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## Grand River Valley Chapter April 2008 Newsletter

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Meetings are held at the Cascade Library, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Meetings begin at 10:30 with "Stay and Stitch" following the meeting. Members are also invited to join the early birds for breakfast at Sundance Grill, before the meeting at 9:00.

Chapter membership is \$16 per year and is due by the January meeting each year. Checks should be payable to: Grand River Valley ANG and sent or delivered to the Treasurer, Dawn Gribben.

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### **A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Dear Sister Stitchers,

I would like to say welcome to spring but at this writing, spring hasn't sprung!! But hope springs eternal.

Let's hope that all you snow birds will be back so we can hear all about your wonderful weather and see all your finished projects!

So come one and all – Joyce is going to show us her favorite (and mine) background stitches. We all can use this important information.

We all enjoyed hearing from Sandy about the complex ways judges work their trade. It's more involved than one would think, and it makes us aware of what we should be doing.

Don't forget your pictures of the items you will be submitting to our art show. I have to have them all by our May meeting.

'Til then, happy stitching!

Anne

## **A NEW HOME FOR GRV !!!**

Well, not quite yet, that final decision will be up to you. During a discussion at the March meeting about our meeting location, Geri mentioned that she stitches with a group at the Gaines Township Library on Madison and 68<sup>th</sup> Street.

On a recent sunny day, several members of the board decided to check it out. They found it very easily, very close to M-6 or to 131 for those out-of-towner's and straight out Kalamazoo to 68<sup>th</sup> for those in the GR area.

The room is very large with several windows and good lighting. There are both long and round tables for stitching and there is even a table by the door for our show and tell. A coat rack and the restroom are next to the room. There is a sink in the room for water or washing hands. The library staff is very helpful, too.

Of course the other critical part is food! On Kalamazoo, just off M-6, is *The Red Geranium*, serving breakfast all day including our favorites, even eggs benedict Florentine!

The board was impressed with the facility and, given the chance that we might lose the opportunity to reserve it if we delayed any longer, we decided to book it then and there for our June, July and August meetings so we could give it a good test. Oh, the real clincher...it's only \$15 a meeting versus the \$40 we have been paying at Cascade!!!! That's \$25 a month we can save in our treasury for a future teacher or special event!!!

Maps will be available at the May luncheon and will be mailed if you are unable to attend that day.

Look forward to seeing you there in June at the new digs!

## **APRIL 19th MEETING**

Our semi-annual needlework sale!

Bring any canvases, threads, books or tools that you are not using and find new treasures.

Be sure to **mark all items with your name and your price!**

Joyce Working will share a few of her favorite laid background stitches.

This is the **LAST day to pay for the Ann Strite-Kurz class**. If you have not already sent your check for \$120, please bring it to this meeting.

**PLEASE BRING PICTURES of the items you would like to have displayed in the Needlepoint Art Show!!!**

Be sure they are marked with:

Your name

The size of the piece (so they can determine size of display cases, wall space, etc.).

## **APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> STITCHER'S GETAWAY WEEKEND**

Sponsored by Homestead Needle Arts, this year the spring getaway is moving from Port Huron to Sauder Village, Archbold, Ohio after receiving a rave review on the location from the fall stitching getaway. This is always a terrific, relaxing weekend and a chance to meet and share ideas with stitchers from the east side of the state.

Call Theresa at 810.694.3040 or go online to: [www.homesteadneedlearts.com](http://www.homesteadneedlearts.com) for details.

## **MAY 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

This is our annual anniversary celebration, our 14<sup>th</sup> this year! Linda Moroz has graciously invited us to hold our luncheon at her home. If you did not receive directions to Linda's home at the April meeting, please call or e-mail her.

This meeting will also be our annual election. If you have not yet voted, please be sure to return your ballot soon or bring it to this meeting. Thank you to all of you who have offered to serve your chapter.

Anne has been compiling a list of items everyone would like to display at the Art Show. Instead of bringing the items to this meeting, please **bring pictures of those items that you would like to submit for the show**. Anne will give them to the Fountain Street Church Art Committee so they can determine how best to display each item. **BE SURE to include the dimensions and your name** on the back of the picture.

## **WE HOPE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXCITING EVENT!**

Betsy is hoping to give everyone their kit for the Ann Strite-Kurz class in September to allow plenty of time to complete the pre-work.

## **JUNE 21st, JULY 19th and AUGUST 16th MEETINGS**

We will test out our potential new home at the Gaines Township Library! Breakfast first at *The Red Geranium* for the early risers. Maps will be distributed at the May meeting.

Please come and check it out!

## **AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 5, EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR**

At Louisville KY

## **SEPTEMBER 5 – 12, ANG NATIONAL SEMINAR**

At Long Beach, CA

## **SEPTEMBER 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> MEETING and CLASS**

This is our special class with Ann Strite-Kurz!!! We will be working on the Charlie Harper piece called "Br-r-r-r-rdbath". We will be at Grace Church both Friday and Saturday. Lunch will be included both days.

A separate mailing has been sent with details of the class.

OCTOBER 3 THRU 6

Amy Bunger is teaching a 4 day class at her shop in Memphis covering several stitching techniques. Several members are planning to attend. If you would like more information go to [www.amybunger.com](http://www.amybunger.com)

### **OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

Jennifer is investigating the possibility of a two day trip to Petoskey, to include a class at Bristly Thistle. Stay tuned for future details.

### **NEEDLEPOINT ART SHOW, October 19 thru November 24**

Mark your calendars for October 19 thru November 24, 2008 for our first the Needlepoint Art Show at Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids. A field trip is being planned so all members can see the show and out of towners won't get lost.

### **NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

This is our annual Holiday Luncheon and to celebrate and give everyone an opportunity to see the Art Show at Fountain Street Church we will have a special event. We will have lunch at a special downtown location, followed by a field trip to see the show!!! Details will follow later this summer but please plan to attend this very special event!

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING:**

#### **2009**

MAY 15 & 16 MEETING 2009

This will be our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We will celebrate with a two day class with Libby Sturdy.

AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

ANG National Seminar at Milwaukee, WI

#### **2010**

OCTOBER 1 – 8, 2010

ANG National Seminar at Columbus, OH

#### **2011**

AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2011

ANG National Seminar at San Antonio, TX

### **SPECIAL THOUGHTS**

We have two members that need our thoughts and prayers.

Not only has Carole Brown's husband been very ill, but Carole has been recovering from her third bout with cancer. She is working hard to get her strength back and hopes to see us in May. In the meantime please include her in your prayers.

We all know that Margarete has had several tragic events in her life in the last year or so but yet again she faces a serious challenge. Her grandson, Stephen, was very seriously injured in an accident and Margarete has been with his family for many weeks as they waited to see if he would be able to recover from the traumatic head injuries he received as well as other injuries. Finally, Stephen has begun what will be a long and slow recovery and Margarete has been able to return home. Let's all keep both of them in our prayers.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

**April**

Mary Maguire on the 19<sup>th</sup>

**May**

Gwen Spaulding on the 14<sup>th</sup>

Joyce Working on the 31<sup>st</sup>

Happy Stitching!  
Joyce Working