

## **American Needlepoint Guild---Gateway Chapter**

**Thursday, September 15, 2016**

The first meeting of the 2016-17 year was called to order by Co-President Charlene Wall on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 10:00AM. The evening meeting was called to order at 6:55PM. Both of the meetings were held at Ladue Chapel. There were 14 members present at the morning meeting, and 9 present at the evening meeting.

### **President's Report**

Charlene introduced new member, Jan Davenport, and welcomed back long-time member, Susan Lucco.

Charlene discussed the following points:

1. The photo release form that will be given to all members whose projects may appear on the Chapter's newly created Facebook Page and the existing newsletter. The member has the option of having their picture appear along with their projects. Members may opt to have only their projects displayed, but a signature is needed which ever option is chosen.
2. The Chapter is looking for a new Philanthropy Chair. Debbie Jacobson resigned earlier in the summer. Anyone who is interested in filling this vacancy, please contact Charlene or Kathy. There are philanthropic projects in place for this year.
3. A sign up sheet will be passed around for anyone who is interested in participating in this year's UFO Challenge. It will run from this September to September 2017.
4. If those who participated in the 2016 challenge and did not finish their UFO, please give Charlene your \$10.00. There were only 3 members that signed up last September. None of the three brought completed projects.
5. Is anyone interested in organizing the Spring Luncheon? Please let Charlene or Kathy know if you are. Ellen would like to take a break.
6. Thanked Nancy Kinker for running the August 10, 2016 Board Meeting. Charlene had two unexpected emergencies.

### **Secretary's Report**

Nancy Kinker stated that that the minutes from the May meetings have been posted on the Chapter's Website. There were no corrections to those minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted was made by Donna Beaman and seconded by Ellen Ippolito. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

At the evening meeting, a motion was made by Jan Poneta and seconded by Anne Freeman to accept the minutes from the May meetings. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Donna Hinden was not at either meeting, but sent her report. As of August 31, 2016, the Chapter has \$10,529.92 in the treasury. This still includes the amount that is due Cedar Creek Lodge for next month's Stitch-Away.

### **Committee Reports**

**Fund Raising--Stephanie Hornsby and Kathryn Nagy:** Stephanie reported that the first fund raising event at Pieology on August 10th netted \$49.77. The second event was held on September 7th. Stephanie has not received the figure for that event as yet. She has contacted Pieology about doing another fund raiser on Sunday, November 6th. This would be on the same day as our Fall Retreat. Stephanie hopes to have an answer by the evening meeting. She and Kathryn are looking at other restaurants in the area as other sites for fund raising. If anyone has any suggestions, please let them know.

Stephanie brought several items that potentially will be further sources of revenue. These items are:

1. Project bags similar to the kit and kaboodle bags that were given to members year before last. Two sizes--quart and gallon sizes will be available. They will sell for \$20.00 and \$30.00 respectively. Hopefully orders can be taken in October.
2. Several items including 3 sizes of insulated travel mugs, battery operated candles, 2 sizes of hurricane globes to go with the candles, Christmas tree ornaments, gloves, and small key chains with a pocket that could hold lip balm. All of these items can be monogrammed; colors and fonts along with order sheets were available.
3. Stephanie and Kathryn will take orders and money at the October meeting. Items will be delivered at the November meeting.
4. At the Fall Retreat, Stephanie has arranged for a friend of hers who is a massage therapist to give hand and arm massages. The therapist will be at The Clubhouse from 1 to 4PM. Massages will be \$1.00 a minute, with all money going to our Chapter. Stephanie's friend is donating her time.

Stephanie had nothing further to report at the evening meeting, other than that Pieology will let us have another fundraising event on Sunday, November 6th. Flyers will be available prior to that day.

**Membership--Leigh Hullverson:** Leigh reported that she thought there were 72 members. She hopes to have membership rosters ready for distribution at this evening's meeting.

Leigh was able to get the rosters from the printer in the afternoon, and they were ready to be handed out at the evening meeting. Leigh will see that each member receives their roster.

**Newsletter--Ginger Grigsby:** Ginger was not present at either meeting, but she emailed her report. Ginger has requested that articles for the October/November Newsletter be turned in to her by September 20, 2016. Articles for the December/January Newsletter turned in by November 1, 2016. She plans to publish the newsletters on the first of October, and the first of December. There were no additions to Ginger's report at the evening meeting.

**Programs--Judy Lewis:** Judy has planned an exciting year for us. Her programs are:

1. September---we will make magnetic boards to hold all of our stitching magnets when they are not in use. A wonderful opportunity to let our inner creative selves to come out!
2. October and November---Kathy Scioneaux will lead this two month project called The Parking Lot. There are 15 sets of pre-ordered kits available for purchase at today's meeting. Additional kits can be ordered from the artist, BJ Finch. Judy will need to have requests and payments for additional kits two weeks prior to the October meeting. The kits include a line drawn canvas on 13 mesh, three suggested color choices, and a couple of items for finishing the project. The kits cost \$25.00. Make checks payable to Gateway Chapter ANG.
3. No meeting in December.
4. January---Judy Harper will discuss how to pick stitches for a canvas. For the second part of the program, everyone will be asked to bring a piece that has an area that the stitcher is stumped on. Fellow stitchers will look at the area and make suggestions for a thread, a stitch, or a color.
5. February---Linda Sher will lead this class on Bargello. Canvas size 14x14 inches on 18 mesh canvas. ANG will supply the pre cut canvas from a stock of canvas that has been donated to Judy Lewis. Members will supply their own thread. Project can be finished as a pillow.
6. April and May---We will construct snap trays. The Chapter will again supply the pre cut canvas, 6x6 inches on 18 mesh. Members bring their own thread. Board Members will compile a list of their favorite stitches, and the trays will be finished by Judy Lewis and Kathy Scioneaux.

Judy did not have anything to add at the evening meeting.

**Philanthropy**--This committee chairmanship is currently vacant. Debbie Jacobson, the former chair, resigned earlier this summer. If anyone is interested in filling this position, please contact Charlene or Kathy.

The Chapter will carry on two projects: collecting classroom supplies for an elementary school in North St. Louis County; and collecting underwear and socks to be donated to The National Council of Jewish Women. The Council stockpiles these items sizes to fit K thru 5th grade for children in need. When schools throughout the area request these items, the NCJW delivers to the schools.

At past meetings, members have expressed an interest in teaching our craft to younger age groups. Judy Lewis has contacted Barb Smith's daughter, Katie Durham. Katie is the leader of a troop of 4th grade Girl Scouts. Judy has proposed furnishing each girl will a square of plastic canvas, threads, a simple design, and instruction by Chapter members to help the girls stitch their project. Ideally, Judy would like to have one-on-one instruction. The troop would come to Ladue Chapel after school, work on this project, and have a snack. This would be about an hour long. Some Chapter members have volunteered to furnish supplies for the project. They are: large size needles-Donna Beaman; yarn-Judy Harper; felt for backing-Nancy Kinker; and snacks-Charlene Wall. Judy is trying to set this up for the October meeting. If this doesn't work, then she will look for a date in the spring.

There was nothing further to add at the evening meeting.

**Social--Ellen Ippolito:** Congratulations to Charlene on the birth of a grandson. Regina Mohan continues to recuperate at home. She hopes to have a cast on her foot and become mobile soon.

There was nothing further to add at the evening meeting.

**Webmaster--Janice Marsh:** Janice was not at either meeting. She reported that she and Leigh Hullverson are setting up the Chapter's Facebook page. The Chapter's Facebook page is titled Gateway Chapter ANG. Send items and pictures to Leigh, she will "friend" you and post your items.

There was no further report at the evening meeting.

**Workshop--Jan Poneta:** There was no report at either morning or evening meeting.

**Public Relations--Donna Beaman:** Donna reported that 20 copies of this year's tri-fold brochure have been distributed to the three local needlepoint shops. Donna has 40 copies remaining, those are available on request. If more than 40 copies are needed, they can be reprinted.

There was nothing further to add at the evening meeting.

## **New Business**

There was no new business introduced at either meeting.

## **Old Business**

**Fall Retreat--Nancy Kinker and Donna Beaman:** The annual Fall Retreat will be held at The Needlepoint Clubhouse. Mark your calendars for a fun filled day on Sunday, November 6th from 10AM to 4PM. Don't forget to set your clocks back the night before! Snacks will be available throughout the day. There will be a 3rd fundraising event at Pieology that day. Have lunch or take supper home. Just think, no cooking after a hard day stitching! Stephanie has arranged for her friend, Vanessa, to give hand and arm massages during the afternoon. She will be there from 1 to 4PM. Vanessa is donating her time. All of the proceeds will go to the Chapter's fund raising efforts. The massages will be a dollar per minute.

The Clubhouse will again offer during the retreat, a 10% discount on all full priced merchandise. Trunk Show canvases will be the usual 20% off. The Clubhouse will give each attendee a \$5.00 gift card.

Registration for the Retreat is \$15.00. There is room for 25. Send your checks payable to Gateway Chapter ANG to me by Nov. 1, 2016.

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A motion to adjourn the morning meeting was made by Judy Lewis and seconded by Leigh Hulverson. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.

A motion to adjourn the evening meeting was made by Linda Lesh and seconded by Stephanie Hornsby. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Kinker  
September 23, 2016