



Grand River Valley Chapter June 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,

What a wonderful 14th Anniversary lunch and meeting we had at Linda Moroz's home! It was so much fun to visit with everyone and to welcome back the snow birds. A huge thank you goes to Linda for her gracious hospitality.

For those of you working on the pre-work for the Charley Harper class, we will be getting together this summer to give each other help and moral support. We will discuss this at our June meeting.

During the past two years, Anne Lewis' leadership was a great help and inspiration to all of us. Her plans for the art show will really give our chapter an opportunity to share our work with the Grand Rapids community. Anne finishes her stitching projects so fast that some of us think she stitches in her sleep, and we just bet that all of her projects are finished and ready for the show.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Gaines Township Library, on June 21, 2008.

Sincerely,
Jeannine Cella

THANK YOU to all who participated in our May anniversary luncheon. The weather was perfect, the food delicious (see Nancy's Broccoli Salad recipe attached) and our hostess, Linda (assisted by Annie who was constantly on crumb patrol) made it a perfect day. We have such a delightful group that makes it especially fun to celebrate on such occasions.

Also welcome to all of our new officers and many thanks to those of you who continue to serve our group.

JUNE 21ST MEETING ... Don't forget...we will be at our NEW LOCATION !!!

1. DIRECTIONS:

The Gaines Township Library is located on the NE corner of 68th Street and Madison Avenue.

If you are coming on US131, take the 68th Street Exit EAST to Madison.

If you are coming on M-6, take the Kalamazoo AVE exit SOUTH to 68th Street then WEST to Madison.

If you are coming on Kalamazoo Ave, go to 68th Street then WEST (Right) to Madison,

We will NOT go to breakfast fist as usual, but will go to lunch after the meeting. This will allow all members to find the library first. We have also been told that The Red Geranium is very busy on Saturday mornings so we can discuss if breakfast or lunch works better for everyone for the summer.

2. Anne is still in need of pictures, so if you have not previously done so,

PLEASE BRING PICTURES of the items that 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.).

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

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, 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

JULY 19th and AUGUST 16th MEETINGS

We will test out our potential new home at the Gaines Township Library!

Bring your pre-work for the September class if you have questions.

Please come and check out the new location!

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-rdbath". We will be at Grace Church both Friday and Saturday. Lunch will be included both days.

SEPTEMBER 19th THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29th

The MICHIGAN STITCHERS SHOP-HOP ADVENTURE

This, the second year will include seven Michigan stitching shops (Homestead Needle Arts being one of them). 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 8th AND 9th FIELD TRIP TO PETOSKEY

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.

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.

OCTOBER 18th MEETING

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

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 towners won't get lost.

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 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!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

1. A fabulous new shop!!!

We have so many members with family in or that travel to Ohio that I thought that this out of state new arrival was worth mentioning.

What's the Point? Is located in Dublin (Columbus), Ohio. Recently opened by Becky and Lynn Who spent many years in the medical field and have translated that attention to detail into a fabulous shop with top of the line products and lots of friendly service.

They offer all of the well known designers, some new and exclusive designers, all colors and types of threads along with excellent finishing services. They have a web site that is continually growing and plan to offer extensive internet sales offerings. I was a little disappointed with the picture quality of canvases on the web site but it is still under development. With over 1200 canvases on the site already, they are off to a fantastic start!

The shop is highly recommended by chapter members who have been there so check it out in person or on line! Call if you have questions and you will be greeted with happy, friendly, service, service, and service!

What's The Point
126 S. High St
Dublin, Ohio 43017
877.717.9008
www.whatsthepoint.biz

2. Market Report

I hope that all of you have been checking your favorite web sites and newsletters for the news from the Columbus Market. I won't go into a lengthy report like the one I wrote for the California market because there just isn't room in this newsletter!

Our favorite designers are still coming out with new canvases, new threads and many new colors of our favorite threads were also introduced.

New boxes and CD holders from Lee, new attachments from Kreinik that are NOT sew on, a book from Jane Zimmerman, DVD's from Amy Bunger and many, many canvases and threads. Just a sampling.

Needlepoint is alive and well and continues to grow and offer us new opportunities to add to our stashes! All good news!

Look for new items in your favorite shop starting this week!

HEALTH TIPS

At our May luncheon, Lu shared that her husband is recovering from his stroke, She and Joanne (whose son is an emergency medical person) alerted everyone to critical things to do in case of a stroke. Lu told us that many stroke patients can have a good recovery IF treated within the first 3 hours.

The FIRST thing to do is call 911 to get quick treatment.
Then hold the victims hands (this will reassure them) and ask them to look at you and smile.
Ask a few simple but specific questions such as name, day of week, etc.
Do Not panic, your loved one needs your help.

Be prepared when the medics arrive with medical information and how the patient has reacted since the attack

Thanks Lu and Joanne for the information. I hope none of us will ever have to use it but best to be prepared.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

June

Jennifer Pohlman on the 29th

July

Marty Whitehead on the 5th

Anne Lewis on the 18th

Diane Hogan on the 21st

Happy Stitching!

Joyce Working