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## Grand River Valley Chapter September 2008 Newsletter

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Meetings are held at the Gaines Township Library, on the corner of 68<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison on 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 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,

Now that everyone is going back to school—do you have your homework finished for the Brrrr-bath class? If you don't, get busy—Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> will be here before you know it!! We have a lot of wonderful things planned for fall; our class, a trip to Petoskey and Bristly Thistle, and our Art Show in November. We very much appreciate all of the work put forth by Betsy, Anne, and Jennifer in preparing our fall schedule.

If you haven't had a chance to join us at the library—we have been staying after the meeting and stitching—please join us.

Sincerely,  
Jeannine

## **MEETING INFORMATION**

### **SEPTEMBER 19th and 20th MEETING and CLASS**

The regular meeting at the library will NOT be held.

Br-r-r-r-rdbath students!

There are 15 of us madly working on our pre-work for this class! A few fortunate ones are finished! Remember the class is Friday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-4. You may come a little early on the first day to set up.

The location is Grace Episcopal Church (1815 Hall St., East Grand Rapids) on the corner of Hall and Plymouth.

Lunch will be provided both days. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES!!**

Also, on page 2 of your instructions, Ann has listed supplemental items to bring to the class. Please check this list. Also bring lights, extension cords and magnifiers with your regular stitching tools.

**If your plans have changed** and you are unable to attend, please call Anne Lewis as soon as possible so that we will have an accurate count for the caterer.

### **OCTOBER 18th MEETING**

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

### **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 Kent Country Club, followed by a field trip to see the show!!! Details will follow soon, but please plan to attend this very special event!

## CHAPTER SPECIAL EVENTS

### OCTOBER 8th AND 9th FIELD TRIP TO PETOSKY

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. Please let Jennifer know if you are interested in participating.

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.

**Time is getting close for this event...please call Jennifer asap if you are planning to attend!**

### NEEDLEPOINT ART SHOW, OCTOBER 19th thru NOVEMBER 24th

It's almost here!!!!

The Art Committee at Fountain Street has selected one piece from each participant so that everyone is included. As they plan the display, more pieces will be requested.

Anne Lewis will be collecting the pieces for display. You may bring your pieces to Anne at the September meeting, October Crazy Ladies (October 1) or call Anne to arrange a time to drop it off at Anne's home.

Also, the week before the show, Anne will need some help from local people to get items to Fountain Street Church for display. Please call Anne if you are willing to help.

Dawn Gribben is writing a written promo for the show and Linda Moroz is preparing something about the chapter for guests to learn about us and how to become members.

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

Please also note that 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 library 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

### SEPTEMBER 19th THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29th

#### The **MICHIGAN STITCHERS SHOP-HOP ADVENTURE**

This, the second year will include seven Michigan stitching shops. Although these are not all exclusively needlepoint shops, there are excellent selections of threads, charts and other stitching items and you can get your needlepoint fix at Homestead Needle Arts!

Every shop will have at least one door prize. Passports will be on sale this month for \$5. A free chart is included in the passport. Visit each shop and get your passport validated and receive a free “extra” for your chart. Then leave your filled passport at the last shop you visit to be entered into the Grand Prize drawing for a chance to win a Longaberger basket filled with stitching supplies, with a value over \$750.

All shops will have uniform hours during the shop hop and will be open 7 days a week. See passport for shop hours (some shops will be open longer). Shops are having 20% off sales on most items in their shops.

Participating shops this year are:

- Distinctive Stitches, Kalamazoo
- Flying Stitch, Battle Creek
- Homestead Needle Arts, Grand Blanc
- In Stitches, Jackson
- Ladybug Shoppe, Royal Oak
- Stitching Bits and Bobs, Plainwell
- Timeless Stitches, Tecumseh

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. Many of those attending were from as far as Chicago and Indiana!

Have a fun day (or days) with friends and see new shops and goodies!  
Passports will be available at Homestead after September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup> THROUGH 21<sup>st</sup>

**Sandy Rogers** will be teaching her latest design, *Winter Whites* on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 10<sup>TH</sup> through 11th**

**Gail Sirna** will be teaching her *Tribute to Vincent* on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dshoopp007@sbcglobal.NET)

## **INTERESTING TID-BITS**

### **IT'S A SMALL WORLD**

We have all used and enjoyed June McKnight's small spiral books on different stitches...in fact I believe she has a new one on Bargello. When I lived in California, I took several classes from her at Old World Gallery Needlepoint in Menlo Park near Stanford University. She was a delightful teacher and a very interesting and gracious person.

But did you know that she has connections to Western Michigan? In fact she worked at Peacock Alley during the early time of Lu's involvement!

Dawn Gribben discovered this when she visited June McKnight's shop, *Stitches by the Bay* in Monterey, California. The West Michigan connection was discovered during their conversations. Since then, June has sold the shop to Colleen Greenlee, who has a very nice web-site at [www.stitchesbythebay.com](http://www.stitchesbythebay.com)

June still teaches at several shops in the California area and Dawn had another opportunity to visit with her this past spring. Dawn, please keep us updated and send Western Michigan's best wishes to June when you go there next spring.

## **THE NEEDLEPOINTER'S OLYMPICS**

Well, the rest of the world may have completed the Olympics in Beijing but one needlepointer's family is watching another Olympic worthy event.

DeElda Wittmack's son, Charlie, was attempting to swim the English Channel! This, after having previously climbed Mount Everest!

I haven't heard the results of his attempt, yet. The initial report was in the ANG Needlepointer's chat line

I predict that DeElda's spring line at market next January will include something about fish or swimming???

## **WEB SIGHTING'S**

[www.stichebythebay.com](http://www.stichebythebay.com) Stitches by the Bay, Monterey, CA, 831.373.5518

[www.whatsthepoint.biz](http://www.whatsthepoint.biz) What's the Point?, Dublin, Oh 614.717.9008

[www.mybeadquest.com](http://www.mybeadquest.com) Bead Quest, 4230 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Rapids, 616.726.5908

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

### **September`**

Jeannine Cella on the 8<sup>th</sup>

Linda Moroz on the 9<sup>th</sup>

### **October**

Linda Kanamueller on the 1<sup>st</sup>

Sandy Rabideau on the 18<sup>th</sup>

Jean Miller-Stouten on the 20<sup>th</sup>

Dawn Gribben on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Happy Stitching!

Joyce Working