



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



**NEXT MEETING**

*Nov 19, 2015*

*Dec 17, 2015*

*Jan 15, 2016*

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

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This is my last letter to the chapter as President of Saguaro Stitchers and all joking aside, I have very mixed emotions. I have watched our Chapter grow and come so very far from where we were four years ago and I am proud of our accomplishments. I am grateful to have been a small part of that growth. I look forward to new and wonderful things happening with our Chapter and watching us continue to evolve as we go. I have been asked to stay on the teacher committee and I am more than happy to do that.

On a less somber note, we had a really terrific class with Nancy Cucci this weekend. Those of you who didn't get there missed a wonderful teacher and a great time. Despite her injuries from a horrific car accident a few short weeks ago and still being on a walker, Nancy was a trooper and from all the feedback I got, everyone had a wonderful time.

Please remember that we have elections in November and our Christmas party in December.

On our agenda on Thursday will also be the Carolyn Mitchell class – On the Edge. We started with 12 people signed up for the class. We are now down to 10. If anyone else is interested now is the time to let me know, as we are currently on the fence as to whether this class is going to happen. If it is not, we need to be released from our contracts with both the hotel and Carolyn immediately, so a decision will be made on Thursday.

We have many more and interesting things in the pipeline that your Board is working on, so stay tuned. It is only going to get more exciting.

I want to thank each and every one of the Board members who have worked so hard the past four years and made my job so easy.

Lastly, from my family to yours I would like to wish everyone in the chapter a blessed and joy filled holiday season – from Thanksgiving right on through the New Year.

Again, it has been my honor and privilege to help guide this group for the past four years and I want to thank each and every one of you for that.

**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**

Dodie Stoneburner 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 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**

The Nancy Cucci Workshop this past weekend was a huge success! Nancy is not only a wonderful teacher, but a lovely sharing woman. We learned a lot and had a lot of fun. Many thanks to Ann for arranging this workshop.

This month Alice will be teaching a Pat Mazu stocking. Jan mailed a supply list to those who had signed up earlier this month. If you will not be at the meeting, please arrange to have someone pick up your instructions. December (can you even believe it is quickly approaching?) will bring our Christmas party and gift exchange. Please bring a new gift in the \$15.00 range. Your gift should also be stitching related. Bring your own lunch; dessert will be provided.

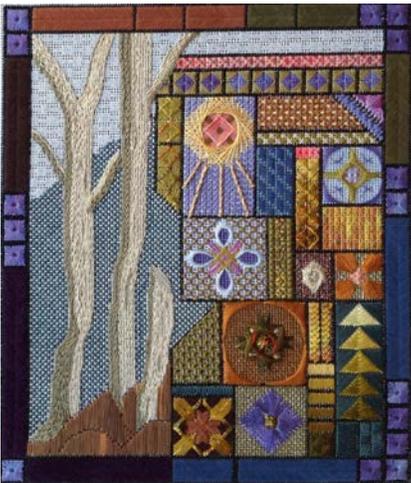
With the coming of the New Year, we are planning an exciting stitching year. Fun projects await you. We will begin with "Jeaninne's Windmills". This was postponed from October.

Happy Thanksgiving to all, La Verne Walters

## POSSIBLE CLASSES

Carolyn Mitchell will once again be in the Phoenix area in late January/early February of 2016. She has a new class she is making available to us if we are interested in taking it. It is called ON THE EDGE and depicts man encroaching on nature and was inspired by artist Lawren Harris and by Frank Lloyd Wright. The class will be in the \$100.00 range. As you know because of the Canadian tax laws we cannot pay Carolyn a teaching fee, but we do pay her lodging and meals for the time she is teaching for us. Her patterns usually run about \$60.00 and you provide your own materials.

If you are interested in taking this class, please email me at [president@saguarostitchers.org](mailto:president@saguarostitchers.org) and let me know so that we can get a head count. I did tell Carolyn we would make a final decision at the October meeting.



For those of you who were not at the September meeting, Kurdy Biggs of Threedles, has agreed to come and teach Elegance Cubed for us in 2016. She is going to put some available dates together and we will have those at our October meeting. This will be a 2-day class and will include finishing techniques. The cost will be approximately \$100.00.

If you are interested in taking this class, please email me at [president@saguarostitchers.org](mailto:president@saguarostitchers.org) so that we can put you on the interest list. We will make a final decision on the class at that time.

Additionally, we are pursuing the possibility of doing Kurdy's Merry Christmas Bells as a chapter project and are pursuing the cost of the charts. As with Elegance Cubed, please respond to me via email so we can make a decision.



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## **MEMBERSHIP; Jan Prestin, Membership, Assistant Treasurer**

Please welcome our newest member- Janice Sterling.  
Janice brings our membership to 65.

December is time for renewing our chapter memberships, so I'll be sending everyone an email reminder before that month's meeting.

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 also has a link to access forms.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members with birthdays in November and December

### **NOVEMBER**

Nancy Russell  
Daphne Coulter  
Nicole DeLaurentis  
Mary Hynek  
Carol Roberts

### **DECEMBER**

Amy Kirk  
Paula Burchenal  
Barbi Sherman  
Carmen Puckett  
Patricia Klute  
Candy Hitchcock  
Nancy Noyes  
Charlene Goodman  
Cherry Leger

## **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).

