

# NEEDLENOTES



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### May

18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM Evening meeting

Geometric Square – led by Linda Elkow

Deadline to R.S.V.P. for Spring Luncheon and Stash Festival

22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 AM Morning meeting

Geometric Square – led by Linda Elkow

25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Board meeting

Location: TBA

27<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Spring Luncheon and Stash Festival  
Barb Smith's Home  
62 Muirfield

### June

15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM  
Informal stitch-in

26<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM  
Informal stitch-in

### Future activities:

Oct 7-8, 2006:  
Workshop with Libby Sturdy

November 4, 2006:  
Not-At-Seminar Retreat at Cedar Creek Conference Center

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](mailto:janice-marsh@msn.com) or [douglaswebb@earthlink.net](mailto:douglaswebb@earthlink.net)

## President's Letter

*Fellow stitchers,*

*Once again, we're at the transition time of year. My calendar is filling quickly with graduations and weddings, the sorts of activities that involve a life change. With our recent election in April it's also a time of changeover for our Chapter, and an opportunity to reflect on the year we've had.*

*It's been an active and successful 12 months: two workshops, one by Dawn Donnelly and the other by Betty Chen Louis; retreats and stitch-ins; educational outings; a series of monthly programs that gave us ideas for small gifts; a canvas finished and donated to Ronald McDonald house; an exhibit at the Carondelet House; two successful fundraisers; and spring and winter social events.*

*I'd like to thank all of you who participated in these events. It's a lot of work to organize activities - work whose only reward is having fellow members partake of them. It's gratifying that involvement in our activities has increased this year.*

*I also want to extend a heartfelt thanks to our Board and Committee members whose dedication is the fuel that keeps our organization running. In particular, I'd like to express appreciation for the efforts of those whose terms ended in April:*

- *As Treasurer, Betty Rosenberger has been the glue that held the organization together, keeping orderly books, generating detailed monthly reports, and drafting budgets.*
- *Program Director Linda Lesh led the committee that planned the year's monthly programs and workshops.*
- *Peggy Nedeau, our Philanthropy and Public Relations Director, published the annual Chapter trifold flyer and posted it around the metro area, coordinated our exhibits and charity stitching, and organized our fun "Drag 'N Brag" in January.*
- *Janine Webb's efforts every other month as Newsletter Editor have produced a product that is catching the eye of stitchers around the country. We're lucky that she has agreed to serve another term.*

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## *President's Letter, continued*

*If you haven't been able to participate as much this year as you wished, the start of our new fiscal year on May 1 is a great time to turn over a new leaf. I hope to see each of you at our May meetings, and at the Spring Luncheon and Stash Festival later this month.*

*Looking forward to seeing you (and whatever you're working on!).*  
Denise

## **May Program**

At the May meeting we'll be stitching a coordinated geometric design to put on the top of a 5 inch square box. Whether you saw the box-making demonstration at the April meeting and bought a kit, or whether you'd like to stitch a square to put on a purchased box, 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. To stitch a 5 inch square, bring a piece of canvas 9 by 9 on stretcher bars. This gives you a generous 2 inches all around.

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 a rayon or a metallic. Two of the Pearl Cottons could be from one color family, and the third a neutral color.

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.

*Linda Elkow*

## **Participation Challenge Will End Soon**

At the May 27 Spring Luncheon, we'll draw the winner of the Participation Challenge. This lucky individual will have her '06-'07 ANG dues – both local and national – paid by the Gateway Chapter. The May meetings are the last opportunity you'll have to earn tickets for finished items, so don't forget to bring them! For information about other ways to earn tickets, check our web site at [www.gatewayang.org/images/ParticipationChallenge.pdf](http://www.gatewayang.org/images/ParticipationChallenge.pdf).

## **STITCH TO WIN BANNER Volunteers Needed**

ANG is partnering with The National NeedleArts Association (TNNA) in the "Stitch To Win Against Breast Cancer Campaign." We have been invited to stitch a banner depicting the United States Postal Service's Breast Cancer Research Stamp. The banner has been charted into six panels which we will be circulating around the country for the next few months. The panels are 28-count Lugana evenweave fabric and will be worked in cross stitch over two threads. The stitched area of each panel is approximately 9 inches by 10 inches.

Cross stitch, you ask? EGA had already committed to do the needlepoint version. As many of us do sampler work and counted cross stitch projects in addition to needlepoint, ANG felt its members would enthusiastically embrace this opportunity and do an outstanding job with this project!

The completed banner will be presented to the US Postal Service in Washington, D.C. in October 2006. We are working under a very tight deadline so be sure that you can commit to stitching as soon as you receive the panel. Stitchers must have experience in traditional sampler work, following very detailed charts, and working "over two."

This is an incredible opportunity to showcase the talents and artistry of our members as well as honoring the on-going work to support breast cancer research.

If you wish to volunteer, contact:

Pat Rogers  
North Central Area Representative, ANG  
[progers@timetrader.net](mailto:progers@timetrader.net)  
309-786-1597

## **ANG Auction Still Needs Stitchers**

There is still time to stitch an item for the ANG Live Auction at seminar this fall in Tucson. You can see a list of the available canvases at [www.needlepoint.org/Auction/2006/canvas.htm](http://www.needlepoint.org/Auction/2006/canvas.htm). You can also get in touch with Karen Barras at [auction@needlepoint.org](mailto:auction@needlepoint.org) if you'd like to volunteer.

## Distance Learning Opportunities

*The current  
ANG  
Workshop By  
Mail is closing  
June 30*



**Description:** *Sincerely Yours* is a creation by well-known designer and teacher Ro Pace. It is a study in geometric shapes and patterns. A balanced use of color helps blend the individual patterns/shapes into a pleasing whole.

**Finished Design Size:** 12 " x 12"

**Canvas Size:** 17" x 17", 18-count mono

**Level:** Intermediate to Advanced

**Registration Closes:** June 30, 2006

**For more information:** see the ANG web site,  
[www.needlepoint.org](http://www.needlepoint.org)

*A new  
Cyberworkshop  
opens on  
June 1*



**Registration Period:** May 1 through June 30, 2006

**CyberWorkshop Begins:** August 1, 2006

**Proficiency Level:** Intermediate to Advanced

**Description:** *Circle of Lace* by Jane Ellen Balzuweit is an elegant sampler of pulled thread and damask stitches. There are 24 different stitches worked on a 32-count Belfast linen with Splendor silk thread by Rainbow Gallery.

**For more information:** see the ANG web site,  
[www.needlepoint.org](http://www.needlepoint.org)

## Workshop Opportunities

### *Marnie Ritter Iris Collage*

**What:** A three-day workshop, including lunch each day, instruction booklet, and kit.

**Sponsored by:** Greater Kansas City Needlepoint Guild

**Cost:** \$240

**When:** October 13, 14, and 15, 2006

**Where:** Indian Hills Country Club, Kansas City

**Registration closes:** May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**For more information:** Contact Margo Barrick, 5225 West 121st. Street, Overland Park, KS 66209-3503. [Mjbarrick@aol.com](mailto:Mjbarrick@aol.com). Color photos of the piece will be available at Gateway Chapter May meetings.

### *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)

**Cost:** \$325 for kits and teaching fee

**When:** July 13 – 16, 2006

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

**Registration closes:** June 15, 2006

**For more information:** email

[Mysteryretreat@hotmail.com](mailto: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

**Registration closes:** July 25, 2006

**For more information:** check the Seminar catalog mailed with the *March Needle Pointers* or go to [www.needlepoint.org](http://www.needlepoint.org).

### *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:** [www.egausa.org/](http://www.egausa.org/)

## Are You A “Willing Stitcher”?

Would you like to participate in future Nationally Funded Projects? You can see examples of these projects at [www.needlepoint.org/projects.htm](http://www.needlepoint.org/projects.htm). ANG is always looking for willing stitchers with an interest in being part of creating a legacy. If so, please let Denise Beusen know ([denise@beusen.net](mailto:denise@beusen.net)). She'll forward your name to ANG National so they have it on record for the next time they need to recruit stitchers.

## Craft Alliance Summer Class Schedule

The schedule of summer classes at Craft Alliance here in St. Louis offers many interesting fiber art options, including dying and book making. Craft Alliance is where we discovered Joann Kluba, the artist who presented our April program on box making. For more information, visit the Craft Alliance web site at [www.craftalliance.org](http://www.craftalliance.org).

## Preservation Web Site

The Minnesota Historical Society has a section of its web site devoted to textile conservation:

[www.mnhs.org/preserve/conservation/textiles.html](http://www.mnhs.org/preserve/conservation/textiles.html)

There are useful articles on the following topics:

- Advice for framing textiles
- A Checklist for Preserving Your Family Textiles and Clothing
- Cleaning and storing a wedding dress
- Is your textile suitable for framing
- Mounting flat needlework textiles on fabric-covered board
- Preserving historic quilts

## Box Making: Your Input Needed

If there's enough interest, we may have Joanne Kluba do a box-making workshop for us this summer. Joanne is the book artist who demonstrated box-making at the April meetings. At a workshop, you'd be able to build a box and mount your stitched piece from the May program on top of it.

Before committing to the workshop, however, we would like to know how many members would participate. The estimated cost would be around \$25 each if we had 10 participants. This would cover the teaching fee and room rental, but not box kits, which many people have already purchased.

If you would like to participate in such a workshop, please complete the form at the right. Thanks!

## Spring Luncheon and Stash Festival

**When:** Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Where:** Barb Smith's Home  
62 Muirfield, St. Louis

You are cordially invited to the Spring Luncheon and Stash Festival. Come and enjoy good conversation, great food and an exciting raffle. Members are invited to participate in the Stash Festival. Bring needlework related items that you wish to sell. You will set the price of the items; you will display them and collect the proceeds of the sale. 20% of your proceeds 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. We will be making a donation of those items to charity.

Raffle tickets for our three terrific prizes will be available at the Luncheon. We will also be drawing the name of the winner of the Participation Challenge.

This will be an outdoor event, around Barb's pool, so be prepared with sunglasses, hats and sunscreen! The box lunch is catered by Carolyn's so you know the food will be tasty. We'll provide the beverages.

Please RSVP by May 18. Send your choice of box lunch and \$15.00 for the cost of the luncheon to Anne Freeman (or give it to her at the May evening meeting). If you have not received an invitation in the mail with the box lunch choices, please call Anne at 314-994-3825.

### Count me in for a half-day box-making workshop with Joanne Kluba!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List Saturdays during June, July or August when you could participate: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**By May 18**, please email this information to ([denise@beusen.net](mailto:denise@beusen.net)), or send the form by USPS to Denise Beusen, 1118 Dunston Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146.

## Membership Notes

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

**Membership renewals due June 1, 2006:** Pat Giarraffa, Barb O'Connell, Karen Williams, Karen King and Kay Schmitt.

**Looking ahead to memberships renewals due August 1, 2006:** Carol Bosche, LaMona Brown, Kate Brownlee, Judy Harper, Ede Heard, Angela Jones, Nancy Kinker, Pamela Peterson, Eunice Porvaznik, Betty Rosenberger, Sally Ross, Christina Stineman, Kris Sutton.

It is with regret that I report the passing of Christine Palumbo, a long-time member of the Gateway Chapter. On behalf of the chapter membership, the Board has sent a donation in Christine's memory to the ANG Endowment Fund.

*Linda Elkow*

### Save These Dates

- o **Oct 7-8, 2006:** our fall workshop with Libby Sturdy
- o **November 4, 2006:** our annual Not-At-Seminar retreat at Cedar Creek Conference Center
- o **April 21-22, 2007:** our spring workshop with Debbie Stiehler

Watch for more information in upcoming issues of *NeedleNotes* and on our web site [www.gatewayang.org](http://www.gatewayang.org).

## Missouri State Fair

Peggy Nedeau reports that she has been contacted by the Home Economics Department of the Missouri State Fair to determine whether our Guild would be interested in demonstrating the art of needlepoint at the Fair. This demonstration would take place in the air-conditioned Home Economics Building. We would participate for one day only and if we have enough interest, we will arrange a carpool. If you are interested, please contact Peggy at 314-918-7381. Volunteers may be treated to funnel cakes!

Please remember that Gateway ANG is again sponsoring a prize at the Fair. You can check the Missouri State Fair website at [www.mostatefair.com](http://www.mostatefair.com) for all the details if you wish to submit stitching to be judged. All entry forms must be submitted by July 20.

## Raffle Tickets

Tickets for our raffle will still be available at the May monthly meetings and at the Spring Luncheon. These are your last opportunity! Chances are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 to win one of these prizes:

- o OTT Task Light
- o Libby Sturdy two-day seminar Oct 7-8, 2006 (includes the class and the kit!)
- o Fabulous sewing basket stocked full of stitching accessories and projects

The winning tickets will be drawn at the Spring Luncheon and you do not have to be present to win. For more information contact Mickey Knutson at 314-909-8890 or [mjkwfk@earthlink.net](mailto:mjkwfk@earthlink.net).

### 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 chapter meeting or send to:**

Mickey Knutson, Gateway Raffle, 243 Parkland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63122

# Program Questionnaire

## By Anne Freeman

I am looking forward to being 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President next year. The questionnaire below will help me plan the programs for the year. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to me by May 27<sup>th</sup>. You may mail it to me at 123 Brookside Ct., St. Louis, MO 63146; bring it to the Spring Luncheon; or take it to the May meeting and give it to me there. Thank you!

### The following questions have several options. Please rate each topic.

- 1 – really want
- 2 – may want it
- 3 – not interested

In which areas would you like programs?

- finishing technique
- appliqué
- bargello
- creative stitches
- color & design
- hardanger
- painted canvas
- pulled thread
- stumpwork
- transferring designs
- other \_\_\_\_\_

What type of programs do you prefer?

- hands on
- slides/video
- lectures
- demonstrations
- panel discussions
- national teacher
- show and tell
- small groups
- other \_\_\_\_\_

For what reasons do you not take a workshop?

- cost
- length of workshop
- level of workshop
- teacher
- time offered
- subject or project
- other \_\_\_\_\_

### The following questions are yes/no for each option.

Do you feel we offer enough programs for

- beginners
- intermediate
- advanced

Do you like projects to be

- on going for several meetings
- short term for two meetings
- single class

How long have you been an ANG member?

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Any other comments, ideas or issues about programs that you would like to pass along? Please feel free to express yourself. \_\_\_\_\_

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Why are you not attending meetings?

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<p>314-991-2145</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Specializing in Fine Custom Design</p> <p>9785 Clayton Rd. (in the Ladue Market Place) St. Louis, MO 63124</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ANN CLARK LIZ O'HERIN</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">8988 Manchester Road St. Louis, MO 63144</p> <p>Phone: (314) 961-8157 (800) 528-0298 Fax: (314) 961-5604</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.firstandlast.com">www.firstandlast.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our quality and service come before your first stitch our expert finishing touch comes after your last.</i></p>

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### SHOP NEWS

#### Sign of the Arrow

May 1 – June 30 Elizabeth Turner Collection Trunk Show: Belts, Belts, Belts.

In addition to the beginner needlepoint classes, Children's half-day classes will be available this summer beginning in June and continuing throughout July. Call the shop for details.

Sign of the Arrow is also carrying rubber soled flip-flops. Just stitch 36 inches of a belt, pick your favorite bright leather and we'll finish your stitching into a fun pair of flip-flops.

Remember, you can shop Tuesday evenings until 7 PM!

#### New Officers Elected

A new slate of Chapter officers was approved at our April meetings. They are:

- o 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Programs): *Anne Freeman*
- o 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Philanthropy and Public Relations): *Donna Halloran*
- o 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary (Newsletter): *Janine Webb* (continuing for a second term)
- o 1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer (Recording): *Sylvia Howard*

Thank you to our new officers and to our nominating committee - Mary Carol Kluesner, Peggy Nedeau, and Barb Smith – for their hard work in identifying committed Chapter members who are willing to serve.

## Gateway Chapter Officers

<b>President</b> Denise Beusen 314-432-5750 denise@beusen.net	<b>Secretary</b> Brenda Ramsdell 636-239-6762 JRamsFAN@aol.com	<b>Treasurer</b> Sylvia Howard 636-379-0801 besnjilvr@aol.com	<b>Newsletter</b> Janine Webb 636-273-6223 douglaswebb@earthlink.net	<b>Sunshine/Historian</b> Anne Freeman 314-994-3825 ffreeman@socket.net
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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.

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