



Grand River Valley Chapter March 2009 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...

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. 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.

GRV CHAPTER NEWSLETTER is published 10 times a year with a two month newsletter in the summer and in the winter. It will be e-mailed to members and interested parties and mailed to members upon request to the editor.

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A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Jeannine has a bad case of the flu and was unable to send her personal message this month. She is anxious to see everyone at the March 21st meeting and see all of the things each of you have been working on over the last few months.

Jeannine is also anxious for us to schedule the ort box project and the round robin stocking so bring your calendars with you to the meeting.

Most of all, Jeannine would like to encourage all of you to participate in our special 15th anniversary celebration by attending the Libby Sturdy class May 15 and 16. Jeannine has had several classes with Libby and it has always been a good learning experience but also a nice relaxing time. You will really enjoy studying with Libby.

Happy stitching to all from Jeannine.

We hope you feel better soon, Jeannine.

CONGRATULATIONS, LU!!

Lu is the first person to complete Br-r-r-rd Bath!!!!!!!

Whether it was the warmer Florida weather that inspired you, or the challenge of the piece, it is a terrific achievement and will hopefully inspire some of the rest of us.

Can't wait until you return from Florida, Lu and can bring the finished piece for "show and tell".

And MORE special member achievements

Celebrity Sighting!

It is our very own Dawn and Jeannine!

Following their trip to "Bunger School", Dawn and Jeannine have been PUBLISHED! An article about their experience at school is published in Amy's latest monthly newsletter which goes worldwide! Be sure to go to Amy's Golden Stand web site and sign up for her monthly newsletter to read Dawn and Jeannine's report.

www.amybunger.com

MEETING INFORMATION

MARCH 21ST MEETING

This will be a planning meeting to schedule the ort box and round robin stocking project.

APRIL 17TH MEETING

MAY 15TH AND 16TH MEETING AND CLASS

It doesn't seem possible that it was two years ago that we tried to get **Libby Sturdy** here for a class and this was the soonest date that she was available. The Libby Sturdy class was selected as a special celebration of our chapters 15th Anniversary!

We will have an opportunity to stitch one of Libby's newest and less Christmassy pieces, "**The Grilling Santa**" (or grandpa) for our class. It is adorable and very colorful with his plaid pants his oven mitts and the kettle grill. He will be lots of fun to complete and make a great summer gift for your favorite grill master.

If you have not had a class from Libby, you are in for a treat. She is very soft spoken and just a delightful person. Her stitch guides are excellent and easy to follow (no major counting like our last class). Libby chooses threads that are not expensive and are easy to work with. Her canvases are carefully line drawn and her kits are very well planned.

Again, Betsy Redman has graciously offered to host Libby at her home both nights. Libby comes from the northern Chicago area so travel isn't so expensive. The chapter will cover the teaching fee. The cost to attend the class will be \$150 for the two days. This includes the canvas, threads, instructions and guidance from an excellent National teacher and designer.

CRITICAL DATES:

March 31st a \$50 non-refundable deposit due
April 15th Final payment due so kits can be ordered
Checks made out to GRV-ANG
Must be in Nancy's hands by the above dates.

Please bring your normal class stitching supplies and a bag lunch and drink (refrigeration and coffee are available). The board will provide desert.

The class will be at Grace Episcopal Church, corner of Plymouth and Hall from 10:00 until 4:00. Please come early the first day to set up.

This will be a relaxing, stress free class and a fun project. We have waited two long years for this event to I hope to see you all there!

CHAPTER SPECIAL EVENTS

HER MAJESTY'S GETAWAY, APRIL 3, 4 AND 5

Our annual winter getaway is being held in East Lansing again, hosted by Diane and Alyce Hoban. Hopefully this later date will be more weather friendly than the blizzard that attendees faced last year. The upside was that they had to stay an extra day and stitch because the weather was too bad to leave. What was the downside, you ask? None that I can see!

Diane has sent all of the details to you previously and I think most people have signed up but if not, here's a last chance. Please contact Diane if you have any questions.

INTERESTING TID-BITS

ANG NATIONAL PRESIDENT, BARB RICHARDSON will be at Homestead Needle Arts this spring to teach a small flower basket ornament. Details are still being finalized so check the Homestead web site or call for more information.

ANNUAL SPRING STITCHERS GETAWAY, sponsored by Homestead Needle Arts will be **March 27, 27 and 29** at the Thomas Edison in Port Huron. Theresa always brings the shop with her for these events and a great time is had by all. Wonderful location and lots of long time friends from previous events to share ideas with. Check with Theresa for details. For the many things included, it's still a reasonable cost and a drivable location.

WEB SITINGS

www.amybunger.com Amy's monthly newsletter is excellent! It not only includes product information but stitching tips and pictures of new canvases and customer's finished work. Go to the web site to sign up.

www.bedeckedandbeadazzled.com Ruth Schmuft's web site and sign up for the newsletter of upcoming events. Be sure to look at all of the beautifully and creatively finished items....."Wicked" canvas stitchers take note! I particularly liked the stitch box.

www.shorebirdstudio.com If you love realistic animals and birds, this site is for you. Get a cup of coffee and relax because there are MANY pages of canvases. Included designers are Katie Molineux who did the "cat and koi" design that Anita had in our show. Enjoy!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to returning member, **Dora Reimers**, who returned to us in October, She is living in Kalamazoo but is now retired and able to join us again to pursue her stitching. Dora is not only a Needlepointer but is active with EGA and does all kinds of stitching. She also has a pilot's license! If you didn't meet Dora at the holiday luncheon please be sure to welcome her back at the next meeting.

In October, Dora brought her friend, **Marcia Wright** with her to the meeting. Marcia also is joining our chapter. Marcia works for the VA in Grand Rapids where she worked with Dora. Marcia lives in Jenison. Let's all welcome Marcia at our next meeting and we look forward to getting to know you, Marcia.

We hope you will both join us for breakfast at *The Red Geranium* to visit before the meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

March

We have no March birthdays

April

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Happy stitching!

Joyce Working