



President's Letter, November 2023

CHAPTER MEETING

Chapter meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month from September through May, except December.

Meetings are held in-person at Ladue Chapel at 1:00 pm. We have dropped our evening meetings.

From June to August, we hold stitch-ins in a member's home.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, November 16
One meeting at 1:00pm

Thursday, December 14
Holiday Party 1pm – 9pm
Host: Judy Lewis
RSVP by 12/8/2023



Hello Fellow Stitchers

I don't think I'm generally a calendar watcher but I have noticed that time flies by when I'm having fun. Our annual Stitch Away - this year at the Mercy Retreat Center - was soooo much fun! Hanna, Jane, and Judy worked extremely hard to create a successful 3 days. We exercised- really -, played games, ate homemade snacks, and had happy hour. The Mercy Center staff looked out for us and the kitchen staff served delicious meals. I have already marked my calendar for next year: October 14 - 16, 2024!

The day after the Stitch Away, our Gateway Chapter program was a tour of the Colour and Cotton dying facility. The owner took us through much of the procedure that begins with white DMC floss! Who knew? They even gave each of us a goody bag! After our tour we met back at the retail store to shop, and that we did! If you are looking for hand dyed thread for your project, visit the Colour and Cotton retail shop in Manchester.

The November and December holidays are fast approaching. Do you want to hint the perfect gift(s) for yourself from a family member? The Gateway Chapter will be hosting 3 classes in 2024. The charge for each class includes all expenses to bring in these teachers and classes: airfare, lodging, meals, classroom, and incidentals plus your class kit. Flyers with class details and registration deadlines are included in this newsletter. Paid registration for the
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Deborah Mitek classes are due by March 1, 2024 and for the Kathy Rees class due by June 1, 2024.

Once the class minimum enrollment has been met, and nears the deadline date, we will offer any remaining seats to non-Gateway Chapter and non-ANG members at an up-charge rate for each of the 3 classes. Since this is first come, first serve, early paid registration is the best way to secure your seat!

My best wishes for all our members and their families is for very happy holidays and a great new year!

Margaret Orend

Helpful Hints

Have you noticed that your hands are dry and they are snagging your thread when you stitch? Apparently the lack of rainfall in our area is causing our skin to dry out faster than normal. My solution is to keep a non-greasy hand cream nearby to keep my hands and fingers refreshed. Also, hydrate, hydrate, hydrate.

November Program

November program is self- finishing the compacts. All supplies will be provided **except** for scissors to cut the canvas. Please **bring your own scissors** for cutting the canvas. Stitch your compact(s) and bring to the November meeting. We still have some compacts if anyone is interested and can be purchased at the November meeting. Please bring payment with you to the meeting. Compacts are \$20 each. Hope everyone is enjoying the compact project.

Thanks, Suzanne

Annual Dues

Over the course of the last few years, our ANG chapter has decided to follow the model that National has implemented – our dues run January to December. Please send your dues check of \$22 to Charlene Wall (6529 Scanlan Ave. St. Louis, MO 63139). **Please send your dues to Charlene by 12/31/2023.**

Philanthropy

We are currently collecting for two philanthropy projects: “Little Pantries” (similar to “Little Free Libraries”) and Ronald McDonald House.

Little Pantries

Our philanthropy duo of Hanna E. & Judy L. have located several of the “Little Pantries” around town that are still in need of items, especially canned items. Canned vegetables, fruits, and meats are especially helpful.



Gateway ANG has taken on a new project for the summer, and we hope you can all help. It is such an easy project. We are collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. So, every time you get a can with a tab pull it and put in a small container. We will collect your tabs and hand them over to the Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks in advance for your support with this project. Such an easy way to support those in need.

2024 Classes

2024 Class Fee Clarifications

The flyer/registration forms for the Deborah Mitek classes and the Kathy Rees class reflect the charges for Gateway Chapter members ONLY. If the class maximum seats are not filled by February 2024 for the Deborah Mitek classes and May 2024 for the Kathy Rees class, registration will then be opened to non-Gateway Chapter members and non-ANG members.

Non-Gateway Chapter but current ANG members will pay an additional \$22.00 each per class in addition to the published class charges. Non-ANG members will pay an additional \$75.00 fee per published class charges per class. If you have a non-Gateway member friend that might be interested in taking one or more of these classes, please share this information. Remember we are working on a fully paid, first come, first accepted basis for class registration. I don't want to see any of our Gateway Chapter members disappointed by waiting too late to register!



Pom Pom Shoes

June 7-8, 2024

By Deborah Mitek

2 Day Class – All Levels

Kick up your heels and have some fun learning canvas embellishment techniques with silk ribbon embroidery! By using silk threads and ribbons with velvets sequins and beads, dimension and texture are created in this colorful canvas from a painting by artist Maren Devine. Distributed by Kate Dickerson.

Technique: Silk Ribbon Embroidery and Canvas Embellishment

Proficiency: Basic to Intermediate

Kit & Class Fee: \$275

Design Area: 8.5" x 10"

Kit Contents: Complete thread kit with needles & embellishments, 18-count taped Painted Canvas, Instruction Booklet including a large picture of the design, stitch guide, diagrams, charts, detail photos, Tips on Handling Ribbon

Student Provides: 12" & 14" Stretcher bars, tacks or staples, usual stitching supplies, a wooden laying tool or trolley needle, stand, frame weight or clamp for hands-free stitching, light, and magnifier, if needed

Name _____ ANG# _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Pay either by cash or check payable to "Gateway ANG".

Send all registration forms and payment to:

**Margaret Orend
2833 McNair Avenue
St Louis, Missouri 63118**

This form and payment must be submitted to be registered for the class.

Payment Method: Check # _____ Cash _____

*****Registration Deadline is March 1, 2024*****



SILK RIBBON INTRODUCTION

Sunday June 9, 2024

Summer's End

By Deborah Mitek

1 Day Class – All Levels

Summer's End heralds one of the last flowers of summer, the sunflower. Join Debby and stitch this charming design while learning the basics of silk ribbon embroidery and other canvas techniques. By using a variety of threads and silk ribbons in various widths, dimension and texture are created.

Technique: Silk Ribbon Embroidery on Canvas

Proficiency: All

Kit & Class Fee: \$135

Design Area: 4"x 4"

Kit Contents: 9" x 9" piece of 18 count Vintage Sandstone canvas, taped and drawn, tapestry & chenille needles, Treenway 7mm silk ribbon, Caron Wildflowers & Watercolors, silk, Road Straw silk, Rainbow Gallery Entice and Petite Silk Lame braid, Kreinik #4 braid Luminescence, Mill Hill seed beads and 3mm faceted Gold Iris round beads, instructions booklet, including an enlarged picture of the design, stitch guides, diagrams, detail photos, bibliography, tips on handling silk ribbon and sunflower fun facts

Student Provides: 9" x 9" stretcher bars, tacks or staples, usual stitching supplies including a trolley needle and/or wooden laying tool, stand, frame weight, or clamp for hands-free stitching, battery operated light/magnifier, if needed.

Name _____ ANG# _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Pay either by cash or check payable to "Gateway ANG".

Send all registration forms and payment to:

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Blossom Time
September 20-21, 2024

By Kathy Rees



Spring has sprung! Layers of threads, and stitches create the bands above and below the center ribbon of beaded embroidery and embellishments.

Technique: Counted Canvas

Proficiency: Intermediate

Kit & Class Fee: \$176

Design Area: 4" x 12"

Kit Contents: 18 count vintage French blue canvas, beads, and embellishments, all threads to complete the project. Instructions included.

Student Provides: Stretcher bars, tacks or staples, usual stitching supplies, laying tool, stand, frame weight or clamp for hands-free stitching, light, and magnifier, if needed. Class supply list will be sent before class to participants.

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State _____ Zip _____

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*****Registration Deadline is June 1, 2024*****



Holiday Stitch-In

Thursday, December 14th, 1 pm - 9 pm
Chili Bar & Salad for Dinner at 5:30 pm
Snacks and Drinks for the day will be provided.
If you would like to bring appetizers or desserts,
let me know when you RSVP

Judy Lewis's home
11549 Templar Drive
RSVP by December 8th
57jlew@gmail.com or 314.402.3197



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ANG Winter Retreat

The Needlepoint Clubhouse
Sunday, January 28th, 2024 10AM-4PM

Escape the winter blahs with a fun day of stitching. The Needlepoint Clubhouse is hosting the Gateway ANG winter retreat. You know it is sure to be a good time with lots of time to stitch as well as a few surprises. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Register now to reserve your spot! Cost is **\$25 with checks payable to Gateway ANG.**

Name _____

Email _____

**Emergency Contact/
Phone** _____

Mail this form with check to: Jane Normile
397 Brunhaven Ct.
Chesterfield, MO 63017

In case of weather issues, you will be notified via phone or email.

Our prayers are with Kathy Scioneaux and her family due to the loss of her mother, Joan Prem Van Geffen. Kathy has been a long time member of our Gateway Chapter and our prayers are with her and her family. Details of the service follows:

Joan Prem Van Geffen

JUNE 18, 1932 - OCTOBER 15, 2023



IN THE CARE OF
Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home & Cemeteries

Joan Prem Van Geffen, a devout Catholic, passed away on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at the age of 91. She was born in Chicago, Illinois to Frank and Margaret Prem.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Carroll; her parents; her sister, Mother Rose Theresa O.C.D.; and her brother, Larry Prem.

She is survived by her 8 children, Kathy (Paul) Scioneaux, Denis (Missy) Van Geffen, Renee (Bill) McAlister, John Van Geffen, Pam Hansen, Paul Van Geffen, Julie (Scott) Mire, Steve (Sheila) Van Geffen. She is also survived by her 24 grandchildren, and 31 great grandchildren, as well as by her sister, Nancy Holmes, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was an avid bridge player, earning the title of Platinum Life Master. She was also a dedicated Saints fan. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She will be greatly missed.

Services will be held at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd in New Orleans, on Saturday, October 21st, with visitation beginning at 9 am until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Carmelite Monastery, 49 Mount Carmel Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505-0352.



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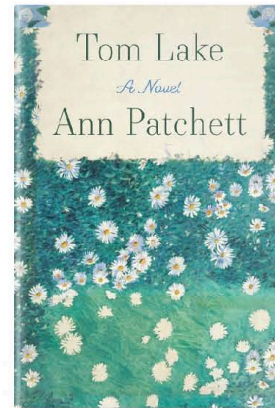
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM OUR "HOME" TO YOURS



Upcoming Events!

- **November Food Drive** - Help a needy family when you support the Arnold Food Bank in connection with our neighbor, Glen Alsbaugh, AND earn one *Arrow Buck* for each item you drop off at Sign of the Arrow. (Limit of 10 bucks.)
- **Toys for Tots** - Sign of the Arrow, in conjunction with Ladue shops, will be collecting toy donations for this worthy cause. We're loading up on gifts for kids so you can purchase and drop off at the same time!
- **Ladue Holiday Walk** - *Saturday, December 2nd, Noon-4pm*. You'll find specials throughout the neighborhood, plus refreshments, visits from Santa, carolers, and other special guests.

November Trunk Show - 20% Off

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