



# SAGUARO STITCHERS

MARCH 2026

## 2026 Meeting Dates:

March 19  
April 16  
May 21\*  
June 17\*\*  
July 16\*\*  
August 20\*\*  
September 17  
October 15  
November 19  
December 17\*\*\*

\*Annual Taco Lunch

\*\*Summer Stitching

\*\*\*Holiday Party



## March Birthdays

**Carla Hamilton**

## Happy St. Patrick's Day



## *Notes from Vicki*

So good to see all of you – and welcoming three new stitching friends was awesome. We look forward to having them be a part of our chapter.

Hats off to Peggy Johnson for making Instagram work for us – very exciting.

Our “Adagio” class with Debbie Rowley was great. Debbie is a very calm influence which enabled all of us to feel comfortable during the class. It’s a beautiful piece with some challenging stitches, and I feel we all learned some new “tricks” in making those stitches come together. Special “thank you” to Jan Prestin for the detailed registration work and participant communication; Kate Morgan for “logistics” in making sure Debbie was taken care of; Shelly for her totally awesome “angel” skills. We had a good time.

We have a committee who will be researching a visiting teacher in the future. LaVerne Walters, Nancy Noyes, and Jill Borge welcome any ideas you may have on techniques you would like to learn, a teacher you feel would be a good choice for our group and any other input you might have. Feel free to connect with them.

We will be approving the budget at the next chapter meeting; copies will be available for review prior to the meeting. Being good stewards of our funds is important to the health of the chapter, and we want all chapter members to be comfortable with what is being planned and our financial health.

We are starting a new chapter project this month, please remember to bring your normal stitching supplies as we will start after the chapter business meeting. If you were not able to sign up at the meeting, contact Kate Morgan **NOW**. In 2026 we are only providing kits to those signed up – **NO additional kits will be available.**

Don't forget the Needlework Show in April – it would be wonderful to have our chapter participate and show our support for the needlework community. Register a piece(s), sign up to volunteer, take in the adjacent quilt show and museum, visit downtown Gilbert for lunch. Make a day of it!

Enjoy this beautiful weather and keep those needles flying.....

*Vicki*

## Chapter Contacts:

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## Programs

- **March/April/May program** is ***Festive Fireworks*** from the 2017 July *NeedlePointers* magazine. It is on pages 13-21. The kit fee is \$10. If you don't have access to a printer contact Kate Morgan immediately. There is an additional \$3 charge for her to print you a color copy. If you did not sign up at the February meeting you must also contact Kate by March 5<sup>th</sup> to request a kit. The deadline is firm and there will not be extra kits. Instructions for printing the instructions from the Archives is below. You can of course, kit this yourself in your own selected colors.
- **June/July/August Summer Stitching** program is a ***Scissors Fob***. Kits will be available for \$12 each. After we stitch this, the finishing technique will be taught.

**\* 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](mailto: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.

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

**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. Click on the 3 dots for the dropdown list and choose "print". You, of course, can change colors and stitch from your stash for any of the designs in the magazine.

## ***ANG Independent Learning***

New Independent Learning Projects will be launching on 4/1/26! Be sure to watch for more details.

Sign up—**registration will be open from 4/1/26 through 4/30/26.**

<https://www.needlepoint.org/page/IndependentLearningHome>

***Saguaro Stitchers has an Instagram page!***

The name of the page is **saguarostitchers** It just doesn't get any simpler than that. We are here:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/DTlekz3EuVD/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=NTc4MTlwNjQ2YQ==](https://www.instagram.com/p/DTlekz3EuVD/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=NTc4MTlwNjQ2YQ==)

## The Quarterly Stitch



- ◆ **Folding Ort Box** by Marilyn Owen is now available. 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!

- 2026 Stitch of the Month



The 2026 Stitch of the Month files, "**Beard of the Month**" designed by Janet Zickler Casey are now available. This year, instead of stitching a 12-part charted design, we will explore 12 different patterns or ideas for creating a rich and sumptuous beard for the jolly old soul or any other man that you might be stitching.

## 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. **You must take your unsold items home!**
- **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 Arizona Needlework Show** Information and the registration form for the needlework show is now available online at the <https://www.starlightstitchers.org/> The show will be held April 14-25 at the HD South Gilbert Historical Museum in Gilbert, AZ.
- **2026 Workshops Updated 12/23/2025** If you want to participate in any of these workshops **Contact Pat Correz, EGANGCORRE@aol.com ONLY!**
  - ❖ **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/Sn *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*

# Upcoming Events

## 2026 – 2027 SAVE THE DATES:

### 2026 AZ Needlework Show

April 14-25, 2026

HD-South Gilbert Historical Museum

10 S. Gilbert Rd

Gilbert, AZ

Registration forms are available at

<https://starlightstitchers.org>

### 2026 ANG National Seminar *Stitching on the River*

July 18-23, 2026 Grand Hyatt Denver, Denver, CO

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

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di8wwUp8ZTk&ab\\_channel=ShirleyChin](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di8wwUp8ZTk&ab_channel=ShirleyChin)

- **Pre-Registered Members** (*those who pre-registered at the New Orleans Seminar*): Opens **February 23 at 12:00 p.m. EST**
- **All Members Registration**: Opens **March 2 at 12:00 p.m. EST**
- **General Public Registration**: Opens **March 9 at 12:00 p.m. EST**

### 2027 ANG National Seminar *Music City StitchFest*

October 21-24, 2027 Sheraton Music City, Nashville, Tennessee

### Local Needlework Shops

#### **BeStitched Needlepoint**

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#### **Quail Run Needlework**

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