

**Saguaro Stitchers Chapter
American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.
January 2014
Newsletter**



NEXT MEETING

January 16, 2014

February 20, 2014

March 20, 2014

Holiday Inn Express
7350 E Gold Dust Ave
Scottsdale, Arizona
10:00am - 1:00pm

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I wanted to take a minute to wish each and every one of our members a Happy New Year. As I probably will not be at the January meeting, I am leaving everything in Alice's more than capable hands.

The final tally of our donations to St. Mary's Food Bank amounted to \$825.00. This figure included the \$500.00 donation from our chapter and we collected an additional \$325.00 from our members. This donation will allow St. Mary's to provide 5,775 meals to people who would otherwise be doing without. I think we should all be extremely proud of that.

It appears that our proposed Kathy Rees class is not going to happen, as we simply do not have enough participation to make the class financially viable for those who have signed up for it. For those of you who were not at the December meeting, we had a discussion about future classes and how we need to choose and pay for those classes. This is going to be an open topic of discussion at our February meeting, so please come in February with your suggestions, etc. In the past we have been able to pull a rabbit out of a hat at the last minute and it just didn't happen this time.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in February. In the meantime Happy Stitching.

Anne

SAGUARO STITCHERS WEBSITE

Don't forget that we have our very own website, www.saguarostitchers.org. Karen Willett has done a wonderful job organizing and maintaining the website. It contains workshops, projects, newsletters, membership information, as well as links to local needlework shops, and other valuable information. Bookmark the site and check it often!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Daphne Coulter is our Sunshine Committee contact. If any of you know of someone in our chapter who recently lost a loved one, or has developed a serious illness and could use a "Thinking of You" card, please contact Daphne with name and address information so she can send them a card. Thank you, Daphne!

NEED A RIDE TO MEETINGS???

Problems crop up and it's always on meeting day, right? If you need a ride, whether it is occasionally or to all of our meetings, call any of your Board Members. We will do our best to find you a ride. Needless to say, we are getting a bit older and moving just a bit slower, so you need to give us as much notice as possible for the best results. We will do our best to get you there.

PROGRAMS

January 16th, 2014.

The class will discuss different types of beads and attaching beads to canvas and other ground fabrics. Students to bring a doodle canvas/cloth, several types of beads, beading needle and stranded thread (floss or silk). There will be a penguin handout to be bead stitch by student. There are 3 penguins on the handout, to practice what was learned in class. Beaded stitch on 14 count plastic canvas or 14 count perforated paper, this can be a self finishing project.

February 20th:

A Pat Mazu charted project - Uncle Sam's Hat, a top hat ornament stitched in red white, blue and gold. A fun patriotic piece for May to July. Signup sheet at January meeting. Materials list will be emailed after meeting to all who sign up.

March 20th: Charted small piece with 5 colors of floss, design by Margery L. Williams. Can be stitched as a Spring Egg, or as a square for a fob or pin cushion. Model at Jan and Feb meetings with sign up sheet.

Happy New Year with lots of fun stitching.

Alice

A little more about the January 16 Class

This class is a practice on doodle material with beads. There will be several sheets of information on the do's & don'ts on beading and a sheet of diagrams. Discussion and practice.

So I suggest you bring the following items. I will also have a chart for 3 different penguins to stitch on 14 count perforated paper, plastic canvas or ground fabric of your choice. They can also be crossed stitched or needlepointed. These will be stitched at home.

6 x 6 - 18 canvas or Aida; or 14 count plastic or perforated paper; just one type not all;
mounted on bars it will be easier to handle.

Needles - #10 long and short beading needles and #28 tapestry needle if you have one.

Thread - floss or splendor: and if you have it beading thread and nylon thread,

Beads that you have, do not go buy additional, for example:

Sundance #11, Sundance #14:

Mill Hill Seed bead, petite bead, bugle beads any size.

Assorted beads like Delica's, #8, triangle, marguerites, bicones, sequins.

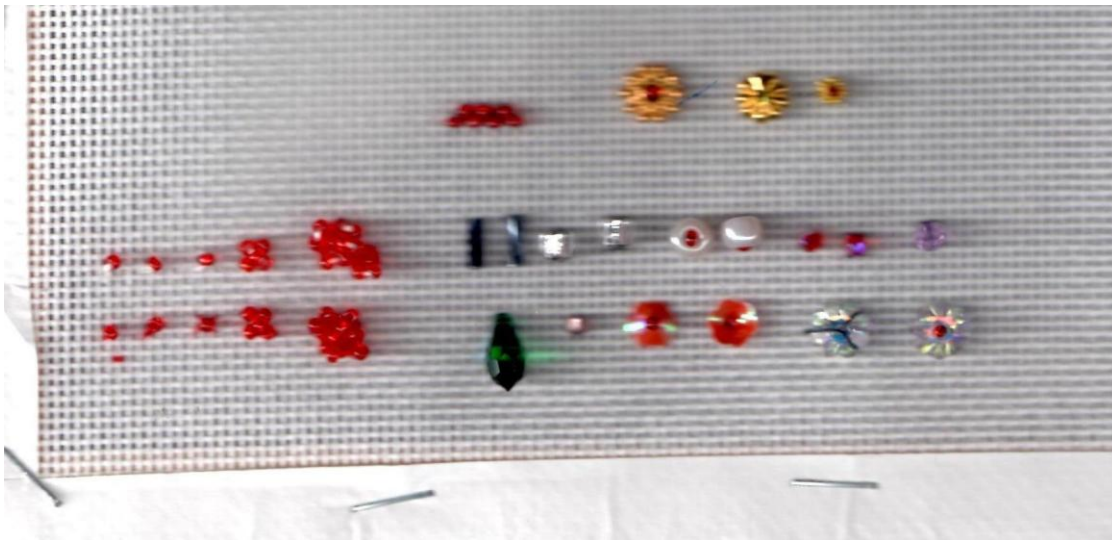
Bead container like tacky bob or similar, if you have it.

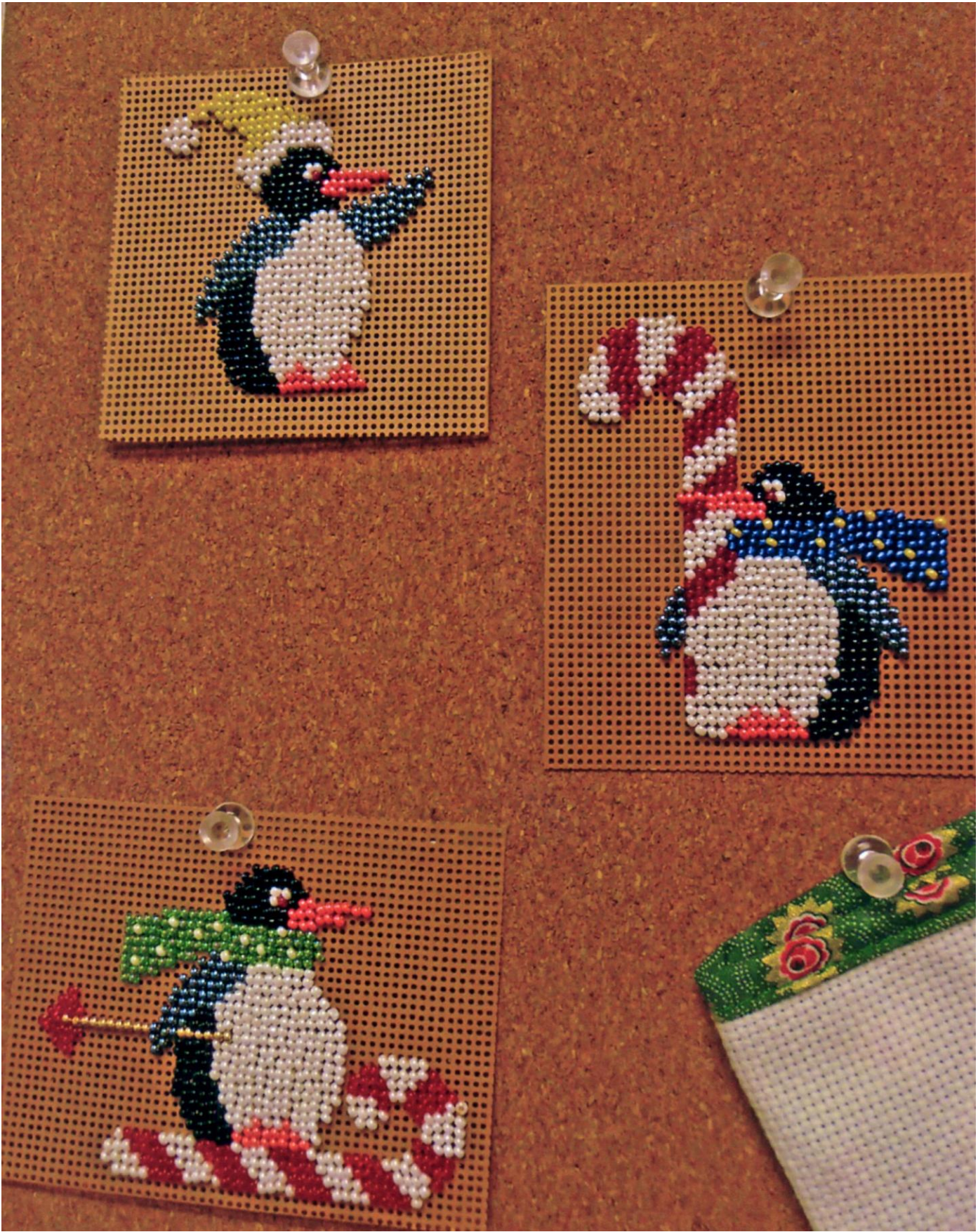
A pair of magnets.

Please print color photo attached for your records,

Happy New Year.

Alice





NATIONAL TEACHER COMMITTEE - CLASSES SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE

Please note that National Teacher Classes require that all participants must be a member of ANG and join or be a current member of Saguaro Stitchers.

No report

MEMBERSHIP: Jan Prestin, Membership, Assistant Treasurer

We're currently collecting dues for our 2014 membership. If you have not yet renewed, please do so in January in order to remain on our Roster. If you are 85 years of age, with 5 years as a Saguaro Stitchers member, your chapter membership is free- just confirm with me.

Please welcome our newest members;

Nancy Chapman
Sun City West, AZ

Pepper Pfeifer
Saddlebrook, AZ

Amy Kirk
Phoenix, AZ

We love adding new members to our chapter, so if you have any stitching friends or relatives who would like to join ANG and Saguaro Stitchers, I will be happy to provide membership information. Our wonderful website, www.saguarostitchers.org, also has a link to access forms.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members with birthdays in January and February

JANUARY
Arlene Altman
Carolyn Rick

FEBRUARY
Dorothy Messinger
Janet Faulkner

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR LOCAL SHOPS!

When you want to see what classes the local shops offer, all you have to do is go to <http://www.saguarostitchers.org/> and click on "LINKS". By clicking on each shop's link, you will be able to see a current list of all classes offered. We are so fortunate to have these great shops! Call the shop directly or check their web sites.

Attic Needlework 480-898-1838

BeStitched Needlepoint (480) 991-0706

Family Arts Needlework Shop 602-277-0694

Old Town Needlework 480-990-2270

Quail Run Needlework 480-551-1423

NEWSLETTER

Not all of our members are able to attend meetings on a regular basis. So, send me a photo of your completed piece along with a note containing your thoughts about the piece (difficulties, changes you made, what you learned, etc.). I know others would love to see your finished pieces and hear what you have to say about them. E-mail Barbara Shaw at newsletter@saguarostitchers.org.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are due NOW! Please fill out the completed form below and send it to Jan (along with your \$15 annual dues) before the end of January. You will be removed from the roster if they are not received by January 31. Thank you in advance if you have already taken care of this.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birthday-Month/Day: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell or Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Check one: New Member: () Renewal: () Plural: ()

Membership Number: _____ Home Chapter (Plural) _____

DUES: Annual Membership

\$15.00_____

Please make checks payable to: Saguaro Stitchers

Please mail to: Jan Prestin
[contact by email at membership@saguarostitchers.org
for mailing address]

For additional membership questions, contact Jan Prestin.

Our meetings are held at the **Holiday Inn Express Scottsdale North**, and our room is available from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The business meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

The address of the **Holiday Inn Express Scottsdale North** is at 7350 E Gold Dust Ave in Scottsdale. It is located on the curve where Gold Dust Ave becomes N 74th St, and it is accessible from Scottsdale Road or Shea Blvd. The telephone number is 480-596-6559.