



**Saguaro Stitches Chapter
American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.
November 2017 Newsletter**



NEXT MEETING

[Nov 16, 2017](#)

[Dec 14, 2017](#)

[Jan 18, 2017](#)

[Holiday Inn Express](#)
[7350 E Gold Dust Ave](#)
[Scottsdale, Arizona](#)
[10:00am - 1:00pm](#)

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Good Morning Ladies and Gentleman:

How did it get to be November, I am nowhere ready for the holidays. Have just finished and packed up my 50 items for the Breast Cancer Auction.

At this month's meeting on November 16th, we will need to vote for our new officers. Nancy Chapman has retired as Secretary, we appreciate and thank her for the great job. I am leaving the job as President. Barb Shaw is retiring as the Newsletter Editor, she has done a terrific job. We also thank LaVerne Walters, Program Chair, for all the work she has done to bring us interesting and fun programs.

We have volunteers as follows: President - Charlotte Wells. Secretary - LaVerne Walters, Newsletter Editor -Nita Rosemann. We need a member(s) who would like to be Program Chair, this is a one year commitment as it is midterm for this office. Interested members should contact Carmen Puckett or myself. We will also take nominations from the floor. The new officers will be installed at the December meeting.

We have a new home for our monthly meetings starting January 18th, 2018. It is at the Fellowship Hall at Faith Lutheran Church, 801 E Camelback Road, located at the corner of 8th Street and Camelback Road. The room is large with good lighting, a parking lot on premises with an overflow lot nearby. A Denny's across the street and a Culver's next door.

NOTE: our December meeting will be on the second Thursday, December 14th. Our contract with Holiday Inn has that date. We moved it as the third Thursday was too close to Christmas.

I am attaching an email from Mary Louise Eck, President of Starlight Stitches, EGA. They are hosting EGA's 21st National Exhibit April 3rd to May 12th and need volunteers. Please read and consider volunteering. It will be a wonderful show to visit and see.

We also received a letter from Pat Rogers, auction chair for the 2017 seminar, thanking Saguaro Stitches for their donations. We sent a pillow front, stitched by Carmen Puckett and a few finished ornaments that were also donated.

President's Message (cont.)

Last but not least, I want to thank all members for their support, help and advice during my term as President. It was teamwork and I greatly appreciated it. It was my honor to have been your President.

Wishing you wonderful holidays and a new year filled with lots of stitching.

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.

MINUTES FROM OCT. 19 MEETING

Acting President, La Verne Walters, called the meeting to order. Jan reported we now have 76 members.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Sunny (see Sunny if you are interested in balances)

The Secretary pro-tem passed the minutes of the September 21 meeting prior to the meeting for corrections and additions. There were none, the minutes were approved as written.

VISITING TEACHERS COMMITTEE

Carol Roberts reviewed the Lois Kerschner Class to be held. Final payment of \$95.00 is due November 16, 2017. We now have 16 students including one ghost.

The Toni Gerdes class, Copper Moon, now has 21 signups. Johanna reminded us that a deposit of \$50.00 is due January 18, 2018; final payment is due July 19, 2018.

Sandi was not at the meeting, Johanna spoke briefly on the Janet Ziegler Casey class in 2019. Janet is teaching both the Halloween and Christmas Cottages; however, only one may be worked on during class. Another cottage may be purchased to be done on one's own. No date has been confirmed for this class.

An invitation to both the Lois Kerschner class and the Toni Gerdes class has been sent to other chapters in our area.

OLD BUSINESS

La Verne asked for volunteer for Vice President in charge of Programs. No voices were heard!

NEW BUSINESS

It was m/s/p to donate \$50.00 to Courtney's House in memory of Janet Doxie's husband, Brad.
It was m/s/p to change our Christmas meeting from the 21st of December to the 14th of December.
It was suggested that the board make a permanent policy regarding memorial donations.

There were no projects brought for Show and Tell.

Ellen won the 50/50 raffle.

La Verne Walters
Secretary pro-tem

NOTE: Jan Prestin led a class in finishing the Fortune Cookies that were stitched in September.

PROGRAMS – LaVerne Walters

November 16 Alice Hall will be teaching the Butterfly Flip Flop. If you signed up previously Alice has sent you the flip flop outline and the supply list. If you are interested and did not sign up and will be at the November meeting give Alice a call and let her know you are interested.

December 14th will be our annual Holiday Celebration! Along with our Gift Exchange, we will have a "Make It-/Take It project (we will provide all supplies). Refreshments will be served. Mark your calendars, note the date change, and join us for a time of fun and friendship at our holiday festivities.

Our annual Gift Exchange is lots of fun. Bring a new item wrapped and in a brown paper bag. Please no white elephants! Something stitch related is always nice, but not required. This is our last program for 2017...how time flies.

In the meantime, have a wonderful Thanksgiving,
La Verne Walters, Program Chairwoman

VTC – Visiting Teachers Committee

Ladies & Gentleman,

You know that I am currently working to get some more people signed up for our interest list for workshops in 2019. Yes, that is a wee bit away...but we need to see if we have enough interest to pursue the classes before I can make a commitment with the teacher/teachers. As some of you who were here during the summer already know, we are looking at the possibility of having Janet Ziegler Casey teaching a workshop of cottages for us. She has agreed to teach both Trick or Treat: A Spooky House and Gingerbread Cottage (Xmas). We would hold the workshop probably in the Fall of 2019. You would choose which one you wanted to stitch and the workshop classroom will be divided between the two cottages. You must stay with your agreed cottage section during class. She has also offered the option to purchase the other cottage if you are taking the workshop. But you must choose one to do during the workshop. I'll have more info at our upcoming meetings and have a rough idea of costs, etc.

We still need more people to sign up for the Ann Strite Kurz workshop, "Border Enhancements". We are looking for this to be offered in the Spring of 2019. I will have more info at upcoming meetings.

Sandi Van Winkle, VTC committee

Below are two classes that our chapter is planning to offer for 2018. Deposits are now being accepted to hold a spot in the class. This deposit is non-refundable, so please check dates and your calendar. These are two wonderful pieces with great teachers and will stretch your stitching techniques and knowledge of some great creations.



March 2 & 3, 2018 (Fri/Sat) we are pleased to offer Keukenhof Tulip Garden by Lois Kershner. This is a delightful piece stitched on Congress cloth with photo transfer technique. Eighty acres of tulips astonish the eyes and delight the senses, but only for six weeks of each year at the Keukenhof Gardens near Amsterdam. You too can enjoy this beautiful garden with a photo transfer waiting to be highlighted by your stitching. The piece is interpreted using 18 different stitches in a variety of colorful cotton and silk threads, ribbons, and beads. Students will do a small transfer in class to learn the technique. Design size is 7" x 5".

Cost for Class: \$ 145.00 includes kit fee

Deposit: \$ 50.00 (non-refundable) due: July 20, 2017 to hold place in class

Final Payment: \$ 95.00 due: November 15, 2017

If you have questions about this class, please contact: Carol Roberts.

Note: As of the November newsletter publication, there are still openings for this class. If you are interested, contact Carol.



October 26 & 27, 2018 (Fri/Sat) we are pleased to offer Under a Copper Moon by Toni Gerdes. This piece will also stretch your stitching techniques. This design creates a band sampler based on the varying colors of the landscape in the mountains during a lunar eclipse, or "copper moon". Starting with the fabric mountain

applique, and the hot foil technique to create the first layer of the copper moon where real metallic copper foil is applied to a small piece of congress cloth which is then applied to the canvas, and finishing with the woven cross stitch border. You will learn many stitches to form bands of color in the night sky. Overstitching on the copper metallic lends and eerie feel to the copper moon in this intermediate level design on 18 ct. mono sandstone canvas. . Design Size is 11” x 6”.

Cost for Class: \$ 200.00 includes kit fee (approx..)
\$ 50.00 (non-refundable) due: January 18, 2018....

To hold space in class
Final Payment: \$ 150.00 (approx.. VTC is still crunching numbers)
Due: July 19, 2018

If you have any questions about this class please contact: Johanna Salman.

Note: As of the November newsletter publication, there are still a few openings for this class. Contact Johanna if you are interested.

MEMBERSHIP – Jan Prestin, Membership, Assistant Treasurer

We currently have 76 members in Saguaro Stitchers. Please welcome our newest members:

Christine Satter
Mary Van Roy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to our members with birthdays in November and December:

NOVEMBER

Nancy Russell
Lauri Livernash
Nicole DeLaurentis
Mary Hynak
Teresa Kelley
Carol Roberts
Kathleen Kelley

DECEMBER

Amy Kirk
Paula Burchenal
Barbi Sherman
Carmen Puckett
Pat Klute
Paulette Paquette
Nancy Noyes
Charlene Goodman
Cherry Leger

We love adding new members to our chapter, so if you have any stitching friends or family 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.

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.