



Needlenotes

President's Letter, September 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, September 21

One meeting at 1:00pm

Thursday, October 19

One meeting at 1:00pm

Thursday, November 16

One meeting at 1:00pm



Can you believe summer is almost over? Walking thru the Botanical Garden last week (absolutely beautiful weather!) was a visual reminder that "Mother Nature" is preparing for a new look, both the day lily and rose flower petals aren't as vibrant as just a few weeks ago. I'm curious as to which look the next season will present.

Our first Gateway Chapter meeting of the season is always a great mixture of seeing friendly faces and being blown away by the beautiful display of stitched show and tell pieces we have completed - or retrieved from the finisher - since our last meeting! There will be the faces of new (YEAH) and returning Chapter members. Please wear your stitched nametag. Beginning this year we will no longer be penalizing those who forget to wear their nametag, only encourage them to stitch one. If you don't like the traditional Chapter nametag, or need a new look, don't worry, stitch something fun!

As in past years, not every meeting will include a 'business meeting' introduction. Don't worry, your board is always available via email. Please mark your calendars for 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month (not December) for our monthly meetings. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Margaret

Fall Stitch Away

We are looking forward to sharing our fun few days with those who have registered for our stitch away. We are busy planning.

1. Please remember your balance of our event is due September 15, please mail to Judy Lewis
2. We will follow up at the end of September with a schedule of events and what you may need to bring.
3. Any questions, please contact: Jane, Hanna, or Judy

Retreat Update

Just to keep you all aware, there will be no Fall Retreat this year. Our retreat is scheduled at The Clubhouse for Sunday, January 28th, 2024! It will be a fun day so mark your new calendars.

2024 Dues

Looking ahead toward 2024, we need to be aware that the Gateway Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild local dues are due at the same time as the national dues-- January 1, 2024. The local dues are still \$22.00. Dues checks can be mailed to Charlene Wall starting November 1, 2023. Checks in the amount of one year's dues only will be accepted.

Remember the due date is January 1, 2024!

Charlene's address is:

[6529 Scanlan Ave.](#)
[Saint Louis, Mo 63139](#)

Gateway Chapter Website

A group of us have been hard at work updating our gatewayang.org website. Hopefully for our members this will become the go to website for everything needlepoint related. Direct links are now available on this site to directly contact the Gateway Chapter officers, you no longer will need to type in their email address, the link does it for you! One of our goals is to post all of our chapter event photos exclusively to this site and not in the bimonthly Needlepoints Newsletter. Please take a look and tell us your thoughts, the idea is to have the website always changing and being update with new information.

Programs

September Meeting



How many times have you been looking for a compact or want to gift a friend or relative with a needlepoint gift but do not have 6 months to wait for the finishing plus stitching time, or have a budget in mind for the gift? At the September meeting we will be selling compact kits (3 options), stitch them between the September and November meeting. Please bring cash or check to pay for the kits. All kits must be paid for at the meeting. At the November 16 meeting you will bring the stitched compact piece and compact, a demo will be provided and tools to finish your compact or compacts. Just in time for the holidays! In addition at the September meeting there will be a sign up sheet for the October 19 meeting field trip.

Programs

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October Meeting



Colour and Color Studio Tour and Store

Have you ever wondered how they get those gorgeous thread colors? The October program will be a field trip to the Colour and Cotton dye studio and their store both located in Ballwin MO. Members will be able to see just how and what is needed to produce those gorgeous colors for our stitching projects. Colour and Cotton is a professional dye studio specializing in hand dyed fabric and threads. Bring your projects to find the perfect colored thread or finishing fabric at their store after the studio tour (see the Lobster picture). We will **not** be meeting at the Ladue Chapel for the October meeting. We will meet at the Colour & Cotton store located at 14545 Manchester Rd in Ballwin 63011 at **1:00 PM** sharp. Due to the Studio's limited parking we will need to car pool from the store to the studio. The store is located just west of Baxter Road on the north side of Manchester Rd and is about 3 miles to the Studio. After the Studio tour we will go back to the store for shopping. All participants **must** sign up for this event. If you are unable to attend the September meeting and would like to sign up for the October field trip please email me at SLN1132@earthlink.net. Deadline for signup is **October 1**. The "Lobster" above was stitched by Margaret Orend using all Colour and Cotton threads. The Lobster is a painted canvas on 18-ct mesh and stitched with 4 ply floss. The Lobster will be finished as an eye glass case. The September program and October field trip promise to be fun, educational, travel adventurous and full of shopping (maybe a bargain too)!!

Happy Stitching!
Suzanne Nielsen

Philanthropy

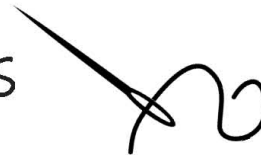
The philanthropy committee would like to have a food drive to be put into the Little Pantries that are around in different locations.....there is a need for canned fruits, veggies, peanut butter and canned proteins such as chicken, tuna or beef



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 in September 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.

SAVE THE DATE 2024 WORKSHOPS



Deborah Mitek

"Pom-Pom Shoes" June 7-8, 2024

Painted Canvas by Kate Dickerson

"Summers End" on June 9, 2024

Ribbon Work



Kathy Rees

"Blossom Time"

September 20-21, 2024

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<p>Julia Snyder Embellishment Class Sunday & Monday, February 4-5, 2024</p> <p>Join Julia Snyder for this two-day embellishment class as she brings your canvas to life with a variety of stitches, threads, and techniques. <i>Advanced beginners and above.</i></p> <p>Please call for details. 314.994.0606</p>	<p>Trunk Shows</p> <p>SEPTEMBER Colors of Praise</p> <p>OCTOBER Walker's Needlepoint</p> <p>Always - 20% off all trunk show canvases, including special orders! Hurry in for best selection!</p>
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