



Grand River Valley Chapter July/Aug 2008 Newsletter

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

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, Nancy Mulvihill.

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

On June 21st some of us met at the Red Geranium for breakfast and are happy to report that although the restaurant is very busy on a Saturday morning they were very fast making and serving the food.

We had our first meeting at the Gaines Township Library. All 6 of us agreed it is a very good choice for our monthly meeting. The room is large with tables already set up and the lighting was good. We stayed and stitched until after one p.m., then some of us went to lunch!

Summer time is very busy, but we look forward to seeing you sometime soon.

Sincerely,

Jeannine F. Cella

MEETING INFORMATION

JULY 19th MEETING

We WILL meet for breakfast first at *The Red Geranium* at 9:00. If you are the first one there, please get a large table for 8 or so because they do get busy.

The last meeting at the Gaines Township Library was well received so it looks like we may have found a good new home.

Please bring any Show and Tell,
Bring pictures for Anne for the Art Show
Bring your favorite project or a project that you are having trouble with for some “expert” advice!

Last month we stitched until 2:00 so plan to stay and stitch if you can.

AUGUST 16th MEETINGS

Bring your pre-work for the September class if you have questions.
Please come and check out the new location!

SEPTEMBER 19th and 20th MEETING and CLASS

The regular meeting at the library will NOT be held.
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.

OCTOBER 18th MEETING

The October meeting will be held on its normal date. Program to be announced.

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!

CHAPTER SPECIAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 8th AND 9th FIELD TRIP TO PETOSKY

The 2 day field trip to Petoskey has been rescheduled so that it will not conflict with the regular October meeting.

Michelle at Bristly Thistle will hold a special class for us on threads and different ways to use them. The cost for class and materials is \$10. Please let Jennifer know if you are interested in participating.

Jennifer can assist us with possible places to stay. She will be circulating a sign up sheet to see who is interested in the trip.

Fall colors, fun with friends, shopping, food and stitching! Sounds like a perfect combination. Thanks, Jennifer for coordinating this.

NEEDLEPOINT ART SHOW, OCTOBER 19th thru NOVEMBER 24th

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 Towner's won't get lost.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

JULY 17th thru 19th: NEEDLEPOINT GARAGE SALE

The annual World's Best Needlepoint Garage Sale is coming to Homestead Needle Arts!!! Whether you are a seller or a buyer or both, it will be well worth the drive to go to this annual sale.

Previous attendee's advised going the first day for best selection if possible, Canvases, threads, books, and tools....all at ridiculously low prices. Last year a canvas originally priced at over \$300 sold for \$30!!!

If you are interested in turning some of your unwanted items into store credit for wonderful threads, canvases, etc, items must be delivered between Tuesday, July 8th and Saturday, July 12th. For details on how to mark the items that you are submitting, call Theresa at 810.694.3040 or call Joyce at 616.738.0037

AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 5, EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR

At Louisville KY

SEPTEMBER 5 – 12, ANG NATIONAL SEMINAR

At Long Beach, CA

SEPTEMBER 19th THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29th

The MICHIGAN STITCHERS SHOP-HOP ADVENTURE

This, the second year will include seven Michigan stitching shops. Although these are not all exclusively needlepoint shops, there are excellent selections of threads, charts and other stitching items and you can get your needlepoint fix at Homestead Needle Arts as one of the participating shops.

Last year, over 100 customers participated, visiting as many of the shops as possible to mark their “passport”, receiving discounts, gifts and registering for shop grand prizes.

Have a fun day (or days) with friends and see new shops and goodies!

Passports will be available at Homestead after August 1st

OCTOBER 20th THROUGH 21st

Sandy Rogers will be teaching her latest design, *Winter Whites* on the 20th and 21st of October at the Farmington Hills Chapter of EGA. This spectacular piece is done with white silks on blue congress cloth.

Class will be held at Faith Covenant Church, 14 Miler at Drake Road on Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 to 4:00. Kit fee is \$76. Class fee for non-members is \$25 or members of other EGA chapters may become associate members of the chapter for \$11.

Now is the time to sign up for this class, which is sold out at ANG National, so don't miss it.

Contact Deborah Shoop, 248.477.6193, ashoop007@sbcglobal.net

NOVEMBER 7th thru 9th

The annual Autumn Stitchers Getaway Weekend at the Thomas Edison Inn in Port Huron. This is a very good time and a chance to learn lots of stitching tips from many excellent stitchers across the state. Call Theresa at Homestead Needle Arts 810.694.3040 for details.

NOVEMBER 10TH through 11th

Gail Sirna will be teaching her *Tribute to Vincent* on November 10th and 11th at the Farmington Hills Chapter of EGA. This piece resembles the famous Vincent Van Gough paintings of Sunflowers and is done with Soie d'Alger, other silks and features needleweaving. Classes will be held at Faith Covenant Church, 14 Mile at Drake Road on Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 to 4:00. Kit fee is \$115. Class fee for non-members is \$25 or members of other EGA chapters may become associate members of the chapter for \$11.

To sign-up for this class, contact Deborah Shoop, 248.477.6193, dshoopp007@sbcglobal.net

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

July

Candy Titus on the 1st
Marty Whitehead on the 5th
Anne Lewis on the 18th
Diane Hoban on the 21st

August

Betsy Redman on the 30th

September

Jeannine Cella on the 8th
Linda Moroz on the 9th

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

It's time again for the newsletter to go on summer vacation. This year it will be going to Stitching Camp to catch up on projects for the Art Show and to work on our pre-work for the September class with Ann Strite-Kurz!

Have some lemonade, getting stitching and I'll see you in September!

Happy Stitching!

Joyce Working