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It was a Merry Christmas
at the
November Meeting

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hopefully we have all the “bugs” out sending the newsletter by e-mail. I know some of you can read Word 2013, others Word 2007 and still others only a PDF file along with an XML format. I have learned more about files and formats than I ever wanted to know this year. Anyway, 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.

I am continuing to send these issues booklet style (double sided the way you received hard copies of it in the past). The website version is still the same one page format. The website version will be available about 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. We will be having a Board Meeting on January 9th and I would like to give a report as to how the membership feels about how they receive their newsletters.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Thank you to all members for your contributions for a very successful 2015. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as your President through 2016. Whether it was that I served you well or that maybe no one else wanted this job, I will do my best to address your issues and concerns to make GTDP a fun filled painting organization. Above all else that should be our main objective. SHARE the love of painting, SHARE knowledge gained through classes and SHARE in fellowship with our chapter members.

At World of Color, I ran into the girls from Virginia that attended our Retreat at Antiochian. They bragged to other attendees what a great retreat we host and how wonderful the event is held at Antiochian. Several people then asked how they could find out information about our retreat. At a painting seminar in Parkersburg recently, I met 2 ladies who paint with Liz Miller in Raleigh all the time. They could not say enough nice things about her so I am looking forward to our May seminar with Liz. If I (the die-hard oil painter) can make acrylics look even similar to her projects, I will be a happy camper. Never be afraid to try something new. The most that could happen is you will learn to like it and the least that will happen is you won't ever do it again.

We should celebrate the fun and fellowship we experienced throughout 2015. We had a very financially successful year with profits from the Basket Luncheon and the Retreat. Mary Ann Dunbar truly surpassed expectations with funds raised from our monthly Ways & Means. Membership increased as we welcomed both past and new members. Attendance for painting classes was exceptional. Celebrate the willingness of members to pitch in and help with the luncheons (especially the wonderful desserts). Celebrate service to the community with the talents shared by creating walker bags for the nursing home. Celebrate an exceptional Board that worked so well together securing our Chapter's future. SO, pat yourself on the back for your contributions in 2015. It is your chapter and it will only be as successful as your participation. Every little bit helps. If you have ideas please feel free to share them with your Board.

Please keep our armed forces personnel in your prayers. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I leave you with: Live your Life! Take Chances! Be Crazy! Right now is the oldest you have ever been and the youngest you will ever be again.

BASKET LUNCHEON

We are really looking forward to the Basket Luncheon April 10. Our new location at Fairview Sunset Room in Bridgeville is so elegant. The Chef was very helpful with suggestions. There is so much more space. The Theme for this year is "Bloom Where You Are Planted". The ticket price will remain at \$20 this year since we are moving. Tickets will be available at the January meeting and turning tickets and money in at the March meeting. We had 180 people in attendance last year and we now have room for many more. The success of the luncheon depends greatly on your participation with inviting guests, painting really nice door prizes and making exceptional baskets. Our goal is to have at least 25 great baskets. Last year we had 31. You don't have to make one by yourself. Get several of your friends and go together to create an outstanding gift basket. It only has to have 2 painted items in them. PLEASE NOTE: As you sell tickets, tell your guests that their NAMES MUST BE ON THE TICKETS IN ORDER TO WIN. We will be trying to speed up the drawings of both door prizes and baskets with a new system. More on the luncheon at the January meeting.

BOARD MEETING

Weather permitting we will have a Board meeting on Saturday, January 9 at Debbie Carosone's house. We will eat at 12:00 if you want. The meeting will begin at 1:00. Mandy will be providing Soup. Please bring a SMALL compliment dish if you wish. Main items of discussion will be the 2016 Budget and the Basket Luncheon. Please note Board meetings are open to any member who wishes to come. However, only Board members listed with a vote can make motions and vote. You can make your voices and wishes known. Please let Mandy know if you will be attending the lunch and/or the meeting. Email is msteele6453@ma.rr.com or phone 304-216-8683.

HOSPITALITY

Thank you to Cindi Martincic for volunteering to be Hospitality Chair for 2016. For the most part the sign up for assistants worked very well last year. Thanks to all the ladies who had everything well under control at the beginning of the November meeting. Special thank you to Rosalie Piccola for keeping everything flowing smoothly throughout the day and with the clean-up. We will have sign-up sheets for each monthly meeting at the January meeting. It doesn't take much with many hands to keep the coffee going, setting up and cleaning up. With 60 + members we should have enough hands to make the work go quickly. Dig out your recipes and keep the delicious snacks coming. Keep in mind that we will have 3 days in May as we have National Teacher Liz Miller coming.

Mandy Steele
2015 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.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Chairman – Nancy Reeser

No Report.

DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

No Report.

HOSPITALITY

Chairman – Cindy Martincic

January is Founders month so the Chapter will be bringing in sandwiches and cake so please bring sides (potato salad, macaroni salad, veggies etc.)

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman – Debbie Miller

No Report

POINTS

Chairman – Rosann Wagner

*Editor's 2¢ worth: Remember your points **MUST** be postmarked by December 31st.*

RECORDING SECRETARY

Debbie Carosone

Golden Triangle Decorative Painters Chapter Meeting
IOOF Building Finleyville, PA
November 17, 2015

Membership-Debbie Miller: Today we had 39 members present and there were 2 guests in attendance, Dana Klein and Delores Pensi.

Debbie advised that is members pay 2016 membership today, it will count for 3 points. 34 people ended up paying 2016 dues at this meeting.

Mandy asked if there are any corrections to the minutes in the Newsletter. Rhonda made a motion to accept the minutes, Rosann 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Program-Laura Angelo: At this time Laura was not sure what the project for January will be. We will be having Liz Miller teaching acrylics here in May. Project photos should be on the website soon.

Treasures Report/Newsletter-Rosemary Habers: Rosemary gave the current treasurers report and announced that the newsletter deadline will be December 4th.

Hospitality-Rosalie Piccola: Rosalie thanked everyone for bringing all the food for our Christmas party.

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Mandy stated that the basket Luncheon has been scheduled for April 10th. The 2015 board will be in charge of filling the committees for the retreat. Mandy then turned the meeting over to Mary Ann Dunbar who handled Nominating. There were no nominations from the floor so the current elected officers will keep their current positions.

2016 Officers are:

President	Mandy Steele
Program 1st v Pres	Laura Angelo
2nd V Pres.	Debbie Miller
Recording Secretary	Debbie Carosone
Treasurer	Rosemary Habers
Corresponding Sec	Nancy Reeser
Publicity	Mary Ann Yurus
Ways 'n Means	Jeanne Delbusso

Bill Habers made a motion to accept the board for 2016. Rosann Wagner 2nd the motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully, Debbie Carosone

**Let me introduce your 2016:
Elected Board Members.**

President: Mandy Steele



1st VP Programs: Laura Angelo



2nd VP membership: Debbie Miller



Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Reeser



Newsletter Editor Rosemary Habers



Publicity Mary Ann Yurus



Recording Secretary Debbie Carosone



Treasurer Rosemary Habers



Ways & Means: Jeanne Delbusso



**And your
2016 Appointed Officers**

Parliamentarian Rosann Wagner



D. P. Month-Rhonda Gillespie



Hospitality- Cindie Martincic



Basket Luncheon-
Under the direction of the Board

PROGRAM

January 17, 2016 – Mandy Steele



Origami German Bell with Zentangle - Cost \$10.

You will learn the art of paper folding to create this 3 dimensional bell and then decorate with the Tangles of your choice.

Teacher will provide paper, Micron #1 pen, pearl head pins and suggested Zentangle patterns.

You will need to bring a hard surface to work on at least 8-1/2" x 11",
extra Micro #1 Black Pen if you have one,
tissues and scissors.

Please register early so that Mandy has time to order the pens.

PROGRAM

May 13, 14, 15, 2016 - Liz Miller



Friday – Cobalt and Hydrangeas



Saturday – White Tulips



Sunday – Seashells

Price per Class: \$45 Members, \$50 non-members

WAYS & MEANS

Chairman – Mary Ann Dunbar

GTDP's celebrated an early Christmas at their November meeting, with fun MITI's, lots of great food, and a Ways and Means table full of wonderful prizes.

Seven lucky winners went home with the following:

A clock painted by Mandy Steele was won by Virginia Simmons

A sled painted by Rosemary Habers was won by Mandy Steele

A snowman plate painted by Karen Pagasky was won by Mandy Steele

A sunflower canvas painted by Joan Schneider was won by Debbie Miller

An afghan donated by Shirley Burnsworth was won by Jeannie Delbusso

A basket painted by Pat Jenkins was won by Mandy Steele

Our 50/50 winner was Paulette Caldwell

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Ways and Means raffles these last two years, you made my job easier with your generosity. Please continue and help Jeannie Delbusso as she takes over this important office for 2016. Remember your club can only be successful when it has the necessary funds to work with.

Thanks again,
Keep on Painting
Mary Ann Dunbar
Ways and Means.

2015 BOARD MEMBERS

E-V	President:	Mandy Steele	304-216-8683
E-V	1 st VP/Program:	Laura Angelo	724-785-5592
E-V	2 nd VP/Membership:	Debbie Miller	412-766-1292
E-V	Recording Secretary:	Debbie Carosone	724-746-3168
E-V	Treasurer:	Rosemary Habers	412-741-5158
E-V	Ways and Means:	Mary Ann Dunbar	724-295-3205
E-V	Publicity:	Mary Ann Yurus	724-745-8337
E-V	Newsletter Editor:	Rosemary Habers	412-741-5158
E-V	Corresponding Secretary:	Nancy Reeser	724-360-8113
A-V	Historian:		
A-V	Hospitality:	Rosalie Piccola	412-722-4602
A-V	Librarian:		
A-V	Points System:	Rosann Wagner	724-745-4212
A-NV	Decorative Painting Month:	Rhonda Gillespie	724-941-0188
A-NV	Nominating:		
A-NV	Parliamentarian:	Rosann Wagner	724-745-4212
A-NV	Service:		
A-NV	Retreat Chairman:	Debbie Carosone	724-745-3168
A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon:	Laura Angelo	
	724-785-5592		
		Jeanne Delbusso	724-941-2415

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

Calendar of Events

January 9, 2016	Board Meeting	Debbie Carosone's home
January 17, 2016	Mandy Steele	Origami German Bell / Zentangle
March 20, 2016	Chapter Meeting	
May 13	Liz Miller	Cobalt & Hydrangeas
14	Liz Miller	White Tulips
15	Liz Miller	Seashells
May 15, 2016	Chapter Meeting	
July 17, 2016	Chapter Meeting	
September 18, 2016	Chapter Meeting	
November 20, 2016	Chapter Meeting	

**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.

Visit the Chapters website at GTDP.org

2015 POINTS SYSTEM

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	RULES	Points	Total
1	Each Board Meeting Attended	6	
2	Serving on the Board: President Elected Officers: 1 st VP, 2 nd VP, Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Publicity, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Ways and Means Appointed Officers: Historian, Hospitality, Library, Parliamentarian, Points System, Service, Special Committees: 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 st 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 (1 point 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	SERVICE Painting a Chairman approved service item	3	
12	SPRING BASKET LUNCHEON 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 unpainted door prize item (1 point per \$5 value) g. Painting a donated unpainted door prize project (1 point per \$5 value) h. Donation of a painted door prize item ((1 point per \$5 value) [f, g, and h cannot be combined in any combination]) 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	RETREAT a. Chairman (Co-Chairing) 20 b. Special Committee Chairman (not co-chairing) 10 c. Special Committee Chairman (co-chairing) 5 d. Working on a special committee 3 e. Attending Retreat 10 f. Bringing a non-member to Retreat 3 g. Donations for goodie bags, door prize, or food for Hospitality (1 point per \$5 value) 1+ h. Selling raffle tickets for Big item raffle (1 point per 10 tickets sold) 1+ i. Painting a large raffle item 15 j. Painting a Door Sign 5 k. Painting a centerpiece 5 l. Painting favors 3 points for each 10 pieces painted 3+		
14	CHRISTMAS PARTY a. Chairman 10 b. Co-Chairman 5 c.. Donation of item to Christmas Party (1 point per \$5 value) 1+ <p style="text-align: center;">All donation points awarded are subject to Chairman's approval and validation.</p>		
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- The “+” means additional quantities

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POINTS SYSTEM FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 31, 2015