter business meeting	1	
5	Chapter dues for the following year paid by December 1 <sup>st</sup> of the current year	3	
6	Bringing a new member into the Chapter	5	
7	Donation of items to the Chapter Ways & Means or Hospitality (1point per \$5 value)	1+	
8	Teaching a make-it/Take-it at Chapter Business meeting	3	
9	Attendance at a workshop, seminar or class (DOES include chapter meeting activities)	2	
10	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+	
11	<b>SERVICE</b> Painting a Chairman approved service item	3	
12	<b>SPRING BASKET LUNCHEON</b> a. Chairperson(s) b. Special Committee (Basket Committee, Door Prize Committee, Ticket Committee, etc.) c. Painting a large special raffle project d. Painting a centerpiece e. Donation of a Basket (TOTAL of 20 points) f.. Donation of an <b>unpainted</b> door prize item (1 point per \$5 value) g. <b>Painting a donated unpainted</b> door prize project (1 point per \$5 value) h. <b>Donation of a painted</b> door prize item ((1 point per \$5 value) <b>[f, g, and h cannot be combined in any combination]</b> i. Painting favors: 3 points for 5 painted pieces, 5 points for 10 pieces painted j. Selling Luncheon tickets for Basket Luncheon (1 point for every 10 tickets sold)	20 10 10 5 20 1+ 1+ 1+ 3+ 1+	
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## 2015 POINTS SYSTEM

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	RULES	Points	Total
13	<b>RETREAT</b> a. Chairman (Co-Chairing) b. Special Committee Chairman (not co-chairing) c. Special Committee Chairman (co-chairing) d. Working on a special committee e. Attending Retreat f. Bringing a non-member to Retreat g. Donations for goodie bags, door prize, or food for Hospitality (1 point per \$5 value) h. Selling raffle tickets for Big item raffle (1 point per 10 tickets sold) i. Painting a large raffle item j. Painting a Door Sign k. Painting a centerpiece l. Painting favors 3 points for each 10 pieces painted	20 10 5 3 10 3 1+ 1+ 15 5 5 3+	
14	<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> a. Chairman b. Co-Chairman c.. Donation of item to Christmas Party (1 point per \$5 value)  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All donation points awarded are subject to Chairman's approval and validation.</b></p>	10 5 1+	
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	COMBINED TOTAL OF PAGE 1 and 2 (#1-14)		

- The “+” means additional quantities

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**POINTS SYSTEM FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY  
 DECEMBER 31, 2015**



## 2015 BOARD MEMBERS

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E-V	Recording Secretary: <b>Debbie Carosone</b>	724-745-3168
E-V	Treasurer: <b>Rosemary Habers</b>	412-741-5158
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E-V	Publicity: <b>Mary Ann Yurus</b>	724-745-8337
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A-V	Hospitality: <b>Rosalie Piccola</b>	412-722-4602
A-V	Librarian:	
A-V	Points System: <b>Rosann Wagner</b>	724-745-4212
A-NV	Decorative Painting Month: <b>Rhonda Gillespie</b>	724-941-0188
A-NV	Nominating:	
A-NV	Parliamentarian: <b>Rosann Wagner</b>	724-745-4212
A-NV	Service:	
A-NV	Retreat Chairman: <b>Debbie Carosone</b>	724-745-3168
A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon: <b>Laura Angelo</b>	724-785-5592
	<b>Jeanne Delbusso</b>	724-941-2415

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

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### Calendar of Events

November 15, 2015	Make-it/Take-its; Elections, Christmas Party
May 13, 14, 15, 2016	Liz Miller

**Meetings are held at the:**

**I.O.O.F Hall  
3684 Finleyville-Elrama Rd.  
Finleyville, Pa. 15332**

**Unless stated otherwise painting classes  
start at 9:30a.m. and doors open at 9:00.**

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