

Gateway Chapter American Needlepoint Guild

Thursday October 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Charlene Wall at 6:12PM. There was only an evening meeting this month because of our special program. There were 26 members and 1 member at-large present.

There were no reports from the following committees: Program, Social, Philanthropy, Webmaster, and Fundraising. Reports from the remaining committees are as follows:

Treasurer--Donna Hinden: As of September 30 there is a balance of \$7,048.13.

Newsletter--Judy Lewis: Articles for the Nov-Dec. newsletter are due October 18, 2015.

Workshop--Ann Freeman: National Teacher, Terry Dryden will be teaching the project, "Funky Rose". Cost for the two day workshop is \$135.00. Mail your checks to Ann Freeman by Dec. 10th. Ten people have signed up so far. A supply list will be mailed prior to the workshop.

Membership--Leigh Hullverson: Currently have 74 members on the Chapter's roll.

Public Relations--Regina Mohan: The tri-folds for 2015-16 have been placed in the local needlepoint shops. Additional copies are available on request.

New Business--Jan Poneta: Gave progress report on a possible retreat at Cedar Creek Lodge. This would be a two day/two night getaway. She is looking at late Sept.-early Oct. 2016. It would be during the week(less expensive, not as many other events going on). Price is in the \$300.00 range including lodging, meals, and stitching space. Feasibility will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

President's Report--Charlene Wall: November meetings will mark the start of our year-long stitching project. Bring your canvas, threads, template, and stitch guide. We will be stitching two areas. For those who are interested, bring your own lunch and stay to stitch in the afternoon. Charlene asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was made by Nancy Kinker, seconded by Ann Freeman. Adjournment was at 6:20PM.

Charlene then introduced our guest speaker, Jill Rigoli. Jill is a nationally recognized teacher. Jill is no stranger to St. Louis, having taught many classes on canvas enhancement

and embellishments. Her weekend classes are much in demand, and sell out quickly.

Jill, along with her husband, Dan own the company, Danji Designs. They represent other designers as well as having the exclusive rights to Laurel Birch canvases. Jill brought numerous examples of her finished designs. She shared with us her approaches to finding the right stitch for the right space and the little extras that she uses to make her canvasses so unique.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Jill's presentation. We look forward to having her back again.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kinker