



Needlenotes

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from September through May in the South Fellowship Hall at Ladue Chapel.

Morning meetings begin at 9:30 am.

Evening meetings begin at 6:30 pm.

Summer meetings are informal stitch-ins held on a Saturday each month from June through August

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thursday, November 15: Meeting
 - September-January: Eau de Parfum Project
 - December: No Meeting
 - Saturday, January 14: Winter Luncheon
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fellow Stitchers:

November brings one of my favorite holidays –Thanksgiving. For at least the last two decades, I've hosted both my husband's and my families for Thanksgiving. We started doing this because it saved us from deciding which family to celebrate Thanksgiving with. I so enjoy being with the people I love on this great American holiday.

As needleworkers, we have many things to be thankful for here in the St. Louis area. Let me list some of them for you:

- 1.) We are in the best National organization – it provides great seminars, educational opportunities of all kinds, a fabulous magazine, and guidance to local chapters.
- 2.) Our chapter is a very active one that offers educational opportunities and social events. Just take a look at this newsletter. You have a great Board that is constantly working to provide you with ever more imaginative ways to enjoy your stitching and to learn, improve and grow. All you have to do is take advantage of them.
- 3.) We are so fortunate to have great needlepoint shops. They all provide us with tempting canvases, glorious threads, and helpful advice. They provide wonderful classes for us, they bring in national instructors, they host some of our retreats, we go there to meet with our friends and stitch for hours, we take our completed projects there for finishing – I could go on and on. In this age of on-line shopping, we should never take our local shops for granted. I, for one, do not want what happened to all of the local cross-stitch shops happen to our fantastic needlepoint shops. Please support them.
- 4.) We also have some great framing shops. They know how to frame needlework and do a great job of showing it to its advantage. Please support the local shops.
- 5.) Also, for those that like to choose their own fabrics for pillow and ornament finishing, we have several fantastic fabric stores in the area, including wonderful quilt shops.

Many of these shops are advertisers in our newsletter. If you think you've been taking them for granted, it would be in the spirit of the holiday if you'd give them a "Thank you" this month. (Hint – you might also do the same to your Board members.)

In the last newsletter, I challenged all of you to try something different. I'd love to hear from anyone that tried this and has something to say about the result. Did something unexpected happen? Did you learn something new? Meet someone new? Were you glad you tried it? Let me know.

Happy Holidays to all!
Donna#

September-October Meetings

It's good to be "back in the saddle" with a regular schedule of lunches/dinners and meetings with stitching friends.

This year's program was started with a project that Angela Jones (our program chair) found. In September, she had members selecting colors and making plans to purchase materials at our local shops. At the October meeting they started to progress and a sample is pictured in the Programs page.

If it has been a while since you have been able to make it to a meeting, please consider joining us for a meal and a meeting.

Here are some photos of projects that our members completed.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The following members owe local dues on December 1st.

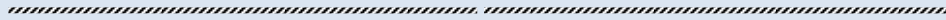
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Please mail your checks to me – Debbie Trowbridge, 2791 Riebold Dr., Arnold, MO 63010 – **by January 2nd**. Checks should be made payable to Gateway Chapter-ANG. If you give your check to another board member please let me know. It saves a lot of confusion.

Also, please make sure your National ANG membership is current. You cannot be a member of the Gateway Chapter if you do not belong to the National ANG organization. Except for your initial membership payment, National ANG dues are paid directly to National Headquarters. You should receive a notice from them shortly before that payment is due.

If you need assistance with any membership matters, please feel free to contact me.

Debbie Trowbridge
Membership Director
314/607-9867



DINE OUT WITH ANG ON MEETING DAYS

Join other ANG members and guests for casual luncheon or dinner at a favorite gathering place for an impromptu lunch or dinner. The lunch locations are immediately after the morning meeting and often determined after the meeting.

If you plan to attend dinner before the evening meeting, please contact Regina Mohan, our unofficial social director so she can get a number for reservations. For November we will meet at the Frontenac Hilton restaurant. We usually meet at 5:00 pm. This is “pay your own bill” dining with other members and guests. See you there!!!

The Frontenac Hotel is located at the corner of Lindbergh and Clayton Road. Parking is best around back and there is a door to restaurant there, too.



PROGRAMS

EAU DE PARFUM **PERFUME BOTTLE GROUP PROJECT**

The first project of the year is the **Eau de Parfum** Perfume Bottle. The chapter has had two meetings to work on theirs, but it's not too late to start a bottle of your own. If you would still like to order a kit or a pattern to do this project on your own or to join the chapter, contact Angela Jones at 314-878-9944 quickly. She is putting in an order to the canvas designer on November 11, 2011. The cost of the pattern is \$13.50. Angela will advise you on the various color combinations.

This year we are also introducing a new program—"Summer SOS (Swap Our Stash)." You have until May 2012 to select a small canvas (approximately 5 inches by 5 inches) from your stash that you have not been able to get to. All participants will anonymously exchange canvases and stitch them during the summer as the surrogate stitcher sees fit.

At the end of the summer, we will return the finished canvases (meaning the stitching is finished—the surrogate stitcher is not responsible for any finishing just stitching.) Not only will you have a project finished but you will have something from one of your stitching friends.

Below is a close-up photograph of the progress that one of our members has made on just the top of the perfume bottle. This was one of the projects at the fall retreat. Compare it to the finished project on the right!!



HOUSE OF HOPE ORPHANAGE AND OUR LITTLE HAVEN

Just a reminder that our philanthropy projects this year will continue to be House of Hope - Haiti and also we will include Our Little Haven in St. Louis. Below are some of the items that can be donated. Thanks again for your support.

We are not the only ones to see the merit in our local "Our Little Haven". In case you missed it, the St. Louis Review recently recognized the work that is being done for local children in need due to drugs, abuse, HIV or loss of family and home.

To see how much your donations can mean to children, look at the July 11, 2011 issue of People Magazine—the *Heroes Among Us* column to read about four babies born to drug-addicted mothers and how they found hope in Our Little Haven and forged a bond for life. It is now eighteen years later and the four "babies" or house-mates are now contemplating colleges and careers.

If you would like to contribute online to Our Little Haven, go to <https://donate.ourlittlehaven.org>, or consider bringing any of the items below to the next meeting and give to Ellen Ippolito.

Our Little Haven Needs List

- Dial bar soap
- Paper Towels
- Bathroom tissue
- Diapers sizes 3-6
- Pull-ups sizes 5-6
- Juice boxes
- Healthy snacks (Fruits roll-ups, fruits snacks)
- Baby Lotion
- Bathroom Dixie cups
- New clothing
- Socks
- Underwear
- Undershirts
- Washcloths
- Baby wipes

House of Hope Needs List

- Skin Lotion
- Baby Powder
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Washcloths
- Deodorant
- Alcohol Wipes
- Cough Medicine (adult, child & infant)
- Tylenol (adult, child & infant)
- Peanut Butter
- Travel Size shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste)
- Children's Chewable Vitamin (no gummies)





Winter Luncheon

Saturday, January 14, 2011



Place: *Jimmy's on the Park*
706 DeMun Avenue, Clayton, 63105

Time: 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Cost: \$20.00

RSVP to: Peggy Sims by January 4, 2012

Questions?? 314-878-0904

menu

Veggie Pizza

Tomato-basil sauce, roasted vegetable ratatouille and Mozzarella cheese

Strawberry-Goat Cheese Salad

Field greens tossed in a strawberry/balsamic vinaigrette, with toasted almonds, goat cheese, fresh strawberries and grilled chicken

Chicken Salad

Grilled chicken tossed with veggies, chopped walnuts and sundried cranberries in honey-laced mayonnaise, served with fresh fruit and toasties

Tenderloin CheeseSteak

Pepper-grilled tenderloin tips, sautéed bell peppers and red onion with American cheese sauce on a French hoagie roll.

coffee, tea, and water included

cash bar available



I will attend: _____ (name)

My lunch selection is: _____ (item)

Enclosed is my check _____ (\$20)

Mail check payable to: Gateway Chapter ANG

Mail check to: Peggy Sims
12532 Bennington Place
St. Louis, MO 63146-2711



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES



FALL RETREAT October 23, 2011

Winghaven Country Club
O'Fallon, Missouri



The weather was beautiful and the new patio was finished early so we were able to use the same room but with a HUGE new covered patio with tables and nice comfortable chairs.

With the patio so close we ate outdoors and returned to stitching, sharing and laughing with over twenty of our members.

Thank you to Ellen Ippolito, Donna Beaman, and Mickey Knudson for all the planning and organization. Their efforts made our day more relaxing.

In addition to the full day of stitching, all attendees received a gift bag containing a fall themed votive candle holder. Others in attendance received additional attendance prizes based on a drawing.

Thank you to the *Home is Where the Heart is* for their generous donations of frames and anonymous donors for the needlepoint canvases.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAPTER FUNDRAISING

New Items to be Selected at the
September Meeting

We will be selling two items this year. The first is a knit light weight sweater in various colors. Here are some semi-professional models that you might recognize showing off the different sizes. They can all tell you how comfortable the sweaters are.

Good news! The chapter is underwriting the cost of making a pattern for the embroidery to keep prices down. The prices are \$29.00 for one sweater.



The other item for sale will be luggage tags with the Gateway ANG logo and a form for you to write your contact information. They will be available for \$10.00.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BUY A TOTE OR ACCESSORIES BAG FROM LAST YEAR'S FUNDRAISER!!!!

Prices range from \$27.00 to \$30.00 and all include the Gateway Chapter ANG monogrammed logo.

Please contact Regina Mohan if you have interest.



2011 SEMINAR

Several of our Gateway members attended the national Seminar in San Antonio, Texas at the end of August. The classes and other events were exhilarating and exciting. There are pictures of the members in their classes.

The seminar will be in Philadelphia next year. It will be in Chicago in 2014 so start making your plans now.



A NEW MEMBER!!

INTRODUCING:

Linda Sher



We have a new member as of the September meeting. She has been stitching and enjoying various forms of needlework since she was eight years old.

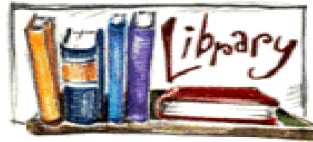
She was originally taught by her mother and maternal grandmother. And she says that “as my ‘addiction’ developed, I have done cross stitch, counted cross stitch, quilting and needlepoint.

In addition to teaching different levels of needlepoint, I have dabbled in design and am looking forward to learning new types of needlework. So many projects – so little time!

Watch for Linda and let’s help make her feel welcome to Gateway Chapter.



LIBRARY EXHIBIT



The display at the Main Library on Lindbergh during the month of October was a great success. The theme for the exhibit was decorative stitches.

Thank-you to all the members that loaned us your treasures. I hope everyone had an opportunity to see the creativity and artistic ability of our members.

And a big thank-you to Sarah for being the “wheels” behind the exhibit

Regina



Watch for announcements for the next display in the spring. Consider displaying your work with us!!!

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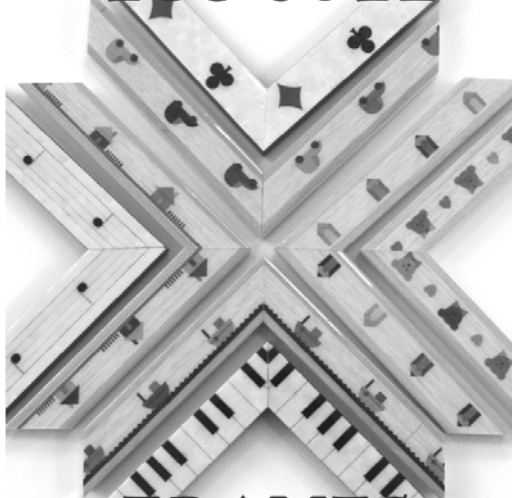
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Tina is custom designing now for the holiday season. Specialty design-hand painted and hand carved matting, custom built boxes and chess/game boards must be in by November 30 to be received by Christmas. Thank you!!!

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Sign of the Arrow Shop News

Sign of the Arrow just had its annual Philanthropy Brunch where 14 non-profit agencies received donations from the shop. It was a great event and we heard from all of these agencies and how shopping at Sign of the Arrow truly impacts the citizens of St. Louis.

As the holidays approach we still have lots of last minute gift ideas. Choose from a variety of small projects that need little or no finishing, or can be self finished very easily. Our standard key chains can be stitched in an evening and make great stocking stuffers. Voila has trendy loop style key chains with grosgrain ribbon which can be self finished, and we always stock Stitch and Zips, suede bookmarks, Lee leather inserts, luggage tags, and self finishing needlepoint ornaments.

November also brings us the Elizabeth Turner belt trunk show. Still in time for Christmas finishing. You can always wrap up a canvas and put it in a box, even if partially stitched.

Come see the Planet Earth Opal which we carry in a full range of colors. Color rings are also available for special orders additional colors in any quantity.

Come see the new children's kits, including lots of St. Louis Cardinal kits!!

Randi Hanpeter



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The Needlepoint Clubhouse Shop News

September was a great month here at the Clubhouse. Jill Rigoli was here to teach canvas enhancement. The classes were full and everyone is looking forward to her return visit June 8-10. Two days are already filled, but we still have space Saturday, June 9.

October has been a month of changes for us. Nancy Hanon has retired to spend more time with her 90 year old mother, and to have more personal time. Nancy has worked at the Clubhouse since it opened five years ago and we will miss her smiling face. She does promise to come in and stitch on Wednesday evenings, so you can see her then. And happily for Dawna and unhappily for the Clubhouse and ANG, Dawna's house has sold and she will be leaving us to join her husband in Baltimore this December. Dawna has become a great friend to all of us. We wish her nothing but the best, but we do so with very heavy hearts. On a lighter note, we want to welcome Carol Bosche to the Clubhouse staff. Carol will be working on Fridays, and we want to say how happy we are to have her with us.

We will be having the Liz Tapestry Tent trunk show in November. She has lots of Christmas stockings, pillows, and a wide variety of beautiful canvas to choose from.

December is Mindy and Dream House, back by popular demand. Both have fun, new canvas for you to see. We will be having a new designer in January, Brenda Stofft. She has great canvas that you will not be able to resist.

January will bring Julia Snyder back to the Clubhouse. Julia is the author of those tall, skinny stitching books that you probably have in your library. Julia will be here for three days of enhancement January 27-29. Julia's first visit to the Clubhouse was last June and we had such a favorable response, that we wanted her back. Don't forget to bring your books to class to be autographed.

Don't forget about Meredith in April. Meredith will be doing our spring ANG workshop on April 21 at Winghaven Country Club, as well as teaching two days of enhancement, April 20 and April 22, at the Clubhouse.

Linda and Pam want to THANK YOU for all of your support during our first year of ownership. We look forward to many more years

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