



Needlenotes

President's Letter, September 2024

CHAPTER MEETING

Chapter meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month from January to November.

Meetings are held in-person at Ladue Chapel at 1:00 pm.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 19

Meeting at 1:00pm

Stitch-Away

October 14-16

Thursday, October 17

No meeting

Tuesday, November 12

Stitching Event at Des Peres Lodge
4:00pm – 8:00pm



Is anyone surprised that Team USA was the top medal winner at the 2024 Summer Olympics? I admire all the hard work and dedication these athletes went through to reach the top. Not every team member won a medal, but you know they worked very, very hard and all supported their fellow team members efforts.

Summer is almost gone and the school year is ready to begin. Our Gateway ANG Chapter year is also getting ready to begin our new term. Our first meeting of the year will be at Ladue Chapel on Thursday, September 19th at 1:00 pm!

This year our chapter visibility may look a little different from prior years. Our membership is aging and we are trying to attract new members by mixing up our traditional 'meetings'. We will be switching up meeting dates and times to experiment with what works best for our growing (hopefully) organization. There will not be an October meeting again this year.

The Program Committee has organized a late afternoon/evening event in Des Peres in November. There is a flyer in the newsletter with lots more information. We will hold our annual Holiday Stitch-In in December at Judy Lewis' home. We will begin January 2025 back at Ladue Chapel on January 16. It will be important for all of you to refer to the current Needlenotes and our website gatewayang.org for meeting location and time details.

Permanent meeting changes cannot be made without sufficient notice and comments from our Gateway ANG Chapter members. We will need your feedback on what YOU think is working or not working. Last year I was asked about making a chapter Membership Roster available to all members. After lots of starts and stops, I think there is finally a smart solution. At a recent board meeting Suzanne N. and Jane N. shared that they have found a solution: Access the ANG directory through the National ANG website and you should be able to obtain contact information of fellow chapter members.

Did you get a lot of stitching done during the summer? Have you picked up any needlepoint finishing since our last meeting? Please bring your finished and even unfinished work to our September
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meeting to show off! It is so inspiring to see what everyone else is stitching. There are lots of unique needlepoint techniques our members are experienced in, and we are always eager to share our experiences. Our September meeting seems to correlate to a student's first of the year report on 'what I did on my summer vacation'.

I hope all of you have made plans to attend our September meeting. Suzanne has put a lot of effort into planning programs for the 2024 - 2025 year and her kickoff for this year is impressive. We look forward to seeing you all at every Gateway ANG Chapter event during this year beginning with the September meeting!

Margaret

Summer Stitch-In

(Margaret O.)

The Gateway ANG Chapter had our second summer stitch-in in July at Carolyn F.'s home in O'Fallon. I'm a City girl and had never been to Carolyn's area in St. Charles County before. What sort of traffic would I encounter? Would I get lost? It turned out to be an easy drive, with normal traffic and easy to follow directions. The weather was perfect, bright blue sky and refreshing 80°ish temperature. Carolyn has a beautiful home with a well-equipped lower level set up for stitching! Our guild is blessed to have wonderful members willing to share their time and homes with us. Thank you so much!

Philanthropy

(Hanna E. & Judy L.)

The philanthropy committee would like to remind all that for the SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER meetings we will be collecting Kleenex tissues for school teachers....we all can remember how young children can have runny noses! We also cannot forget that most teachers buy such things out of their own pockets.....

We shouldn't forget that for December meeting we are collecting warm men items, sweaters, sweatshirts, gloves and socks.....

Thank you to all of you for participating..
Hanna Evens and Judy Lewis.



If you are having a situation here are a few Facebook pages that may help you out:

Needlepoint Nation or Help I need thread

September Program 2024

(Suzanne N.)

The ANG Gateway Chapter will be introducing an “**A Tale of St Louis Stitchers**” stitching challenge at the September meeting on September 19.

How does it work?

- All participants must be a member of the Gateway Chapter, limit one per member, we have a limited number
- If unable to attend the September meeting please make arrangements for pickup with Suzanne Nielsen at SLN1132@earthlink.net , no later than September 19, canvases cannot be mailed. This stitch challenge to participate ends by September meeting date September 19.
- All participants stitch the same canvas
- Price is \$55 for canvas and matching magnet, and may be purchased at the September ANG meeting
- Challenge rules will be included with the canvas and magnet when purchased
- Please bring check or cash to the September meeting
- Canvas and magnet are sold as a set and must be paid for when purchased
- Each participant interprets the canvas and stitches according to their canvas interpretation with their choices of stitches, thread, color, embellishments etc...
- Completely stitched canvases (not finished, i.e. pillow or framed) will be turned in at the February 2025 meeting
- Participants will receive a \$20 Sign of the Arrow gift card when the canvas is returned after the Challenge

Canvases will be Judges Choice for “Best in the Show” winner’s prize is a \$100 gift card to The Needlepoint Clubhouse or Sign of the Arrow, winner’s choice Come to the September 19 meeting and the suspense will be over! What a fun way to kick off the chapter’s 2024/2025 year.

Stitch-Away Update

(Jane N.)

We have 17 people registered to attend. Many fun activities are planned as well as plenty of time for stitching. As a reminder, your final payment is due by September 15th. Those registered will be receiving an email in the next few weeks with details. If you have questions at this time, please reach out to Hanna Evens, Jane Normile, Judy Lewis, or Debbie Trowbridge. Can't wait to see you there!

We Need You!!

(Jane N.)

Yes, we are continuing to teach beginner classes at both Sign of the Arrow and The Needlepoint Clubhouse. It is very satisfying and rewarding to connect with these enthusiastic new stitchers who have fallen in love with our hobby. I am always amazed that the classes continue to attract so many – 12 were at the Clubhouse in August. What I am searching for is a few more teachers – OK, a lot more teachers. The class is simple to teach, and you are all more than qualified. You will not be left on your own – someone who has taught the class before will be there. Classes at Sign are the second Wednesday of the month from 10am–noon. Classes at the Clubhouse are the first Saturday of the month from 9am–11am. We do occasionally have scheduling conflicts that move these classes. For instance class at the Clubhouse will be October 12th due to another event at the Clubhouse. Please contact Jane Normile at 314-313-8690 if you are interested in helping. I always laugh – we started these classes to increase interest in needlepoint; along came Covid and social media – problem solved!



“Thanks-stitching”

Gateway ANG Open Event



Tuesday, November 12th 4-8pm
The Lodge in DesPeres

Are you new to needlepoint? Do you enjoy learning from others? The Gateway Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild invites you to join us for an evening of needlepoint fun! Share ideas and techniques; meet friends old and new; discover the joy of needlepoint. Visit our website for details. All needlepointers are welcome!

www.GatewayANG.org



Escape the winter blahs with a fun day of stitching. The Needlepoint Clubhouse is hosting the Gateway ANG Winter Retreat. This year we will have Bridget teaching about background stitches from 1:00 – 2:30. Feel free to bring a canvas that you need help with background stitch ideas. Light snacks & beverages will be provided. Cost is \$25 for the retreat.

Name _____
Email _____
Emergency Contact/
Phone _____

Mail this form with a \$25 check made out to "Gateway ANG" to:

Lisa Veit
5 White Oak Lane
St. Peters, MO 63376

In case of bad weather, you will be notified via phone or email. You can also check Instagram for an update.

GATEWAY ANG 2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

- Please complete this form and return with your payment of \$22 to the address provided. This renewal form must be submitted with your payment.
- Reminder **both** ANG National and Chapter membership renewals are due by **12/31/24** for 2025
- Gateway ANG Chapter (\$22) dues are paid to our chapter

FIRST NAME: _____

LAST NAME: _____

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Mail form and check for \$22.00 payable to "ANG Gateway Chapter" to the following address:

Charlene Wall
6529 Scalan
St Louis MO 63139

Please note your renewal check may not be processed until after December 31, 2024.

Do not send national dues with this form. National dues are paid directly to National on the ANG National

<https://www.needlepoint.org>

Our chapter is only as strong as its members. For our chapter to continue, members need to help plan events as well as serve on the board. Which of the following would you be willing to do?

Assist with Event _____ Contribute Articles to Newsletter _____

Serve on Board _____ Teach Beginning Needlepoint _____

Volunteer as needed: _____

Thank you for your renewal. We look forward to a great year of stitching in 2025 with you!

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OCTOBER



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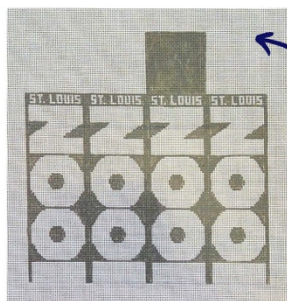
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the park

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SEPTEMBER TRUNK SHOWS

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OCTOBER TRUNK SHOWS

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