



**Saguaro Stitchers Chapter
American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.
March 2017 Newsletter**



NEXT MEETING

Mar 16, 2017

Apr 20, 2017

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

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Good Morning Stitchers,

We had a wonderful class at Walking the Water's Edge. We are looking forward to our class with Debbie Rowley later this month. Our new Visiting Teachers Committee is busy with several ideas. They hope to have interest sheets for us to choose from at our March meeting.

At our February meeting it was suggested and agreed that the items discussed at our monthly meetings will be included in our newsletters. This would keep members who are unable to attend to know what is planned. Now that we have the room from 9am to 5pm the Board is looking into activities that might be of interest to members in the afternoon. We certainly could have our regular meeting, bring or order in lunch and spend an afternoon of stitching.

All ideas are welcome.

The hotel information for our April and May meetings listed in our January newsletter has changed as that hotel is now under renovations.

NOTE: April and May meetings will be held at Hampton Inn, 16620 N Scottsdale Road. 480-348-9281. Directions are as follows:

-101 Take the Frank Lloyd Wright exit west to Scottsdale Rd (where Frank Lloyd Wright becomes Bell Rd. Take the 2nd left past Bell and Scottsdale Rd. Located behind Tilted Kilt Pub.

- 51 north to Bell Rd, take Bell Rd. to Scottsdale Rd. The hotel is located on the SW corner of Bell and Scottsdale Rd., behind the tilted Kilt Pub.

- 17 Bell Rd. east, go nine miles to Scottsdale Rd. The hotel is on the southwest corner behind the Tilted Kilt.

For those of you taking the Libby Tree #3class, Libby is including the red sequins and the Sundance yellow beads no. 202. You will not need to purchase these when you buy your materials for the class.

President's Message (cont.)

Seven Reasons for Buying Another Needlework Project: By Gavilan Hills & The Needle's Eye.

1. It keeps without refrigeration; you don't have to cook it to enjoy; you never have to feed it, change it or walk it.
2. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
3. It insulates the closet where it is kept.
4. It provides extra weight in the car trunk for traction on snowy roads.
5. If you keep it under the bed, it won't have far to collapse in an earthquake.
6. It is our patriotic duty to support the cotton farmers, textile mills and needlework shops.
7. If you ever finish a project, you can support a finisher or framer, too.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have any ideas, questions or concerns.

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 – LaVerne Walters

March 16: You guessed it! Finishing the February ornament is on the books. As always, if you did not do the project, you are welcome to the finishing class.

April 20: We will begin a Christmas Tree by Libby Sturdy. The total cost of the kit is \$25.00 to members. The kit includes a line drawing of the tree and instructions. Supplies are not included. The kit is normally \$35.00, Saguaro Stitchers is paying \$10.00 towards the kit and shipping costs.

May 18: Work on the Libby Sturdy tree with embellishments. The lesson will be attaching a cabochon to canvas with beads. A few other beading techniques will be covered. Again, if you choose not to do the tree you are welcome at the beading portion of the class.

HEARTS FOR HOSPICE

The Greater Kansas City Needlepoint Guild has been supporting 3 local hospice facilities with a "Hearts for Hospice" program. The staff selects a heart for the door of a recently deceased patient as a reminder for those in the area that this family may need quiet, and then for the family to take home as another reminder of their loved one. Some of our Saguaro Stitchers and others have been supporting them by sending hearts, too. As of this time, our final donation will be in June 2017 (at which time Nancy plans to hand deliver.). The hearts do not have to be finished, and per the request of the facilities, they should not have religious symbols on them. One of the facilities does like butterflies on theirs. If you want to participate, practice some new stitches, etc., please join us, and direct your questions to Nancy Russell (nancy.russell@usa.net) or Carla Hamilton.

VISITING TEACHERS

Sandi VanWinkle and Carol Roberts have graciously offered to replace Anne Booher for arranging classes with visiting teachers. They are working to line up some upcoming classes in the Fall of 2017 and Spring of 2018. More information will be given at the meeting.

3/17-18 - Sonata with Debbie Rowley - This class is now full and registration is closed. Class will meet at the Holiday Inn Express (our usual meeting place) Friday and Saturday, March 17 & 18, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jan Prestin, Membership, Assistant Treasurer

We have 65 paid members for 2017-2018. Those members who have not renewed will now be deleted from further emails and newsletters, so please send a check if you wish to remain a member – we hate to lose you!

We love adding new members to our chapter, so if you have any stitching friends or relatives who would like to join Saguaro Stitchers, I will be happy to provide membership information. Our wonderful website, www.saguarostitchers.org, also has a link to access forms.

Please welcome our newest members- Arlene Howard and Judith Nelson.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our members with birthdays in March and April

MARCH

Charlotte Wells
Terry Klebba
Judith Nelson
Mary Ellen Bloomburg
Carla Hamilton
Jean Bennett

APRIL

Alice Hall
Elizabeth Tischner

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

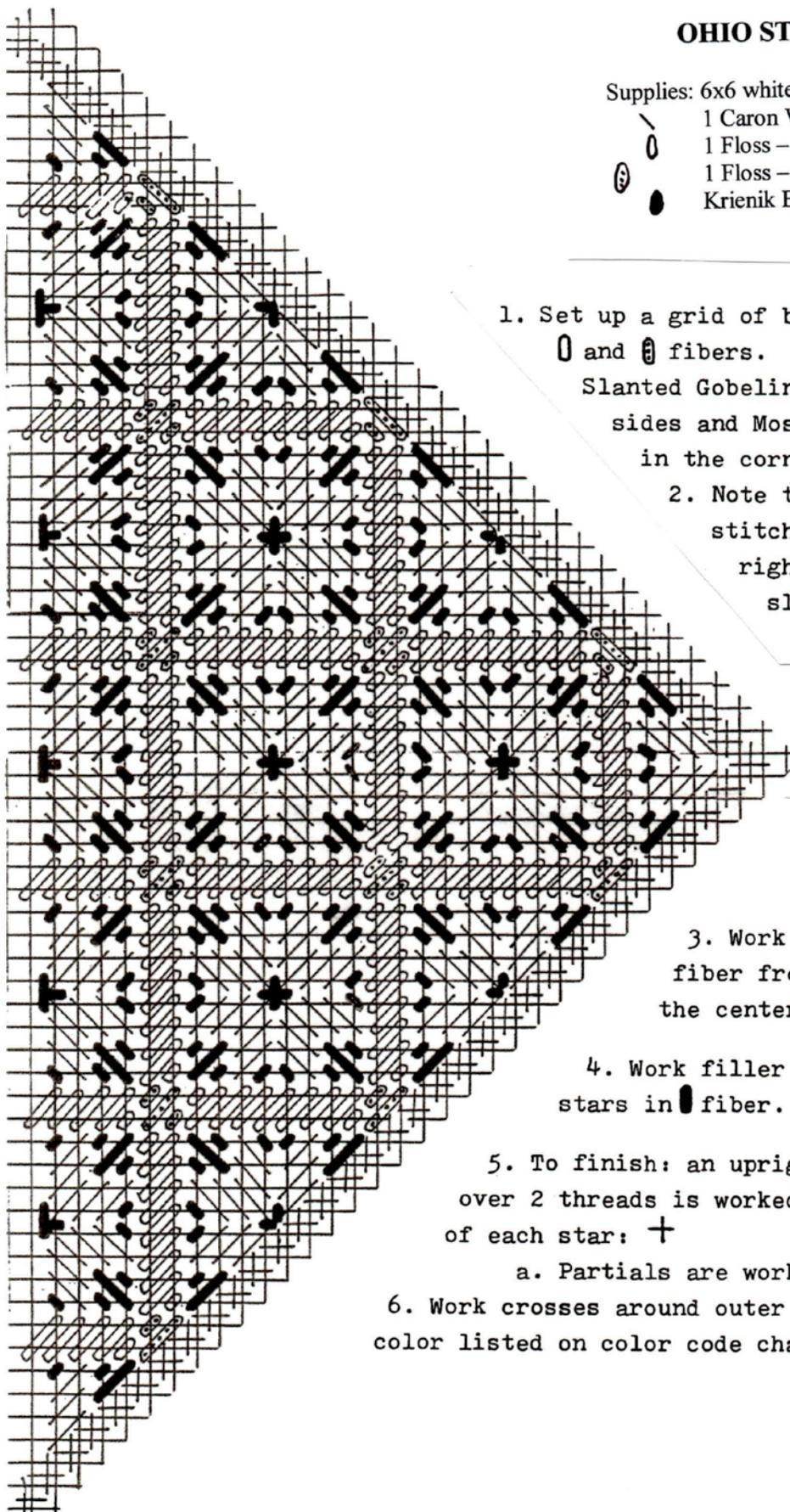
Barbara Shaw, editor

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.

OHIO STAR ORNAMENT

Supplies: 6x6 white canvas (3 1/2 ornament)

-  1 Caron Watercolor
-  1 Floss - light color
-  1 Floss - dark color
-  Krienik Braid #12 (3 yards)



1. Set up a grid of boxes, using  and  fibers. The stitches are Slanted Gobelin:  along the sides and Mosaic:  stitches in the corners.
2. Note that the Mosaic stitches along the top right and lower left slant in the opposite direction.

3. Work Stars in the  fiber from the outside into the center of design.

4. Work filler stitches around stars in  fiber.

5. To finish: an upright cross stitch over 2 threads is worked in the center of each star: 

a. Partials are worked on the edges

6. Work crosses around outer edge in floss color listed on color code chart.