



SAGUARO STITCHERS

AUGUST 2025

2025 Meeting Dates:

9:30 – 10:00 Social
10:00-10:30 Meeting
10:30-1:00 Stitching time

August 21 **
September 18
October 16
November 20
December 18 ***

**Summer Stitching
***Holiday Party

Presidents Message:

As we all know, summer is REALLY (HOT) here and it is a good time to stay inside, start a new project; finish up a UFO or simply sit and touch threads and think about what you want to do next. Enjoy this time – the holidays will be here soon enough.

Just a couple of reminders:

- Hearts for Hospice – we will be forwarding those for finishing and distribution; it is important that we get those canvases YESTERDAY! Please bring to the September chapter meeting.
- Thanks to everyone helping to set up tables/chairs for the monthly meeting. While John (our church contact) helps with this when he is available, we cannot count on that being the case and we need help to set up the room. We are responsible also to return the room as we find it, so your help in doing this is greatly appreciated. Please do not injure yourself – we can make it work.
- We will start our “Sock Drop” donation basket in September and continue through our December meeting. New socks – men’s, women’s, children’s are desperately needed, and this is a small way we can help those in our community.
- Any thoughts on the previous holiday event idea (see previous newsletter)? Does the sock exchange sound like fun? Do you have another idea? Please let us know – also, we need a coordinator for our holiday event – sign up now!
- August 21st is an open stitching day – good time to work on those projects and catch up with friends,
- Please consider volunteering to serve on the nominating committee – this year we need to elect a Secretary and VP of Programs. Also, please consider volunteering for one of those important chapter positions. Feel free to talk with LaVerne or Kate to see what those positions entail if you are interested.
- We are starting a new chapter project in September (see information from Kate). Come prepared to have a good time.
- Our “Mini Stash” table has been great – let’s keep it going – all proceeds go the chapter.
- Here’s hoping to see a table full of Show-n-Tell in September.

Vicki



August Birthdays

Sara Garland

Chapter Contacts:

President:

Vicki Morrison

VP – Programs

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Secretary

La Verne Walters

Treasurer

Jan Prestin

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Sandee Crane

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Programs

Greetings, Fellow Stitchers

*** As always, please read all instructions before starting.**

**** Also send me a text or email if you are not at a meeting to sign up for a particular project you would like to do.**

- If you forget to sign up for a project, then please email me at least 2 weeks in advance to let me know. This ensures I have enough materials for everyone.

June through August - Summer Program Challenge

There is no official Summer Challenge but some are stitching the Art Deco Tree from a previous issue of *NeedlePointers* magazine.

Editor's Note: I found this blog that has some stitching information about the Art Deco Tree with pictures:

<https://brendasneedlepointstudio.blogspot.com/2025/03/art-deco-tree-updated-31325.html>

Teal-licious Project

For those who have been working on this program, please bring your project to share with summer meeting participants. We plan to take pictures of our pieces during the September meeting.

Sept and Oct Program - Foldable Ort Box

Our Fall project will be a foldable ort box. **Please let Kate know if you are participating.** Kate.morgan@gmail.com

More info on program requirements and change in length will be sent in the September newsletter.



NOTICE: The following information IS ONLY FOR PROJECTS FEATURED IN *NeedlePointers* magazine.

The design *Adagio* is NOT included in the Archives of any magazines as it is a copyrighted teaching piece of designer, Debbie Rowley.

Printing a paper copy from the digital *NeedlePointers* magazine if you do not have your hardcopy magazine, the pattern is available online at the ANG website <https://needlepoint.org> under the Membership tab where all magazines are archived. Click on *NeedlePointers* and on the following page Click Here to View Archived NP Copies (you must login for access as this is a member only link). Online copies are in 5-year groups. Once you have the magazine open, arrow to the right until you get to the page(s) you want to print. You, of course, can change colors and stitch from your stash for any of the designs in the magazine.

SAVE THE DATE - Debbie Rowley 2026

Dates of our class will be **Monday and Tuesday, February 16 & 17**. The Registration Form is further down in the newsletter, If you would like to see ***Adagio*** details and find more information about our teacher, go to Debbie's website at <https://debbeesdesigns.com/classes/adagio/>





Sunshine Committee

Sandee Crane is the Sunshine Committee contact.

If you know of someone in our chapter who in need of a little sunshine, a good word, even a pat on the back, recently lost a loved one, or has developed a serious illness and could use our thoughts and encouragement, please contact Sandee with the name and address information so she can send them a card.

Sandee Crane



National Dues \$60/year

Please log onto the ANG website for payment details.

Payment of National dues is required before chapter dues are processed.



Saguaro Stitches Chapter Dues

Chapter dues are \$25.00 per year and due by December 31st. Dues are not prorated.

Please make your **check or money order payable to Saguaro Stitches** and give it to Jan Prestin or mail to:

Jan Prestin
9040 E Cedar Waxwing Drive
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248-7466

ANG News

<https://needlepoint.org>

The **Quarterly Stitch** by Denise Beusen, **Ottoman Triad II**, is now available.

Remember, each stitch guide will only be available for a limited time before it's replaced by the next Quarterly Stitch project.



- Stitch of the Month lessons for *Gift Boxes* designed by Marilyn Heazlewood will be released on the first business day of every month, allowing members to follow along with the project.



Announcements

• **Mini Stash Table** You are welcome to bring some of your stash to the meeting. Please price it. If the items do not sell, you must take them home. All proceeds go to the Chapter for operating expenses.

• **Holiday Sock Drop** please remember to bring a pair of new socks to each meeting. These socks will be given to a charitable organization at the end of the year. Socks can be any size for men, women, or children.

• **Arizona Needlearts Show Save the Date**

April 14-26, 2026

Information and Instructions

- This is only an exhibit – there will not be any judging, though People's Choice ribbons will be awarded.
- Exhibitors must belong to an Arizona chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, the American Needlepoint Guild, the Smocking Arts Guild of America, or the International Organization of Lace.
- **Entry forms will be available both online and downloadable by January 15, 2026.**
- Entry fees: \$7.00 for the 1st item and \$5.00 for each additional item. There is no limit to the number of entries per stitcher. If you volunteer as a docent for the show (3 contiguous hours), your first exhibit item is free (a \$7.00 value).
- We will only accept items for which we have an entry form and payment by March 15, 2026. Checks should be made payable to Starlight Stitchers. You may also use PapPal (there is a \$1 processing fee): starlightstitchers@gmail.com
- Be sure to fill out all fields marked REQUIRED or your entry is not complete. For more information, contact Starlight Stitchers at starlightstitchers@gmail.com. Organized by Starlight Stitchers of the Embroiderers' Guild of America.
- Drop-in only – no mailed items. Items MUST be dropped off at HD South on April 13th and MUST be retrieved on April 27th. Items will not be accepted prior to or after the listed drop-off date. One person may drop off/pick up items for a group.
- Only hanging items can be accepted. Items must be ready to hang.
- All items are entered at the owner's own risk. Items for EGA Members Only are covered by EGA's insurance.

- **2025 Workshops** Sponsored by BALDY VIEW CHAPTER; open to EGA/ANG members
Contact Pat Correze immediately if you are interested in taking any of these classes
egangcorre@aol.com Your share of teaching fees will be added to the amount you owe when class size has been determined. Pat will have pictures available of these projects.
 - **October 22-28, 2025 Toni Gerdes GHOSTS ALLOWED FOR ALL CLASSES**
 - Wednesday & Thursday, October 23 & 24 - *Peng Ling Panda* Kit fee \$195
 - Friday & Saturday, October 25 & 26 - *Holiday Candles* Kit fee \$215
 - Sunday & Monday, October 27 & 28 - *Pacific Northwest Tunic* Kit \$150
- **2026 Workshops Updated Information**
 - March 7-8, 2026 Nancy Cucci: *Hearts Galore* 2 days, Ghosts allowed.
 - **April 15-20, 2026 Janet Casey**, 5 pilot classes. No ghosts.
 - April 15-16 W/R, *Creepy Candles*
 - April 17 F, *Jingle*
 - April 18 S, *Hot Choc* ½ day, *Heart Ribbons* ½ day,
 - April 19-20 N/M, *Ornamental Delight*
 - **October 21-25. 2026 Toni Gerdes**, Ghosts Allowed.
 - October 21-22 R/F, *Northwest Tunic*
 - October 23 S, *Noel*
 - October 24-25, N/M, *Bob the Bedazzled Bison*
 - **Jennifer Riefenberg**: TBD

Upcoming Events

2025 EGA National Seminar

November 12-16, 2025

Needlework Faire

Dallas, TX

Registration is open to all and closes on August 15th. <https://egausa.org/event/ega-national-seminar-2025/>

2026 SAVE THE DATES:

2026 Saguaro Stitchers Class

February 16-17, 2026

Debbie Rowley – *Adagio*

2026 ANG National Seminar

July 18-23, 2026

Stitching on the River

Denver, CO

Local Needlework Shops

BeStitched Needlepoint

Lisa Kessler

8658 E Shea Blvd, Suite 175

Scottsdale, AZ 85260

thegirls@bestitchedneedlepointshop.com

480-991-0706

Family Arts

Julie Elder

5555 N 7th St, Suite 144

Phoenix, AZ 85014

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Old Town Needlework

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7128 E 5th Avenue B

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oldtownneedlework@gmail.com

480-990-2270

2026 AZ Needlework Show

April 14-26, 2026

HD-South Gilbert Historical Museum

10 S. Gilbert Rd

Gilbert, AZ

Quail Run Needlework

Susan Barlow

7704 E Doubletree Ranch Rd #125

Scottsdale, AZ 85258-2461

quailrunneedlework.com

480-551-1423

The Attic Needlework

Jean Lea

1837 W Guadalupe Rd

Mesa, AZ 85202

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480-898-1838

***Confirm the hours of operation for each location.**



Class Registration / Ghost Opportunity / Non-Chapter Members

Teacher/Class Name: Debbie Rowley – “Adagio”

Class Date/Time: February 16 & 17, 2026 – 9am-4pm each day (Mon & Tues)

Class Location: Parish Hall, Faith Lutheran Church

801 E Camelback Rd., Phoenix, AZ 80154

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

**\$50 Deposit must
accompany this registration,
this deposit is non-fundable**

ANG Member #: _____ Please check one: Ghost: _____ Non-Chapter Member: _____

Total class fees: \$100-\$125 class fee (TBD) + \$140 kit fee = ~\$240 to \$265

If you desire to “ghost” this class, you are required to send in the registration form and \$50 deposit. Ghost participants will be responsible for their portion of the class fee. You will be provided with the final class fee amount after registration closes. Final payment is due for the class fee and the kit fee by November 1, 2025. Your kit will be provided AFTER the in-person class is complete.

If you desire to participate in this class as a non-Saguaro Stitchers attendee, there is an additional \$35 fee to register, or you may choose to join the chapter by paying the annual chapter dues (\$25). Please indicate on the registration form which option you are choosing. The Saguaro Stitchers membership form is also in this communication.

Additional class details and class etiquette guidelines will be provided prior to the class via email.

Registration will close on October 1, 2025. Class size is limited to 24.

CANCELLATION: If you cancel your registration after January 1, 2026, the class fee will not be refunded.

Due at time of registration: \$ 50.00 non-refundable deposit (additional fee if applicable).

Check #: _____

Make check payable to: **Saguaro Stitchers**

Mail your deposit and registration to: Jan Prestin

9040 Cedar Waxwing Drive

Sun Lakes, AZ 85248-7466

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Membership Form

Saguaro Stitchers Chapter

American Needlepoint Guild 

Date: _____

Name: _____ DOB (month/day) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Check One:

____ New Member ____ Renewal ____ Plural (List Primary Chapter) _____

ANG Membership Number (if Renewal): _____ (You must be a paid member of ANG to become a member of Saguaro Stitchers. You may join ANG at needlepoint.org)

Chapter Dues: (Paid Annually) \$25.00

Date Paid/Check Number/Cash: _____/_____

Please make checks payable to:

Saguaro Stitchers

Mail check to:

Sandee Crane

16923 W Alvarado Drive

Goodyear, AZ 85395-2310

Meeting 3rd Thursday of the month at 10am – Faith Center at Faith Lutheran Church,
801 East Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 80154