



SAGUARO STITCHERS

JUNE 2025

2025 Meeting Dates:

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

June 19 **
July 17 **
August 21 **
September 18
October 16
November 20
December 18 ***

**Summer Stitching

***Holiday Party



June Birthdays

Vicki Morrison
Shelly Gutierrez
Marilyn Evans



New Member
Mary Beth Gittings

Presidents Message:

It was so good seeing everyone and sharing our annual taco lunch – if you were unable to attend, we missed you and you missed a good time. To our members who have traveled back “home” or are getting ready to depart our “summer” temps, safe travels and we look forward to seeing you this Fall. Drop us a line and let us know what you are doing this summer and be sure to send some photos our way so we can see all those great projects that we’re sure you will be bringing to Show ‘n Tell in September.

A few items of note:

- If you are donating your stitched heart to *Hearts for Hospice*, we need it to be returned NOW – these need to be sent for finishing and distribution – please get it to Jan Prestin quickly.
- It’s time to form a nominating committee, the positions of VP Programs and Secretary are up for chapter election. Both positions are a 2-year term beginning in 2026. We need a nominating committee to handle this important duty-please let anyone of the Boar members know if you can help with this. Also, please let any of the board know if you are interested in either position.
- Beginning in September we are asking that each member bring a NEW pair of socks – men’s, ladies, children’s, to the chapter meetings each month for the remainder of the year. Socks are the most requested items in shelters. This is a very easy way for us, even as a small group, to help in our community. We will donate all the socks collected after our December meeting. We will have a basket at each meeting – drop in the socks and know you are helping those in need.
- **NEEDED** – volunteer to coordinate our holiday event. Instead of trying to find the latest and greatest tool, or something special for the gift exchange, let’s think about having a sock exchange-you know there are some cool socks out there and wouldn’t it be fun to have everyone who participates show off their new fashion item (that could be a great photo to send to National). Think about it-something new, different, and fun. If you have an idea, we would love to hear it. Let’s talk about it!



- 1 Flip a Coin Day
- 2 National Rocky Road Day
- 3 National Egg Day
- 4 Hug Your Cat Day
- 5 World Environment Day
- 6 National Yo-Yo Day
- 7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
- 8 Best Friends Day
- 9 National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day
- 10 National Ballpoint Pen Day
- 11 National Corn on the Cob Day
- 12 Red Rose Day
- 13 National Kitchen Klutzes of America Day
- 14 Monkey Around Day
- 15 Smile Power Day
- 16 National Fudge Day
- 17 Eat Your Veggies Day
- 18 International Picnic Day
- 19 National Martini Day
- 20 Ice Cream Soda Day
- 21 International Yoga Day
- 22 National Chocolate Éclair Day
- 23 National Pink Day
- 24 Swim a Lap Day
- 25 Take My Children to Work Day
- 26 Beauticians' Day
- 27 Sunglasses Day
- 28 Paul Bunyan Day
- 29 Camera Day
- 30 Social Media Day

Presidents Message continued:

The registration form for the 2026 Class – Debbie Rowley *Adagio* is at the end of this newsletter. We are excited to have this world-class teacher with us in 2026. Get your registration completed and sent so you don't miss out!

I spoke about a new (at least, new to me) stabilizer which I have been using to back my needlework projects. The photo is included in this newsletter.

Roadrunners Needlers is having a retreat, and you will find information on that. Space is limited and they have been in the registration process since March, so if you are thinking about attending, NOW is the time to sign up. Space is limited, don't delay.

Come stitch with us this summer – same place, same time. We have our stitching room from 9-1; feel free to bring lunch. Enjoy the opportunity for some great stitching time with friends. We will have our “mini stash table” and our Show ‘n Tell area even though we will not have an actual chapter meeting until September.

Enjoy the summer, stay cool, and get those projects ready for our September Show ‘n Tell.

Vicki

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La Verne Walters

Treasurer

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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.**

June through August - Summer Program Challenge

There is no official Summer Challenge BUT - If you would like to join the unofficial summer challenge, pull out your *Needle Pointers* Magazine from last Nov/Dec 2024 called Art Deco Tree. The project is proudly displayed on the magazine cover and presented on pages 38-61. If you have a stash of sparkly threads, this project is for you. A lovely piece to remind us of cooler weather during the hot summer of Arizona. **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

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 Sept meeting.

Sept and Oct Program - Foldable Ort Box

Our Fall project will be a foldable ort box. You will need interlock 18ct canvas - 12x16". If you have any of this canvas in your stash, earmark it for this project. I will have a supply of white canvas for anyone who sends me a reply to the email I sent out on March 23rd.

You can also use 18 count mono canvas, but the box will not fold as easily as using interlock. Just be aware that the white canvas will show through parts of your stitching. More details to come.

Printing a paper copy from the digital magazine if you do not have your hardcopy magazine, the pattern is available online at the ANG website needlepoint.org under the Membership tab where all magazines are archived. Click on *NeedlePointers* and on the following page Click Her 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 page 38. You, of course, can change colors and stitch from your stash.

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 on our teacher, go to her 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.

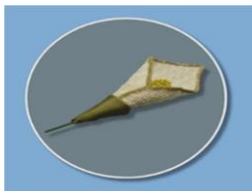
Please make your **check or money order payable to Saguaro Stitches** and give it to Jan Prestin or mail to:

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

ANG News

The **Quarterly Stitch** by Rozelle Hirschfelt, **Calla Lily**, 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.

• **LAST CALL! Roadrunner Needlers ANG is inviting you to a Summer Retreat.** July 30-August 2 at AZ House of Creative Retreats, 24246 N. 43rd Avenue, Glendale. A \$75 non-refundable deposit due on signup will hold your place. Full payment is due by June 24th. A Registration Form with details and price is further down in the newsletter. Contact Diane Robinson for more details at 623-262-2710

• **2025 Workshops** Sponsored by BALDY VIEW CHAPTER; open to EGA/ANG members **Contact Pat Correz 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.

○ **July 26-27, 2025 Margaret Bendig GHOSTS ALLOWED**

• *Celebrate, Patriotic Sampler Kit* fee \$90

○ **September 11-14, 2025 Jennifer Riefenberg GHOSTS ALLOWED**

• September 11-12, *Magical Colors* kit fee (2 colorways) Kit fee \$125 for 1 colorway \$200 for both colorways

• September 13-14, *Midnight Embrace* Kit fee \$110

○ **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 fee \$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**



Registration for the **Seminar Exhibit** is now open! Showcase your needlepoint creations alongside fellow enthusiasts and enter your favorite piece for a chance to win ribbons and awards in a variety of categories. Want expert feedback? Add a written critique from one of our Exhibit judges for just \$25.

Categories include Original, Adaptation, Independent Project, Painted Design (with or without Stitch Guide), Class Project, and Group Entries.

Deadline to register: June 27th – don't miss it! Registration form is available on the ANG website.

Seminar-New Orleans Chapter Merchandise  **Deadline EXTENDED!**

The New Orleans Chapter is excited to offer **exclusive merchandise** for all Seminar attendees! Items are now available for **pre-order and mail order**—just complete the form below to reserve yours.

Kindly ensure that you complete the form below with your full contact information, including your email and phone number. If you are selecting a mail order option, please be sure to include your complete shipping address.

Thank you in advance for your attention to these details! If you have any questions about the merchandise, please reach out to Anne Gibson at annegibson441@gmail.com.

Deadline extended until June 30.

[Pre-order & Mail-order Form](#)



This adorable Pelican frame weight is a **limited-time exclusive** and will also be **available for purchase at the Seminar**—don't miss your chance to grab one!

Upcoming Events

2025 ANG National Seminar

"Ghosts, Legends & Treasures"

New Orleans, LA

August 19-24, 2025

Registration for classes is closed. Registration for the Seminar Exhibit is open and will close June 27th.

"Laissez les bon temps rouler - Let the Good Times Roll"

<https://www.needlepoint.org/page/2025Seminar>

2026 ANG National Seminar

Stitching on the River

Denver, CO

July 18-23, 2026

2025 EGA National Seminar

Needlework Faire

Dallas, TX

November 12-16, 2025.



Registration is open to all and closes in August.

<https://egausa.org/event/ega-national-seminar-2025/>

Local Needlework Shops

Bestitched Needlepoint

Lisa Kessler

8658 E Shea Blvd, Suite 175

Scottsdale, AZ 85260

thegirls@bestitchedneedlepointship.com

480-991-0706

Family Arts

Julie Elder

5555 N 7th St, Suite 144

Phoenix, AZ 85014

familyarts@familyartsaz.com

480-277-0694

Old Town Needlework

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7128 E 5th Avenue B

Scottsdale, AZ 85251-3237

oldtownneedlework@gmail.com

480-990-2270

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7704 E Doubletree Ranch Rd #125

Scottsdale, AZ 85258-2461

quailrunneedlework.com

480-551-1423

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1837 W Guadalupe Rd

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480-898-1838

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



Class Registration - Chapter Members ONLY

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**

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

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. 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**

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: _____ Date of Birth (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): _____

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

ROADRUNNER NEEDLERS SUMMER RETREAT



JULY 30 – AUGUST 2, 2025

AZ HOUSE OF CREATIVE RETREATS

Check-in 10:00 a.m., July 30th

Check-out 10:00 a.m., August 2nd

\$200 for overnight (3 nights lodging, 7 meals included)

\$125 for day stitchers (6 meals included)

\$75.00 non-refundable deposit due at time of registration. Balance due no later than June 24th. No refunds after June 24th. Cancellations after June 24th will not be refunded.

Meals will be provided and cooked by Diane Robinson. Cleanup after meals will be done by Attendees. Please check the meals for which you are willing to clean up the kitchen/dining area.

Make checks payable to **Roadrunner Needlers** and mail Registration to Diane Robinson 10709 W. Welk Dr. Sun City, AZ 85373 or give it to her at a chapter meeting.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

☐ **Overnight Stitcher**

☐ **\$75 Deposit**

☐ **\$125 Balance due**

☐ **\$200 Payment in Full**

☐ **Day Stitcher**

☐ **\$75 Deposit**

☐ **\$50 Balance Due**

☐ **\$125 Payment in Full**

DAILY MEAL CLEANUP

☐ **Lunch Wednesday**

☐ **Brunch Thursday**

☐ **Brunch Friday**

☐ **Breakfast Saturday**

☐ **Dinner Wednesday**

☐ **Dinner Thursday**

☐ **Dinner Friday**

SHOW & TELL – From May 2025 Meeting

Stitched by Jill Borge



← Rainforest Rhythm design by Kathy Rees

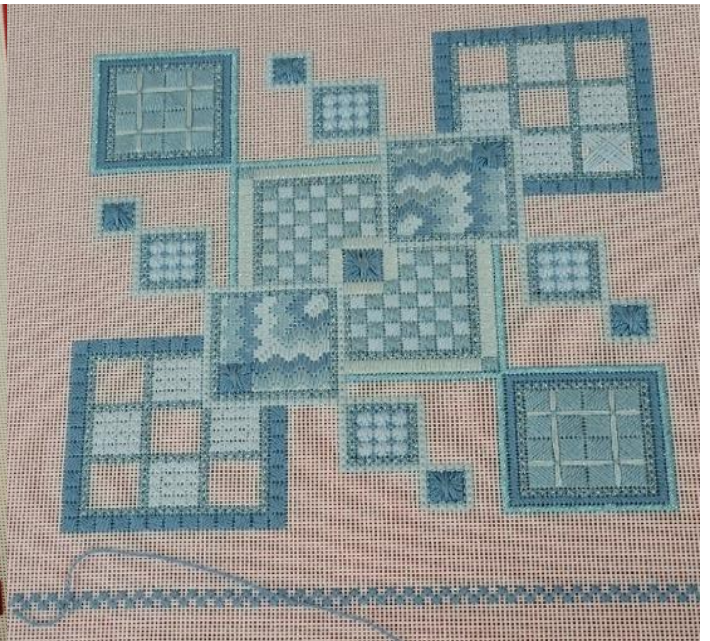
Flower design by Machele Somerville



Chapter Project Teal-licious design by Freda Murfin and stitched by Vicki Morrison and Kate Morgan



(L) Vicki Morrison on 24 count



(R) Kate Morgan on 18 count

Vicki uses this stabilizer product for her embroidery

