



Saguaro Stitchers Chapter American Needlepoint Guild, Inc. November 2016 Newsletter



NEXT MEETING

Nov 17, 2016

Dec 15, 2016

Jan 19, 2017

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

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Good Morning Stitchers:

After the summer we have started our year off with both local and visiting teacher classes. All of which were well attended and enjoyed by all. Several members who took La Verne's "Parking Lot" class are in the process of making more for gifts. Kurdy Biggs class Elegance Cubed was well attended and members felt it was a very good class. The Crackers class in October had 24 members signed up and most stayed and had fun. The finishing for the Crackers will be in November, please feel free to stay and learn a new finishing technique, even if you did not stitch the piece.

We have had some great visiting teacher classes in 2015 and 2016. We are looking for suggestions from the members for other teachers you would like to see at Saguaro Stitchers. Contact either myself or Anne Booker (Visiting Teachers Committee) with ideas. That brings me to my next item.

Anne is retiring from the VTC in the late spring 2017. We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take over from her. We would like that person(s) to come forward as soon as possible so that they can walk through the process with Anne during our next two visiting teachers. Diane Herrmann in January and Debbie Rowley in March. If you think you might like to do this, but have questions please contact Anne or myself.

We have increased our membership from Spring of this year to 67 current members, including a wife and husband. If you have not met our new members please introduce yourself.

News from National:

Our future Needle Pointers magazines will come in plastic wrap to protect them from damage. The Fireman canvas that was stitched and framed by members that we donated for the seminar auction was well received. Our donation in memory of our member Dr. Harriett Clarke to the Golden Needle Society was received and will be acknowledged in the next Needle Pointers.

Embellishment or Enhancement: I have been asked what is the difference. Here is a brief Webster definition of each.

Embellishment: to improve the appearance, to make beautiful, to improve by adding details.

Enhancement: To increase or augment the appearance, to intensify or make greater.

As you can see these descriptions are very similar and for our stitching purposes either can be used.

This month instead of chart to stitch, I am attaching a copy of a gift tag you can give with an unfinished gift, be sure to add a note that the gift will be finished after the holiday or occasion. This is best printed on card stock or heavy paper. Wishing you, family and friends Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year.

Happy Stitching
Alice

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

Dodie Stoneburner 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 Dodie with name and address information so she can send them a card. Thank you, Dodie!

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

IT'S A WONDERFUL YEAR!

I quickly went through a run down of the year's activities at the last meeting. We have some wonderful programs and workshops coming up this year.

November 17: Finishing the Crackers that were started last month. Even if you did not participate in the Cracker class, you are welcome to learn about the simple finishing technique on the 17th. In addition to the kits, Alice provided a wonderful history of Crackers that was very interesting and informative.

December 15: Celebrate the holidays with us at our annual Holiday Party! We will have a gift exchange (try to have a stitching related gift) and a delicious dessert provided by the Guild. Bring a sack lunch, stay and stitch a bit...perhaps finishing those last minute gifts...and enjoy our last meeting before the New Year.

January 19: Happy New Year! Bring a WIP (work in progress) or UFO (un finished object) to enhance or embellish. We will share ideas and techniques.

February 16: We will be working on an Easter or Valentine themed ornament. This will be stitched in a manner that can be finished by you! More information to come.

March 16: You guessed it! Finishing the February ornament is on the books. As always, if you did not do the project, you are welcome to the finishing class.

April 20: We will begin a Christmas Tree by Libby Sturdy. The total cost of the kit is \$25.00 to members. The kit includes a line drawing of the tree and instructions. Supplies are not included. The kit is normally \$35.00, Saguaro Stitchers is paying \$10.00 towards the kit and shipping costs.

May 18: Work on the Libby Sturdy tree with embellishments. The lesson will be attaching a cabochon to canvas with beads. A few other beading techniques will be covered. Again, if you choose not to do the tree you are welcome at the beading portion of the class.

AND THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

SEE YOU AT THE SUMMER STITCH-INS

La Verne Walters

VISITING TEACHERS

We have some really good classes coming up.

The next on our list of wonderful classes is Walking the Water's Edge with Dianne Herrmann. This class will be a one day class and held on January 20, 2017.



Last, but certainly not least is Sonata which has been designed for our chapter by Debbie Rowley. This class will be held March 17-18, 2017 and will have three colorways - cool, warm and neutral. We currently have 16 people signed up for this class and we have a class limit of 24, including ghosts.



MEMBERSHIP:

MEMBERSHIP; Jan Prestin, Membership, Assistant Treasurer

We now have 67 members in Saguaro Stitchers. Please welcome our newest members:

Rosemary Isaac
Melvin Isaac
Lenore May

December will be time to renew our chapter dues of \$15.00, so I'll be sending everyone an email reminder before that month's meeting.

We love adding new members to our chapter, so if you have any stitching friends or family 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 forms.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members with birthdays in November and December:

NOVEMBER

Nancy Russell
Daphne Coulter
Nicole DeLaurentis
Mary Hynek
Carol Roberts

DECEMBER

Amy Kirk
Paula Burchenal
Barbi Sherman
Carmen Puckett
Pat Klute
Pauline Paquette
Nancy Noyes
Charlene Goodman
Cherry Leger

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

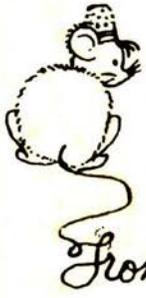
Quail Run Needlework 480-551-1423

NEWSLETTER

Barbara Shaw, editor

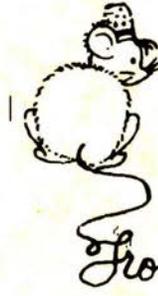
Not all of our members are able to attend meetings on a regular basis. So, send me a photo of your completed piece along with a note containing your thoughts about the piece (difficulties, changes you made, what you learned, etc.). I know others would love to see your finished pieces and hear what you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

E-mail Barbara Shaw at newsletter@saguarostitchers.org



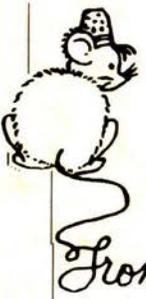
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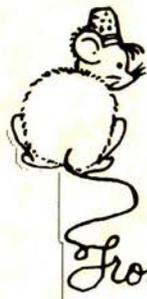
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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 Stitchers

Please mail to: Jan Prestin
 Contact at email below
 for mailing address

For additional membership questions, contact Jan Prestin at membership@saguarostitchers.org .

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.