



**Saguaro Stitchers Chapter
American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.
January 2015
Newsletter**



NEXT MEETING

Jan 15, 2015
Feb 19, 2015
Mar 19, 2015

Holiday Inn Express
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Scottsdale, Arizona
10:00am – 1:00pm

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Happy New Year everyone. I'm hoping everyone got a lot of stitching time in during the holidays and you all are looking forward to a wonderful New Year.

For those of you who weren't able to be with us at our Christmas meeting, I would again like to welcome LaVerne Walters, our New Vice-President and Program Chair, and Sunny Yocum, our new Treasurer. Ladies I can't thank either of you enough for stepping up to the plate to assist your chapter.

First and foremost, we have a vacancy on our Board which needs to be filled ASAP. Joan Michel, our Secretary, has resigned effective immediately. We desperately need a replacement. It is a relatively easy job and I am hoping that one of you will step up and take it, at least for the remainder of her term, which expires next December. If you feel you can do this, please get in touch with a Board member.

We have lots of activities coming up. We will be doing Carolyn Mitchell's Echoes of Glass on Friday, February 6th. I hope everyone has their pre-work ready at the time of the class. As you know, Carolyn can't be with us and Alice Hall and I will be shepherding everyone through the class.

Joni Stevenson will be here March 13-14, 2015 to teach her Colorful Crotons. For those of you who have signed up for her class and have not paid in full (which is most of us) your final payment of \$65.00 is due on February 1st. I will be sending email reminders to everyone in the class.

We have a field trip and a color theory class planned at Old Town Needlework in lieu of the April meeting on April 16th. If you have not yet signed up for this class, please contact LaVerne Walters and get your name on the list. The cost for the class, which includes canvas and threads, will be \$40.00, to be paid directly to Old Town. If you have previously taken this class and want to sit in, that will be wonderful; however, the thread selection will be limited to those people taking the class for the first time.

Last but not least, we have Nancy Cucci coming next November to teach Stitches in Sterling Gone Rose. Many, many good things with these classes and our monthly programs.

This January marks the beginning of my last year as President of Saguaro Stitchers. Next November we will hold our annual election and it is not too soon to start thinking about who is going to take my place. I would like all of you to sincerely think about running. Everyone is full of ideas about how things should be done, but everyone backs off when I suggest to anyone that they step up. The chapter won't run itself. ☺

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

Dodie Stoneburner is our new 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 Dodie with name and address information so she can send them a card. Thank you, Dodie!

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

Greetings from your Program Chairwoman!

Happy New Year to All, let's look forward to a new year filled with both old and new projects. What do you have in your stash that you have been longing to begin...or complete? Can you make a list of five (written, of course!) to complete by the end of the year? This is both a fun and challenging way to get some projects out of the way.

In the meantime, we have some projects planned for the coming months.

This month we will be working on a painted canvas donated by Janice of Old Town Needlework, Little Bee. If you have signed up a canvas will be waiting for you on January 22.

February: Jan Prestin will be leading us in an adorable strawberry. There is still time to sign up for this project at the January meeting. Jan has stitched and finished a sample to tempt you.

March is still in the works. Some of you will remember the Pam Papst Angels. I am working on the Shamrock Angel and hopefully will have it completed as well as permission from Pam to lead this project.

I welcome any ideas or suggestions for future projects.

La Verne Walters, Program Chairperson

The board has agreed that we can have ghosts for the program 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 can sign you up. 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.

CLASSES, CLASSES, LOTS OF CLASSES

We are so happy to announce the following classes:

1. Carolyn Mitchell - Echoes of Glass - picture and description attached. Class will be held - 2/6-7, 2015. Cost is \$110.00. \$50.00 non-refundable deposit due on 9/25/14 - final payment due 1/1/15. Pictures of this piece may be viewed either on our web page www.saguarostitchers.org, or on the designer's web page at www.carolynmitchelldesigns.com

NOTE: This class is now full; see Anne or Alice if you would like to be on the wait list.

"Echoes of Glass", by Carolyn Mitchell (signup coming soon)

This three-piece abstract design should be kept long, as the borders "bite" into each other. It features interrupted glass such as Tiffany, window and Crackle Glass. The simple elements capture the eye drawing it to the center of each square as you scan the overall design. A variety of techniques, 24 different stitches and fibers are worked on Santa Fe/Sage Green 18 count mono canvas. Fibers include ThreadworX, #5 and #8 Perle Cotton, Floss, #4, #8, #12 Braid, Sparkle Rays, Splendor, Flair, and Impressions. It sparkles with the addition of pearls and crystals. The finished design size is 15" by 5.75". There is advance preparation work for this class.

Proficiency level: Intermediate to Advanced

Class: 2 Days

Cost: \$110

Signup available beginning Sep 1st



2. Joni Stevenson - Colorful Crotons - picture and description attached. This is a pilot piece. Class to be held 3/13-14, 2015. Cost \$115.00. 50.00 non-refundable deposit due 10/31/14. Final payment due 2/1/15. Pictures of this piece may be viewed on our web page – www.saguarostitchers.org.

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 in March of 2015. This piece has a number of wonderful 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.



3. Nancy Cucci - Stitches in Sterling Gone Rose - picture and description attached. Class to be held 11/14-15, 2015. Cost \$125.00. \$50.00 non-refundable deposit due 6/15/15. Final payment due 9/1/15. Pictures of this piece may be viewed on our web page www.saguarostitchers.org.

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. 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.



MEMBERSHIP

Jan Prestin, Membership, Assistant Treasurer

We're currently collecting dues for our 2015 membership. If you have not 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 Stitcher, your chapter membership is free, just confirm with me. Our chapter dues are still \$15.00 a year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members with birthdays in January and February

JANUARY

Arlene Altman
Carolyn Rick
Johanna Salman

FEBRUARY

Jan Geyer
Dorothy Messinger
Janet Faulkner

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 had a link to access forms.

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/](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 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.