



# SAGUARO STITCHERS

SEPTEMBER 2025

## 2025 Meeting Dates:

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

### **September 18**

October 16

November 20

December 18 \*\*\*

\*\*\*Holiday Party

## **Presidents Message:**

It is HOT enough for everyone? – I've just returned from 14 days in Ireland and England where the average temperature was 72. It was heaven and a very welcome change from our summer heat. Ireland is truly a country of 40 shades of green. Wonderful trip, awesome weather, and wonderful people.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our September chapter meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> –



## **September Birthdays**

**Jan Prestin**  
**Jan Hunsinger**  
**Brenda Dietrich**  
**Mary Mahaffey**  
**Sandee Crane**  
**Stephanie Bergeron**  
**Susan Willis**

- bring those show 'n tell items –
- remember also that we are collecting NEW socks for the homeless and will have a basket ready for donations.
- Please see the details on the chapter project which we are starting at the September meeting – please be ready to start on this after our business portion of the meeting.
- Also, if you have not registered for the February class with Debbie Rowley “Adagio,” now is the time to get your registration submitted.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

*Vicki*

## Chapter Contacts:

### President:

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### VP – Programs

Kate Morgan

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# Programs

## September -Ort Box with a Twist

We will begin our Fall project at our September meeting. If you signed up for this project, please review the information below. **If you were unsure if you wanted to do this project but have decided you want to participate, please contact Kate via email or text immediately as canvas may not be available.**



### 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.” (408) 828-2942 this is a California area code and is correct [kate.morgan@gmail.com](mailto:kate.morgan@gmail.com) **Kate will send the Stitch Guide will be sent to you next week.**
- \$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 1<sup>st</sup> page of the stitch guide).
- Normal stitching supplies
- Frame stand if you desire.
- Lighting if you need it – it must be battery operated.

### Project timeline:

- **September:** baste the canvas per the instructions and start with the pocket squares as directed. You need to have the pocket squares complete by the October meeting.
- **October:** we will work on the side squares (note that they will be the folded squares) and have them complete by the November meeting.
- **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.**

**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.

**\* 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.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> and MUST be retrieved on April 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

- ANG's Cyber Workshops, Correspondence Courses, and Workshops by Mail have been renamed as ***Independent Learning***. Debbie Rowley is leading the exciting changes! More information to come!
- **2025-2026 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](mailto: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. Baldy View Chapter Workshops EGA and ANG Members welcomed. Contact Pat Correze, [egangcorre@aol.com](mailto:egangcorre@aol.com), to register.
  - **2026 Workshops Updated made 8/12/2025**
    - TBD Sue Reed, *By the Wayside*, a Groups io will be set up early in the year
    - TBD Margaret Bendig, two classes are planned
    - TBD Jennifer Riefenberg
    - **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 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*

## Upcoming Events

### 2025 EGA National Seminar

November 12-16, 2025

#### ***Needlework Faire***

Dallas, TX

Registration is open to all and closes on August 15<sup>th</sup>. <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

#### **2026 AZ Needlework Show**

April 14-26, 2026

HD-South Gilbert Historical Museum

10 S. Gilbert Rd

Gilbert, AZ

## Local Needlework Shops

#### ***BeStitched Needlepoint***

Lisa Kessler

8658 E Shea Blvd, Suite 175

Scottsdale, AZ 85260

[thegirls@bestitchedneedlepointshop.com](mailto:thegirls@bestitchedneedlepointshop.com)

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#### ***Family Arts***

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#### ***Quail Run Needlework***

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#### ***The Attic Needlework***

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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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10am – Faith Center at Faith Lutheran Church,  
801 East Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 80154

**Remember** our roster is not to be shared with anyone outside of the chapter. If someone asks for information about a member be sure you have that person's permission to share.

Do not send jokes, political propaganda, or any other things to your fellow members without their permission.

The chapter newsletter editor will send stitching-related content to all members. This information may include web pages, flyers for fiber- and stitching-related events from other organizations not affiliated with EGA, and of course, all information from ANG National. The Editor will have researched to be sure all these things are legitimate resources.