



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



**NEXT MEETING**

March 20, 2014

April 17, 2014

May 15, 2014

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

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Happy Spring to everyone. It won't be long now until our hot weather is here. I hope you all are planning your summer stitching projects.

We have several things to tell you about: First, please mark your calendars for a change of date in July. We will be moving our meeting to Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at the request of the hotel. Apparently they have a large group coming in and need the space on our normal meeting date. Inasmuch as we have such a lovely place to meet, we were happy to comply with their request.

I have received an email this week that the new Chapter Project Book, which should have been available in January 2013, is finally ready and will be mailed to us the end of March. As soon as we receive it and we can put together a notebook of the projects with pictures for you to see, we will have it available. I'm hoping to receive it in time to have that for you to look at for the April meeting.

We received approximately 12 responses to the questionnaires we sent out. Alice has tabulated them and we will go over the results at the March meeting. The people who did respond definitely want us to continue to bring in out-of-town teachers. With that in mind, we are checking with Carolyn Mitchell to see if she and her husband are going to winter in Phoenix this coming year. As you may recall the last time she was here she had a lovely stained glass piece that a number of people indicated they would like to take. Please let us know if you have any further ideas for classes and we will be happy to explore them.

In addition to Carolyn Mitchell we have been offered an opportunity to buy the patterns for Pam Harding's Serengeti. This was taught at Blue Bonnet this year and was taught at ANG in Anaheim. Pam has offered to make the patterns available to our chapter for the cost of \$30.00 each, unkitted. Should anyone wish to have Pam kit the piece, the cost is \$140.00 each on congress cloth and \$170.00 each on 18 ct. We are considering it for a summer project if anyone is interested. That way both Alice and I would be available to help anyone who has a problem if need be. Here is a link to view the piece. I will have a picture of the piece along with a materials list at the meeting.  
<http://www.needleart.org/Exemplary13/Serengeti.php>

On a personal note, I have been remiss in expressing my thanks to everyone who called, sent email, cards, etc. after my recent knee surgery. All of your good wishes helped me make it through several days which were miserable and it meant a lot to me.

ANNE

## **SAGUARO STITCHERS WEBSITE**

Don't forget that we have our very own website, [www.saguarostitchers.org](http://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**

There have been inquiries by members who are unable to make meetings to be able to ghost the programs. The board has discussed the matter and agreed that we can have ghosts for the classes. The ghost program will work as follows: If there is a program you would like take and are unable to attend that meeting, you or a friend for you, can sign you up and at the meeting when that program will be held you or a friend will pick up your program (chart). There may be an occasion when a chart has a copyright and we are only able to use it for those who attend the class in person.

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 Feb meetings with signup sheet.

April 17th:

Sally's Christmas Lights by Susan Portra for Rainbow Gallery. This is a chart with a light bulb outline tent stitched. There are six suggested model colors and yarn suggestions. There will be 4 stitched models at February and March meetings, with signup sheet. You can use any pattern and any threads to fill these bulbs. They can be stitched on 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24 count canvas by just changing the threads.

May 15th:

Trick or Treat by Cheryl Schaeffer for Rainbow Gallery. This is a fun piece to stitch over the summer in time for fall. The model will be at the Feb, March & April meetings with signup sheet. Threads will be as listed on the chart and then what other threads could be used instead.

Alice

It has been a while since I shared the "Stitcher's Prayer by Mary Dick Digges":

Lord, grant me that I may see to stitch until my dying day. And when my last short thread is clipped and scissors tucked away, The work that I have done live on, That other folk see the pleasure I have known, Lord, in the skill you gave to me.

### **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 currently have 59 ladies for our 2014 membership. An updated roster will be e-mailed to you this month, in pdf format. If you do not receive it, please let me know.

Please welcome our newest member:

Gail Storfa  
Surprise, 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](http://www.saguarostitchers.org), also has a link to access forms.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members with birthdays in March and April

#### MARCH

Mary Ellen Bloomburg  
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## **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](mailto:newsletter@saguarostitchers.org).

PS. I have been the Newsletter Editor for almost a year now and have yet to receive a photo of anyone's completed piece. C'mon gals, share your accomplishments with your fellow stitchers!

