



## Grand River Valley Chapter July/August 2009 Newsletter

**MEETINGS** are held at the Gaines Township Library, on the corner of 68<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison on 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 9:00 at *The Red Geranium* on Kalamazoo just south of M-6 and the Meijer entrance.

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION** Guests are welcome to attend two chapter meetings, after which they are expected to become national and local chapter dues-paying members. National dues are \$29.00 per year payable to the national office and billed by them. National membership is required to join a chapter.

Chapter dues are \$16 per year payable to GRV-ANG, due by the January meeting and given to the treasurer. If joining mid-year, the initial payment may be pro-rated.

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### A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

Beginning this month, you will receive the newsletter every other month: January, March, May, July, September and November.

The change is two fold, we haven't had as much news lately and the editor is wearing out. It has, unbelievably been almost seven years that I have been writing this, this time. I had also done the newsletter when we were all young...er, and my eyes were better.

Next May will be our election. Although newsletter editor is not an elected office, when you are considering how you could serve your chapter, please, please, consider accepting this responsibility...

Thanks for all of your kind comments and support over the years.  
Joyce

## **A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

Hi everyone,

This month I thought I would tell you about my favorite blog. Jane Wood of Chilly Hollow, Virginia writes daily on [www.chillyhollownp.blogspot.com](http://www.chillyhollownp.blogspot.com) This is a name you may know if you read the ANG digest on a regular basis. Not only does Jane blog daily but she takes great pictures that she uses to explain what she is doing. For example, she stitched 6 Pet Guardian Angels for the ANG Auction in Milwaukee .Not only did she discuss each angel, the threads and the stitches she planned to use, she also shares when things work and when they needed to be changed. After stitching all 6 she then gave very detailed finishing instructions with wonderful close up pictures. Now other stitchers are sending their angels and she is posting all the pictures. It is really fun to see how different they are in color and stitches. It will be very interesting to see them all on a tree displayed together for the auction.

I think one of the best things I have learned from her, is to look at a canvas you are going to stitch, and then put the canvas away. Next, sketch what you remember about the canvas. What you remember is what is important to you and what you want to emphasize in the design. No one is going to see your sketch but you. This idea really works!

The Chilly Hollow Needlepoint Adventure is also on top of everything new in the world of needlepoint. She was the first to announce the retirement of Theresa Lee and she keeps up with what is going on in many shops and gives you links to the shops as well as other needlepoint Blogs.

I'm looking forward to our ort box class this month.

Jeannine

## **MEETING INFORMATION**

### **JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

We will begin stitching on the ort box project. We will have 2 months to complete the stitching and plan to have a class on assembling the box in September.

Please have your canvas basted so that we can begin instruction right after a short meeting. Val will be teaching us today.

You will need:

- Canvas on stretcher bars and basted per instructions
- Threads per instructions
- Instructions
- Normal stitching materials
- Light (if needed) WITH EXTENSION CORD
- Stand if needed

If you are not taking the class you are welcome to stay after the meeting and stitch. However, please remember that a class is going on and keep your conversation low. Thanks.

### **AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Work continues on our ort boxes or your current favorite project.

### **SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

We will work on the assembly of our ort boxes.

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

To be announced

### **NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

Our annual Holiday Luncheon. How would YOU like to celebrate this year???

## **CHAPTER SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **ELE'S PLACE**

Work has begun on three additional signs for Ele's Place. If you are interested in participating, please call Jeannine to see which sign may need some extra stitchers.

## **OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **JULY 16, 17 AND 18, HOMESTEAD NEEDLE ARTS**

IT'S HERE! The annual Garage Sale!

**Don't forget that all items must be delivered to Homestead this week between Tuesday, July 7 and Saturday, July 11.**

Contact Theresa at: [www.homesteadneedlearts.com](http://www.homesteadneedlearts.com) or read her monthly newsletter or frequent e-mails for details.

### **SEPTEMBER 11 THRU 21, ANNUAL SHOP HOP**

Time for a little fall color? Check out the Third Annual Michigan Shop Hop.

Get a punch card at your first location and have it punched at all the shops you visit during the time period. There are gifts for all participants as well as prizes throughout your adventure.

This year's participating shops are: Flying Stitch in Battle Creek, In Stitches in Jackson, Ladybug Shoppe in Royal Oak, Timeless Stitches in Tecumseh, all for great threads, and our favorite, Stitching Bits and Bobs in Plainwell for terrific thread selection and many accessories and findings and of course our needlepoint source at Homestead Needle Arts in Grand Blanc.

Can't make them all? There are still gifts and prizes so visit as many as you can

For more details check the Homestead Needle Arts monthly newsletter.

# **INTERESTING TID-BITS**

## **WEB SIGHTINGS**

[www.amybunger.com](http://www.amybunger.com)

Absolutely DO NOT MISS Amy's newsletter this month....it's 10 pages!

Not only is there an excellent article about beading thread which is written as a supplement to the Sundance beading book but an OUTSTANDING article and pictures by Jill about her first visit to market. It doesn't tell us about threads, canvases or anything like that but is her true feelings about the experience of being there. You really feel that you are walking the aisles with her. I had the privilege to go as a designer's guest a few years ago and Jill truly captured that first experience.

[www.chillyhollownp.blogspot.com](http://www.chillyhollownp.blogspot.com)

An outstanding blog as described by Jeannine in her letter. Follow this regularly.

[www.keyches.com](http://www.keyches.com)

Checkout the "Stitch of the Week"

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

If you have a change of address or change your e-mail, please let me know so that you will continue to receive your newsletter. Sometimes they are not returned to me when a change occurs and I have no way of knowing your new address.

You can e-mail the change to [ndlptnut@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ndlptnut@sbcglobal.net)

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

### **July**

Candy Titus on the 1<sup>st</sup>

Marty Whitehead on the 5th

Anne Lewis on the 18th

Diane Hoban on the 21<sup>st</sup>

### **August**

Betsy Redman on the 30th

### **September**

Jeannine Cella on the 8<sup>th</sup>

Linda Moroz on the 9th

Happy Stitching!

Joyce Working