The 25-year pin:

In 2023 we celebrated our 25th Anniversary as the Dominican Institute for the Arts. I went through the records and as accurately as I could I created a spread sheet of folks who have held paid membership for the entire time DIA has been in existence. Some of the records were a bit sketchy but my best effort was put forth to tease out of the information those who have been dues paying members for the entire time. Membership is based on paying your dues.

Dues helps the DIA with:

Postage for those who receive mail due to not having email

An annual fee to McGreal Center for maintaining our DIA archives

Scholarships to our annual gathering

Casting and engraving of the Fra Angelico Award

DIA spirit recognition award holders

DIA website hosting, design and maintenance

Printing of Dia brochure and information for the folks receiving mail.

Of the 589 who have been members, some for a short time, others joining in as the organization evolved. 13 consistently paid dues since 1998. A 25-year pin was cast to commemorate this occasion. Last year eight more received their 25-year pin. This year there are two, Nancy Muray and Barbara Kukla. Congratulations.