



SAGUARO STITCHERS

DECEMBER 2025

2025 Meeting Dates:

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

December 18
Holiday Party

2026 Meeting Dates:

January 15
February 19
March 19



December
Birthdays

Pat Klute

Nancy Noyes

Roxxi Benedict

Diane Robinson

Presidents Message:

It was so good seeing everyone at the chapter meeting. We are gearing up for our holiday lunch and Sock It to Me exchange (please make sure you read Jan's email about the lunch sign up).

I just returned from Thanksgiving in Minnesota – and yes, there was snow. It was snowing when we arrived (3-hour delay getting there, necessitating an Uber trip to my sisters because it was so late), and it was snowing heavily upon leaving (2 de-icing trips, and 3 hours on the tarmac) before taking off – actually I was thinking we were not leaving at all that day (it was night when we finally lifted off).

There is a time limit for ordering your box lunch. Also, if you were at the chapter meeting and have decided to participate in the gift exchange, we have specially decorated bags for that purpose. If you forgot to get the bag, there will be some available at the December meeting – just bring your sock exchange item and we will give you the bag and then place on the exchange table. It should be fun to have all the exchanges look the same – nothing like being surprised when we all learn what's inside. As always, participation in the box lunch and the gift exchange is optional – and if you decide not to do that, we want you to come and just enjoy being with friends and getting into the spirit of the season.

We are working on programs for next year and if you have any ideas on what you feel would be good, let any of the board members know. We want to make 2026 a fun and informative year. We will install our new officers at the upcoming meeting. Thank you, Kate and Marilyn, for their commitment to our chapter.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our chapter member Nancy Noyes for sharing her stash with us, what a fun way to acquire some very special items. We are very fortunate to have members who are willing to share not only their time and expertise, but their personal treasures. I'm sure we all "found" things we just had to have – thank you again Nancy for your generosity to our chapter.

See you soon – think about sharing a holiday Show 'n Tell -

Vicki

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Programs

September - January Program – Ort Box with a Twist

Our Fall Project continues this month.

What to bring:

Your printed stitch guide. This has been sent to each of you (it does require color printing) please print and bring with you. If you need a printed copy, there is a charge of \$5. Please let Kate know – AHEAD of time – if you need a printed copy and it will be ready for you at the meeting. We are not making additional copies “just in case.”

Normal stitching tools

Frame stand if you desire.

Lighting if you need it – it must be battery operated.

Project timeline:

December: the bottom square is the remaining square we will work on. It is important that we have all the squares complete so that we can move on to the construction of the box and then the lining at our January meeting.

January: after surviving the holidays and stitching all the squares we will work on the box assembly and review the lining instructions.

A word of caution when stitching – it is vital that your counting is “spot on,” if it is not, the borders and finishing will not work.

*** 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.**

(408) 828-2942 this is a California area code and is correct

kate.morgan@gmail.com

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.

From the November meeting T’n’T project Making Cording from Embroidery Floss - Tiny Modernist

<https://www.tinymodernist.com/> This is primarily a cross-stitch page but there are more finishing tutorials that will apply to your canvas projects.



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Debbie Rowley 2026 Workshop

Dates of our class will be **Monday and Tuesday, February 16 & 17**. Registration has closed.



ANG News

The Quarterly Stitch is
SUNwear by Ellen
Emanuel



Login to the ANG Website. Remember, each stitch guide will only be available for a limited time before it's replaced by the next Quarterly Stitch project—after which the previous design will return to the vault. Don't miss your chance to download them while they're available!

- Stitch of the Month lessons for *Gift Boxes* designed by Merrilyn Heazlewood



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.

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

2026 Workshops **Updated 11/10/2025** Sponsored by BALDY VIEW EGA CHAPTER; open to any stitcher. **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.

❖ **March 7-8, 2026, Nancy Cucci:**

Hearts Gone Wild, 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 Sa, *Hot Chocolate Santa* ½ day,

April 18 Sa, *Heart Ribbons* ½ day,

April 19-20 Sn/M, *Ornamental Delight*

❖ **July 11-12, 2026 Margaret Bendig**, two 1-day classes. Ghosts allowed.

July 11 S, Baroque

July 12 Sn, Cluck-Cluck frame weight

❖ **August 28-30, 2026 Jennifer Riefenberg**, Ghosts Allowed.

August 28 F, project to be selected

August 29-30 S/N *Heron*

❖ **October 21-25, 2026 Toni Gerdes**, Ghosts Allowed.

October 21-22 R/F, *Northwest Tunic*

October 23 Sa, *Noel*

October 24-25, Sn/M, *Bob the Bedazzled Bison*



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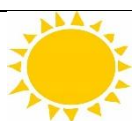
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\$25 per year and payable by December 31st. Dues are not prorated. Please make your check or money order payable to ***Saguaro Stitchers*** and give it or mail it to:

Jan Prestin
9040 E. Cedar Waxwing Drive
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Sunshine Committee

Sandee Crane is the Sunshine Committee contact.

If you know of someone in our chapter who is 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
386-503-4393

Save the Date

2026 SAVE THE DATES:

2026 ANG National Seminar *Stitching on the River*

July 18-23, 2026

Denver, CO

You can preview the [2026 ANG Seminar Classes](#) on YouTube here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di8wwUp8ZTk&ab_channel=ShirleyChin

2026 AZ Needlework Show

April 14-26, 2026

HD-South Gilbert Historical Museum

10 S. Gilbert Rd

Gilbert, AZ

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



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 (due December 31st) ____ 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:

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16923 W Alvarado Drive
Goodyear, AZ 85395-2310

Meeting 3rd Thursday of the month at 10am – Faith Center at Faith Lutheran Church,
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