



**Saguaro Stitchers Chapter
American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.
January 2016 Newsletter**



NEXT MEETING

Jan 21, 2016

Feb 18, 2016

March 17, 2016

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

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A Happy, Safe New Year to everyone. We have several months of Spring ahead before our hot Summer weather sets in. My stitching plan for the summer is to work through my UFO's. Some of them only need a few hours and they would be complete.

We have fun classes coming up for January through May. La Verne will have models on display at our meetings. January is a project from the ANG project book. February is Hearts, what else would we want to stitch in February. March is Threedles' Merry Christmas Bells. This will be a class that goes from the end of meeting until 4pm, please bring your lunch. For all who stay for the class a 7" x 9" green canvas will be available. And in May - La Verne is working on a surprise, we will have to see if she is ready to tell us about it.

We have paid for the room for the year, as we did in 2014. At the last few meetings there was some confusion regarding the room size, this has been sorted out.

We have received several suggestions regarding visiting teachers and this information has been given to Visiting Teacher Committee. We had a great time with visiting teachers in 2015 and hope that 2016 will be as interesting. We already have Kurdy Biggs scheduled for Thursday and Friday October 6-7, 2016. She will be teaching her "Elegance Cubed" and the finishing of the cube. It should be a fun, interesting class. Please see color photo and signup sheet at meeting.

Please use our chapter website to find out what is happening. We will put the information and color pictures, when available, regarding the monthly programs, as well the visiting teachers classes. For those of you who can't always attend meetings, but want to stitch a project we suggest that you have a friend sign you up. Then on the date of the program that same friend can pick up your chart. Please let myself or La Verne, Program Chair who will pick up your chart.

We would like for members to use the Chapter web page to post finished projects with information, like a show and tell. They should send those pictures to webmaster@saguarostitchers.org and Karen will put them on the website.

On a personal note it is my honor to have been elected to serve as President and you know me well enough that you can always call or email me, with ideas and/or concerns. Together we can go forward and have a full and fun year.

Happy Stitching
Alice

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 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

PROJECTS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Saguaro Stitchers has many fun and exciting projects for 2016. Much time has been spent my many planning for the first half of the year. We do hope you are all as excited as we are for these projects:

January	*Jeannine's Windmills	Jan Prestin
February	**A Heart Within A Heart	La Verne Walters
March	Kurdy Biggs, Bells	Alice Hall
April	Stash Sale Fundraiser	Members and Guests
May	End of the Year Event	Members and Guests

* This program was rescheduled from last year. Jan has sent a picture and supply list to those who had signed up for this class.

**Sign up sheets will be available at the January meeting.

I would like to invite all of you who have signed up for the project to stay after the meetings to get additional tips and techniques about the project and enjoy stitching with friends. If you are not signed up for the project please stay and stitch away!

Happy New Year,
La Verne Walters, Project Chairman



Jeannine's Windmills January Class



Heart February Class



Kurdy Biggs' Christmas Bells (March class) – class is full

VISITING TEACHERS

Kurdy Biggs October 6-7, 2016.

Elegance Cubed by Kurdy Biggs. This class will help you with the Jean Hilton stitches and with beading on canvas. On the second day of the class we will learn how to do the finishing on the cube. A very interesting class and one we can learn a lot from.

Your Visiting Teacher committee is working on more visiting teacher classes for 2016 and 2017. (Information supplied by Alice Hall).

ELEGANCE CUBED



Designed by Kurdy Biggs

MEMBERSHIP:

Jan Prestin, Membership, Assistant Treasurer

Please welcome our new members:

Cheryl Anderson

Toni Kochevar

A reminder that our chapter dues should be paid by the end of January. Please send your check for \$15.00 with any updated information so your name will remain on our chapter roster.

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

Dianne Wilson

Arlene Altman

Carolyn Rick

Johanna Salman

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/](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

Barbara Shaw, editor

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.

