

NEEDLENOTES



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Gateway Chapter ANG events are at the Ladue Chapel - Fellowship Hall South unless otherwise noted.

March

**4th 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM: Saturday
Stitch-in and Betty Chen Louis preview
St. Louis County Library Schlafly Branch**

**10th Registration Deadline for
Betty Chen Louis Program**

**16th 6:30 PM Evening meeting
The Heart Pendant**

**27th 9:30 AM Morning meeting
The Heart Pendant**

April

**20st 6:30 PM Evening Meeting
Annual election
Constructing a Square Box – Guest
Artist Joanne Kluba
May Program Preview: Geometric
square**

**22nd 9:00 AM Board Meeting
Denise Beusen's Home**

**24th 9:30 AM Morning meeting
Program same as evening meeting.**

Upcoming Events:

**Workshop with Betty Chen Louis
May 6 & 7, 2006**

**Spring Luncheon and Stash Festival
May 27, 2006**

The chapter calendar and NeedleNotes are on-line at <http://www.gatewayang.org>. If you would like to receive an email notification when the newsletter is posted to our website please send your email address to janice-marsh@msn.com or douglaswebb@earthlink.net. You will not be mailed a hard copy of the newsletter but will receive the newsletter quicker via the Internet.

President's Letter

Happy Impending Spring!

During the long nights of December and January, I couldn't summon even a memory of a beautiful spring day. Now, all of a sudden, the days are getting longer and I've realized it's just a few days until the spring equinox! It seems time has been speeding by while I've had my head down in my stitching and work.

Fortunately, I did peek up long enough to take advantage of some unexpected opportunities in recent weeks - a February gift-wrapping fundraiser, a February Art Walk, and a Saturday stitch-in on March 4 (which may be past, depending on when this newsletter arrives in your mailbox). Thank you to everyone who participated in these events. It's always such fun to learn what all of you are working on and what has held your interest recently.

Speaking of opportunities and what you're working on, I hope you haven't forgotten the Participation Challenge. We have only three months - six meetings - at which you can earn tickets for the membership drawing at the Spring Stash Festival and Luncheon. Complete details are on our website, but the key ones are 1) bring a friend to a meeting 2) Bring a tip from a teacher; a new book, thread, or gadget; or a new article or magazine to a monthly meeting and share with others 3) Bring a finished-for-use stitched item to a monthly meeting.

Before the weather and the annual spring round of holidays, graduations, and weddings begin, I hope you can get in some quality stitching time that will enable you to complete a project or two. And then please remember to bring it to a meeting!

Happy Stitching,

Denise



March Program

At the March program, we'll learn how to stitch and construct a heart

pendant. The project was designed by the Point to Point Chapter of ANG as a breast cancer fund raiser, with proceeds donated to The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

If you purchased your kit at the February meetings, you will need your usual stitching supplies and the following supplies: 6 inch stretcher bars(2 pairs); 1 skein Anchor floss #271; 2 yards of Neon Rays # N 16. You will be drawing the heart shape on your canvas from a provided template and you will cut out the heart shape to finish the project so make sure that you have a marker or 4H pencil to copy the design and scissors to cut canvas. This design can be stitched in hand.

Your kit includes a 6" square of pink 18 count canvas, a small Creative Charm heart, and 1 yard of pink rattail cord. You may bring some beads if you wish to put them on your piece. This will be a fun piece to do.

For more information, contact Anne Freeman, 314-994-3825 or ffreeman@socket.net.

2006 NOT AT SEMINAR RETREAT

Save this date: Saturday, November 4, 2006. It's the date of our 2nd annual Not-At-Seminar Retreat. This year, our event falls well after Seminar, so everyone should be able to participate. It's also after our Libby Sturdy workshop this fall. Between those two events, everyone should have at least one UFO they can bring to work on!

We'll be meeting again at the Cedar Creek Conference Center, and the format will be the same as last year: a full day of stitching from 9:30 to 5:00 with a yummy lunch and break food provided. The cost will be \$25 per person for Gateway Chapter members. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

April and May Programs

Join in the fun – watch a demonstration by expert box-maker and artist Joanne Kluba on making a square box in April, and then follow some simple steps to design and stitch a square geometric to put on top of your box in May. Joanne will have box kits of precut binder board available for purchase. Cover the box with a lovely paper of your choice (we'll have some suggestions on where to look for paper), then stitch a coordinated geometric design to put on the top.

Bring a selection of threads that follow a color scheme of your choice and a piece of 18 count canvas on stretcher bars to the May meeting. Your thread selection can be as simple or as extensive as you like. For example, select a Watercolors, then add coordinating light, medium, and dark 5 Pearl Cottons, and a shiny thread such as rayon or a metallic. Two of the Pearl Cottons could be from one color family and the third a neutral color. We'll have some samples of stitched squares at the April meeting and more information on thread selection at the April meeting and in the next newsletter. Once you've learned this simple technique for stitching a geometric square, you can design and stitch squares for greeting cards, purchased boxes (Sudberry), pincushions, purses (as in the October meeting), and anywhere else your imagination takes you.

These programs will be led by Linda Elkow.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Gateway Chapter of ANG sponsors a prize every year at the Missouri State Fair. It's a \$25 check for *the needlepoint piece best exemplifying the use of stitches other than basketweave or continental.*

It's not too early to start thinking about what you'd like to send to the Fair. For more information, watch <http://www.mostatefair.com/>

The 2006 Gateway Chapter Raffle Is Here!

This year, we are offering three terrific prizes. Remember that all proceeds benefit our Gateway Chapter projects such as the hugely successful Not at Seminar Retreat, our projects at the monthly meetings and our Workshops with nationally known instructors.

The prizes include:

An Ott Table Task light with the Tru Color bulb for effortless stitching with less strain on the eyes.

A lovely gift basket brimming with stitching accessories such as Gingher scissors; threads, including the new Light Effects threads from DMC; a Tacky Bob; needlepoint markers; a stitch guide and more!

A workshop sponsored by Gateway ANG with the nationally known teacher, Libby Sturdy. She is known for her colorful Santas and other figures. This prize includes attendance at the Workshop to be held in the fall of 2006 and a complete kit.

You can buy the tickets at any monthly meeting or fill out the tickets furnished in this newsletter and mail them to Mickey Knutson. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.

The drawing will be held at the Spring Luncheon and you do not have to be present to win.

Good luck!

For more information, contact Mickey Knutson, 314-909-8890, or mjkwfk@earthlink.net.

Valentine's Day Gift-Wrapping

The Valentine Gift wrapping was a new and heart warming experience which turned out to be very successful for our Guild. We are grateful to the members who donated their time and talent: Denise Beusen, Mary Carol Kleusner, Donna Halloran, Karen King, Anne Freeman, Rosemary Robinson, Janice Marsh, Brenda Ramsdell, and Linda Elkow. Thank You! Your participation also earns you a ticket in the Participation Challenge.

New ANG CyberWorkshop

Couching Techniques on Canvas
by Sandy Rodgers

Registration Period: March and April 2006

CyberWorkshop Begins: June 1, 2006

Proficiency Level: Intermediate

Description: Couching is basic to the skills of a good needlepointer. Couching a line of thread around an area can smooth irregular edges caused by stitches worked into the square grid of the canvas. Special methods of couching can create a whole picture, mimic texture, or form background and filling stitches. Using a notebook format, this class explores both traditional and contemporary couching (on canvas) of metals and of threads made from other materials. Since they are historically linked to metals, silks will be used; however, the methods taught can easily be applied to other threads and students will be shown how to change threads. This intermediate level course covers couching basics and some of the more advanced couching forms.

For more information:

<http://www.needlepoint.org/CyberWorkshop/index.html>

TRADING POST

I would like to purchase Jean Hilton's *Needlepoint Stitches* which was self-published by Jean Hilton in 1988. If you have a copy you wish to sell, please contact Janine Webb at 636-273-6223 or email me at douglaswebb@earthlink.net Thanks!

Ginger Carter writes to ask whether any member of the guild is interested in any of the following—

- o Nantucket wool tapestry yarns
- o Piecework Magazine 1993 to 2005
- o Threads Magazine 1985 to 2006
- o Needle Arts Magazine (This is a publication of the American Embroiderers Guild) 1974 to 1998
- o The Flying Needle (Publication of the National Standards Council of American Embroiderers) 1975 to 1995

If so, please get in touch with Ginger at vibucar@earthlink.net, or #5 Geyerwood Lane, St. Louis, MO 63131 – phone 314-965-0577. Thank you.

S.A.B.L.E.

While you may not recognize the acronym, you will recognize the condition. Have you been unable to find your spring shoes from last year because they are located in the same closet as your needlework supplies? Does your husband sigh heavily when you come home with bags from Sign of the Arrow or First and Last? Have you spread out your supplies to look at them and felt vaguely guilty about the amount of money you have spent on your hobby? Have you suddenly realized that you will have to live to 150 years old in order to finish the projects you currently own? Did you read Denise's article on "Taming Stashzilla" and wish that you could have some help in paring down your stash? Well, then, you are suffering from SABLE – Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy.

The Gateway ANG Board feels your pain – as well as our own. That is why we are offering our members the unprecedented opportunity to relieve some of the anxiety that SABLE often causes. Not only will you feel better but you will also have fun and help raise money for Gateway Chapter.

Introducing: The Spring Stash Festival!

In conjunction with our Spring Luncheon on May 27th, which will be held at the home of Barb Smith, we will offer Gateway ANG members the opportunity to participate in the Stash Festival. You will be able to decide whether you would like to sell some of your stash to other ANG members. You will set the price of the items; you'll display them and collect the proceeds of the sale, less a percentage which will be a donation to the Gateway Chapter. What you don't sell, you get to keep and bring home or donate outright to the Chapter. You also will have a fine time surveying other members' stash and deciding whether you would like to purchase some!

The Board feels that every member probably has items that they would prefer not to donate outright but would like to sell to recoup some of the money expended on the stash accumulation. By participating in the Stash Festival, members will have an opportunity to evaluate their stash, price it and sell it.

You have the time now to go through your closets; pull out your storage bins and look under the bed to locate promising stash for sale.

Further details on the Spring Stash Festival and Luncheon will be forthcoming in the May NeedleNotes. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Anne Freeman.

Educational Opportunities

Needle Arts Mystery Retreats: Gateway to Canvas

What: Three-day retreat based on a mystery project; five instructors and five color choices

Sponsored by: The instructors (Mary Knapp, Pat Hartman, Debbie Rowley, Jackie Murawski, Linda Reinmiller)

When: July 13 – 16, 2006

Where: Clayton, MO at the Crowne Plaza St. Louis, 7750 Carondelet Ave.

For more information: email

Mysteryretreat@hotmail.com or visit

<http://mysteryretreat.netfirms.com/>

ANG National Seminar

What: An 8-day gathering of needlepointers, including classes, exhibit, shop, and bookstore

Sponsored by: ANG

When: September 8 – 15, 2006

Where: Marriott Star Pass Resort, Tucson, AZ

For more information: check the special Seminar catalog mailed with the March issue of *Needle Pointers* magazine

EGA National Seminar

What: A week-long convention for stitchers, including classes, exhibit, shop, and bookstore

Sponsored by: EGA

When: October 21-27, 2006

Where: Richmond, Virginia

For more information: <http://www.egausa.org/>

The 2005-2006 Participation Challenge

You still have time to accumulate tickets in the Participation Challenge. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Spring Luncheon. You do not need to be present to win. The prize will be a Gateway Chapter ANG membership. This includes both national and chapter dues – a \$50 value.

For complete details about the program, see our website www.gatewayang.org.

EVENING FLIGHT OF BUTTERFLIES

A two-day workshop by Betty Chen Louis
May 6 & 7, 2006

The main motif of *Evening Flight of Butterflies* was derived from a Japanese lacquer box. Cut silver-leaf squares, powdered gold, sprinklings and fibers of silver were used in the making of Japanese lacquer known as *Chinkin* (sunken gold). This piece utilizes the concept of "optical-mixing" of colors with Au Ver A Soie, Soie D'Alger and metal threads, the purpose of which is to capture the iridescent and transparent qualities of Japanese lacquer. The blue/violet palette against the pale-grey background evokes a feeling of twilight serenity. The photo is posted on our web site at www.gatewayang.org.

Proficiency Level: *Intermediate/advanced* - Students should have some experience in pulled thread and thread twisting and be proficient in reading diagrams.

The kit includes:

- 12" x 12" pale-gray Congress cloth with original hand-traced design
- Au Ver A Soie, Soie D'Alger (5 different colors)
- Kreinik Nickel Cord Filament and Braid
- DMC Fil Argent and Pearl #8
- Color photograph and instructions for working the project.

Students must bring:

- 2 pr 12" stretcher bars
- staple gun or tacks
- frame clamp or stand
- magnifier and lamp
- teko-bari
- one push pin
- one sheet of tissue paper
- usual stitching supplies

Dates, Time, and Location: Saturday and Sunday, May 6 & 7, 2006 from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Class will be held at the Missouri Library Network Corporation, 8045 Big Bend Blvd. There is a map showing the location on MLNC's web site, www.mlnc.org. There will be a 1.5 hr break for lunch. You may bring your lunch or eat at one of the many restaurants within one or two blocks' walking distance.

Techniques taught by the project include:

- Design concept of creating a strong focal point with subordinate areas
- Untraditional shading - the optical mixing of colors; Diagonal Satin, Random and Variation
- Tramé and other Couching techniques - Diagonal Satin-Over-Laid Thread; Bokhara Couching
- Or Nue
- Selection of stitches to preserve visual harmony - Diagonal Mosaic and Diagonal Scotch; Cashmere and Milanese Stitches.
- Couching of non-stitchable metal threads
- Hand-twisting of threads
- Pulled-Thread techniques

Cost:

- \$108 for Gateway Chapter members
 - \$125 for ANG members who are not chapter members
 - \$145 for anyone else
- These prices include the \$88 charge for the kit.

**Sign-up deadline for
Evening Flight of Butterflies is
March 10, 2006
Send your check to:
Denise Beusen
1118 Dunston Drive
St. Louis, MO 63146**

Stitch of the Month

This is just a reminder that Sharon G's design *Dragonfly and Fireflies Kimono* is now on the ANG website. This lovely kimono incorporates many of the 2005 stitches that Sharon presented.

The 2006 designer for the Stitch of the Month is Kathy Fenchel. Her plan for this year's Stitch of the Month is to create variations of basic stitches using new threads: "I hope to present you with some new, sometimes unorthodox and quirky, ways to use the old standards."

Pique your interest? The first three stitches for 2006 are now on the ANG website and can be accessed at www.needlepoint.org



Proceeds benefit St. Louis charities
and Pi Beta Phi philanthropies.

SIGN of the ARROW

9740 CLAYTON ROAD
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63124
TELEPHONE: (314) 994-0606
FAX (314) 994-0046

314-991-2145



Specializing in Fine Custom Design

9785 Clayton Rd.
(in the Ladue Market Place)
St. Louis, MO 63124

ANN CLARK
LIZ O'HERIN

Shamrock Cross Stitch

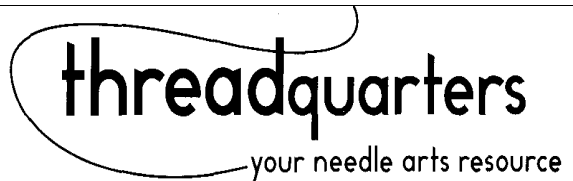


14560 Manchester Rd.
Winchester, MO 63011

www.shamrockcrossstitch.com
Mail order: 1-800-203-6550
E-mail: info@shamrockcrossstitch.com

Hours:
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - Saturday

(636) 391-9958



741 north new ballas road
creve coeur, missouri 63141
threadquarters@earthlink.net

tel. 314-432-2555

fax 314-432-4662



Please support our merchant advertisers.

SHOP NEWS

Sign of the Arrow

The canvas buyers are back from market and have bought lots of exciting new needlepoint projects. Come in to see the new items arriving daily.

In addition to the beginner needlepoint classes, Children's half-day classes will be available this summer beginning in June and continuing throughout July. Details have not been finalized yet: call the shop in May for more information.

Start stitching now for the holidays. We have Christmas tree skirts in stock. New ornaments and stocking canvases are arriving everyday. We also carry sorority mini-stockings for the new (and old) pledge in your family.

April 5th – 30th Melissa Shirley trunk show.

Sign of the Arrow is pleased to announce the "almost" grand opening of our new website. Look for us live and online starting at the end of March, 2006 at www.signofthearrow.com

**GATEWAY CHAPTER - ANG
RAFFLE TICKET**

Three Drawings: 1.) Ott Table Task Light
2.) Libby Sturdy Workshop
3.) Gift Basket with Stitching Supplies/Accessories
Drawing at Spring Luncheon
One Prize per winner. Need not be present to win.
\$1.00 per each Chance or Six (6) Chances for \$5.00
NAME: _____
PHONE: _____

**Bring to a Guild Meeting
Or Send To:**
Mickey Knutson, Gateway Raffle, 243 Parkland Ave., St.
Louis, MO 63122

**GATEWAY CHAPTER - ANG
RAFFLE TICKET**

Three Drawings: 1.) Ott Table Task Light
2.) Libby Sturdy Workshop
3.) Gift Basket with Stitching Supplies/Accessories
Drawing at Spring Luncheon
One Prize per winner. Need not be present to win.
\$1.00 per each Chance or Six (6) Chances for \$5.00
NAME: _____
PHONE: _____

**Bring to a Guild Meeting
Or Send To:**
Mickey Knutson, Gateway Raffle, 243 Parkland Ave., St.
Louis, MO 63122

**GATEWAY CHAPTER - ANG
RAFFLE TICKET**

Three Drawings: 1.) Ott Table Task Light
2.) Libby Sturdy Workshop
3.) Gift Basket with Stitching Supplies/Accessories
Drawing at Spring Luncheon
One Prize per winner. Need not be present to win.
\$1.00 per each Chance or Six (6) Chances for \$5.00
NAME: _____
PHONE: _____

**Bring to a Guild Meeting
Or Send To:**
Mickey Knutson, Gateway Raffle, 243 Parkland Ave., St.
Louis, MO 63122

Membership notes – Linda Elkow

ANG National dues are collected directly by ANG National. Gateway Chapter dues are still collected by our local Membership officer. This means you will be contacted directly by National for the \$33.00 National portion of your dues (National dues increased to \$33.00 on January 1), but you will still be getting a notice from Linda Elkow for the \$17.00 local portion of your dues.

Send your local dues only to the address below, you will be contacted directly by National for the National portion of your dues. Please remember you may maintain your local Gateway Chapter membership only if you are member of ANG National.

Please send your check for **\$17.00** to
Linda Elkow
Gateway Chapter ANG Membership
448 Gabriel Drive
St. Louis, MO 63122

This is the complete list of memberships that come due in April, although many of you have already sent in your dues (thank you). If you're not sure whether you still owe, letters will be going out shortly, or you may email elkowl@sbcglobal.net to ask.

Membership renewals due April 1, 2006.

Barbara Brigham	Becky Fitzpatrick
Kathy Scioneaux	Kathleen Dunn
Barbara K. Jones	Patricia Nelson
Arlene H. Strawn	Linda Elkow
Becky Magruder	Sue Quirk
Janice Marsh	

Looking ahead: memberships renewals due June 1, 2006

Pat Giarraffa	Barb O'Connell
Karen Williams	
Karen King	Kay Schmitt

Gateway Chapter Officers

President	Secretary	Treasurer	Newsletter	Sunshine/Historian
Denise Beusen 314-432-5750 denise@beusen.net	Brenda Ramsdell 636-239-6762 JRamsFAN@aol.com	Betty Rosenberger 314-821-1362 betty@rosenbergers.org	Janine Webb 636-273-6223 douglaswebb@earthlink.net	Anne Freeman 314-994-3825 ffreeman@socket.net
Programs	Membership	Ways & Means	Philanthropy/ PR	Webmaster
Linda Lesh 314-535-8455 Linlesh314@Aol.com	Linda Elkow 314-965-1925 elkowl@sbcglobal.net	Mickey Knutson 314-909-8890 mjkwfk@earthlink.net	Peggy Nedeau 314-918-7381 Mnedeau@aol.com.	Janice Marsh 314-394-1134 janice-marsh@msn.com

If you have an address change: Send it to the **Membership** chair, **Linda Elkow**. There is no need to send separate, additional address change forms to the **Treasurer** and/or the **Newsletter Editor**.

Membership in the Gateway Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild is open to all needle-pointers from beginner to professional. Prospective members may attend two (2) membership meetings and receive two (2) complimentary copies of the newsletter before being asked to pay dues.

*Needlenotes is published six (6) times a year in September, November, January, March, May, and July. The deadline for copy submission is the fourth Monday of the preceding month. To submit copy, send to Janine Webb, 309 Berry Brook Court, Wildwood, MO 63011 or E-Mail to douglaswebb@earthlink.net. Ad rates for a business card size, \$30 for all six (6) issues. Send camera-ready art to the same address. **Sharing chapters please send newsletter copies to the same address.** Copyright - Gateway Chapter American Needlepoint Guild *ANG chapters may reproduce for guild use, others require written permission.

Needlenotes

Gateway Chapter ANG
Janine Webb, Editor
309 Berry Brook Ct.
Wildwood, MO 63011