



Grand River Valley Chapter November/December 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,

Around our house we are busy with yard work and putting away all things summer-boats, docks and furniture. As we get ready for fall I'm trying to clean my stitching room and reorganize some of my stash. On the ANG chat room last week was a post from someone who shared this interesting information. I'm planning on doing this myself. I thought some of you might also consider participating in this project.

The Ohio Reformatory for Women accepts donations of threads, canvases, counted cross stitch projects, knitting and quilting supplies and all related equipment. In Aug.2008, 850 women did 35,000 hours of community service through the prison program. They sell the finished projects through the prison store, and the money is used to benefit charities. They received the Paul Newman Humanitarian Award for their efforts. If you are interested in participating, you can send your donations to:

Elizabeth Wright
Attn: Warehouse

Ohio Reformatory for Women
1479 Collins Ave.
Marysville, Ohio 43040-9102

We are all looking forward to our Holiday luncheon at the Kent Country Club and then going on together to the Keeler Gallery at Fountain Street Church to see our needlepoint art show on Nov.15. Thank you to Betsy for planning the luncheon, and to Anne Lewis for making this the first needlepoint show in our whole area. What a wonderful way to showcase our best work!

Have a wonderful fall,
Jeannine

MEETING INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 15th MEETING

This is our annual Holiday Luncheon and an opportunity to see the Art Show at Fountain Street Church.

PLEASE NOTICE THE CHANGE IN TIME due to a wedding at the church

Our luncheon will be held at the **Kent Country Club at 1:00** in the Ford Room. The cost will be \$20 which includes lunch, dessert and coffee or tea. You may make a reservation by sending your check, made out to GRV ANG to Nancy Mulvihill or giving it to Jeannine at the October meeting.

Reservations must be received by NOVEMBER 8.

Please note that the country club's dress code prohibits jeans of any kind.

DIRECTIONS to Kent Country Club (1600 College Ave NE):

Exit on College Avenue from I-196.

Go NORTH, past Leonard several blocks and you will dead end into the country club. (You will be traveling through a residential area).

ALTERNATE DIRECTIONS

I have been told that there is currently construction on College between the expressway and Leonard so here are alternate directions in case you need them.

Exit on Fuller Ave from I-196

Go NORTH to Leonard

Turn LEFT (West) on Leonard

Turn RIGHT (North) on College

You are traveling through a residential area and will dead end into the country club

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

The January meeting will be the last day to pay 2009 chapter dues.

You can avoid the rush and having to remember one more thing to do by sending your check for \$16, made out to GRV-ANG to:

Nancy Mulvihill

2247 Anderson SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49506

CHAPTER SPECIAL EVENTS

NEEDLEPOINT ART SHOW, OCTOBER 19th thru NOVEMBER 24th

Don't forget to encourage your friends and family to visit the show!

The hours are: Sunday, 9:00 to 1:00 and Monday thru Friday, 9:00 to 4:00. They are closed on Saturday's.

GREATER GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER OF EGA

On **Saturday, November 15**, the Greater Grand Rapids Chapter of EGA will be holding their annual needlework exhibit featuring members' Christmas-themed projects at the Public Museum of Grand Rapids, 272 Pearl NW (downtown GR) 456.3977. The members will begin setting up at 10AM and the exhibit will be open until 2PM (taken down by 3PM). Prior to the exhibit, members will be demonstrating and teaching various stitching techniques to children at the library.

This might be a great opportunity to visit this exhibit before our own luncheon and show.

MEMORIES OF MYRNA

Myrna Ofield was one of our charter members and participated in establishing and growing our chapter. Fortunately, she was able to attend our 10th Anniversary celebration that was held at Dawn Gribben's home in 2004. Myrna was also an active member in the local EGA chapter and as you can imagine, a beautiful stitcher. Myrna died in February.

"Memories of Myrna" is an exhibit of (some) of the needlework of Myrna Metcalf Ofield. It will be on display December 10 thru January 21 at Park Congregational Church, 10 E. Park Place, across from the Main GR Library. Hours are 9:00 to 4:30 Monday thru Friday and 9:00 to 1:00 on Sunday.

Myrna was one of the people who stitched the beautiful tapestry that is part of the permanent display at Park Church. The pieces that will be on exhibit were recently at Peacock Alley and some of us had an opportunity to see the beautiful samplers, pulled thread and many types of stitching that Myrna had done. The exhibit at Park Church would be a nice opportunity to see this display.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

ROAD TRIP....Y'ALL

Some of you may have watched Oprah last year on her road trip with her best friend Gail. Not only did we learn that Gail definitely cannot sing, but it was overall a very funny trip.

I would have loved to be a mouse in the car for the trip to Memphis recently, as Dawn and Jeannine went off to "Bunger School"!

SCHOOL DAYS – First installment

Hold a needlepoint class and they will come.....

Hold a needlepoint class 640 miles from home – Jeannine and Dawn will go,

Armed with their needlepoint essentials and a few clothes, they prepared for a wonderful 4 day technique class at BUNGER SCHOOL!!!!

Arriving in Memphis they planned to visit Elvis on their free day. The driver and navigator got lost - found a great shopping area and enjoyed the beautiful Memphis weather saving Elvis for another time.

Need we say more?

They were now students on their way to BUNGER SCHOOL.

Determined to learn more about techniques and try to perfect them, Jeannine and Dawn arrived at Bunger School ready to win the war of great stump work, tremendous turkey work, beautiful buttonholes, magnificent beading, twirling tassels, and bullions you would die for.

As you know, Amy is a wonderful instructor and she made each task enjoyable. The sessions were definitely for techniques and application of stitches, embellishments and the like. Her class room is filled with samples that we could study - mostly stitched by Amy and her shop staff and friends. As an aside, Amy even had an "unfinished Brrd Bath on the wall. A class she took at Seminar one year. Made us feel soooo good.

A fun afternoon took us back to kindergarten. Fourteen ladies dressed in paint smocks, learned how to dye threads for that perfect color and paint canvas. Yes, sometimes some people do that! Unwaxed dental floss wound on a fork remained in a cup of coffee over night so we could see the results the next day. We found out we could paint items out of a canvas and could stitch OVER some areas if you didn't like it. You don't have to "rip" every time. You know, of course, it would have to be a small area.

Another session was on fur and turkey work. When stitching animals, one should study the animal and they way the fur grows – don't just start where you want to – think of the animal, such as a dog and see how the fur lies on his head – different directions if you look carefully. Stitch it that way.

There was a session on hair and makeup – we attended hairdressing school and learned the techniques again of how hair grows and definitely how you want to show it off. – Cute, curly, wispy, crazy, and on and on. Also how sometimes not to stitch eyes, nose, mouth as it is painted. Diagram the face out on graph paper seeing how it fits with your canvas. Then stitch it. If the face needs rosy cheeks or just a little bit of blush, get out the crayolas and gently “color” them in.

I hope we have whetted your interest in our adventure. This takes you halfway through the class.

The next installment will commence with days 3 and 4 and whether we graduated with honors...

Jeannine and Dawn.

INTERESTING TID-BITS

DESIGNER'S DESK – NEW HOME

Dot informed me recently that they have arrived in Arizona for the winter. On the way there, she had the opportunity to check out the new digs for Designer's Desk and has pronounced them...“fabulous!”.. Her only sad comment was that with friend husband in tow, she didn't have near as much time to look as she would have liked.

I can't believe they actually were able to move all of that merchandise....sounds like a field trip!

PILOT STITCHERS NEEDED

ANG is looking for pilot stitchers for the 2009 Chapter Project Book. If you are willing to participate, e-mail Nan Cebulski, chairperson, at ncebulski@roadrunner.com or go to the ANG web site under 3Chapters2, the first sub heading for information.

OPPORTUNITY BASKETS – 2009 MILWAUKEE SEMINAR

Donations are currently being accepted for the opportunity baskets at the Milwaukee ANG Seminar. Only first quality items will be accepted and a list must be sent first. If you are interesting in donating, Contact Gina Reedy-Wearin at 541.610.6719 or by e-mail at ginareedy@yahoo.com

EXTREEME MAKEOVER – HOME ADDITION

This is a follow-up on last Sunday's show. Yes, there was needlepoint in the show. It was the "Welcome Home" pillow on the grandmother's bed.

Unfortunately it was not mentioned in the credits after all of the hard work that the Fancy Stitches ladies donated. It was suggested on the ANG chat site that the shop send the info to the grandmother just so she will know because I am sure she would appreciate knowing. I hope that they do that. It's sad that sometimes our hard work (and love) go unspoken.

WEB SITINGS

www.amybunger.com

Amy Bunger's newsletter is great. Every month she includes a stitch, tips and projects as well as lots of pictures of pieces both finished and in the works. Be sure to subscribe to her newsletter.

www.raymond Crawford.com

Fun and fast canvases from Raymond Crawford. Check out the holidays and fun sayings. If you have a wedding to do a piece for, look at his "I DO" bride and groom. Don't forget to look at the finishing.

www.shaypendray.com

Did you know that Shay has classes in needlepoint and knitting as well as projects offered on-line? Check it out.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

November

Val McAleenan on the 14th
Alyce Hoban on the 16th
Geri Krajewski on the 22nd

December

Margarete Fochtman on the 25th

January

Carole Brown on the 6th
Ginny Richards on the 24th

Have a happy, healthy and safe
Holiday Season!

Happy Stitching!

Joyce Working