

## **Gateway Chapter ANG April meetings minutes: April 15 and 26**

Felecite Pollnow gave a very interesting and informative presentation on stitching hair, beards, moustaches and fur. She handed out various threads and helped us to identify them. We also worked with some of these threads to try a few stitches which might be effective on our canvases.

Pat Giarraffa called the business meeting to order following the program. She reminded members that the minutes are posted on our Chapter website.

Treasurer: Betty Rosenberger reported a balance of \$5,148.87 as of March 30.

Membership: Linda Elkow reported that we have 79 members at the current time. Our newest member is Alice Carpenter.

Newsletter: Suzanne Nielsen reported that the deadline to submit articles for the newsletter is April 15.

Philanthropy and Public Relations: Jane Cornue reported that we will be having an exhibit in July at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters Branch. All members are encouraged to display their pieces and to bring them to the meetings, stitch-ins, or the luncheon. We will also be having a display at the Clayton Library in October. The “little people” canvases are in the hands of our members at the present time. If you have not already stitched one of the people think about volunteering to do so. Some members have already volunteered to stitch the background and borders.

Ways and Means: Kay Schmitt reported that we will be involved in gift wrapping during the holiday season. She is looking into some other fundraising ideas also.

Programs: Barb O’Connell reported that at our May meeting, Linda Elkow will present a program on color and color choices in our needlework. The stitch of the month will be held at our stitch-ins. Copies of previous stitches are available as well as the kits. We will be using the stitches we learned as we stitch “Berryville” this summer.

Sunshine/Historian/Social: Maureen Cleaver reported that our Spring Luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 5 at the Maryville Marriot. Our annual auction will take place at this time. Members are encouraged to bring items they have for the auction to the May meeting, or call Maureen.

Linda Elkow reported that our raffle will also be held at the Luncheon. Raffle items include a wooden Rocky Giraffe Floor Stand, a Sudberry House Petite Serving Tray, and a Dazor Table Light. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Webmaster: Sharon Key had no report.

Old Business: Pat Giarraffa thanked the Nominating Committee of Kay Schmitt, Linda Elkow, and Ann Carol Goldberg for their work. Pat presented the slate of officers:

2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary (Newsletter): Kathleen Dunn  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Philanthropy/Public Relations): Peggy Nedeau  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Program Chairperson): Linda Lesh  
1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer (Recording) : Betty Rosenberger

A motion was made to accept the slate of officers as presented by Felecite Pollnow at the evening meeting, and by Maureen Cleaver at the day meeting. It was seconded by Margaret Orend at the evening meeting, and by Rosemary Robertson at the day meeting. All members present approved.

Pat Giarraffa reported that Barb Smith will be appointed as our Sunshine/Historian/Social Committee chairperson and the board has approved.

Denise Beusen reminded members that the deadline for entry form submission to the “Stitches” exhibit is April 30. Gateway Chapter sponsors an award for this exhibit, so be sure to ask to see the winner of this award when you go to the exhibit. Denise also brought information on the classes offered at Rockholm Gardens for anyone who may be interested.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Giarraffa for Christina Stineman