



Grand River Valley Chapter February 2008 Newsletter

Meetings are held at the Cascade Library, the 3rd 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 hope you all are surviving this strange winter weather...one day we are covered with snow and ice, then comes rain and fog!! Oh well, great days to sit and stitch by a warm fire.

Put your thinking caps on for our next meeting and come up with some ideas that you would be willing to share with the rest of us: for instance, a favorite thread, technique that works just for you, a special stitch or whatever you think would benefit all of us.

So do come and enlighten us all for our existing and future projects.

'Til then, Happy stitching!

Anne

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

There is so much information this month that I was concerned about making the newsletter too long for some of you to download on your computers. Please notice that there are FOUR attachments this month: the newsletter, last month's minutes, an article about Her Majesty's Weekend and an article about the January TNNA Market in Long Beach, California.

Hope you enjoy and find it all informative. Turn your printer on!

GLORIANA SILK HEART CONTEST

If you have the opportunity between February 1 and 14th, go to Homestead Needle Arts in Grand Blanc to see the entries for the Heart Contest....there are four entries from our chapter! Be sure to vote for one of our members because the Grand Prize is a skein of every color of Gloriana Silk....that's worth over \$800 !!!

ARTIC SANTA CLASS with GAIL SIRNA, March 29 and April 5

Gail is one of the teachers we hope to have for our chapter sometime, but until then here is a great opportunity to learn from another Michigan National Teacher. She will be teaching her two day Artic Santa class at Homestead Needle Arts on Saturday, March 29 and Saturday, April 5. This piece was designed by Jean Taggart and Gail is teaching it in her memory.

Several people in the chapter have signed up to take this class so a car pool is possible. The class fee is \$120 and the kit is \$50 plus stretcher bars if you need them. This is a terrific price for a two day class with a national teacher. If you are interested in taking this class call Theresa at 810.694.3040 or go on line to www.homesteadneedlearts.com for additional details. Those members who have taken from Gail recently have enjoyed her classes and said it was a very good learning experience.

FEBRUARY 16th MEETING

As mentioned in Anne's letter, please come with a stitching hint to share with the rest of the group. What is your favorite stitching tool, stitch or secret that might just switch on the light bulb for someone else's project?

Because of the unpredictable winter weather, it's difficult to depend on having one person do a presentation at these winter meetings so let's ALL do a little contribution!

Please bring a current project and plan to stay and stitch after the meeting. With our Art Show only a little over 8 months away, we all need stitching time!

MARCH 15th MEETING

This will be announced at the February meeting. We will discuss the latest information on upcoming classes, the Art Show, etc. Again, please bring an idea to share and plan to stay and stitch together.

APRIL 19th MEETING

Sandy Rabideau will give a presentation on the tips she learned in her Judging Class at the Baltimore Seminar. Even if you do not plan to be a judge or submit work to be judged, this will be very interesting to learn what judges consider important

APRIL 25th, 26th and 27th 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 for details.

MAY 17th MEETING

This is our annual anniversary celebration, our 14th this year! Linda Moroz has graciously invited us to hold our luncheon at her home. At the January meeting we discussed a possible menu of croissant sandwiches and a few members bringing their favorite salad. The most important decision was that we would like Dawn to bring those special desserts for us from Sweetie Pie.

This meeting will also be our annual election. Linda Moroz agreed to serve as Nomination Committee Chair this year and will be looking for members who are willing to accept an office. It takes all of us to make our chapter active. Please be thinking of how you can serve our chapter and let Linda know how you might be willing to help.

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

These will be informal meetings and stitch-in at Peacock Alley. We will still plan to go to Sundance for breakfast before the meetings.

AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 5, EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR

At Louisville KY

SEPTEMBER 5 – 12, ANG NATIONAL SEMINAR

At Long Beach, CA

SEPTEMBER 19th and 20th 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-rd Bath". We will be at Grace Church both Friday and Saturday. Lunch will be included both days.

OCTOBER 18th MEETING

To be announced. Anne will let us know if we need this day to deliver items for the Art Show.

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 15th 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:

MAY 15 & 16 MEETING 2009

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

AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

ANG National Seminar at Milwaukee, WI

OCTOBER 1 – 8, 2010

ANG National Seminar at Columbus, OH

AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2011

ANG National Seminar at San Antonio, TX

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Thank you to everyone for your prompt response on sending in your 2008 chapter dues! The method of collecting dues at the same time each year makes our chapter planning much more accurate. The treasury is now flush and ready for the upcoming expenditures for the year including our September class with Ann Strite-Kurz.

If you missed the deadline, checks should be written to GRV-ANG and given to our Treasurer, Dawn Gribben or mailed to:

Dawn Gribben 306 West Spring Meadow Lane, DeWitt, MI 48820-8700

DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Anne circulated an article about a local artist who donated a heart painting to the Fred and Lena Meijer Heart Center. Many of us enjoy stitching hearts, so if you have a completed piece that you would like to donate, call 616.391.3452 for information.

STITCHING TIP

In a recent posting to the ANG chat line, I saw the following tip.

For those of you using a Systems 4 stand with the roller bars, if you want to use your own roller bars, use a 1/4" thick plastic spacer to compensate for the width difference between standard roller bars and those specially made for the System 4.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

February

Nancy Mulvihill on the 12th

Dot Messinger on the 16th

Karen Hunter on the 22nd

March

We have no member birthdays in March

Happy stitching!
Joyce Working