



THE PALETTE

NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTCHESTER NEEDLE ARTISTS
CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN NEEDLEPOINT GUILD



FALL 2001

**Meeting Dates, Programs, and Stitch-Ins
for 2001**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Welcome back to another year at Westchester Needle Artists! I'm looking forward to seeing your projects from the summer at the September meeting.

I hope you all have had a relaxing summer filled with stitching or at least stash enhancement. We've been working on many projects in the past 2 years and I hope that you are finishing some of them. We will be having a needlework exhibit in March 2002 and it would be nice to have those group projects ready.

We will be starting the third mystery of Gay Ann Rogers "Glittering Diamonds" at the September meeting and continuing it in our November meeting. In October we'll be going on our first outing. We will be meeting at Thistle Needleworks in Glastonbury, CT and learning about the use of color in our needlework. We'll have time afterwards to shop and have lunch.

This fall we'll have several stitch-ins on Saturday mornings. As with the meetings, you are always welcome to bring whatever it is that you are working on.

We also have a stitch demo planned for December at JoAnne's. We hope you will come and inspire future members.

Projects for spring will be available for viewing at our September meeting so I hope to see you then!

-Marietta

September 15, 2001 - Meeting

Alexander Hamilton High School 10 am – 1 pm
"Glittering Diamonds: Mystery Sampler #3," Part 1
by Gay Ann Rogers.
Presented by Edith Semiatin
Bring your instructions and supplies.

Oct. 13, 2001 – Stitch-In

Sat. Morning Stitch-In at Gaby's 10 - 1

October 20, 2001- Fall Outing

Fall Outing t the Thistle Needleworks, Glastonbury, CT
Judie Solomon will speak to us on color and then we can shop and eat! We will be meeting at the Rye Train Station (Eastbound Side) at 8:30 AM. Directions inside newsletter.

Nov. 3, 2001- Stitch-In

Sat. Morning Stitch-In at Ruth's 10 – 1

November 17, 2001- Meeting

Alexander Hamilton High School 10 am – 1 pm
"Glittering Diamonds: Mystery Sampler #3," Parts 2 & 3
by Gay Ann Rogers.
Presented by Edith Semiatin
Bring your instructions and supplies.

Dec. 1, 2001- Stitch-In

Sat. Morning Stitch-In at Gaby's 10 – 1

Dec. 2, 2001- Stitch Demo

Sunday, 1-3 PM
JoAnne's Etc.
3rd level, Palisades Mall
West Nyack, NY

December 2001- No Meeting

No monthly meeting.

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NEWS AND NOTES

GAY ANN ROGERS MYSTERY #3 "GLITTERING DIAMONDS"

We will be working on this project in our September and November meetings. As usual you are welcome to bring other things to work on.

TRIP TO THISTLE NEEDLEWORKS

This will be our first outing together as a group. Judie, the owner, will be talking to us about color in needlework. Afterwards there will be time to shop and have lunch. And maybe shop some more? This store is enormous and has every thread and chart you could imagine. Be sure to make up a list of what you want to get because you might not remember when you see so much stuff!

Thistle Needleworks is located in Glastonbury CT, about 5 miles southeast of Hartford, the state capital and the largest city in central Connecticut. Hartford is located at the intersection of I-84 (east-west) and I-91 (north-south). Thistle Needleworks, Inc., The Shops at Somerset Square, 140 Glastonbury Boulevard, Glastonbury, CT 06033. (860) 633-8503.

SATURDAY STITCH-INS

Gaby and Ruth have volunteered their houses for Saturday morning stitch-ins Oct 13, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Please let them know if you are planning on coming so they can plan appropriately. Bring your English Garden Folly or whatever else you are working on.

STITCH DEMO AT JOANNE'S

We've done stitch demos before at Barnes and Noble and Greenburgh Library. Now we are going to be at JoAnne's Etc. at the Palisades Mall, in West Nyack, NY on Sunday Dec. 2 from 1-3 PM. We will be demonstrating stitches and teaching others how it's done. I hope to see you there!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Welcome to our new Membership Officer: Pat McDonald. Renewals must be sent to Pat at least 8 weeks before your membership expires. How do you know when your membership is up? Check the mailing label of your NP magazine. Get those renewals in so that your NP subscription is not stopped! The membership list, as we know it, is included in this issue.

UNFINISHED PROJECTS CHALLENGE

Last year we did the 20th Century Unfinished Projects to motivate stitchers to finish. This year we are doing the same thing. We have a 3-ring binder with a worksheet for everyone who wishes to participate. What you need to do is fill out the sheet with your ongoing projects or unfinished projects. As you finish them, bring them in to let us admire them and check them off your worksheet. Look for the red binder on the information table at the meeting. In June 2002, we will award small prizes for various categories.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS:

We'd like to welcome our advertisers. Thistle Needleworks (Glastonbury, CT), Mrs. Stitches (Mendham, NJ), and Deer Hill Farm Cross Stitching (Hyde Park, NY) are continuing their loyal support of our group. In addition, we'd like to welcome our new advertisers: the Village Ewe (Old Greenwich, CT) and Where Victoria's Angels Stitch (Clifton, NJ). Next time you need some supplies, canvases, or charts, please shop at these stores. Make sure you tell them you belong to the Westchester Needle Artists.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PROGRAM PERSON

As the incoming "Program Person" I would like to give heartfelt thanks to the outgoing "Program Person" Susan Sutherland. Since joining the ANG my world of needlework has been dramatically opened. I have learned something new with each project I have participated in as well as the ones I have simply observed from afar. It has been especially interesting to me to see how different colors and stitch choices have blossomed into unique finished pieces on group projects.

We have a metallic project called "English Goldwork Heart I" (an ANG correspondence course) and a hardanger project called "Delicate Hearts" that we have chosen to introduce new skills. For the stitcher who might already be familiar with these they are quick little projects that make a perfect gift.

"Silk Pageantry" (another ANG correspondence course) will be starting in the Spring of 2002. It is a stunning geometric piece with beautiful softly colored silk threads and a variety of stitches based on the geometric stitches from the classic reference book Pageant of Pattern. The cost of the kit is \$90 you can kit this project yourself using all silk, part silk and cotton or any variety of threads you might find. I hope you will give this project a try and not let the cost of the kit deter you.

In 2002, we will also be tackling a nametag project. I don't know about you, but I have been contributing to the nametag kitty with embarrassing frequency. I have chosen a Kimberley Crum design. She creates beautiful pins with interesting stitches and beading, and for the nametag, one of the most unusual alphabets I have ever seen in needlework. There will also be interest sign-ups at the September meeting for suggested projects. Please sign up for if you are interested. By showing us your interest you can help us plan the upcoming projects.

-Melissa

EXHIBITS

BERGEN COUNTY EGA ANNUAL NEEDLEWORK FAIR

Saturday, September 29, 2001. Central Unitarian Church, 156 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ.

WARM UP AMERICA PROJECT

I hope you all are busy working on those crocheted/knitted rectangles for our Warm Up America afghan. We have chosen this project for our community outreach program. We are a tax-exempt organization and have to give to the community. This will be an ongoing project but we'd like to have at least one afghan put together by January 2002. Let's get some more made! We need 49 for one afghan. For directions: <http://www.craftyarnCouncil.com/warmup.html>

For a very basic crocheted rectangle: use worsted-weight acrylic yarn, a Size G crochet hook and for a 7" by 9" rectangle in BASIC SINGLE CROCHET: Chain 30 for the foundation chain. Row 1: Single crochet in 2nd chain from hook, and in every chain in the foundation row. Chain 1 and turn your work. Row 2: Working under the 2 top loops of each stitch in the previous row, single crochet across the row. Chain 1 and turn. Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 9". Fasten off.

For a very basic knitted rectangle: Worsted-weight acrylic yarns, Size 7 knitting needles Gauge: 5 stitches = 1 inch, for Finished size: 7" by 9" GARTER STITCH Cast on 35 stitches. Knit every row until piece measures 9". Bind off.

(WARM UP AMERICA PROJECT- continued)

There are so many wonderful stitches and combinations of yarn that you can use. You aren't limited to any particular pattern. We just ask that the rectangle is 7" by 9". There are more patterns at the website listed above or pick up more information at our meeting.

ORNAMENTS TO STITCH FOR SEMINAR 2002

We will be stitching ornaments for Seminar 2002's auction, to be held in Albuquerque, NM. We will be doing a seasonal holiday tree along with the other Eastern area guild chapters. Each chapter has been given a holiday to stitch and should plan on donating at least five ornaments. More are always welcomed! Westchester Needle Artists has been assigned to make ornaments for **St. Patrick's Day**. The deadline will be approximately June 15, 2002.

Here are some URL's to St. Patrick's Day designs (they will also be at the meeting):

<http://www.homestead.com/MorganDesigns/files/Irish.htm>
http://www.geocities.com/irishcanadian_1999/irishwelcome.html
<http://www.stitchville.com/images/Mar00.pdf>
<http://www.fortunecity.com/victorian/jacobean/141/luckylepro.html>
<http://www.aon-celtic.com/cfreewarexstitch.html>
<http://www.clwydneedlecrafts.force9.co.uk/freedesign.html>
<http://www.designsofjoy.com/patterns/0103.html>
<http://www.designsofjoy.com/patterns/0003.html>
<http://www.eternasilk.com/goldcross.htm>
<http://www.idlehandsneedlework.bigstep.com/generic.jhtml?pid=3>
<http://www.kittyandme.com/patrick.shtml>
http://www.kreinik.com/HTML/freebies/free_leprechaun.htm
<http://www.littleme.co.uk/viewm008.htm>
<http://www.neosoft.com/~cac/zceltic3.htm>
http://www.serve.com/marbeth/shamrock_bookmark.html
<http://freespace.virgin.net/geraldine.strongman/page20.html>
<http://www.millhill.com/general/designers/capps.html>
http://www.geocities.com/irishcanadian_1999/MSMAR.html
<http://www.pkdesigns.com/stitch/celtic.htm>
<http://www.sandbenders.demon.co.uk/stitching/celtic.htm>

NATIONAL NEWS

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES - Janet Mitchell Fishel is now President-Elect of ANG and will become President in May of 2002. Because of this, she will be discontinuing her current correspondence courses. If anyone would like the opportunity to take "Textures in White", registration and fees must be received by Dorothy Maijala, Correspondence Course Registrar, at [cceregistrar@needlepoint.org](mailto:ceregistrar@needlepoint.org), by September 30, 2001. Registration deadline for "Poppies" and "Yo Yo" must be received by December 15, 2001. Registrations received after those dates will not be accepted.

ARCHIVES - An article reprinted from the April/May 1990 issue of Needle Pointers, "Decorative Threads", by Elaine Warner, has been added to the Archives page at <http://www.needlepoint.org/Archives.htm>.

ANG WORKSHOP BY MAIL - We are in the last days of registration for ANG's Workshop by Mail project, "Dominoes and Squares", by Jane Zimmerman. If you have not yet registered, remember that time is running out (Sept. 15 is the deadline). Go to <http://www.needlepoint.org/byMail/index.html> and check out this stitching project.

CYBERWORKSHOPS - The next CyberWorkshop will be available Sept. 1 "Temari Balls on Canvas" with Jane Ellen Balzuweit.

UPDATED STATISTICS - as of June 14 Membership in ANG - 10427 Names on this mailing list - 3952 Subscribers to the ANG email discussion list - 1036 Members who have enrolled in one or more ANG CyberWorkshops - 1181

THISTLE FIELD TRIP DISCUSSION ON COLOR

10 am

Lunch and shopping on your own in the complex

NAME: _____

_____ Yes, I'm coming and I'll meet you there.

_____ Yes, I'm coming and I'll drive. *

_____ Yes, I'm coming, but I need a ride. *

Please return to Susan Sutherland no later than October 1, 2001. SAS1065@aol.com

* We will meet in the Rye Train Station Parking Lot (eastbound side) at 8:30 AM.

Directions, Directions, Directions

Directions to ALEXANDER HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL, 98 South Goodwin Ave., Elmsford (914) 592-8440 (Sept. 15 and Nov. 17 Monthly Meetings 10 AM - 1 PM)

From ROUTE 287 westbound: to Exit 2 (Elmsford). At end of the exit ramp make a LEFT at the light onto ROUTE 9A, traveling south. Travel ¼ mile to the intersection of ROUTES 119 & 9A continue to the next left turn, which is VAN WART STREET. Make LEFT onto VAN WART STREET. Travel to the top of the hill and make a RIGHT onto GOODWIN AVENUE. Travel straight for about 100 yards. ALEXANDER HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL is on the left and the elementary school is on the right.

From ROUTE 287 eastbound: Go to exit 2 (Elmsford) and make a RIGHT at the light onto ROUTE 9A. Follow directions above.

Directions to the RYE TRAIN STATION PARKING LOT (Oct. 20, 8:30 AM)

From ROUTE 287, take exit 11 (Rye/Port Chester). At the top of the ramp/light, take a RIGHT. At the second light, take a LEFT onto PECK AVENUE. Take your next RIGHT into the train station lot, and we will meet in that area. If you go past the Ford dealership, you have gone to far.

If you are coming from I-95 Southbound, take exit 21 for the Tappan Zee/Rye. Bear to the RIGHT onto Midland Avenue. At the light, take a LEFT onto MIDLAND AVENUE. At the next light, take a RIGHT onto PECK AVENUE. The lot will be up on your RIGHT side. If you need to get some coffee, there is a bagel shop on Purdy Avenue and Starbucks, etc. on Purchase Street, both near the lot.

If you are coming from a different direction and need to know how to get there, please call me. I will try to carpool Connecticut and Rockland members, so that you can meet us there. I will advise.

Directions to THISTLE NEEDLEWORKS (Oct. 20, 10 AM)

From I-84 eastbound or westbound --

EXIT 55 onto ROUTE 2 east (on I-84 westbound this will be a LEFT exit). ROUTE 2 EAST to Exit 6 (approximately 4 miles). At the end of the ramp is a light -- take a RIGHT at this light onto GRISWOLD STREET. Go up to the next light and go straight through it, crossing MAIN STREET -- you are now on GLASTONBURY BLVD. Go to the first light on GLASTONBURY BLVD. and make a LEFT turn into THE SHOPS AT SOMERSET SQUARE. THISTLE NEEDLEWORKS is in the RIGHT -rear corner of the complex.

From I-91 northbound --

EXIT 25 onto ROUTE 3 NORTH. After crossing the Connecticut River, take the first exit, which is marked MAIN STREET GLASTONBURY. At the end of the ramp is a light -- go STRAIGHT through the light into THE SHOPS AT SOMERSET SQUARE. THISTLE NEEDLEWORKS is in the RIGHT -rear corner of the complex.

Parking --Although there is parking and an entrance on the circle, Thistle Needleworks has a "private" parking lot and a main entrance at the rear of the mall. To reach this area, take a right turn between the first and second buildings, then two (2) lefts in the parking lot to get to the rear of the building.

**Directions to the JoAnne's Etc., level 3, at the Palisades Center Mall, West Nyack,
NY (845) 353-0082 Dec. 2, 1-3 PM**

From Rockland: Take ROUTE 59 east to West Nyack and follow signs for the PALISADES MALL. Follow signs for JoAnne's for appropriate parking lot.

From Westchester: Take I87 (NY STATE THRUWAY) west across the TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE to EXIT 12 (West Nyack). Make a LEFT turn at the traffic light. The PALISADES MALL will be straight ahead. Make a RIGHT turn and follow signs for JoAnne's for appropriate parking lot.

From NJ: Take the GARDEN STATE PARKWAY to I87 East to EXIT 12. Follow directions above.

From NYC: Take the PALISADES PARKWAY North to I87 East to EXIT 12. Follow directions above.

Membership Coupon

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

email: _____

Membership #: _____

_____ Full member, \$46

_____ Plural member, \$17

Please make check to: The Westchester Needle Artists

Please send check to : Pat McDonald
pmdonal@hunter.cuny.edu

WNA's LIBRARY

Thanks to Susan, we have received quite a collection of needlepoint and quilting books. We still have our wonderful collection of videos, too. A \$5 deposit fee will be placed on the videos. No deposit on the books. Materials will be due at the next meeting. After one month, the fine will be \$5 and after 2 months the fine will be \$10. See Gloria Lewscha if you'd like to borrow something, or better yet, give her a call before the meeting or email her so she can bring the materials you want in. You will find a complete listing of our library holdings in this issue.