



**Saguaro Stitchers Chapter
American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.
September 2014
Newsletter**



NEXT MEETING

Sept 18, 2014

Oct 16, 2014

Nov 20, 2014

Holiday Inn Express
7350 E Gold Dust Ave
Scottsdale, Arizona
10:00am - 1:00pm

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Welcome back everyone. I want to remind everyone that beginning September 18, 2014, we are back on our regular meeting schedule on the third Thursday of each month. Hope you all had a wonderful summer and are bringing in all your lovely pieces for Show and Tell in September.

We have a very full year coming up. As you may have heard, we have three wonderful classes coming up in 2015. I do hope that everyone who has indicated their interest follows up with their checks, as these classes are all reasonable and are wonderful opportunities for us. All the necessary class information is listed further in the newsletter.

On another note, the Tucson ANG chapter has changed their standing rules (as have we) to give us reciprocity for their out-of-town teachers, which opens up a whole new venue of upcoming classes. They will be staying in touch and we will be bringing their class offerings to you all as they come up.

I would like to tell everyone that over the summer we renegotiated our contract with the Holiday Inn. Our rent went up \$6.00 a month but the Board felt we could handle that, so we have a home through 2015.

On a more somber note, we have two Board positions coming up for election in November. Alice Hall and Jean Bennett have both been on the Board for many years and are needing a break. We would like to fill the Treasurer's position sooner than November. Alice will continue to teach for us, as teaching is her first love. I would ask that all of you consider whether or not you could step up and run for an office. I know that everyone has busy lives, but the Guild needs your help. If you find that you are interested and can join the Board, please let either Alice or I know. Additionally we are going to need a nominating committee.

Also a reminder that our stash sale will be held on our regular meeting date in October. Bring all the projects you will never get to and find some new ones to do.

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SAGUARO STITCHERS WEBSITE

Don't forget that we have our very own website, www.saguarostitchers.org. Karen Willett has done a wonderful job organizing and maintaining the website. It contains workshops, projects, newsletters, membership information, as well as links to local needlework shops, and other valuable information. Bookmark the site and check it often!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Daphne Coulter is our Sunshine Committee contact. If any of you know of someone in our chapter who recently lost a loved one, or has developed a serious illness and could use a "Thinking of You" card, please contact Daphne with name and address information so she can send them a card. Thank you, Daphne!

NEED A RIDE TO MEETINGS???

Problems crop up and it's always on meeting day, right? If you need a ride, whether it is occasionally or to all of our meetings, call any of your Board Members. We will do our best to find you a ride. Needless to say, we are getting a bit older and moving just a bit slower, so you need to give us as much notice as possible for the best results. We will do our best to get you there.

PROGRAMS

The board has agreed that we can have ghosts for the program classes. The ghost program will work as follows: If there is a program you would like take and are unable to attend that meeting, you or a friend can sign you up. At the meeting when that program will be held, you or a friend will pick up your program (chart). I will only have charts available for those who have previously signed up. There may be an occasion when a chart has a copy right and we are only able to use it for those who attend the class in person.

September 18th

Santa is Coming by Cheryl Schaeffer for Rainbow Gallery has been stitched and is being taught by Jan Prestin. This cute piece has a front and back can be an ornament or a tassel topper.

October 16th

STASH SALE: Bring items for sale to the room between 9:00am and 9:45am. Sale starts when doors open at 10:00am. Please bring cash or checks for all the treasures you will find.

November 20th

"Trim your tree", ornament or card insert. This small piece works up quick in Watercolors, a metallic and beads. Card will be provided. See signup sheet at meetings. Materials list to be emailed after October meeting.

December 18th

Holiday Party- donations of food and money for the food bank. Gift exchange - a stitching item not to exceed \$15.00 in value. Bring your lunch and dessert and coffee will be provided.

January 15th

Janice Doxey has graciously donated some ACOD canvases, they are all whimsical BEE canvas on 18 or 14 mesh. See signup sheet at meetings. Alice will have stitch suggestions.

Reminder Visiting Teacher Classes: Carolyn Mitchell - Echoes of Glass, 2/6 and 2/7.

Joni Stevenson - Colorful Croton 3/13 and 3/14.

Happy Stitching, Alice

CLASSES, CLASSES, LOTS OF CLASSES

We are so happy to announce the following classes:

1. Carolyn Mitchell - Echoes of Glass - picture and description attached. Class will be held - 2/6-7, 2015. Cost is ~~\$140.00~~ 100.00. \$50.00 non-refundable deposit due on 9/25/14 - final payment due 1/1/15. Pictures of this piece may be viewed either on our web page www.saguarostitchers.org, or on the designer's web page at www.carolynmitchelldesigns.com

"Echoes of Glass", by Carolyn Mitchell (signup coming soon)

This three-piece abstract design should be kept long, as the borders "bite" into each other. It features interrupted glass such as Tiffany, window and Crackle Glass. The simple elements capture the eye drawing it to the center of each square as you scan the overall design. A variety of techniques, 24 different stitches and fibers are worked on Santa Fe/Sage Green 18 count mono canvas. Fibers include ThreadworX, #5 and #8 Perle Cotton, Floss, #4, #8, #12 Braid, Sparkle Rays, Splendor, Flair, and Impressions. It sparkles with the addition of pearls and crystals. The finished design size is 15" by 5.75". There is advance preparation work for this class.

Proficiency level: Intermediate to Advanced

Class: 2 Days

Cost: ~~\$140~~ 100

Signup available beginning Sep 1st



2. Joni Stevenson - Colorful Crotons - picture and description attached. This is a pilot piece. Class to be held 3/13-14, 2015. Cost \$115.00. 50.00 non-refundable deposit due 10/31/14. Final payment due 2/1/15. Pictures of this piece may be viewed on our web page – www.saguarostitchers.org.

Colorful Crotons – Joni Stevenson

This piece is Joni's new teaching piece and she has requested that we pilot the piece for her, which we would do in March of 2015. This piece has a number of wonderful techniques which will include coloring canvas with coptic markers, learning to do applique on canvas and several other interesting techniques.

We had several comments at the last meeting to the effect that "the colors don't work in my house." I would say that for me personally this is short-sighted. I look at a class piece with an eye to what I can learn from it and I think this particular piece will be wonderful for teaching us things that perhaps we haven't explored.



3. Nancy Cucci - Stitches in Sterling Gone Rose - picture and description attached. Class to be held 11/14-15, 2015. Cost \$125.00. \$50.00 non-refundable deposit due 6/15/15. Final payment due 9/1/15. Pictures of this piece may be viewed on our web page www.saguarostitchers.org.

Stitches in Sterling Gone Rose – Nancy Cucci

Nancy Cucci, who lives in California, is interested in possibly teaching for us. Her Stitches in Sterling Gone Rose is a lovely piece which is done in silver and rose gold Kreinik on 18 count canvas. This is a companion piece to her Stitches in Sterling. The size is 7 x 7. She will allow ghosts for her classes. Nancy has agreed to stay with one of our members to help with our costs. This is a two day class.



MEMBERSHIP

Jan Prestin, Membership, Assistant Treasurer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members with birthdays in September and October

September

Marilyn Brooks

Jan Prestin

Susan Cotter

Doris Niemeier

Ann Grootegoed

Janice Doxey

Barbara Shaw

October

Donna Rumolo

Sunny Yocum

Virginia Alexander

Gail Storfa

We love adding new members to our chapter, so if you have any stitching friends or relatives who would like to join ANG and Saguaro Stitchers, I will be happy to provide membership information. Our wonderful website, www.saguarostitchers.org, also has a link to access forms.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR LOCAL SHOPS!

When you want to see what classes the local shops offer, all you have to do is go to <http://www.saguarostitchers.org> and click on "LINKS". By clicking on each shop's link, you will be able to see a current list of all classes offered. We are so fortunate to have these great shops! Call the shop directly or check their web sites.

Attic Needlework 480-898-1838

BeStitched Needlepoint (480) 991-0706

Family Arts Needlework Shop 602-277-0694

Old Town Needlework 480-990-2270

Quail Run Needlework 480-551-1423

NEWSLETTER

Not all of our members are able to attend meetings on a regular basis. So, send me a photo of your completed piece along with a note containing your thoughts about the piece (difficulties, changes you made, what you learned, etc.). I know others would love to see your finished pieces and hear what you have to say about them. E-mail Barbara Shaw at newsletter@saguarostitchers.org.

PS. I have been the Newsletter Editor for almost a year now and have yet to receive a photo of anyone's completed piece. C'mon gals, share your accomplishments with your fellow stitchers!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birthday-Month/Day: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell or Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Check one: New Member: () Renewal: () Plural: ()

Membership Number: _____ Home Chapter (Plural) _____

DUES: Annual Membership

\$15.00 _____

Please make checks payable to: Saguaro Stitches

Please mail to: Jan Prestin
[contact by email at membership@saguarostitchers.org
for mailing address]

For additional membership questions, contact Jan Prestin.

Our meetings are held at the **Holiday Inn Express Scottsdale North**, and our room is available from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The business meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

The address of the **Holiday Inn Express Scottsdale North** is at 7350 E Gold Dust Ave in Scottsdale. It is located on the curve where Gold Dust Ave becomes N 74th St, and it is accessible from Scottsdale Road or Shea Blvd. The telephone number is 480-596-6559.