



# **Saguaro Stitchers Chapter American Needlepoint Guild, Inc. January 2017 Newsletter**



## **NEXT MEETING**

Jan 19, 2017

Feb 16, 2017

Mar 16, 2017

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

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A Happy, Safe New Year to everyone and your families.

We had a very full 2016 with Kurdy Biggs class in October, as well as many fun and interesting meetings put together by our Program Chair, La Verne. Several of the projects were stitched one month with finishing the next month. Most of you commented that the finishing classes were informative and that you would be using that information in the future to do your own finishing.

Programs have been planned for January through May. Libby Sturdy Tree #3 will be taught in April and May. The May part will be cabochon and different beading techniques. Along with the class kits Libby has offered to sell to members additional kits for the other six trees. There will be color photos and a signup sheet at the January meeting. Payment must be made no later than February 1st.

We have paid for the room for the year in full, as we have in past years. There are two months, April and May, that our meeting will be held at Hampton Inn Suites at 10101 N Scottsdale Road, just south of Holiday Inn. We have had meetings there in the past when Holiday Inn has needed the room. I will include directions in my March newsletter. It is just south on Scottsdale Road.

Anne Booher is retiring as our Visiting Teachers Committee. She has been instrumental in booking wonderful teachers with great projects. Please join me in thanking her for a job well done. We have three members who have signed up to be the Visiting Teachers Committee, they are Carol Roberts, Johanna Salman and Sandi Van Winkle. Please let these members know if there are any teachers you would like to have come teach at our chapter.

Our chapter membership is now 71, and we have a very good turnout for our monthly meetings. We also have a good response to our visiting teacher classes from our chapter and when there is space available member from other chapters. This type of interest and response helps to keep the cost of the classes reasonable.

### **President's Message (cont.)**

Why use a "doodle canvas" and what is it?

Doodle canvas is a blank canvas on bars of the mesh you usually work with. Practice a new or difficult stitch to remember the stitch sequence and have good tension. To test how a thread will look with the stitch you want to use. Practicing on the doodle canvas can help your tension to be consistent. Next to clean hands, a doodle canvas is your best tool.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have any ideas, questions or concerns.

Happy Stitching.

Alice

Confucius - "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."

### **SAGUARO STITCHERS WEBSITE**

Don't forget that we have our very own website, [www.saguarostitchers.org](http://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**

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.

La Verne Walters

### **SPECIAL STASH SALE JANUARY 19**

We will have a mini stash sale after our January 19th meeting. A long time student of mine, Marylou Bernasek, passed away last week. Her daughter and stitching friends met on Saturday 12/31. Her daughter brought all of Marylou's stitching items. The ladies at the gathering picked out canvases etc. that they wanted and made payment to her daughter to help with the costs she had and will incur.

There were 5 members of the guild there and the suggestion was that the guild could have a one person stash sale and split the proceeds between her daughter and our education fund. The board was contacted and the majority agreed it was a win, win. Let me say these are quality canvases, some items are started; some are not; some have canvas, threads and stitch guides; many are on stretcher bars. There are also charted needlepoint charts, some with canvases. The lamps and table stand are working.

I plan to have a very short business meeting, to have reports and reminders of upcoming classes etc. After the meeting members can shop through the stash items. Most will be priced, for example a \$116 club canvas, stitch guide and threads will be priced at \$35. There will be no shopping before the meeting, the tables will be covered. After all that shopping we can have the rest of the time for our stitch in. Please feel free to bring lunch and stay a while.

Happy Stitching,  
Alice

### **HEARTS FOR HOSPICE**

The Greater Kansas City Needlepoint Guild has been supporting 3 local hospice facilities with a "Hearts for Hospice" program. The staff selects a heart for the door of a recently deceased patient as a reminder for those in the area that this family may need quiet, and then for the family to take home as another reminder of their loved one. Some of our Saguaro Stitchers and others have been supporting them by sending hearts, too. As of this time, our final donation will be in June 2017 (at which time Nancy plans to hand deliver.). The hearts do not have to be finished, and per the request of the facilities, they should not have religious symbols on them. One of the facilities does like butterflies on theirs. If you want to participate, practice some new stitches, etc., please join us, and direct your questions to Nancy Russell ( [nancy.russell@usa.net](mailto:nancy.russell@usa.net)) or Carla Hamilton ([Carlabel@aol.com](mailto:Carlabel@aol.com)).

### **VISITING TEACHERS**

1/20/17 Walking the Water's Edge - I will be sending out an email this week to class participants with a list of required materials, stretcher bars, etc.

3/17-18/17 - Sonata with Debbie Rowley - This class is now full and registration is closed. If you need information regarding the colorways please look at the link at [www.saguarostitchers.org](http://www.saguarostitchers.org). Final payment for this

class is due NO LATER than our meeting on 1/19/17. Failure to get the balance due in to Sunny will result in your being dropped from the class list and forfeiture of your deposit. I will send out one reminder email between now and the date of our meeting. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give me a call.

Anne Booher

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Jan Prestin, Membership, Assistant Treasurer

A reminder that our chapter dues should be paid by the end of January. Please send your check for \$15.00 with any updated information so your name will remain on our chapter roster.

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](http://www.saguarostitchers.org), also has a link to access forms.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members with birthdays in January and February

#### **JANUARY**

Sharon Cranmer  
Sharon Lockhart  
Arlene Altman  
Carolyn Rick  
Pat Carpenter  
Johanna Salman

#### **FEBRUARY**

Charleane Boyles  
Dorothy Messinger  
Janet Faulkner

### **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](mailto:newsletter@saguarostitchers.org).



# JEWLED VALENTINE<sup>©1992</sup>

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## MATERIALS:

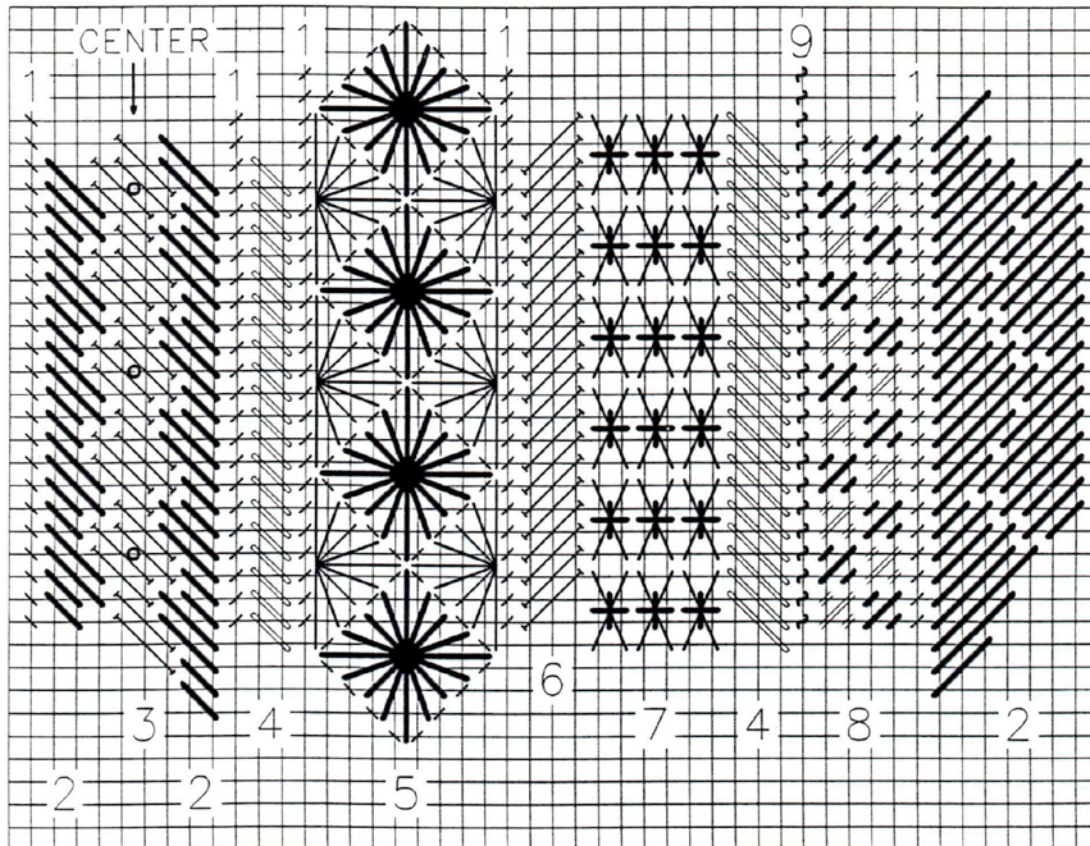
9" x 9"—# 14 Mono Canvas; Bars to fit

1 card each—Overture™ V56 & V57, Flair F502,  
Neon Rays™ N20 & N09, Fyre Werks™ F38,  
Cresta d'Oro™ C25 & C60,  
Pebble Perle™ P61

Heart can also be made with all red and white  
fibers from Rainbow Gallery.

The different symbols on the chart are meant to  
show fiber changes only.

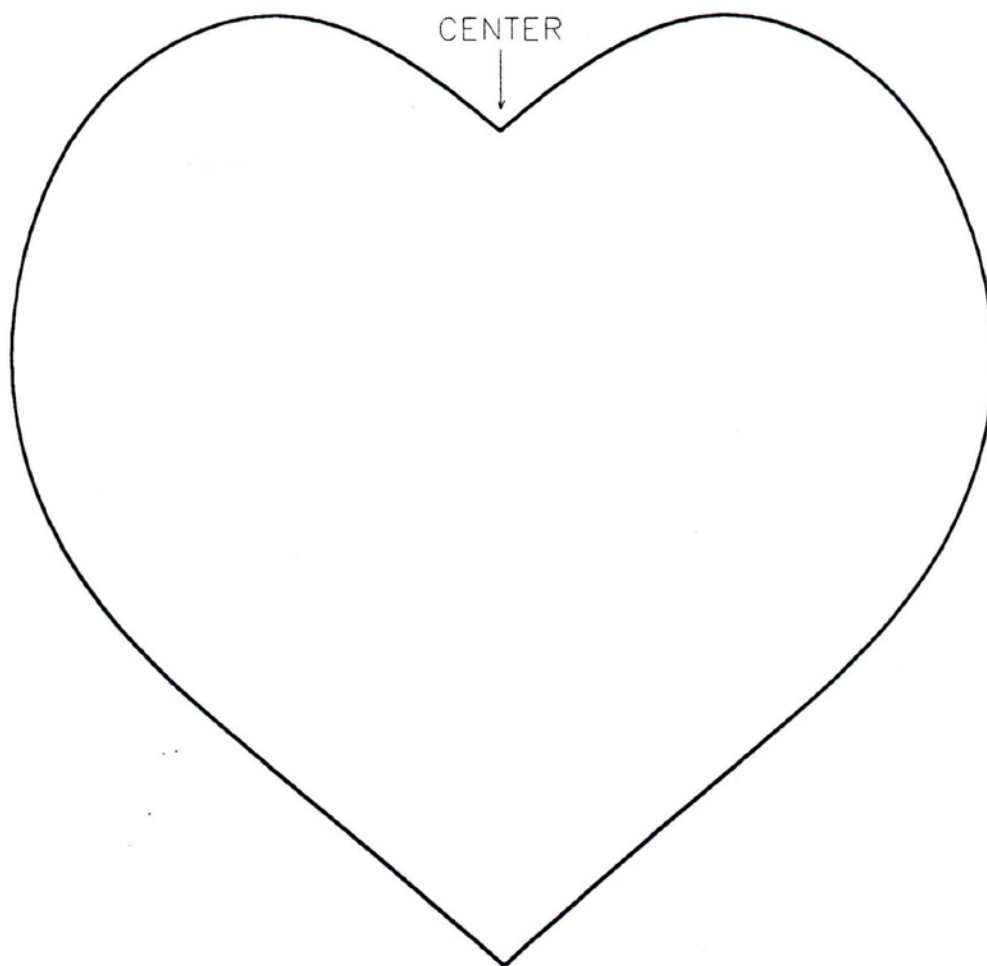
- Outline heart shape on canvas from template on  
back page.
- Use parts of Overture V57 and V56. Do not use the  
turquoise, yellow, green and orange. Cut these  
out.
- Mirror chart to the left of the center motif.



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## AREA

1. Overture V57 (Red Heart)
2. Overture V56 (Macaw)
3. Cresta d'Oro C60 (White Pearl) with circles showing French Knots in C25 (Violet).
4. Neon Rays N09 (Purple)
5. Half Eyelets are Overture V57, full Eyelets are Overture V56 with French Knots in the center in Cresta d'Oro C60. Outline around full Eyelets with Cresta d'Oro C25.
6. Neon Rays N20 (Red)
7. Long crosses are Overture V56, upright crosses are Cresta d'Oro C60.
8. Double lines are Pebbly Perle P61 (Orchid), heavy lines are Fyre Werks F38 (Red).
9. Flair F502 (White)



**FINISHING**—Cut heart shape out of cardboard, fleece and velvet. Snip and fold velvet around cardboard. Glue in place. Lay fleece on top of cardboard. Then lay needlepoint on top and hand stitch in place folding under to match shape of heart. Twist favorite threads to make braid. Hand sew in place around edge. Make tassel and attach to bottom of heart. Add loop of braid at top for hanger.

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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](mailto: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 74<sup>th</sup> St, and it is accessible from Scottsdale Road or Shea Blvd. The telephone number is 480-596-6559.