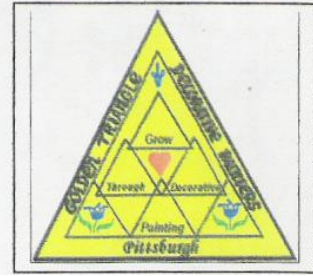




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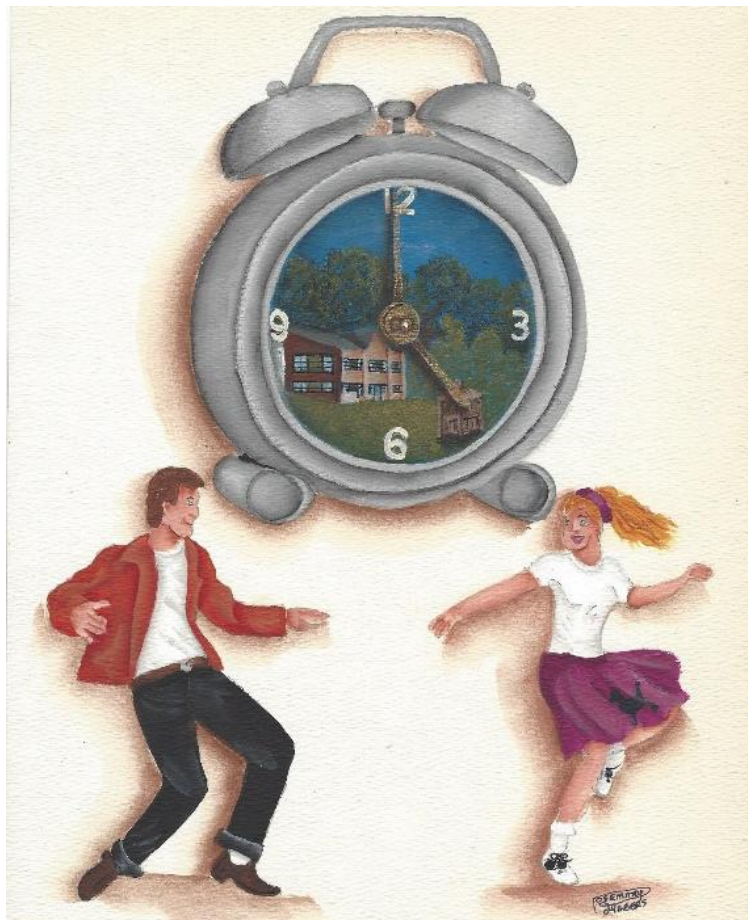


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Golden Triangle Decorative Painters  
29<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat  
50's Rock Around The Clock



Antiochian Village  
October 12th – 15th, 2017

Our Retreat will be here sooner than you think. Sign up NOW

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Wasn't that a wonderful seminar with Lynne Banting. If you missed it you will have another chance to take one of her classes at Retreat. You need to get your Retreat Registration in as soon as possible. This is only the beginning of August and we already have 22 people registered.

November is our election month and a slate of officers will be presented at the September Meeting. Many people don't even think about running for the Board because they just don't know what will be expected of them so I am re-running the information on Chairman responsibilities so you can be informed about what will be required of you if you take one of the positions.

I am also running part 2 about brushes. This time on cleaning them. I want to thank all of you who made a point of telling me they enjoyed the first article.

Rosemary Habers  
2017 Newsletter Editor  
[habersr1@aol.com](mailto:habersr1@aol.com)

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Where has the year gone? It is so hard to believe that fall is right around the corner. With the turning of the leaves will come our retreat at Antiochian. Debbie Carosone, Mary Ann Yurus and I made a trip there to discuss the proposed change for 2018. We came away with a good feeling about the changes that they proposed which will save us money. BUT before we worry about 2018, we need to get ready to "Rock Around The Clock". Plans are well under way for a very special retreat. We already have 22 people signed up and rooms reserved. I am very excited about the exceptional plans for door signs, center pieces, art show and classes. I for one had a very hard time choosing classes. What a great selection. Always looking for volunteers to help. See Cindi and share your talents. Hopefully many of you will join us and share the fun that we have every year.

Sounds like many of you will be attending the September meeting to paint the lovely calla lilies with Danny. Laura is working hard on getting the four exceptional classes that we want to have next year. The tentative lineup is our own Sandra Camarota, Sherry Nelson, Mark Polomchak and Liz Miller. Our treasury is healthy and the membership will have an opportunity to paint with these wonderful teachers at a very affordable price. Guidelines will be established by the November meeting.

Debbie Miller will be "shaking the bushes" for volunteers for officers for 2018. This is the perfect time to step up and serve your chapter. Rosemary has put a "job" description in the past newsletters for each of the offices. No office is difficult (except the Treasurer). My job as President has been so very easy because of the tremendous support from the board and many of you. These past two and a half years has been very rewarding, profitable and fun. The slate will be presented at the September meeting and voting will take place at the November meeting. IT'S YOUR TURN!

The President of SDP called me last week to "touch base" and introduce herself and see how we were fairing. She wanted to see if we had any questions, suggestions or ideas for increasing and retaining membership. I have not returned the call as of yet since I wanted time to think of the appropriate response without my usual sarcastic humor. Story for another day.

I leave you with a thought shared by our new interim President of Fairmont State University, Stephen Jones "We have 2 lives to live; the one we learn with and the life we live after that one". At what stage are you?

Mandy Steele  
2017 President

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Chairman – Danny Porterfield

No Report.

*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: The September meeting will be fresh from the garden.*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

*Editor's 2¢ worth: Remember that to be a member in good standing you need to be a member of National. Proof of membership must be shown. This year National has delivered our Membership cards via e-mail in February. If you have not already shown your card to Rhonda please print it off and bring it to the September meeting.*

## **POINTS**

Chairman – Rosann Wagner

Hope all of you are keeping track of your points. Don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

## BOARD POSITIONS

We have several new people and with all of different Board Positions we can sometimes become confused about what Chairman are responsible for what so below are the positions, who to contact and what they are responsible for.

If you have any questions about **classes** such as dates for classes, class fees, what supplies are needed and such, contact the **1<sup>st</sup> VP/Program: Laura Angelo**. All monies for classes are to be sent to her and made out to GTDP.

If you have questions about **Membership** such as how much are the dues, was you check received for payment of dues, contact the **2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership: Rhonda Gillespie**. All monies for membership are to be sent to her and made out to GTDP.

If you know of someone who is ill, in the hospital, lost a family member etc., contact the **Corresponding Secretary: Danny Porterfield** so he can send them a card

We have raffles every meeting. If you have a painted piece that you think would be popular as a raffle item, contact the **Ways & Means Chairman: Jeanne Delbusso**

If there is a newspaper or free flyer in your area that you know will publish GTDP's classes, Retreat or Basket Luncheon, contact the **Publicity Chairman: Mary Ann Yurus**

Know of a special class somewhere that might interest our group or know of someone who received an award or something special related to the Decorative Arts, contact the **Newsletter Editor: Rosemary Habers**.

Need to know what to bring for our Meeting Lunches. Check the Newsletter or contact the **Hospitality Chair: Cindie Martincic**.

Everything you do for the Chapter earns you points. Everything from attending meetings and classes to donating food and painted items to Ways and Means earns you points. If there is something about Points you don't understand, contact the **Points System Chairman: Rosann Wagner**. Remember at the end of the year to fill out the Application in the back of the Newsletter or Membership book and mail them to her by December 31.

If you display your art work somewhere or know of a place to display, contact the **Decorative Painting Month Chairman: Rhonda Gillespie**.

If you are good with people and willing to make a lot of phone requesting people to run for office or you would like to run yourself, you would contact the **Nominating Chairman**. If a chairman has not been appointed, contact the **President: Mandy Steele**.

Our **Parliamentarian** is **Rosann Wagner**. She makes sure we follow Roberts Rules of Order. If you have any questions about Motions, or meeting procedure, she's the one to contact.

If you know of a nonprofit group or deserving organization that needs help other than monetary, contact the **Service Chairman: Pat Jinkens** . We have an ongoing Memory Box project, If you can paint one or have one painted, contact her to have one for you to paint or make arrangements for her to obtain one you painted.

General questions about the Retreat can be answered by the **Retreat Chairman: Cindie Martincic**. She can also direct you to the Chairmen in charge of different categories such as Raffle Tickets, Ways & Means, Make-it/Take-its etc. If you have questions about availability of classes contact **Mandy Steele**. To book your room contact Antiochian directly. Instructions are in the Retreat Book that is available at the July Meeting.

Any questions about the Spring Basket Luncheon such as ticket sales, doing a basket for the raffle, delivery of the centerpieces or favors you painted, contact to **any Board Member**.

Any questions you have about Chapter Finances should be directed to the **Treasurer: Rosemary Habers**. If you need to send money to pay for Classes, Basket Luncheon Tickets or any other activity sponsored by GTDP the most important thing you must remember is **ALL CHECKS MUST** be made out to GTDP, never the Chairman of the activity. These checks must also be sent to the Chairmen in charge of the activity **NOT** the Treasurer.

If you have a question and it doesn't fit in with any of the above, contact the **President: Mandy Steele**.

While Board Members change their responsibilities do not so each year check the listing of Board Members to see who are the Chairmen in each of these Categories and their phone numbers.

**RECORDING SECRETARY**  
**Golden Triangle Decorative Painters**  
**July 26, 2017 IOOF Hall, Finleyville**

The meeting was called to order by President Mandy Steele at 12:55.

**Registration-Rhonda Gillespie**

28 members were in attendance. There were also 2 guests Debbie Shillinberger and Alice Moore. The \$5.00 in Golden Dollars were won by Linda Wyke  
Marjorie Morris made a motion for accept the minutes printed in the newsletter. Cindie Martincic 2nd the motion. Motion Carried.

**Program-Laura Angelo**

Laura thanked Lynne Banting for teaching the 3 day seminar at our chapter. Danny Porterfield will be teaching a calla lily at the September meeting. Seminar teachers for 2018 will be Sherry Nelson, Mark Polomchak and Liz Miller.

**Treasurer-Rosemary Habers**

Rosemary gave the treasurers report.

Points-Rosann Wagner

Rosann announced that we are halfway through the year and the points system. She advised members to keep track of their accumulated points.

**Hospitality-Cindie Martincic**

Cindie thanked everyone who brought food throughout the weekend. She stated that September will be Harvest month.

**Decorative Painting Month-Rhonda Gillespie**

Rhonda reminded the members that displaying artwork at approved public places can earn points

**Nominating-Debbie Miller**

Mandy stated that Debbie Miller will be doing Nominating for elections.

**Newsletter-Rosemary Habers**

Rosemary announced that the newsletter deadline is August 4th.

Mandy discussed amending the by-laws due to the increase in National Dues.

Mary Ann Yurus made a motion, 2nd by Sandra Camarota to accept the minutes stating article 4 to be added that the Chapter will pay half of the National dues for elected board officers. This will go into effect immediately.

### **Retreat-Cindie Martincic**

Judy Leasure cancelled her retreat classes due to health issues. Rosemary made a few mistakes in the booklet. YES, I said Rosemary made a few mistakes.

Marcie Millers class was listed as a 6 hour class and it is actually a 4 hour class.

Laura's God Bless Americas class is a 4 hour class. Rosemary's Cardinal class is listed as 4 hours and it is a 6 hour class.

### **Ways 'N Means-Jeanne Delbusso**

Jeannie thanked members for the donations.

50/50 was won by Alice Moore 62.50

Flower Picture won by Rosann donated by Joan

White Birdhouse was won by Rosann donated by Joan

Apartment building for birds won by Linda Wyke donated by Joan

Polomchak Amish piece donated by Mandy won by Debbie Carosone

Meeting adjourned at 1:30

## **RETREAT**

Cindie Martincic

*Editor's 2¢ worth: 2017 Retreat will be October 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have a large piece that you think would be great for our main raffle give Cindi a call and let her know. Also, we have made a change regarding our oil classes. There will be **absolutely NO turpentine or odorless brush cleaner permitted**. Oil painters can bring Awesome (available at Dollar Tree), Murphey's Oil Soap or Baby Oil to clean your brushes.*

## **SERVICE**

Chairman - Pat Jinkens

*Editor's 2¢ worth: If anyone still has a walker bag or memory box, please bring it to the September meeting. Also, please save your jars and bring them painted or unpainted to Chapter meetings and give them to Rosemary. We would like to continue the Animal Friends project. Also, we would like to fill these jars with biscuits and deliver these jars in November in time for Christmas presents. Please think about donating dog treats and food at the November Meeting. Thank you.*



## BRUSH NOTES

I received several good comments on last month's article on Brushes so this month I'm writing on how to care for those brushes. Again, I stress I am not an authority. These are things I have learned over the years and have worked for me.

The most important thing about your brushes is the care you give them. Most people do not think of all the things they put their brushes through. It is of the utmost importance that you keep your brushes clean. I see people after a class swish their brushes in their water basin and then put them away. Ouch! First off, you have just used the same water that you put paint into. Would you wash your hair in that? Think of these brushes as hair. Many of them are natural hair or a combination of hair and synthetic. You can't get residue out of hair with just water and dirty water at that, you need soap. There are many different brands of soap on the market made specifically for brushes. Find your favorite. Mine happens to be BJ's. Some people love Murphy's Oil soap or Awsom. Some even use baby oil to clean out the paint then wash with soap. This is a fantastic substitute for the carcinogenic cleaners such as turpentine and even odor free terpenoid when cleaning your oil brushes. I have been told some use hand sanitizer.

Try not to put your brushes away wet. I realize this is hard after a seminar. Wet or dry, never store your brushes on their hair tips, you will damage the ends. If you do this you will find the bristles are curled and no longer lay flat. After cleaning lay the brush flat or suspend it upside down until it dries. I like to hang mine upside down by their handles and have designed a holder for this purpose. I feel this protects the ferrule by not allowing water to run back and into it. Also by being suspended I don't have to worry about the brush standing up on its hairs **Do not** try to rush drying your brushes by using a hair dryer on them. You will give your brush the look of a "bad hair day". The hairs cannot handle the heat and will curl and fan apart. I have, however, broken this rule with large natural hair mop brushes.

Another thing people don't pay attention to is wiping their brush. Most people scrub the brush back and forth on a paper towel. Again, not good. Think of what a paper towel is made from. Don't just say paper. While it is paper, paper is made from wood. So is sandpaper. You will get about the same results with either. The only difference is that sandpaper is quicker. Have you ever noticed that your brush ends are curled and/or uneven? This could be from the abrasion and heat caused by the scrubbing on the paper towel. Always put your brush on the paper towel and squeeze. Not squeeze and pull, squeeze. Also, do not squeeze and bend the bristles back and forth. You risk breaking the hairs this way. "Folding" the bristles against the ferrule will cut and snap off hairs. After I have cleaned my brushes and I am sure there is no longer any paint in them I like to re-lather the brush in BJ's and leave it on. This sizes the brush and helps to protect it. I have also used ivory soap and I have gently run the brush over the gummed part of an envelope in a pinch. It doesn't matter whether you are using oil, acrylic or watercolors. All brushes need to be thoroughly cleaned and all can be cleaned with the same "soaps". Brushes are expensive. Treat them with respect.

## SPECIAL NEWS



It is with heavy heart that I must announce the passing of Ellen Hildenbrand. Ellen was a charter member, Chairman of Teachers and Shop Owners Directory in 1994, Newsletter Editor in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988, President in 1994 and 1995 as well as a member of numerous committees. Ellen painted items for Ways & Means and Retreat Raffles and taught many classes. Ellen passed away Saturday, August 12 after a very brief battle with aggressive breast cancer. A memorial is tentatively scheduled for October 21. Her sister is hoping many of her painting friends can attend. I will send an e-mail to all newsletter recipients when I get the finalized plans for the memorial.

### 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 May Meeting:

Flower Canvas donated by Joan Schneider

Won by Rosann Wagner

White Flower Bird Home donated by Joan Schneider

won by Rosann Wagner

Picture Frame music box donated by Joan Schneider

won by Judy Shuba

Stained Flower Bird House donated by Joan Schneider

won by Linda Wyke

Mark Polomchak painting donated by Mandy Steele

won by Debbie Carosone

Our 50/50 winner was Alice Moore \$62.00

## BIRTHDAYS

### *September*

- 16 Rosemary Habers*
- 22 Cindie Martincic*
- 25 Sharon Livingood*
- 28 Rosann Wagner*

### *October*

- 12 Pat Diettrich*
- 26 Virginia Simmons*

### *November*

- 9 Bill Habers*
- 24 Ruby Dunlap*
- 28 Joan Schneider*
- 30 Rhonda Gillespie*

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

## Program

Chairman – Laura Angelo

September 17, 2017 – Danny Porterfield



Sunset Calla Lilies

Cost: Members \$18

Non Members \$23

(Includes surface, paints, photo and instructions).

Surface is 7" X 21"

Baltic Birch with textured background.

Brushes: 1/2" and 3/4" Maxine Thomas Mop.

1/2" and 3/4" angular. #4 and #6 Dome Scumbler

Very large scumbling brush to do the background.

Bring regular acrylic painting supplies.

To enroll in class contact:

Laura Angelo at 724-785-5592 or

[langelo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:langelo@atlanticbb.net)

*Editor's 2¢ worth:* We're going back to an old requirement about payments toward classes. We have always said unless you pay for your class prior to the day of class you will not be officially enrolled. That means if the Teacher only prepares enough surfaces for the paid members you might not be able to take the class. Also, in the past we would put reminders in the newsletter to the people who signed up but didn't pay yet (perfect for people like me who can't remember breakfast much less did I pay for a class over a month ago). We will be having 4 National teachers coming next year and they are very expensive. If we have a lot of people sign up then not show up since they did not pay it can be very costly to the teacher and chapter. Another rule we have had in the past that we are bringing back is if you sign up, don't pay and the teacher has purchased the surface because of it and cannot sell that surface you will be sent a bill. I know you are all thinking we have lots of money and \$18 or \$25 doesn't seem that much to the chapter, remember, it adds up. We are also planning more ways to help you pay for the National Teachers so that alone will deplete as much as a third (or more) of our monies.

Sign up's who have not paid as of the date of this Newsletter:

1. Dolores Khalouf
2. Rosann Wagner
3. Gerry Dille
4. Audrey Wagers
5. Joan Schneider
6. Rosalie Piccola
7. Sandra Camarota
8. Rosemarie Geer
9. Linnea Ondick

	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> Hospitality, Parliamentarian, Points System, Service, <b>Special Committees:</b> Decorative Painting Month, Nominating	25 20 10 5	
3	Chapter dues for the following year paid by December 1 <sup>st</sup> 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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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;"><b>All donation points awarded are subject to Chairman's approval and validation.</b></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.**




Mail To: Rosann Wagner  
 212 Fulton Road  
 Canonsburg, PA 15317  
 (412) 745-4212

**POINTS SYSTEM FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY  
 DECEMBER 31, 2017**

## 2017 BOARD MEMBERS

	E-V	President:	<b>Mandy Steele</b>	304-216-8683
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	E-V	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership:	<b>Rhonda Gillespie</b>	724-941-0188
	E-V	Recording Secretary:	<b>Debbie Carosone</b>	724-746-3168
	E-V	Treasurer:	<b>Rosemary Habers</b>	412-741-5158
	E-V	Ways and Means:	<b>Jeanne Delbusso</b>	724-941-2415
	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>Dan Porterfield</b>	724-785-3250
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	A-V	Hospitality:	<b>Cindi Martincic</b>	724-222-7449
	A-V	Points System:	<b>Rosann Wagner</b>	724-745-4212
	A-NV	Decorative Painting Month:		



	A-NV	Nominating:		
	A-NV	Parliamentarian:	<b>Rosann Wagner</b>	724-745-4212
	A-NV	Service:	<b>Pat Jenkins</b>	724-225-6399
	A-NV	Retreat Chairman:	<b>Cindi Martincic</b>	724-222-7449
	A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon:	<b>Board</b>	

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

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### 2017 Calendar of Events

January 15	Service Project Painting
March 19	Carol Neth
May 21	Rosann Wagner
July 14-16	Lynn Banting
September 17	Dan Porterfield
October 12 – 15	Retreat
November 19	Make It/Take It

**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](http://GTDP.org)**