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## Grand River Valley Chapter May 2008 Newsletter

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Meetings are held at the Cascade Library, 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 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 can't believe that I am writing my last President's letter! Where has the time gone?? It has been such a rewarding two years, mainly due to all of the wonderful support I have received from our guild. I particularly want to thank my outstanding board members for all their help and contributions. I couldn't have done it without all of you.

I believe we have had a productive 2 years and that our Grand River Valley chapter has grown with new members and enthusiasm for our love of needlepoint.

I wish our new President, Jeannine, all the luck in the world and you can be well assured she will be our most competent President. Under her leadership we will continue to thrive as a healthy and talented guild.

And last but not least let me thank you for all the wonderful friendship that I have made, I cherish you all!!!

'Til then, happy stitching!

Anne

## **A NEW HOME FOR GRV!!!**

Don't forget that our summer meetings for June, July and August (or longer) will be at the Gaines Township Library on 68<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison. Meetings will still begin at 10:30.

All of the early birds will meet at *The Red Geranium* on Kalamazoo, just south of M-6 at 9:00 for breakfast.

Maps will be available at the May meeting.  
Look forward to seeing you there in June at the new digs!

## **MAY 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

1. This is our annual anniversary celebration, our 14<sup>th</sup> this year and will be held at Linda Moroz's home. **Please RSVP to Linda by Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**, so that we will know how much food is needed.

Jeannine, Sandy and Nancy have volunteered to bring salads.  
Sandwiches and dessert will be provided by the chapter. Linda will have iced tea and lemonade.

2. This meeting will also be our annual election and installation of officers. If you have not yet voted, please be sure to return your ballot soon or bring it to this meeting. Thank you to all of you who have offered to serve your chapter.

3. Anne must submit pictures of potential display items to the Fountain Street Church committee to they can plan how items will be safely displayed

**PLEASE BRING PICTURES of the items 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!**

4. Betsy is planning to distribute the kits for the Ann Strite-Kurz class in September to allow plenty of time to complete the pre-work. We will discuss opportunities to get together to do the pre-work.

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## **JUNE 21st, JULY 19th and AUGUST 16th MEETINGS**

We will test out our potential new home at the Gaines Township Library! Breakfast first at *The Red Geranium* for the early risers. Maps will be distributed at the May meeting.

Please come and check it out!

## AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 5, EGA NATIONAL SEMINAR

At Louisville KY

## SEPTEMBER 5 – 12, ANG NATIONAL SEMINAR

At Long Beach, CA

## SEPTEMBER 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Plans are under way for the possibility of a two day trip to Petoskey, to include a class at Bristly Thistle. Stay tuned for future details. This would be a great time of year to see some fall colors and to visit the new Bristly Thistle location and see even more colors!!!

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

If you have a chance to go north this summer be sure to stop in Petoskey and visit the new location for **Bristly Thistle**. Michelle continues to grow her business and has moved approximately two blocks to a wonderful new building. There is lots of parking and the space inside is light and airy with new lighting, special wall treatment for displaying all of the new threads and canvases that continue to arrive. There is a very large classroom space on the second floor. Go to [www.bristlythistle.com](http://www.bristlythistle.com) for detailed directions and for a list of their ongoing classes and trunk shows. This will be a great getaway destination for us this October!!!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the July “Garage Sale” at **Homestead Needle Arts!**

Chapter members who have previously participated give rave reviews. If you have canvases, threads, books etc. to sell, you will have a great opportunity with the many stitchers who attend. If you are purchasing, go early!!! People even come to this from Chicago!

Go to [www.homesteadneedlearts.com](http://www.homesteadneedlearts.com) for details.

## **SPECIAL THOUGHTS**

Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter, Lu and her husband, Roger, have been able to return to Michigan. He suffered a stroke while they were in Florida for the winter and has been recovering there.

Geri is such an excellent stitcher as we all know. Recently, though, she undertook a new challenge, she is trying to stitch one handed! Geri had an accident and broke her right hand, which is a nightmare for any stitcher. Undaunted (or more accurately...frustrated), Geri is still trying to stitch! More power to you, Geri, and best wishes for a speedy recovery!

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

### **May**

Gwen Spaulding on the 14th  
Joyce Working on the 31<sup>st</sup>

### **June**

Lu Warnshuis on the 8th  
Jennifer Pohlman on the 29th

Happy Stitching!



Joyce Working