

**Minutes of the Gateway Chapter ANG Monthly Meeting
Thursday, September 21, 2006 and Monday, September 25, 2006**

Mary Carol Kluesner (night meeting) and Anne Freeman (day meeting) led our annual Drag ‘n Brag event. The winners were:

Category	Night meeting winner	Day meeting winner
Best 3D	Judy Hayden for teddy bear with vest	Kate Brownlee – shoes
Size Matters	Mickey Knutson for bracelet	Janine Webb – beaded stocking
Creative Finishing	Linda Elkow for her original design	Kate Brownlee – pillow
Best Holiday	Susan Lucco for Christmas ornaments (quilted stocking)	Sylvia Howard – picture of Faberge eggs
Member’s Choice	Betty Rosenberger for a Marnie Ritter band sampler	Denise Beusen – Sampling the Snowfall

Each winner received a certificate good for a Chapter weekly planner. Denise Beusen and Donna Halloran photographed the winner’s pieces, and a collage will be made of the photos. The collage will be used as the front cover of the planner, which will be printed at OfficeMax.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm (night meeting) and at 10:55 am (day meeting) by Denise Beusen.

Minutes: The minutes are posted on line on the chapter web site. Kay Schmitt made a motion to accept the minutes as posted; seconded by Donna Halloran. Passed.

Treasurer: Acting Treasurer Denise Beusen reported a balance of \$3889.38 as of August 31, 2006. She asked for volunteers to take on the Treasurer’s position.

Membership: Linda Elkow reported that we have 68 members, but that the number will probably decrease after she finishes making calls this month. New membership rosters will be available at the October meetings.

Linda reminded members that they have until September 26 to sign up for a group correspondence course in design.

Linda will be organizing a new member outreach activity to be held prior to both of the October meetings. At this event, new members will be able to learn more about ANG and the educational opportunities available through the national organization and the Gateway Chapter.

There were three visitors at the day meeting: Florence Bell, Judy Poneta, and Donna Hinden

Newsletter: Janine Webb reported that the November *NeedleNotes* deadline is October 16.

Philanthropy and Public Relations: Donna Halloran reported that the International Children canvas was framed and then sent to Tucson for display in the ANG National Exhibit.

Donna reported that the Gail Sirna book event is scheduled for 7 PM Sept 26 at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters.

Donna also reported that the new trifold flyers are available and encouraged everyone to take some for their stitching bags, just in case they have an opportunity to hand them out to friends and acquaintances or to leave some in needlework shops.

Fundraising: Mickey Knutson reported that the dates for our holiday gift wrapping fundraiser at Borders are Sunday, December 17th – 9 AM to 2 PM and Thursday, December 21st – 9 AM to 2 PM. She passed around a sign-up sheet. Anyone interested in volunteering to work can contact her.

Programs: The October program will be “Stitch A Spring Egg”. A small canvas will be provided to members, and four stitches will be taught. Members will supply their own threads.

The Chapter Needle Pointers archive will be sold at the October and November meetings and at the Cedar Creek retreat. Each issue will cost \$1.50; this is a good opportunity for members to replace lost issues and for new members to pick up issues published prior to their joining ANG.

The Fall workshop will be taught by Libby Sturdy on October 7-8, 2006. A reception in her honor will be held at the Needlepoint Clubhouse on Friday, October 6 from 5 to 7 PM.

The “Not at Seminar Retreat” will be November 4th at Cedar Creek Conference Center; the deadline to sign up is October 4th.

The Spring 2007 workshop will be taught by Debbie Stiehler on April 21-22, 2007

Sunshine/Historian/Social: No report.

Website: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

A motion was made by Donna Halloran (night) and Anne Freeman (day) to adjourn the meeting. Mary Carol Kluesner (night) and Janine Webb (day) seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm (evening) and 11:10 am (day).

Respectfully submitted by Sylvia Howard.