



SAGUARO STITCHERS

NOVEMBER 2025

2025 Meeting Dates:

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

November 20
December 18 ***

***Holiday Party



**November
Birthdays**

**Barbara
Swalley**

Presidents Message:

So good to see all of you! The weather is changing, and we are so thrilled to be back together. The chapter has been busy working on our latest project, and we are also working on our 2026 offerings (more on that later).

This month we will be voting on our new officers for 2026-2027. The offices of Secretary and VP Programs are on the agenda – we are thrilled to announce that Marilyn Evans has agreed to be the new Chapter Secretary and Kate Morgan will continue in the role of VP Programs. The voting for these offices will be at our November meeting with installation taking place in December at our holiday lunch. Thank you to LaVerne Walters for her contribution as our outgoing secretary.

You will be receiving an email with details for the holiday lunch – be on the lookout for that information as it is important so we can plan accordingly.

We have another “TnT” (tips and tricks) for you this coming month! Don’t miss these fun and valuable short programs. If you have one you want to share, we are open to suggestions and having you lead us.

Please remember we are providing socks for the homeless and the donation basket is at each meeting – you can buy a pair of socks for less than a Starbucks coffee. Let’s do our part in this small way in our community.

See you soon – keep stitching, bring those Show ‘n Tell items.

Vicki

Chapter Contacts:

President:

Vicki Morrison

VP – Programs

Kate Morgan

Secretary

La Verne Walters

Treasurer

Jan Prestin

VP – Membership

Sandee Crane

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Sunshine Committee

Sandee Crane

Programs

September - January Program – Ort Box with a Twist

Our Fall Project continues this month. We will work on the side squares (note that they will be the folded squares) and have them complete by the November meeting.

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.”
- \$10 for the canvas (if you write a check make it out to Saguaro Stitchers).
- This project does require a frame – the canvas is 12”x16” so plan accordingly and have the frame assembled and ready to mount the canvas. You need to bring tacks or staple gun.
- Your threads of choice (which are listed on the 1st page of the stitch guide).
- Normal stitching tools
- Frame stand if you desire.
- Lighting if you need it – it must be battery operated.

Project timeline:

- **November:** we will continue working on the squares.
- **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.



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.

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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.

Debbie Rowley 2026 Workshop

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





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

 <p>National Dues annual dues have been increased. Please log onto the ANG website for payment details. Payment of National dues is required before chapter dues are processed.</p>	<p>Saguaro Stitchers Chapter Dues</p>  <p>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 Stitchers and give it to Jan Prestin or mail to: Jan Prestin 9040 E Cedar Waxwing Drive Sun Lakes, AZ 85248-7466</p>
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ANG has some new membership categories that give members greater flexibility and value. These changes reflect the rising expenses as well as ANG's commitment to expand programs, education, and other resources provided.

These changes are available now for new members and renewals. As part of the changes there has been a national dues increase that has three options.

1. Option 1 is \$65 per year and you only get a digital copy of Needle Pointers magazine. All other membership benefits are available to you.
2. Option 2 is \$70 per year and you will get a printed copy of Needle Pointers magazine in the mail as you do now. All other benefits of membership are still available to you.

- Option 3 is to become a Life member in ANG for a one-time charge of \$2,500. You will receive the digital and printed magazine and of course, maintain all the other benefits of membership.

Whether you prefer a digital experience, a printed magazine, or a lifetime commitment, there is an ANG membership that's perfect for you. Unlock all the membership details

<https://www.needlepoint.org/general/custom.asp?page=membership&zs=H5Cog1&zl=lbQQA>

2025 ANG Annual Membership meeting on Zoom, Wednesday, October 29th starting at 11am AZ time. You need to register to attend by October 27th on the national webpage. A link will be sent to you.

The session will be recorded so it will be available for later viewing if you can't make it that day.



2026 Spring Fling registration opens on Monday, November 3rd at Noon EST (10am AZ Time) and closes on November 26th at 3pm AZ time. Information about the classes available will be coming soon. Classes are expected to begin in April 2026.

ANG News

<https://needlepoint.org>

The **Quarterly Stitch** *SUNwear* by Ellen Emanuel 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



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 Faith Lutheran at the end of the year. Socks can be any size for men, women, or children.
- **2026 Workshops Updated 11/1/2025** Baldy View EGA sponsors stitching workshops taught by nationally known designers. Many of these are pilot classes for upcoming national seminars and many were taught at national seminars. Some are held online only through Groups io. Some are in person that allow you to ghost (You pay part of the teaching fees + the kit fee and stitch in the comfort of your home.) Some are in-person classes only that are held in Ontario, CA.

Pat Correze coordinates all these workshops. I list all the upcoming classes in every newsletter. They are open to anyone, no matter your guild affiliation. You do not have to be a member of ANG or EGA to participate, so if you have a stitching friend who does not belong to the guild, they can take these classes.

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.

❖ **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, *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**
 - 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 SAVE THE DATES:

2026 Saguaro Stitchers Class with Debbie Rowley

February 16-17, 2026

Debbie Rowley – *Adagio*

2026 ANG National Seminar *Stitching on the River*

July 18-23, 2026 Denver, CO

- You can preview the [2026 ANG Seminar Classes](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di8wwUp8ZTk&ab_channel=ShirleyChin) on YouTube here
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2026 AZ Needlework Show

April 14-26, 2026

HD-South Gilbert Historical Museum

10 S. Gilbert Rd

Gilbert, AZ

Local Needlework Shops

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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 ____ 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

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