

**Saguaro Stitches Chapter
American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.
May 2014
Newsletter**



NEXT MEETING

May 15, 2014

June 26, 2014

July 17, 2014

August 21, 2014

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

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Happy spring Ladies. As you know our May meeting is the last formal meeting of this year until September. We will have a stitch-in instead of meetings for the months of June, July and August and I would encourage anyone who is in town to come and join us. Bring yourself, your stitching, your cheerful smiles and spend a few hours doing what we all love to do.

You should be receiving a series of emails this week outlining proposed classes which Alice and I have pulled together. The reason we are doing this rather than the teacher committee is that she and I have personal relationships with the teachers we have been in touch with. In addition to the Nancy Cucci and Joni Stevenson classes you will hear about, we are also talking to Carolyn Mitchell, Libby Sturdy and Cheryl Schaeffer. Between all of these, surely we can put together a class or two that everyone will enjoy. Please read the emails carefully as there is pertinent information in all of them with regard to dates, costs, etc.

I would like to remind everyone again of the following dates. Please note your calendars that the June meeting will be the 4th Thursday - June 26th. This is due to a conflict with the hotel who asked us for the change.

Have a wonderful summer everyone. If you are leaving the valley for the summer please have a wonderful summer. For those of us who are staying here, we hope to see you at the stitch-ins.

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

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 copy right and we are only able to use it for those who attend the class in person.

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.

June 26th. July 17th. August 21st.

Our summer dates are for get together to stitch and enjoy each other. Bring your lunch. Also bring a piece you may be having a problem or question with and we can see what ideas will help.

Sept. 18th

Santa is Coming by Cheryl Schaeffer for Rainbow Gallery has been stitched and is being taught by Jan Prestin. This cute piece has a front and back can be an ornament or a tassel topper. The model will be at May and all summer meetings with a signup sheet. Materials list will be sent out the beginning of September.

Have a great summer and Happy Stitching

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.

We don't have any classes scheduled at this time.

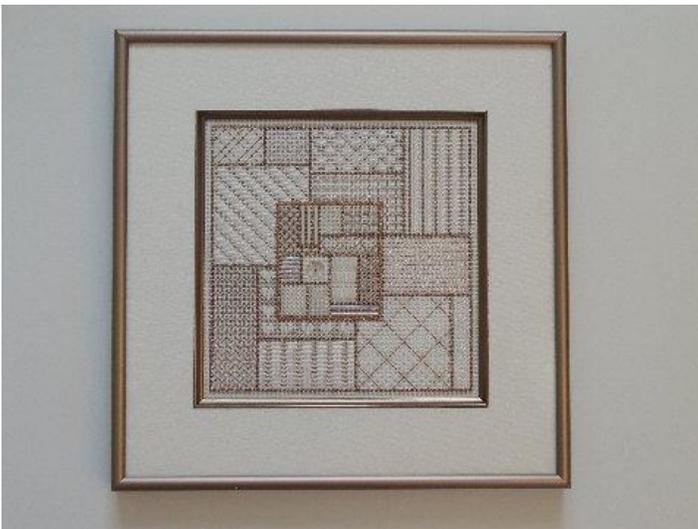
POSSIBLE FUTURE CLASSES AND PATTERNS

Stitches in Sterling Gone Rose – Nancy Cucci

Nancy Cucci, who lives in California, is interested in possibly teaching for us. Her Stitches in Sterling Gone Rose is a lovely piece which is done in silver and rose gold Kreinik on 18 count canvas. This is a companion piece to her Stitches in Sterling. The size is 7 x 7. The kit fee is \$55.00 and the total cost will depend entirely on how many people we get to sign up for it, but we are estimating the cost to be in the area of \$110.00. She will allow ghosts for her classes. Nancy has agreed to stay with one of our members to help with our costs. This is a two day class.

From a personal standpoint I will say that I think Nancy's pieces are a joy to stitch and I am working on one as we speak.

Please notify either Alice Hall or myself (Anne Booher) if you are at all interesting in either of Nancy's proposed classes. On June 1st we are going to send these proposed classes out to other chapters to see if anyone is interested.



My Jeweled Heart – Nancy Cucci

This is a one day class. The piece is 6 x 6 and the kit fee is \$60.00. We estimate the class fee to be approximately \$105.00. Nancy does allow ghosts and she is willing to stay in a member's home to help defray expenses.

As with the other pieces, we are going to release this to other chapters for consideration on June 1st. If you are at all interested, please contact either Alice or Anne prior to that date.



Colorful Crotons – Joni Stevenson

This piece is Joni's new teaching piece and she has requested that we pilot the piece for her, which we would do between March and May of 2015. All the particulars of the piece are on the last page of the attached download. This piece has a number of wonder techniques which will include coloring canvas with coptic markers, learning to do applique on canvas and several other interesting techniques.

We had several comments at the last meeting to the effect that "the colors don't work in my house." I would say that for me personally this is short-sighted. I look at a class piece with an eye to what I can learn from it and I think this particular piece will be wonderful for teaching us things that perhaps we haven't explored.

The kit fee on this piece is \$90.00. There will be no teaching fee since it is a pilot piece and Joni has agreed to stay at a member's home. We will have travel and meal expenses and are estimating the cost at approximately \$125.00...again depending on the number of people who sign up for this class.

On June 1st we are going to release this offer to other chapters to see if they have people who are interested in taking any of these classes. If you are at all interested please contact either Alice or Anne prior to that date.



Patches – Susan Kerndt

Susan Kerndt is no longer teaching but has made her three "Patches" patterns available for purchase. The chapter is going to pick up the cost of one pattern per member. If you would like to have one of these, please email me and let me know. If you want more than one of these patterns, please send your check in the amount of \$32.00 to me no later than June 1, 2014, so that we can place our order with Ms. Kerndt.

Checks should be mailed to:

Anne Booher

[Email to president@saguarostitchers.org to request mailing address.]

Editor's Note: I was unable to copy the images to the newsletter. Please look for a separate email containing the images of the 3 "Patches" designs by Susan Kerndt.

MEMBERSHIP

Jan Prestin, Membership, Assistant Treasurer

Our group now numbers 61, and please welcome our newest member:

Jan Geyer

San Tan Valley, 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 May, June, July, and August

MAY

Deborah Hendrix
Julie Elder
Mary Wren
Nancy Chapman

JUNE

Linda Monahan
Sherrill Beck
Jean Callis

JULY

June Card
Mary Johnson
Sandi Van Winkle
Harriet Clarke, M.D.
Karen Willett
Shirley Burns
Ellen Pearson
LaVerne Walters
Pepper Pfeifer
Mary Louise Eck
Joan Pilsner

AUGUST

Dodie Stoneburner
Joan Michel
Shelly Knuths
Anne Booher
Judy Wells
Lynn Bleakney

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.

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!

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 Stitches

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.