

## Gateway Chapter American Needlepoint Guild

Thursday November 19, 2015

The November morning meeting was called to order by Co-President Charlene Wall on Thursday November 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Ladue Chapel. There were 19 members present.

### Charlene's Opening Remarks

1. Minutes from the October Meeting have been posted on the Chapter's Website. A motion to accept them was made by Linda Lesh, seconded by Leigh Hullverson. A show of hands indicated acceptance.
2. Jill Rigoli's presentation on Canvas Enhancement and Embellishment was well attended. We look forward to hearing Jill again.
3. There will be no December meeting.
4. There will be both a morning and an evening meeting in January, weather permitting.
5. Charlene will be bringing chili for lunch after the morning meeting. If they choose, members may bring food to accompany the chili and stay to stitch in the afternoon.
6. She asked for volunteers to form the Nominating Committee for April's election. Offices to be filled are: Treasurer, Program, and Newsletter. Judy Lewis has indicated that she will do the newsletter for another year. If anyone wishes to fill the remaining two positions, or serve on the Nominating Committee, please e-mail Charlene.
7. Introduced Kate Freter who spoke on recently completed needlepoint commission. Further remarks will be under Program Committee Report.

### Committee Reports

**Social**--Ellen Ippolito: Regina Mohan's mother is very ill and in hospice care. Please keep Regina in your thoughts and prayers.

**Newsletter**--Judy Lewis: Thanked everyone for getting their articles in on time for the last newsletter. Articles for the January newsletter are due December 18th. If the members that get paper copies have trouble getting their copy, please contact Judy.

**Workshop**--Charlene Wall: Terry Dryden Workshop is set for March 3&4, 2016. There is still time to sign up. Send your check for \$135.00 to Ann Freeman by December 10th. Currently twelve members have signed up.

**Membership**--Leigh Hullverson: We currently have 75 members, with one new member from the Kansas City area.

**Public Relations**--Regina Mohan: No Report

**Philanthropy**--Debbie Jacobson: No Report

**Fund Raising**--Donna Beaman: No Report

**Web Master**--Janice Marsh: Working to refresh the current site.

**Treasurer--**Donna Hinden: As of October 31, 2015, there is a balance of \$7,533.99.

**Program--**Presentation by Kate Freter: Kate has recently returned to St.Louis and to Gateway Chapter ANG. She received a commission from a group in Jefferson City to restore the pole screen. The pole screen was in the Governor's Mansion. The exact date of the original work is unknown, but the commissioners felt it dated from the late 1860's. Photographs and enlargements of the threadbare original were taken. After months of researching comparable Victorian period pieces, canvases, threads, beads, and techniques, Kate was ready to make her presentation. Kate secured the commission and over 700 hours of stitching started. The beautiful pole screen was returned to its original frame. It will be dedicated in the near future and returned to its place in the Front Parlor of The Governor's Mansion. This is a wonderful work of art. Way to go Kate! Thank-you so much for sharing this with us.

**Old Business--**No Rules Name Tag Contest: Members are encouraged to wear a name tag to meetings. The name tags will be voted on in February. Votes will be a dollar each, vote early and often! Top two vote-getters in yet to be determined categories will each receive a \$25.00 gift certificate. The money will serve as a fundraising project.

**New Business--**Plans were discussed for the Stitch-Away October 4-6, 2016. Money from the treasury for a deposit at Cedar Creek Lodge will require discussion and vote by The Board. This will take place at the scheduled Board Meeting this afternoon. If the proposal is accepted by the Board, a detailed account will be presented in the minutes of the evening meeting.

2. Judy Lewis spoke of a possible philanthropy project. She knows an elementary school teacher in North St. Louis County, who pays for her classroom supplies out of her own pocket. Judy asked the Chapter for \$125.00 to help defray these costs. Stephanie Hornsby reports that there is a county-wide organization for teachers to get supplies. She will check to see if that school is enrolled in the program. After discussion, a motion was made by Maribell Knickerbocher and seconded by Carol Parsonage to give the teacher \$125.00 for her classroom needs. All present said aye. The motion carried.

3. One member brought a show and tell project.

4. Maribell Knickerbocher is having a Sunday Stitch-In on December 6, 2015 from 10a.m. to 4p.m. at her home. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. An e-blast will be sent out prior to the date.

There were no reports further items to discuss. Charlene asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was made by Donna Hinden and seconded by Nancy Kinker. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00a.m.

**Year-long Project--**Kathy Scioneaux: It is a Brenda Hart Piece. Members are encouraged to use threads from their stash. The syllabus was handed out at the September Meeting. Extra copies are available from either Kathy or Charlene. The first two stitches were presented by Kathy, with two stitches a month to follow starting in January.

## Evening Meeting

The evening was called to order at 6:58p.m. at Ladue Chapel by co-president Charlene Wall. There were 8 members present. The opening remarks, committee reports, old and new business were unchanged from the morning meeting. There were two additional comments:

1. Anyone interested in finishing their ort box, should contact Kathy Scioneaux.
2. Presentation of the details on the Stitch-Away for next October were made. This event is open to Gateway Chapter Members only.

**Stitch-Away--Jan Poneta:** Plans for the Stitch-away were outlined. They were presented at the earlier Board Meeting. The following was what was discussed and adopted: 1. Board approval was needed to sign the contract with Cedar Creek Lodge and 2. Issue a check for the deposit to hold the selected dates. There were 5 venues checked out by Charlene, Kathy, and Jan. Cedar Creek was chosen because of price, location, and availability.

**Location--**Cedar Creek Lodge is located a little over an hour southwest of 270 and Olive St. Rd. Out Interstate 44 past Washington, MO to New Haven, MO.

**Dates--**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday October 4, 5, and 6, 2016. Arrive anytime late morning or early afternoon on Tuesday, Oct. 4th. Room check-in is 3PM. Our stitching room will be available for the early arrivals to use. The weekday dates were chosen for cost, availability and being less crowded than the weekends at that time of year. We will have a large conference room with windows on three sides. Bring all of your routine stitching supplies. They can be left in the room during the day. Check out is 11.00AM on Thursday Oct. 6th. Stitchers are welcomed to stay and stitch until the early afternoon.

**Meals--**Five family style meals are included: Evening meals on all three nights, noon meal only on Wed. Oct. 5th, and breakfast only on Thurs. Oct. 6th. There is a Bread Co. in town, Members can grab lunch there before getting to the Lodge, or eat on the way.

**Outside Food and Beverages--**The lodge has a strict policy regarding NO OUTSIDE food and beverages of any kind being brought onto the premises. This includes any type of snack food, bottled water, soda, and alcoholic drinks. It applies to the stitching room as well as guest rooms. The Lodge does provide snack-type food, and water, soda, beer, and wine for purchase. A tab can be run and settled up at the time of checkout on Thursday Oct. 6th. Any food or drink put on a tab is each member's responsibility. The tab is not included in the prices listed below.

**Cost--**Double Occupancy for 2 nights/5 meals is \$269.00.

Single Occupancy for 2 nights/5 meals is \$318.00

Pets are not permitted. Cedar Creek Lodge is a non-smoking facility.

**Payment--**A Non-Refundable Deposit of \$100.00 is due January 10, 2016. There are 15 guaranteed places. If more than 15 members sign up, a waiting list will be started. Additional rooms will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. The \$100.00 deposit holds your place. The balance is due by March 30, 2016. THE DEPOSIT AND THE BALANCE ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. If a member cannot go, she is responsible for the remainder of cost. Of course, she is welcomed to find another member to take her place and to arrange for deposit and balance payments.

**Contract--**The Board voted to accept this proposal and sign the contract with Cedar Creek Lodge. A check was written for \$964.75. This is for the 15 guaranteed places. The money for the deposit fee is non-refundable, but will be recouped as the members deposits come in. The Chapter may cancel 90 plus days prior to Oct. 4, 2016 and be out the \$964.75. This represents 25% of what the Chapter would be responsible for if there were not 15 attendees.

**Flyer--**will be sent out via regular mail with information regarding all that is listed above, along with where to send the payments. Jan hopes to have this in the mail by Dec. 15th.

Of course, questions can be answered at the January Meeting.

After discussion, Charlene asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Judy Lewis and seconded by Nancy Kinker. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Kinker  
December 6, 2015