



Grand River Valley Chapter October 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,

Last Friday and Saturday –completed homework in stitching bag, we arrived for our “Br r rd Bath Class”. Many of us had never taken a counted thread class before, and for some of us this was our first time working on congress cloth. We learned a variety of stitches: darning patterns, burden stitch, open spider, and how to do a correct stem outline to name a few. We thank Ann Strite-Kurz for her patience with all of us.

A huge thank you goes to Betsy Redman for planning our class and hosting Ann in her home. We all appreciate the time and effort Betsy put into this project to make it so enjoyable.

This month I'll see you at the library for our meeting. Please plan on staying after for some stitching time.

Sincerely,
Jeannine

THANK YOU, BETSY

A huge thank you to Betsy Redman for all of the work she did to make our class with Ann Strite-Kurz a success!

Betsy hosted Ann's visit in her home for Thursday and Friday nights as well as Ann's meals! Somehow, Betsy still had time to finish her homework and even stitched on her project Friday night. All of your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated, Betsy, thank you.

We all learned a lot in our class and I think were definitely challenged. For myself, I will be attending the next available remedial counting class! I have also decided that I do still love the project but will be starting over on 18 mesh....the congress cloth must have shrunk since the last time I stitched on it because I couldn't see it!

Perhaps we can have a Br-r-r-r-d Bath reunion sometime to encourage each other?

MEETING INFORMATION

OCTOBER 18th MEETING

1. One of the topics at our October meeting will be the disbursement of our chapter library. Peacock Alley has been storing it for us but is in need of more storage space for their own items. There are 3 very heavy boxes plus overflow to be reviewed.

If you previously donated items to the library and would like them back, please come to the meeting or call Jeannine to identify them so they can be saved for you.

If you have any suggestions on how we might disburse the books and magazines, please call or e-mail Jeannine with your suggestions before the meeting,

2. At our August meeting, Gwen Spaulding presented her proto-type of the ort box project we would like to do next year. It is really cute and certainly very useful, She had it all stitched and was ready to assemble. Hopefully, Gwen will have some more information on the project for us.

3. Also at our August meeting, Jennifer Pohlman presented a small friendship project of a mini stocking that members would stitch on for each other. It sounded like fun and very do-able at one meeting. Hopefully this too can be a project for next year.

4. Because we didn't have a September meeting, we have lots of show and tell and info to catch up on so please bring your stitching and plan to stay and stitch.

NOVEMBER 15th MEETING

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

Our luncheon will be held at the Kent Country Club at 11:30 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.

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).

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

CHAPTER SPECIAL EVENTS

NEEDLEPOINT ART SHOW, OCTOBER 19th thru NOVEMBER 24th

It's almost here!!!!

If you have not given Anne Lewis your items for the Art Show, please call her IMMEDIATELY to arrange a time to deliver them to her.

Anne will be taking our treasures to the gallery the week of the 13th. If you would be available to help her, please call Anne to arrange the details.

Dawn has written a press release about the chapter and the show which is being submitted to the Grand Rapids Press, Holland, Kalamazoo and Lansing papers. If you have an area paper that might like this information, please contact Joyce and she will forward you a copy.

Thanks to everyone who is participating and especially to those working so hard to make this event a success

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.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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 always 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

INTERESTING TID-BITS

THE NEEDLEPOINTER'S OLYMPICS

This is a follow up to the previous article about DeElda Wittmmack's son, Charlie, who was attempting to swim the English Channel. Unfortunately, the weather was too rough for him to complete his swim this time.

We learned this in our class with Anne Strite-Kurz because her son is also quite an athlete and has also climbed Mount Everest! Ann has done some interesting climbing, diving, etc. too!

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

DESIGNERS DESK MAKES THE MOVE!

You have all heard the story of my first visit to Designers Desk with Anita. I was TOTALLY overwhelmed! Well, I cannot wait to see what their new shop is like with more space and 2 floors with an elevator plus a huge classroom! Yes, they have made the move to historic Geneva, IL. The old Kris Kringle Haus, over 3500 square feet and weighing 90 tons, was moved to James Street and totally renovated. Also in the area are a fabulous yarn shop and a beading shop as well as restaurants and other shopping.

It sounds like another opportunity for a field trip!

In the meantime, the new address and phone number are:

216 James Street

Geneva, IL 60134

1.800.377.8087 or 630.262.1234

WEB SIGHTING'S

If you need information about our recent class or are interested in other books and projects available from Ann Strite-Kurz, she can be reached at:

989.631.2126

wwk@concentric.net or her web site at www.needleartworks.com

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Please note that there are no September minutes attached this month because of our class.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Anne Swift's address has changed to: 2700 Burcham Drive, #515, East Lansing, MI 48823. Her phone number remains the same: 517.351.7045

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

October

Linda Kanamueller on the 1st
Sandy Rabideau on the 18th
Jean Miller-Stouten on the 20th
Dawn Gribben on the 23rd

November

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

Happy stitching!

Joyce Working