



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



NEXT MEETING

Mar 19, 2020
Apr 16, 2020
May 21, 2020

Faith Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
801 E Camelback Road
Phoenix, Arizona
10:30am – 1:00pm

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi, There!

We have now survived 5 weeks of quarantine, or as some have described it, stitchcation. I hope all of you are healthy and have avoided Covid-19. I have not heard of anyone in our group having this disease.

We are cancelling our May meeting, and hopefully will resume meeting the 17th of September. Be sure and mark your calendars! Show and Tell should be exciting, I am sure we are all taking advantage of this time to catch up and start new projects.

As many of you know, Seminar 2020 has been cancelled. I personally am not surprised, but I am disappointed. Imagine setting up a classroom for 24 students following the social distancing requirement of 6 ft. apart.

I thank our local shops for the services they have provided us during this pandemic. They have been on the front line providing us with online/phone ordering, curbside pickup and shipping our needed supplies to us. Hugs to you all!

I look forward to seeing you again this Fall. Until then, stay home, stay well and stitch on,
La Verne

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

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

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 – Jan Prestin

First of all, I want to thank everyone who took part in "Hearts for Hospice". The Greater Kansas City Chapter said they were delighted to receive 17 "beautifully stitched" hearts, as their supply was extremely low, and will be most happy to receive 4 more. Again, thank you for donating your time and threads for such a wonderful project!



Summer Project-

Kathy Rees has designed a needlepoint star to share with all ANG members- some of you may already be stitching it. It's found on the ANG website under Stitch of the Month (SOTM 2020).

Using great graphs, fun stitches, your choice of colors and threads, the star is worked in 8 sections, starting with January 2020's SOTM thru August 2020's SOTM, with background stitches to follow. Maybe this could be a companion in colors to go with "Winter Scenery", or two colors that just say "try me together". Just have fun with it- we look forward to seeing them in September.



Stitch of the Month 2020-Setup Designed by Kathy Rees

I combined my love of stars and stitches to create this design. My goal is to introduce different stitches and threads to a new needlepointer and to provide a fun to stitch design for the seasoned stitcher. Although I only used two colors (red and blue) for my star, you could make your star monochromatic or use multiple colors. Use my thread choices, choose your own, or raid your stash. I do suggest using a stranded thread for the background.

The design size is 144x144 threads, 8x8 inches.
I used a 12x12 piece of 18ct eggshell canvas and the following threads:



Reds:

Editor's Note: I attached a pdf file of the setup in the same email as the newsletter --- just to get you started.

LOCAL SHOPS!

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

\$20.00

Please make checks payable to: Saguaro Stitches

Please mail to: Kate Morgan
601 E. Paradise Lane
Phoenix AZ 85022-2524

If you can't remember if you paid, email Kate at kate.morgan@gmail.com to confirm.

Don't forget to renew your National dues when you get your reminder. They are due during the month that you originally signed up for membership.

EDITOR'S LETTER

I have been reading my way through the pandemic and not stitching much. I find it difficult to concentrate and disconcerted to find how much I am affected by circumstances. I have been reading and enjoying some new needlework books along with truckloads of mysteries. Warning: some of these are not needlepoint or counted thread.

Willing Hands, the Counted Thread Embroidery of Betsy Morgan has the most charming collection of patterns for stitching accessories, caskets, needle books, scissor fobs, etc. I have my eye on 'virgin queen's stitching wallet.' I like the simplicity of the folded design of the wallet and the lovely embroidery for the outside. A blackwork needlebook and octagonal thread winders are included and a scissor fob. The whole is folded into the wallet which is 3" by 6". A gorgeous book from Inspirations in Australia. The instructions and charts are beautifully drawn and the photography is first-rate.

Embroidered Country Gardens is by Lorna Bateman and published by Search Press from the United Kingdom. This is a lovely book of ideas for surface embroidery and these ideas can also be translated into needlepoint. I can see painted canvases embellished by the miniature flowers and plants from this book. The photography is beautiful, and a pattern sheet is included. Ms. Bateman has included several common garden flowers with stitch suggestions to complete them in a realistic manner. The book includes a section on techniques and materials as well as a section on embroidery stitches.

I find it a refreshment to dip into stitching books of all kinds. And usually, after an idle hour spend looking at, or actually reading, stitching books, I am motivated to get back to my current projects.

All the best to all of you, your newsletter editor, Charlotte Wells