



CHAPTER MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from September through May in the South Fellowship Hall at the Ladue Chapel.

Morning monthly meetings begin at 9:30 am.

Evening monthly meetings begin at 6:30 pm.

Summer meetings are informal stitch-ins and are held on a Saturday each month from June through August.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thursday, March 21 monthly meeting
- Sunday, March 23 ANG Workshop
- Thursday, April 18 monthly meeting
- Sunday, April 28 ANG Spring Retreat



President's Letter, April 2013

Fellow Stitchers:

I'm so glad that Spring is almost here – it's my favorite time of year. I have to confess that I tend to "hibernate" during the winter since I most definitely am not much of a winter person. I have probably inherited this problem with lack of sunlight from my father, and it seems to be getting worse as I age. Springtime makes me feel like a new person again, and I love the longer days – I have a lot more energy and get more done around the house.

It appears that our Spring Workshop is shaping up to be a huge success. It has totally sold out. Hopefully, you were lucky enough to snag a seat at the event. Remember that there is also limited seating at the Spring Retreat at the Sign of the Arrow. I don't know if any seats are still available at the time of the newsletter printing, but if there are, they won't last long.

There are a few positions coming open on the Gateway Chapter Board. If anyone is interested in serving on the Board, please contact me or any of the other Board members. We also need a few people to serve on the Nominating Committee. Again, please contact one of the Board members if you're interested. This is your Chapter – please think about helping to keep it functioning.

I hope to see you at one of the meetings or the Retreat or Workshop. Keep stitching!

Donna

March Meeting

In March we will learn how to finish the ornament balls. If you would like to finish your ornament balls at the meeting, you will need to bring the following items:

- Large sharp scissors
- One pack flat head straight pins
- One 2 1/2 " round Styrofoam ball
- 9" of flexible mural trim – to circle the ball
- 5" of 1 1/2 " wide wired ribbon to form bow
- Clear drying craft glue
- Clear bottle of spray water (if you have one)

Any questions? Please call Regina: 314-991-5741



April Meeting:

In April we will have several different teachers showing how to enhance your canvas with raised flowers.

Pencil us in

Please mark your calendars as June 8th looks like our Spring Luncheon

Book Marks and Books

Hope you are enjoying stitching the little book mark project for the VETS even though this is a busy time of year. Some of you are getting very creative with different patterns. You may turn them in to Regina or Kathryn as you finish them but be sure to add \$10 each for the finishing. They must be in by the March meeting. Paperback books are also being collected for the VETS. We'll take all of these to the VA hospital just before Memorial Day.

Wanted

Pilot Stitchers for the 2014-2015

Workshop by Mail projects.

ANG is looking for 18 members willing to complete one of the future Workshop by Mail projects and provide constructive feedback and error corrections so the final instructions can be as accurate and easy to follow as possible. The instructions will be sent out on or about April 1, and you will be given approximately 8 weeks to complete the project and provide your feedback. There is no charge for the instructions, but you will be responsible for providing the canvas, threads, and other supplies. In some cases, you may be able to purchase a kit or partial kit directly from the designer.

If you are interested, please email the following information to workshopbymail@needlepoint.org:

- Your name
- Your address (for mailing the instructions)
- Your phone number (in case we need to reach you)
- Your ANG membership number
- Whether or not you are able to work on Congress cloth

Thank you for your help in providing the best possible Distance Learning projects!

Marilyn Owen
Workshop by Mail Chairperson

MEMBER ACTIVITIES



ANG Spring Workshop Is SOLD OUT !!!

This project by Linda Burkhardt has 3 color pallet choices and 3 pumpkin shapes.

If you would like ghost information for this project please call Regina Mohan at 314-991-5741

Hi Everyone:

Welcome to the Spring Workshop on Saturday, March 23rd from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please note your lunch is included.

Place: WingHaven Country Club

**Here are the directions to follow
or, the website is winghavencc.com**

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Ellen

Directions to

***WingHaven Country Club*
7777 Winghaven Blvd.
*O'Fallon, MO 63368***

From West County:

**Hwy 40 West to Winghaven Boulevard (this is 20 miles from I-270)
Turn right on Winghaven Blvd. Go about a mile. The Clubhouse is on the left. There is a large parking lot to the right of the clubhouse.**

From North County:

**Hwy 70 West to the Bryan Road exit. Go left 3 miles into Winghaven.
(Bryan Road becomes Winghaven Boulevard after you cross Hwy N).
The Clubhouse is on the right, (about 1/2 mile past the intersection of Bryan Road and Hwy N). There is a large parking lot to the right of the clubhouse**

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The following members owe **LOCAL DUES** of **\$22.00** on **April 1st**:

Linda Aboussie	Gerry Augustine Lentz	Lisa Eaton-Adams	Randi Hanpeter
Sylvia Howard	Terrie Krauss	Judy Lewis	Becky Magruder
Janice Marsh	Debbie Martin-Paul	Regina Mohan	Carol Peterson
Virginia Rooney	Libby Storts		

Please mail your checks to me – Debbie Trowbridge, 2791 Riebold Dr., Arnold, MO 63010 – **by April 1st**. Checks should be made payable to Gateway Chapter-ANG. If you give your check to another board member please let me know. It saves a lot of confusion.

Also, please make sure your National ANG membership is current. You cannot be a member of the Gateway Chapter if you do not belong to the National ANG organization. Except for your initial membership payment, National ANG dues are paid directly to National Headquarters. You should receive a notice from them shortly before that payment is due.

If you need assistance with any membership matters please feel free to contact me at 314/607-9867.

Debbie Trowbridge
Membership Director

FUNDRAISING

For our chapter fundraising project this year, we chose to sell a set of eight note cards. The price for the set is \$16.00. It includes: a choice of colored note cards, white envelopes, a small square of blank needlepoint canvas (13 and 18 mesh), double-stick backing for finishing, and a folder with 32 different stitching ideas.

I have additional color choices available for ordering for \$16.00 plus postage. Also available are thread cards of discontinued fibers in various variegated colors. These are selling for \$2.00 each. Using threads from your stash is also an option. One to two cards of thread will work on 18 mesh and 2 to 3 cards of thread will work on 13 mesh.

We will be stitching these at our chapter meetings this year, rather than a formal stitching project. As always participation is optional.

Fundraising items from past years remain available: dry erase boards, initial tags, tote bags, and sweater information.

Please contact Nancy Kinker at 636-227-5709.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Still Time to Sign UP

**Space is limited
Almost sold out!**

SPRING 2013 RETREAT



The Buzz is in the Air

This year's spring retreat will be held at Sign Of The Arrow on April 28th from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The cost of the retreat is \$15.00 which includes a great day of stitching with friends and snacks galore. You will be on your own for lunch but there are multiple eateries close by. To sign up contact Julie or Randy at the Sign of The Arrow or send a check made payable to Gateway Chapter ANG to Julie Filean, 1315 Fawn Drive, St. Louis, MO 63131-4206. For further information, contact Regina Mohan at 314-991-5741.

Registration

Spring Retreat Sunday, April 28th

*Please tear off this form and send with your check for \$15.00 to:
Julie Ann Filean
1315 Fawnvally Dr.
Des Peres, MO 63131-4206*

Name:

Number of seats:

Contact phone number:

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Needlepoint Tips for the Novice and Expert By Sandy Rodgers

- Never display finished needlework in direct light or heat. Give completed pieces the same consideration you do your threads. Extensive exposure to light and heat cause rapid deterioration of embroidery whether it is under glass or not.
- If your finger is sore from the pressure of a needle, try using a rubber finger. You can find them at your local needlepoint store
- When you stitch several small dark sections in the middle of a light area, you can have lots of dark thread tails and nowhere to end them. Try collecting them together and tacking to the back surface of the work using the light thread. If you run them under the back of the lighter stitches, you will almost certainly form shadows which will show on the front. By anchoring on top of the back of the light stitches, the density of the light value stitches may cover the dark tails.
- When working on a project, stand back and look at it occasionally. Since we are so close to our work, we often lose the perspective of the whole design. Another suggestion is to place it on the back of a couch or on a mantle. Then leave the room for a while. When you come back you will have a fresh viewpoint of the work.
- Because something is usually done a particular way does not mean that it is the only way. Be willing to experiment with your needlework.
- Your eyes can tire easily when doing needlework. Be sure to change your focus frequently. Take a few seconds to look up at something which is at a different distance than the stitching.
- It is important not to concentrate on your work for long periods of time. Limit intense work to an hour and a half, or two hours. Get up and move around. Stretch your arms, legs, and neck. Very sore muscles can result from stitching sessions which last too long without breaks. If necessary, set a timer to help you remember to take a break.

PROGRAM SURVEY

We would appreciate if you would take a few minutes to fill out the following survey to help design the program for 2013-14. Please return the survey to Regina or any Board Member. Thanks in advance for your help.

1. For the monthly meetings would you prefer:
 - (a) One large year- long project that we work on at the monthly meetings.
 - (b) Small projects that you can choose to do as you like.
 - (c) Your ideas for projects:

2. Was this year's monthly program challenging enough to satisfy your needs?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No

If no, what did you feel was lacking?

3. Did you like having the materials available to purchase at the meetings?

4. Did you feel that the cost of the materials was reasonable?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No

5. Do you like the idea of learning a finishing technique for projects?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No

Any additional ideas or comments:

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

SHOW AND TELL



Sign of the Arrow Shop News

JUST BACK FROM MARKET

We had fun at market this February picking up lots of new items for the shop. Canvases have been arriving daily and it has been exciting to see what comes in, and what has already flown out the door. We love the new designer, Mabelle Somerville. Her designs are bright and whimsical and will be great for fun stitches! If there is a doctor or lawyer in your family, we have the canvases and ornaments for you. Jean Smith is always a favorite and her Sunflower in a Vase is really beautiful. For Halloween, we have a great crow which has its own real cage! Love this one! Leigh has brought us a series of ladies and we have a beauty, Lil, who comes in her hot pink and orange boa. Neon Rays + has new colors which are on order so stop in to see what they are.

NOTIONS FROM SHOW

Bugle Beads and twisted Bugle Beads which really catch the light are on their way soon. We can't wait to put these on our canvases!

iphone covers are here and easy to stitch with Floss or strandable silk. These are great gifts for anyone, or just a quick project for yourself. Beautiful scissors are in which have a pewter sleeve and chain for around the neck. Treat yourself or gift these to someone special. Our newest book is from Julia Snyder which we expect any day now, and is already one of my favorites. The new brightly colored silk needle cases and bug's eye holders have just arrived and will be a handy addition to your stash of notions.

TRUNK SHOWS

April – Magic Needle
May – Melissa Shirley
June – Charlie Harper
July – Christmas in July Event

Happy Stitching,
Julie and Randi

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Trunk Shows

March – Jean Smith sends her gorgeous Spring flowers
including some of her spectacular rugs.

April – Brenda Stofft Designs – Brenda has been designing for over 25 years and doesn't
often go to market. This is a wonderful opportunity to shop her collection.

Events

Just Back from Market – great new items arriving daily. Stop by often for first choice.
We have a new line of high quality reading glasses. We are already on our second order.

Check our email or in the shop to see what we have planned for our specials!

Glasses

Jill Rigoli – scheduled in April and already filling up!

Sign up soon, Jill likes to have your canvas before she arrives so she can have her ideas ready in a written stitch guide

Reminders:

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