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Fun Class with
Monica Schallenberger

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hope everyone had a wonderful time at the July meeting with Monica. Your birds all look so good.

September's meeting is a cute Santa Shelf Sitter with Rosann.

Plans for our annual Retreat are being made. Our theme is "Into the Mystic". The Retreat dates are October 23 – 26. Packages for 4 or 5 Night stays are available. Prices are in the Retreat book.

I'm also still collecting glass jars of any size for my Animal Friends Project. Many of you have already brought me jars and I am so thankful for you. I couldn't do this project without you. At the last T&C Retreat I was asked by some if they could bring them to the T&C Retreats. The answer is definitely YES!!! If anyone knows where I will be, meeting, retreats, anywhere, PLEASE always feel free to bring them to me. If you don't see me, just give them to Bill.

Thank you.
Rosemary

Please note: Our September Meeting has been moved to
September 28th.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello August! Retreat booklets have been sent out and we have gotten a great response already! Please join us! All of our teachers and projects are great and waiting for you to put your spin on them!

Please join us at the September 28TH meeting. Rosann's project looks fun! Keep cool. 😎

Laura

BASKET LUNCHEON

Chairman – Karen Pagasky and Sharon Livingood

Editor's 2¢ worth: Our 2026 Basket Luncheon will be on April 12, 2026. This year's theme is "Tea Time."

Karen will have the centerpieces and favors to be painted at the September Meeting. If you want to paint one see her then. You can also start thinking of doing a basket and any door or raffle prizes you can donate. Our Basket Luncheon is our only fund raiser and it helps to fund our Service projects.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Chairman – William Habers

Thinking of you cards were mailed out to a few members. A sympathy card was sent to Carol Neth after the death of her husband Tom. If there is anybody you think needs a card for any reason, feel free to let me know and I will get one out as soon as I can.

DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

No Report.

HOSPITALITY

Chairman – Rosemarie Geer

Due to illness Rosemarie must resign as Hospitality Chair. We are temporally having 2 people assume the chore of taking care of Hospitality needs at the Meetings till a new person volunteers for the position. If you would like to become our new Chairman, please contact Laura.

Editor's 2¢ worth: Our theme for September is Italian. Bring your favorite Italian dish. Don't forget the desserts 🍷

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

Editor's 2¢ worth: We will begin collecting dues for 2026 at the November meeting. There are still some 2025 Membership Books left. They will be at the registration table. If you haven't picked yours up yet, you can pick one up there.

PROGRAM

Chairman – Monica Schallenberger

September 28, 2025 – Rosann Wagner



Santa Shelf Sitter - \$20.00

Editor's 2¢ worth: Please remember if you sign up for a class you are required to pay for it even if you don't attend, The surface and pattern will be set aside for you until the next meeting if you don't have someone pick it up for you.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Cindie Martincic

Golden Triangle Decorative Painters Business Meeting July 20, 2025

President Laura Angelo called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

A motion to accept the minutes from the previous business meeting, posted in the June newsletter, was made by Jeannie Delbusso and second by Dolores Kahlouf.

1st Vice President, Monica Schallenberger welcomed the 7 painters who attended her class. Monica presented the following schedule:
September 28, Rosann Wagner – Acrylic, \$20—please note the date change.

2nd Vice President, Rhonda Gillespie gave a report of 18 members present.

Recording Secretary, Cindi Martincic, absent, no report.

Treasurer, Rosemary Habers gave the treasurer's report and it will be put on file pending the audit.

Ways and Means, Bill Habers explained the ways and means items, the floral plate donated by Laura Angelo will be chosen at the November meeting. The 50/50 was won by Jeannie Delbusso

Publicity, Mary Ann Yurus, no report.

Newsletter Editor, Rosemary Habers has set August 1st as the deadline for the newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary Bill Habers will send cards to Rosemarie Geer and Cindie Martincic.

Historian Delores Khalouf ,placed updated images on the digital frame.

Service, .Jeanne Delbusso, Dot Hoffman gave Jeanne several memory boxes for the women's shelter.

Hospitality, Rose Geer has resigned because of illness. A discussion followed on how to handle hospitality for the rest of the year.

Parliamentarian, Rosann Wagner, no report.

Basket Luncheon, Tentative date is April 12, 2026, Karen Pagasky and Sharon Livingood have agreed to chair the Basket Luncheon. There was a discussion on centerpieces and the theme.

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RECORDING SECRETARY (Cont'd)

Cindie Martincic

Retreat, Laura Angelo and Jeanne Delbusso, Into the Mystic, October 23-26, 2025. Dot Hoffman did a beautiful job on the Retreat Booklet. The booklet was sent to all previous attendees .Activities and raffles were discussed for the Retreat. A painting by Mark Polumchuk will be raffled at the retreat, tickets and now available. TCDP– 2026 retreat will be April 23-26, 2026.

Christmas party, Activities for the party were discussed.

Respectfully submitted, Rosann Wagner.

RETREAT

Jeanne Delbuso and Laura Angelo - Chairmen

Editor's 2¢ worth Our 2025 Retreat is scheduled for October 23-26. Our Theme is "Into the Mystic". It will again be at Crestfield Conference Center. Books were mailed out.



These are just some of the classes available. You can see all of the classes in the Retreat Book or online at GTDP.org. The booklets are on the Retreat page, To just see the projects, go to the pictures page. Click on a picture to increase the picture size with the project name text.

SERVICE

Chairman – Jeanne Delbuso

Editor's 2¢ worth: If you have a service project in mind, please let one of the Board Members know. Thanks.

SPECIAL NEWS

Editor's 2¢ worth We have talked in the past about members bringing in unfinished projects that they need help with. The feeling was that it was too noisy and interruptive. To test the possibility the divider was opened most of the way. I want to thank Karen Pagasky and Sharon Livingood for being my "ginny pigs" to see if we can do 2 or more classes at the same time. I am so excited to report it worked. Monica's class didn't hear us and we didn't hear them. So, if you're not painting a scheduled class and want to get some help, bring in your project, the pattern, and paint Someone will help you with it.



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

A wooden plate with fruit painted on it was painted and donated by Laura Angelo. The plate was offered to raffle at the July meeting and will be offered again at the September and November meeting. The winning ticket will be pulled during the Christmas Party.

The following are the July general raffle items that were retained for the September 28th meeting. People were either painting in classes or examining people's sales items and there were no sales.

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| Oval Painted Box | Donated by Karen Pagasky and |
| A Small Clock Blank | Donated by Karen Pagasky |
| Snowman Sled | Donated by William Habers and |
| Christmas Tree Blanks | Donated by Karen Pagasky |
| Blue Bird Wreath | Donated by Rosemary Habers and |
| Mitten Blanks | Donated by Karen Pagasky |
| Two Cutting Boards and | Donated by Karen Pagasky and Sharon Livingood |
| A Clip Board Blank | |

Jeanne Delbuso won the 50/50 raffle.

If anybody has anything painted or not painted, please donate them to the Ways and Means for us to raffle.

SPECIAL DONATION NEWS



Editor's 2¢ worth: Rosemarie Geer graciously donated some painting surfaces. Some were taken to be painted for raffle or door prizes for our 2026 Basket Luncheon. Thank you to those people. Every meeting we have people who are cleaning out their painting surface cupboard of things we know we won't get to. So please bring them into a meeting for anyone to paint for the basket Luncheon. It would be wonderful if everyone attending got a door prize.

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.

1st 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.

2nd 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: Manages all monies from 4 Bank accounts, submits a year-end report, 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

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|  | A-NV | Parliamentarian: | Rosann Wagner | 412-745-4212 |
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|  | A-NV | Spring Basket Luncheon: | Dolores Khalouf | 412-292-1254 |

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

2025 Calendar of Events

September 28 Rosann Wagner Santa Claus Shelf Sitter Acrylics
October 23 thru 26 GTDP's Annual Retreat
November 16 Christmas Party Elections

Meetings are being held at the: I. O. O. F Hall

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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