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## Feather Painting Fun

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Fall is here, the weather is cool and the leaves are changing but the best thing about fall is it's our Retreat time. I hope all of you who were thinking of coming and haven't registered yet get your registration in NOW. Classes are filling up so act fast. There will also be a special activity at the bonfire Thursday. Check it out under "Retreat"

After Retreat our November meeting will be our Christmas Party and Elections. If you want to run for an office please contact any Board Member before the November Meeting. If you are planning to attend the November Meeting PLEASE contact Laura by the November 1<sup>st</sup>. Our party is catered and the caterer need a 2 week notice.

I also want to thank everyone who has brought 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. Thanks again.

Thank you.

Rosemary Habers - 2024 Newsletter Editor

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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

### President's Message

Hello and happy fall to y'all! I don't know about you, but I was glad to see the sunshine again! I'm sitting here taking a break because we have a Retreat coming up and all the preparations and plans are coming together and I've been busy getting ready. I can't wait! We are having a holiday party again this year at our November meeting. If you want to come and spend the day with us, please let me know. Call me, text me, email me. You'll want to get signed up.

Laura

## **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.*

*It's not too early to be thinking about doing a basket for next year's Luncheon. If you can do a basket, please see MaryAnn Yurus at the November Meeting.*

*Winter is coming 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. 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,*

*This is our only fundraiser. We don't 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.*

*Dolores Khalouf and her crew did a wonderful job last year and have graciously agreed to Chair next year too. Can't wait to see what they come up with. Loved the cupcakes.*

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Chairman – William Habers

Get well soon cards were sent to Ronda Gillespie, Linda Wyke and Debbie Miller. Additionally, thinking of you cards were sent to Marjorie Orlandini and Pat Stepko. If there is anybody you think needs a card for any reason, feel free to let me know and I will get one out.

## **DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH**

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

No Report.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Chairman – Susan Jaap

November is our Christmas Party. Once again we will be having it catered. If you are planning to attend you **MUST** contact Susan by November 1<sup>st</sup> at [sjj64@gmail.com](mailto:sjj64@gmail.com) or 724-745-5873.

GTDP will be supplying the drinks as always.



*Editor's 2¢ worth: Don't forget the desserts*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

*Editor's 2¢ worth November is traditionally the month we pay the following years dues. See Rhonda at the meeting to pay your 2025 dues. Dues are still \$25 per year.*

*A 2024 Membership Book will be at the registration table, please look at your info and confirm it is correct. Thanks.*

*Editor's 2¢ worth: If you did not pick up your 2024 Membership Book yet see me at the September meeting*

## **NOMINATING**

Our yearly elections will be held at the November Meeting. The following is the slate of officers.

President – Laura Angelo  
VP/ Programs – Rosann Wagner  
VP/Membership – Rhonda Gillespie  
Recording Secretary – Cindie Martincic  
Treasurer – Rosemary Habers  
Ways and Means – Jeanne Delbusso  
Publicity – Mary Ann Yurus  
Newsletter – Rosemary Habers  
Corresponding Secretary – Bill Habers

*Editor's 2¢ worth: We also need a volunteer for Hospitality and Service positions. If you are willing to take either of these positions or any position, please see Laura at the November Meeting.*

## **PROGRAM**

Chairman – Rosann Wagner

*Editor's 2¢ worth: No Report. Stay tuned for the December Newsletter for an update.*

## **RECORDING SECRETARY**

Cindie Martincic  
Golden Triangle Decorative Painters

Minutes Regular Meeting  
September 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 with an attendance of 14 with one new person joining our ranks.

A slate of officers was presented and they are as follows:

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Service – Bill Habers  
Hospitality – needs to be filled

Our Christmas Party will be held at our November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. This will be catered. If you are planning on attending please call Susan Jaap (724-745-5873) or Laura Angelo (724-859-8206) so we can get an accurate head count, We will be having our Bingo games again. This was a fun time last year. We will also be voting on the board members at this meeting.

We will also be having our Basket Luncheon on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and our theme will be The Easter Parade. Think about putting a basket together either by yourself or teaming up with your friends. The more baskets the greater the success. We need everyone to help. We will have more info as we get closer to the date.

Retreat is upon us. We have 45 persons attending so far and there is still time to register. This is a great time to be with our painting friends and to relax and enjoy our craft. We will be there October 24<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme is A Haunting We Will Go. If anyone wants to dress up, you are more than welcome.

We are discussing our projects for the upcoming year, we will have Lynn Banting hopefully at our March meeting. If anyone has any suggestions for projects they would like to paint, please speak up with your ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45.

## GTDP RETREAT

Chairman – The Board

*Retreat-this year is October 24, 25, 26, 27, 2024 at the Crestfield Camping and Conference Center, Slippery Rock Pennsylvania.*

There is a correction to the Retreat Booklet.:

Dot Hoffman's:"dots" class is properly listed under the 6 hour slots but where the description is it has 4 hours, please correct that.



***Editor's 2¢ worth: Ever feel like you want to be a kid again? Well, here's your chance. As you know on Thursday night we are having a bonfire and s'mores. Well.....lets all wear costumes and tell ghost stories. I'll have ribbons for First, Second and Third place and additionally I have a Free Registration for the First Place winner. Sometimes we get a little tense in our classes. Being silly and acting like a kid can start our retreat in a relaxed fun way. So start thinking about a costume now and lets all be kids for a couple of hours.***

## SERVICE

Chairman – William Habers

The Service project for 2024 is small tote bags which will be filled with various items for women shelters including socks. The totes are the same material as the walker bags. Being adults, the painted pictures are less restricting than the backpacks. Some bags were passed out at a prior meeting.

Just a reminder to everybody to bring back the following to the next meeting:

1. Painted backpacks taken home at the previous meeting.
2. Walker/tote bags taken home at the previous meetings.
3. A memory box taken home at prior meetings. If anybody has a medium to large box, you can donate them to be a memory box.
4. Shelter bags taken home at the previous meeting.
5. Don't forget glass jars with their lid on them for Rosemary. Labeled and unlabeled are acceptable. Also, any clean glass jar is acceptable for us. If we cannot use any, bring it and we will recycle it for you.

***Editor's 2¢ worth: We are taking donations for items for these tote bags. We need socks and personal items like toothpaste and brushes, anything you can think of for those women in the Shelters.***



## **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 & MEANS**

Chairman – Jeanne Delbusso

There was no Ways and Means in September

## NOSTALGIA

In 1988 Marjorie Orlandini collected members favorite recipes and compiled a recipe book. The chapter charged \$6 for the book and sold every copy. Thanks to Gail Bodkin for copying some of the recipes so I could print a few in this and following Newsletters.

### Pat Nixon's Meat Loaf

1 lb ground beef	1 ¼ tsp seasoned salt
1 lb ground lay bacon slices on pork	1 (8 oz) can tomato sauce
½ C finely chopped onion	3 slices bacon

Mix beef, pork, onion, salt and pepper. Add enough tomato sauce so that meat may be formed into a loaf. Place in baking dish, lay bacon slices on top of loaf and pour remaining tomato sauce over loaf. Bake at 350 degrees for 2 hours.

Mary Zentner

Reprinted from the Golden Platter a GTDP cookbook

### Creamed Chipped Beef

¼ lb package chipped beef	2 C milk
1 T butter or margarine	3 slices buttered toast
3 T flour	

Separate the slices of beef. Tear into pieces and disregard any stringy bits. Melt the butter in a skillet. Add the beef, sprinkle with flour and stir in 2 cups milk. Cook and stir over heat until thickened. Serve on toast or cooked rice. Serves 2

Leona J Robertson

### Barbecue Beef

Chuck Roast  
Barbecue sauce

Bake chuck roast in a 250 degree oven for 24 hours. Shred and add your favorite barbecue sauce. Beef cooked in this way can also be used for stew or soup.

Rosalie McClintock

# BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

**President** Leads the meeting and guarantees all Chairmen 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 moneys from 4 Bank accounts and 3 GTDP Accounts, submits a year-end report to National and files taxes at the end of the year.

**Publicity Chairman** finds newspapers or free flyer 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 Chairman, publishes the minutes and any information of interest to members.

**Ways and Means Chairman** 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** handles the purchase of supplies needed for our pot luck 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 Chairman** finds places to display art work in October.

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

**Service Chairman** 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 Chairman** 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

01 Marjorie Orlandini  
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

## 2024 BOARD MEMBERS

	E-V	President:	<b>Laura Angelo</b>	724-859-8206
	E-V	1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Program:	<b>Rosann Wagner</b>	412-889-5854
	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>Jeanne Delbusso</b>	724-215-9931
	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>Bill Habers</b>	412-741-5158
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	A-V	Hospitality:	<b>Susan Japp</b>	724-745-5873

	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>Bill Habers</b>	412-741-5158
	A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon:	<b>Dolores Khalouf</b>	412-292-1254

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

### **2024 Calendar of Events**

October 24 – 27    GTDP's Annual Retreat  
November 17    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)**