



COLORADO COLUMBINE CHAPTER



October 2009

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A word from your editor...

It's Summer! No it's Winter! No it's Fall! At least that's what the calendar says. Snow on the last day of Summer?? That's Colorado! No matter what the weather I'm always up for stitching.

This month's newsletter features a Guest Contributor from Maryland. Cynthia Davis will share her ideas on a concept designed to help us all finish our UFOs and WIPs. So be sure to check out Part One of her article on "Rotation Stitching".

Cynthia Land has planned another fun and exciting program this month. A Chapter yard sale! Be sure to bring your checkbook and cash, you won't want to pass up this great opportunity to snag a few bargains. One stitcher's stash is another stitcher's treasure!

This is also the month that Abbey will be collecting everyone's membership dues since changing over to the new schedule. Look at the table for your exact amount due and bring your check so Abbey can submit our dues to National.

There are new things on the calendar too! And a new question for those enquiring minds out there. Read on.

Happy Fall Stitching!
Madonna

2009 General Meetings

October 19

November 16

December – No Meeting

Location

Bethany Lutheran Church

4500 E. Hampden Avenue

Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

Time

6:50 pm Social

7:00 pm Meeting

Colorado Columbine Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of the month except August and December.
Please join us and bring a friend. You may attend 3 meetings as a guest before membership is required.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello!

Due to too much life (work mostly) and not enough hours in the day, I have completely missed the deadline for preparing an actual President's letter. Please accept my apologies (or perhaps jump with joy) that you won't have a bit of my stitching-related rambling to read this month. Next month looks to be better all around. Thanks for your patience and, as always, looking forward to seeing you all at our next chapter meeting on October 19!

All the best,

Jane

HEYAAAAAY! Don't forget to get your stash together to sell at our Stash to Cash Yard Sale. Proceeds will be divided between the Seller and the Chapter. Be there October 19!



Would you like to share what you've been stitching with our readers, maybe include a photo? Tell us your news. Ask/Answer a question? Found a new stitching related book or magazine? Attending a class or Seminar? Or would you like to be our featured member profile? Why not author an article? This is your page to speak up and reach your kindred spirits in stitching.

If you'd like to participate in our *Member's Forum* won't you write or call today? Refer to your membership roster or email your post to: madonnao@msn.com and enter Newsletter in the subject line. We would all love to hear from you!



CASH FOR STASH SALE!

October 19th Membership Meeting

Bring your unwanted Blank Canvas, Painted Canvas, Charts, Books, Threads and Accessories. All things stitch related! And don't forget your cash or checkbook!

YARD SALE! YARD SALE! YARD SALE! YARD SALE! YARD SALE!

When: October's Membership Meeting

Where: Bethany Lutheran Church

Sellers: Colorado Columbine Members

What: A fantastic Garage and Split the Proceeds Sale! This is your opportunity to clear out your stash and sell it at the Cash for Stash Sale. Start going through your unwanted stitching treasures today so you'll be ready to partake in this year's FUNdraiser. Don't forget all proceeds will be split 50/50 between the Chapter and the Seller.

How it Works: Tag each item with your name and price; cashiers will be available to handle the money leaving you free to sell.

Who may come: All local ANG Chapter & Consortium members welcome!

Need More Information? Contact Cynthia Land @ landstitches@comcast.net





Rotation Stitching

With Cynthia Davis of Windy Meadow

Rotation Stitching is a hot topic on many blogs these days and since I've received some general questions about rotation stitching, I thought I would spend a moment or two and write a quick explanation. :-)

Rotation Stitching is a technique used by many stitchers to "rotate" among different needlework projects. The needle worker stitches on one project for a set time period or until they complete a specific section. They then put this project away and start on the next project in the rotation. This continues until the needle worker finishes stitching on the last project in the rotation when they then start over again at the beginning with the first project.

If a project is completed during its turn in the rotation, it's moved out of the rotation and another project is added to the rotation in its place. There must be at least two projects in a rotation, but there is no limit except for personal preference, on how many projects are in the rotation.

There are many benefits of rotation stitching including but not limited to:

1. Minimizes potential for boredom which may occur if you are stitching on only one project.
2. Minimizes "Stitch Me, No Stitch Me", call from other projects.
You can tell those other projects that they have to wait their turn and you'll get to them soon!
3. Progress can be made on several projects as opposed to just one.
At the end of the rotation you can "see" all of your wonderful progress.

Rotation stitching is a wonderful tool which can help with some of the anxiety that you may be feeling about soooo many projects in your stash.

How do you decide on a rotation strategy? There are as many different rotation stitching strategies as there are different stitchers! I do have some helpful hints that I've learned while setting up and evolving my stitching rotation. :-)

Before you start a stitching rotation you need to figure out what projects are in your stash that still need to be stitched. These can be projects that just need a few hours of work or projects that are brand new. You also need to figure out what projects have already been stitched that might just need to be finished into something as you don't want to add a project that you have completed stitching to your rotation.



The first recommendation I would make is to list what you have accomplished. Lay those projects out on a table or on your bed and go "Wahoo! Look at what I've finished stitching!" :-)

Now make a pot of coffee, a cup of tea, or a nice iced cold beverage and then lay out all of the projects that you want to stitch and go "Wahoo! Look at all of the fun I'm going to have!" :-)

I've found that this helps me when my mind starts whirring about all of the stuff that I have to stitch and how in the world am I going to get it all done! If I list or mentally review my accomplishments/finished projects, I can then, with more positive thoughts, focus on what I need to do. Also by listing what I need to stitch, this helps the mind focus on the specific items as opposed to worrying about everything! :-)

Sometimes this process involves making lists and crossing the items off, or lining up my projects up and going "Cynthia you are GOOD!" LOL

The first decision with rotation stitching is "What are my categories for rotation? So gather up your projects and separate them into categories. I have several suggestions of categories that you might want to start with;

- Gift Stitching or Projects that will be Presents
- Almost Done Projects
- Small Sized Projects
- Medium Sized Projects
- Large Sized Projects
- Planning Next Project/Organizing Projects (choosing fibers and stitches).
- Organizing Stash
- Community/Charity Stitching
- Canvases from a specific Designer/Canvasses from a Series
- Any other Categories?

Once you've selected your categories you can then decide on the order in which you want to rotate through these categories. Don't spend too much time on this step as you will be eventually rotating through all of the categories.



You might also want to consider if you should spend twice as much time on any of the categories or add that category twice into the rotation. For example, let's say that you have a lot of ornaments that you want to stitch for presents this year. This falls into the category of "Gift Stitching". You can decide to have two "Gift Stitching" categories if you want to be working on two different ornaments at the same time or you can decide that you want to spend twice as long on this category as the other categories.

The second decision with rotation stitching is, "How are you going to rotate between your projects?" In other words, would you rotate projects?

- after a set amount of time on each project?
- after a set amount done on each project?
For example, rotate after you have completed one area on the project such as a face or a square of the design before moving on to the next category.
- when the next category calls to you?
- when you are tired of this project?

Rotation Stitching part two with Cynthia continues next month!



Historical Tidbits with Julie Storick

30 Years Ago - 1979:

Oct:

~Program was a finishing class by Audrey Sargeant of Elsa School of Needlework.

~No stitch of the month.

25 Years Ago - 1984:

Oct:

~Program was Techniques of Framing Needleart by Jean Schmidt, owner of the Frame Factory.

~Stitch of the month was the Scotch stitch.

20 Years Ago - 1989:

Oct:

~Program was the Good Design & Color Usage by Willem VanderHooven of The Needleworker.

~Stitch of the month was the Battlement Couching stitch.

15 Years Ago - 1994:

Oct:

~Program was a Banding of Memories Sampler from the Needlepointers magazine.

~No stitch of the month.

10 Years Ago - 1999:

Oct:

~Program was an autumn piece designed by Barb Golubiewski.

~Stitch of the month was the Stitch Chart 9.

5 Years Ago - 2004:

Oct:

~Program was the Little Shopping Bag by Ernestine Heythaler.

~No stitch of the month.



Membership Dues

2009 annual membership dues are \$59*

*(**\$33 National ANG** membership and **\$26** Chapter** membership)

Both national and chapter dues must be current in order to be a member in good standing.

See detailed information on our website or pick up a brochure at the meeting. There are no dues renewals or the month of September, members with October dues renewals are: *Lea Kushner, Joyce Lauener, Mary Mahaffey, Madonna Ousley.*

Please bring your check payable to CCC-ANG to the October meeting or mail to Abbey prior to the October meeting. Abbey's address can be found in the membership roster.

**IMPORTANT DUES CHANGES! Transition to Once-per-Year Membership

As was announced at the July chapter meeting, the Colorado Columbine Chapter of ANG will be transitioning to a once-per-year membership renewal. Our transition date will be at our October Chapter meeting on October 19, 2009. All members will continue to pay their regular dues through September. In October they will make one "catch-up" payment that will pay their dues through October 18, 2010. Individual member's catch-up payments are outlined below, and are **in addition** to any normal dues for September or October.

Last Name	First Name	CCC Renewal Due	Catch-Up Payment
Akers	Doris	June 2010	\$ 8.67
Anderson	Carolyn	April 2010	\$ 13.00
Bell	Beverly	April 2010	\$ 13.00
Burke	Carolyn	November 2009	\$ 23.83
Celmer	Janet	August 2010	\$ 4.33
Clymer	Abbey	June 2010	\$ 8.67
Cornetta	Barbara	April 2010	\$ 13.00
Diggs	Anne	April 2010	\$ 13.00
Dorr	Terri	December 2009	\$ 21.67
Freeman	Sandy	June 2010	\$ 8.67
Golubiewski	Barbara	August 2010	\$ 4.33
Gooldy	Marcia	June 2010	\$ 8.67
Hale	Joan	April 2010	\$ 13.00
Hauert	Gisela	August 2010	\$ 4.33
Howlin	Peg	May 2010	\$ 10.83
Hubis	Tina	March 2010	\$ 15.17
Hulfacher	Amanda	April 2010	\$ 13.00



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Jorgensen	Brynne	April 2010	\$ 13.00
Kushner	Lea	October 2009	\$ 26.00
Land	Cynthia	August 2010	\$ 4.33
Lauener	Joyce	October 2009	\$ 26.00
Locke	Darlene	July 2010	\$ 6.50
Mahaffey	Mary	October 2009	\$ 26.00
Mailand	Jane	January 2010	\$ 19.50
Makings	Vickie	April 2010	\$ 13.00
Morgan	Gloria	December 2009	\$ 21.67
Muggli	Shirley	April 2010	\$ 13.00
Obermeyer	Judy	April 2010	\$ 13.00
Ousley	Madonna	October 2009	\$ 26.00
Pinfield	Ann	March 2010	\$ 15.17
Plante	Kay	June 2010	\$ 8.67
Porter	Luron	February 2010	\$ 17.33
Race	Karen	February 2010	\$ 17.33
Richmond	Eleanor	November 2009	\$ 23.83
Riefenberg	Jennifer	April 2010	\$ 13.00
Rosen	Sharon	April 2010	\$ 13.00
Ross	Charles	January 2010	\$ 19.50
Shigley	Vicki	February 2010	\$ 17.33
Short	Jeanette	April 2010	\$ 13.00
Smith	Ritta	June 2010	\$ 8.67
Storick	Julie	December 2009	\$ 21.67
Stuart	Sharon	March 2010	\$ 15.17
Sunderland	Janet	August 2010	\$ 4.33
Tuckwell	Cindy	March 2010	\$ 15.17
Tyler	Caela	August 2010	\$ 4.33
Yablans	Susan	February 2010	\$ 17.33
Zeff	Ellen	April 2010	\$ 13.00



On the Calendar

UPCOMING CCC PROGRAMS

October: Chapter Garage Sale

November: Holiday Party- In addition to our traditional Pot Luck supper and gift exchange, we are going to have a "make-it, take-it" project that you won't want to miss.

December: No meeting. Instead, you are invited to participate in an exclusive tour of some of the ethnic embroideries and textiles in the collection of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. There are 2 vacancies left. Date: December 2, Time: 3:30 p.m. Cost: Suggested donation \$5. Contact Cynthia if you are interested.

January: A follow up to our tour in December, a member of the DMNS volunteer corps will be presenting a slide show of some highlights from the museum's ethnic embroidery and textile collection. Free to members.

IN AND AROUND TOWN

October 3-4 – Arborvitae Pilot Class with Jennifer Riefenberg

October 11–9am – 3pm Fanci Mats Fall Retreat

October 22-23 - Golden Ginkgo Pilot Class with Toni Gerdes

October 24 – 9am-4pm - CCC Stitch-in at Tactile

OUT OF TOWN

October 2-9 - EGA Seminar, Pittsburg, PA



Bizarre Textile Bazaar
Saturday, October 3, 2009

The Bizarre Textile Bazaar returns refitted with a new format. [More details.](#)

REMINDER! Our Chapter Fall Stitch-in will be held October 24 from 9am – 4pm



Columbine Speaks – A Members’ Forum

This month’s question: Is it safe to throw my orts out for the birds?

Answer: Many people do, however it might not be a good idea. Here’s one school of thought: Many bird lovers don’t think it’s wise to incorporate wools, cottons, silks and other fibers into nest building because they that might hold onto moisture. The fear is that the nest might become vulnerable to molds which could lead to disease. In addition, synthetic fibers, especially metallics might interfere with the natural camouflaging of the nest drawing attention to predators by the shimmering of the shiny threads. Also, the baby birds could peck and swallow the metallic fibers which could be toxic to birds. Better keep those orts short and safely contained. Some stitchers put them into glass containers for display. To see, go to www.spinsterstitcher.blogspot.com .

November Newsletter Submission Deadline is October 26

Upcoming Board Meeting
7 PM
October 8, 2009
Bethany Lutheran Church
Room 209

2009-2010 Board

President	Jane Mailand
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Hostesses: All Board/Committee Members
[General Meeting Minutes](#)
www.columbineang.org

*******WANTED*******

Have you signed up to bring a delectable treat to the next meeting? Don't miss out on a chance to show off your culinary skills and/or aptitude for finding a great snack at the market. Contact Judy Obermyer to sign up!

AREA STITCH GROUPS! The Colorado Columbine Chapter encourages you to join a stitch group. There are no programs to follow—it’s just a great time stitching with fellow needlepointers outside of a chapter meeting! If you are interested in learning more about area stitch groups (there’s one in northwest Denver, southwest Denver, and another in southeast Denver), see our website for more details or talk to one of the Board members who can point you in the right direction. Or maybe you’d like to start a new stitch group in your neck of the woods.



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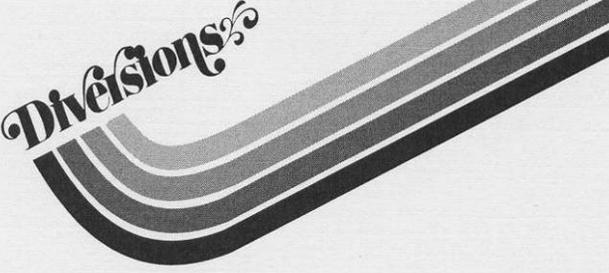
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